

December 12, 2014

department of  
**romance languages & literatures**  
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**Calendar Items:**



**END OF SEMESTER REMINDERS:**

**Evaluations of Graduate Students**

Thursday, December 18, 2014

Room 312 A&S

9:00-9:45 AM (French)

10:00-10:45 AM (Spanish)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**



**SPRING 2015 FACULTY MEETINGS:**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

3:00-5:00 PM—Room 113 A&S

**FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2015**

3:00-5:00 PM—Room 113 A&S

**FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015**

3:00-5:00 PM—Room 113 A&S

**SPRING 2015 SEMINARS:**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2015**

5:30-8:00 PM, Leadership Aud (Room 2501), **ALEJANDRO DE LA FUENTE**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2015**

**S. CHAVEZ SILVERMAN, TBA**

*A note from the Chair.....*



Dear Colleagues;

Many thanks to all of you for attending both the fascinating lecture by our own Dr. Luis Cuesta and the delightful concert by our invited Catalán singer Pau Alabajos Ferrer. Thanks, as well, to the organizers of those events: Drs. Jack Draper and Iván Reyna, coordinators of the seminar series, and Dr. Mónica Marcos Llinas, coordinator of all department events relating to Catalán culture, including the annual Catalán Culture Symposium, to be held in the spring.

At semester's end, we congratulate Helena Besovic, Elkin Pérez, and Elisabeth Aguilar who completed their comprehensive examinations for the PhD. Now a mere dissertation stands between each of them and a doctoral degree. We also congratulate our graduate student Virginie Ems-Bléneau for founding the Romance Languages and Literatures Graduate Student Organization, which will host its first conference, "From the Margins," May 2, 2015, on the MU campus.

Our best wishes to all students, staff, and faculty during this lively time of issuing and taking and grading final papers and final exams.

To our alumni and friends, I plan to form an Advisory Board for the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. The Board would offer advice to the Chair and the rest of the faculty on matters ranging from support for teaching and research initiatives to curriculum, cultural events, study abroad, and summer projects. Any ideas about the Board—suggestions, expressions of interest—please contact me directly at [presbergc@missouri.edu](mailto:presbergc@missouri.edu) or by phone, 573-882-2030.

We wish you a wonderful and safe holiday.

All the best,

*Charles Presberg*

**WELCOME...**

Please welcome to our Department **Ms. Stacey Andreasen**, our new Fiscal Officer. Stacey holds two bachelor's degrees: one in Spanish; the other in Political Science. She also has more than 20 years' experience in fiscal work. She married her husband Roger in 1991, and they have four children, ages 12 to 19: Cassidy, Jacob, Kenzie, and Maelyn. During both the spring and the fall, you will find her on the soccer field cheering on her youngest two. Stacey's hobbies include reading and having fun with her kids.

Welcome, Stacey!

Please share all your good news. Send Brenda Klemme ([klemmeb@missouri.edu](mailto:klemmeb@missouri.edu)) or me ([presbergc@missouri.edu](mailto:presbergc@missouri.edu)) any items you wish to appear in our Bulletin by the second and the fourth Tuesday of every month. And please include relevant contact information so that readers can send their inquiries about events and their congratulations for achievements.