

April 17, 2015

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Calendar Items:



SPRING 2015 EVENTS:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015

GRAZIELLA PARATI

Dartmouth College

4:00—5:00 pm

Walt Disney Room,

N206 Mem Union



GRADUATE STUDENT EVENTS:

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Romance Languages and
Literatures first Graduate Student
Colloquium: "From the Margins,"
to be held from 9:30 am-4:00 pm,
Student Center 1209 A.

You are invited to a
retirement reception
honoring:

Dr. Béa Gallimore
Dr. Carol Lazzaro-Weis
Dr. Michael Ugarte

Celebrating their many accomplish-
ments in research and teaching as
well as their years of dedicated ser-
vice to students in the Department of
Romance Languages and Literatures
and the College of Arts and Science at
the *University of Missouri*.

Friday, May 8, 2015
2:00 – 5:00 pm
Arts and Sciences Building
Third Floor Landing

Please share all your good news.
Send Brenda Klemme
(klemmeb@missouri.edu) or me
(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 con-
tact information so that readers can
send their inquiries about events and
their congratulations for achievements.

A note from the Chair.....



Dear Colleagues and Friends of
Romance Languages and Literatures,

We have so many of your recent accomplishments to celebrate here that we may run out of room on the page. What exceptional colleagues—students, faculty, graduates—we have in our Department. Congratulations to all of you!

Dr. Ana Zapata Calle (PhD 2014) will start work as Assistant Professor of Spanish at the University of West Georgia in the fall of 2015. Contact: anazapat@indiana.edu

Dr. Virginie Ems-Bléneau (PhD 2015) just accepted her post as Assistant Professor of French at Georgia Southern University, beginning in fall of 2015. Contact: vabfc@mail.missouri.edu

Dr. Tomaz Cunningham (PhD 2014) published a review of *Free and French in the Caribbean: Toussaint Louverture, Aimé Césaire and Narratives of Loyal Opposition*, by Patrick Walsh (Indiana UP, 2013) in the *Journal of Haitian Studies* 20 (2): 213-16, 2014. Contact: huie.t.cunningham@jsums.edu

Dr. Roberta Tabanelli, Associate Professor of Italian, was awarded a Resident Fellowship at the prestigious Bogliasco Foundation, Genoa, Italy, from April 14 to May 16, 2015. During her residency, Roberta will continue work on her projects relating to transnational cinema. Link to the Foundation: <https://www.bfn.org/en/home> Contact: tabanellir@missouri.edu

Dr. Flore Zéphir, Professor of French (enjoying a productive leave) just published an article titled "Challenges and Opportunities for Haitian Creole in the Educational System of Post-Earthquake Haiti," in *The International Journal of Sociology of Language* 233: 119-30, 2015. Contact: zephirf@missouri.edu

Dr. Valerie Kaussen, Associate Professor of French will join Professor Zéphir at the conference, "Beyond Coasts: Haiti in the Midwest," to be held at Northwestern University later this month. Contact Professor Kaussen: kaussenv@missouri.edu

Dr. John Zemke was just elected to the Arts and Science Promotion and Tenure Committee. Contact: zemkej@missouri.edu; and Dr. Flore Zéphir was elected to the MU Faculty Council. Excellent representation of our Department on two important committees.

We thank all of you—many—for attending the showing of the film *Como los sinsontes de las cañadas* (Like the Mockingbirds in the Valleys), researched and written by Dr. Erick Blandón, Associate Professor of Spanish, and directed by Nicaraguan filmmaker Iván Argüello, also our guest at the showing. Contact: blandone@missouri.edu

Our thanks, as well, to students and faculty from both the University of Missouri and Truman State University who participated in the wonderfully successful Sixth Annual Symposium of Catalan Culture, organized by Dr. Mónica Marcos Llinas, Associate Teaching Professor of Spanish. Contact: marcosllinasm@missouri.edu

Lastly, we salute Dr. Demetrio Anzaldo, Associate Teaching Professor of Spanish, for his stirring presentation to an overflow audience on "Facing a Lost Land: The 43 Young Missing Students in Iguala, Guerrero Mexico on September 26 2014."

Best to all,

Charles Presberg