

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES & CULTURES

Fall 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to the Department of Languages and Cultures and to the first issue of our Newsletter. In these pages, we want to share information about who we are, what are some of the accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff in the last year, and the journeys you can take with us as a student. If you are a student of languages and cultures or are interested in joining one of our programs, please read on, and contact our faculty or some of the students in our programs to learn more about specific courses and the different ways you can learn about other ways to communicate with people around the country and around the world.

Our department is about more than learning a language. Our courses also offer you insights into how people communicate based on their social, historical, and cultural circumstances. By learning about the arts and the culture of a group or the groups that share a language we are able to analyze and think critically about events at the local, national, and global levels, and can understand and face the complexities and nuances of the world we live in. Because of its very nature, our programs are committed to diversity and inclusivity both in our pedagogy and the content of our classes, aiming to improve cross-cultural understanding, creative and critical thinking, and innovation. Join us for a few courses, or internships in a variety of areas, or pursue our Spanish major, or any of our minors to learn more about your heritage or just about that group that peaks your interest because of a movie, a song, or an experience you had or want to have. Language is also an excellent tool in a variety of work-related fields and guarantees you professional opportunities that will make you competitive in any market. So reach out to your instructor or professor, have a look and join us for new windows to the world.

Dr. Fernando Feliu-Moggi, Department Chair

AWARDS

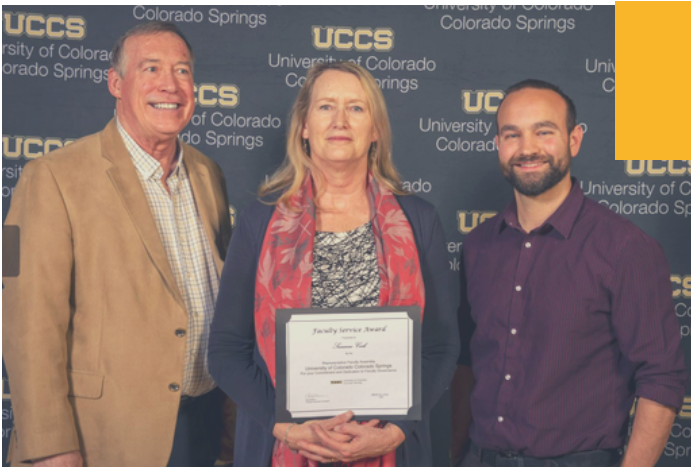
ANDREA BREHM

Our German Senior Instructor was awarded the ROAR Award as Club Advisor, for her incredible work as the Faculty Advisor for our German Club.



SUZANNE COOK

Our Senior Instructor of French. She obtained the 2022 Faculty Assembly Service Award as well as the Campus Sustainability Award.



ANNE BUCKLES

She was awarded the Outstanding Student in Spanish LAS Award. In 2008, Anne decided to pursue a B.A. in Spanish. She graduated in May 2022 after being with us for 14 years.



CONGRATULATIONS

TERESA MEADOWS

After 29 years of dedicated work, Professor Meadows has bid adieu to our department. We have appreciated her dedication to our students, department, and university.



PAVEL KOZHEVNIKOV

Congratulations! Instructor Kozhevnikov retired last spring semester after an outstanding career educating students on Russian culture and language.



FERNANDO FELIU-MOGGI

Our Department Chair has been awarded the Partner Program Manager University of Colorado National Security Agency grant to further establish the Languages in Cybersecurity Program.



CONGRATULATIONS

EXCEL CENTER GRADUATES

We thank our Excel Languages Center Spring 2022 graduates for dedicating their time and knowledge to support students as mentors and leaders in their language areas. We wish them success as they apply their skills to their post-graduation endeavors. Congratulations Rachelle, Zhané, Cayla, and Evan!



RACHELLE GAMBOR

A graduate of the Spanish and French Programs, who has worked admirably! This fall she will be working in a competitive TAPIF program in the Bordeaux region of France for an academic year.

RENOWNED SPEAKERS

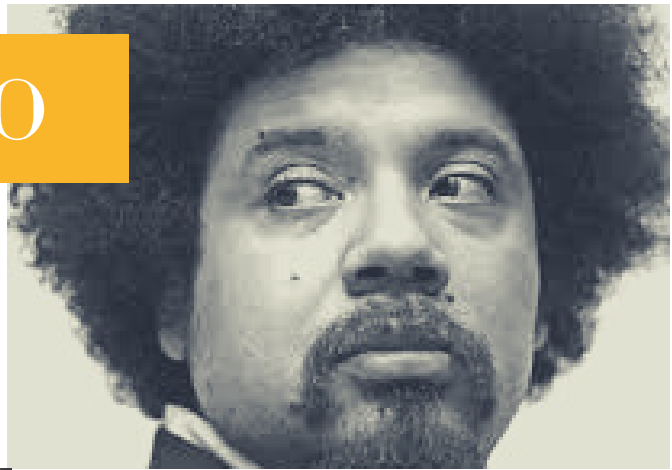


PAMELA GUINEA

Ms. Guinea spoke to the Spanish Senior Seminar class. She has taken on many roles in the artistic field, such as film editor, and producer, as well as a founder of different business associations.

JULIO SERRANO

Mr. Serrano also spoke to the Spanish Senior Seminar class, describing his experience as a Guatemalan writer, poet, and filmmaker. He is also the founder of a publishing house in Guatemala.



JOHN J. VALADEZ

Winner of a Peabody Award John J. Valadez came to UCCS to speak about his film American Exile. He has experience as an Executive Producer, Director, and Writer of many nationally broadcasted films.



MANUEL VALENZUELA

Marine Veteran Manuel Valenzuela, who served in Vietnam in 1971 and 1972, speaks out to bring awareness to the ongoing fight against legislation that makes it so veterans face deportation.



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JUAN MANUEL MENDOZA

Mr. Mendoza, a Tzutujil spiritual guide and a Mayan spirituality brother, spoke to the Spanish Senior Seminar class; about the Maximon, the Sacred Bundles, and of the Tzutujil people.

JAVIER PAYERAS

Mr. Payeras is a Guatemalan poet, essayist, and novelist, who promotes the Guatemalan post-war culture through his writing. In his lecture to the Spanish Senior Seminar Class, he discussed the various forms of art that came into being after the Guatemalan Civil War.



ANAIS TARACENA

Guatemalan film director Anais Taracena has won numerous awards. As a documentary filmmaker, she spoke about the challenges faced when making short films and features.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

NHHS INDUCTION

On April 26th, the National Hispanic Honor Society hosted their yearly induction of their new members. Seven talented new members have joined the society.



GERMAN CLUB

In the ROAR Awards ceremony, the German club was recognized for their outstanding Oktoberfest celebration.

OPEN HOUSE

On April 26th, we hosted an open house event, inviting new and current students to learn about the opportunities being offered. Studying abroad, pursuing new minors or majors, and joining a language club were among the topics discussed.



HIGHLIGHTED COURSES FOR SPRING 2023

ASL 3590- SPECIAL TOPICS ON DEAFHOOD (3 CREDITS)

Come and join this course that will take you a journey into Deaf person's identity through an introduction to the traditional theories of Deaf's culture, sociological traditions, anthropological traditions, and cultural studies that get you to be in a Deaf person's journey.

FR 3500 - SPECIAL TOPICS: HAITIAN ART, HISTORY, RELIGION, AND POLITICS (3 CREDITS)

Along with Haitian history, this class will include discussions and critical points involving art, religion, and politics. The historical relationship between the USA, France, and Haiti will also include reflections on the religion of Vodou with its past and current cultural significance. This class will be taught in English.

GER 2120 - INTERMEDIATE GERMAN (3 CREDITS)

Takes students beyond basic language skills. Utilizing materials, such as music, literature, media, and short films, they will learn to communicate more authentically. They will learn about cuisines typical in certain regions, dialects, and their cultural relevance, as well as traditions.

Prerequisite Ger 2110 or equivalent

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JPNS 1010 -BEGINNING JAPANESE I (5 CREDITS)

This course focuses on the construction and practice of fundamental vocabulary, basic sentence structures and social conventions necessary for simple interpersonal communication in Japanese. The emphasis is on using the Japanese language in everyday situations.

LAT 1010 - BEGINNING LATIN I (4 CREDITS)

This course begins a sequence dealing with the development of the essentials of Latin. Particularly the elements of grammar, reading, and writing.

SPAN 4210/FCS 5210- SPANISH HERITAGE OF COLORADO (3 CREDITS)

A travel course over Spring Break that will take students to visit some of the key areas where Native American, Spanish, and Anglo cultures met in New Mexico and Southern Colorado.

FCS 1020-001 -BEGINNING KOREAN II (5 CREDITS)

This course emphasizes the development of four basic Korean skills (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) in various sociocultural contexts.

Prerequisite FCS 1010-001 or equivalent.