

**Newsletter of the  
Department of Modern Languages at  
The University of the Incarnate Word**

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**WE HAVE A NEW NAME!!!**

After many years of extending our offerings to include eight languages in addition to Spanish, and of having

SPAN 1311	Elementary Spanish I (12 sections)	
SPAN 1312	Elementary Spanish II (10 sections)	
SPAN 2311	Intermediate Spanish I: Oral Communication – Dr. Sally Said	TR 9:00–10:15 AM
SPAN 3301	Adv Spanish Grammar/Composition – Dr. Amalia Mondríguez	F 9:00–12:00 PM
SPAN 3311	Culture & Civilization of Spain – Dr. Amalia Mondríguez	TR 12:00–1:15 PM
SPAN 3342	Span-Amer Lit since Modernism – Dr. Amalia Mondríguez	TR 1:30–2:45 PM

## **PREVIOUS EVENTS**

### Faculty Brunch

On Saturday, September 13, 2008, the Department held a brunch and update session at La Madeleine from 9:00-11:00 AM. It was nice to see everyone and catch up on summer activities.

### Speakers

The Modern Languages Program cooperated to sponsor the visit to campus for Native American Heritage

Spanish and psychology grad **Yesenia Moreno** ('99 BA) is featured in the Spring 2009 edition of the UIW alumni publication *The Word*. Her work with Child Protective Services involves facilitating adoptions and working as a foster care caseworker. Bilingual, and one of only two in her unit completely comfortable in Spanish, Yesenia is assigned many of the Spanish-speaking clients, the article points out. To read more, go to [www.uiw.edu/thewordonline/spring2009/](http://www.uiw.edu/thewordonline/spring2009/).

**Roxanna Montes Bazaldúa** ('98 BA Spanish, '01 M.Ed.) is celebrating the publishing of *The Legend of the Cascaron / La leyenda del cascarón*, a bilingual book for children which started as a class assignment in Dr. Amalia Mondríguez's class at UIW. It was published by Raining Popcorn Press, ISBN 0979730449. Roxanna now teaches in the Alamo Heights School District. [From *The Word* (Spring 2009, p. 29)]

Students in the Spanish in the Media class toured the facilities of La Prensa, Bromley Communications, Univisión, and Estéreo Latino. They were able to talk to the employees and discuss the possibilities of internships. At Univisión they conversed with Henry Cisneros and Lionel Sosa. The Spanish in the Media students prepared pamphlets, videos and radio spots with health, social, and economic topics to help agencies and the community.

On Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Humanities Honors Convocation, the following students were recognized for their excellent achievements in Spanish:

- Outstanding Spanish Major in memory of Carolina Ballester – **María de Jesús Robledo**
- Outstanding Student in Intermediate Spanish in memory of Joshua K. Stokes – **Sarah Hudson**
- Outstanding Student in the Spanish Minor – **Garlene J. Guadrón**
- Outstanding Use of Spanish in Service to the Community – **Nilsa E. Valle Padilla**

In addition, **María de Jesús Robledo** was awarded the Amy Freeman Lee Scholastic Achievement and Service Recognition Award from the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences.

Congratulations to you all!!!

And congratulations to the following Spanish majors who graduated in May 2009: **Melba Aguilar-Zúñiga** (Spanish and Religious Studies), **José Sebastián González González**, **Laura Camila León Gutiérrez**, **Teresa de Jesús Olivares**, **Matthew Anderson Pargeter**, **María de Jesús** ~~del~~ **del May 9**

at the Western States Rhetoric and Literacy Conference on Cultural Rhetorics, Montana State University, Bozeman, October 24, 2008. In Spring 2009, Dr. Said was promoted to full professor.

**Dr. Michael Tallon** attended the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) 2008 Conference in Orlando, Florida, where he presented