

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



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NEW WEB SITE ADDRESS

As our department is now called the Department of Modern Languages, our web site address has been changed to <u>www.uiw.edu/modernlanguages</u>.

UPCOMING LANGUAGE COURSES

Summer Session I	(May 17 – June 24)	
SPAN 1311-01 SPAN 1312-01	Elementary Spanish I Elementary Spanish II	8:30–10:00 AM 10:30–12:00 PM
(May 17 – June 17) SPAN 4320-01 SPAN 4320-02	Elementary Spanish I for Pharmacists Elementary Spanish I for Pharmacists	8:30–10:30 AM 8:30–10:30 AM
Summer Session II	(June 28 – August 5)	
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Fall 2010

ARAB 1311	Elementary Arabic I	MW 9:00-10:15 AM
CHIN 1311	Elementary Chinese I	TR 6:00–7:15 PM
FREN 1311	Elementary French I	TR 3:00-4:15 PM
FREN 2311	Intermediate French I	TR 4:30-5:45 PM
GERM 1311	Elementary German I	TR 4:30-5:45 PM
IT 1311	Elementary Italian I	TR 10:30–11:45 AM
IT 2311	Intermediate Italian I	TR 12:00-1:15 PM
JAPN 1311	Elementary Japanese I	TR 12:00-1:15 PM
PORT 1311	Elementary Portuguese I	TR 6:00-7:15 PM

SPAN 1311Elementary Spanish I(18 sections)SPAN 1312Elementary Spanish II(10 sections)SPAN 2311Intermediate Spanish I:Oral Communication – Dr. Sally SaidTR 9:00–10:15 AMSPAN 3312Culture & Civilization of Latin America – Dr. Amalia MondríguezTR 12:00–1:15 PMSPAN 3341Spanish-American Lit to Modernism – Dr. Amalia MondríguezTR 1:30–2:45 PM

PREVIOUS EVENTS

In-Service for Spanish Instructors

On Saturday, August 22, 2009, the Spanish teachers of the Department of Modern Languages met for an inservice one-day workshop with Lisa Volle, World Language Consultant with Heinle-Cengage, to go over the Spanish textbook *Nexos*. Ms. Volle provided an overview of the textbook, including scope and sequence and communicative goals of the curriculum. She included specific online enrichment resources provided to the instructors for class use with grammar tutorial videos, podcasts, and Google Earth. The full-time and adjunct According to a new study by Raphiq Ibrahim, Mark Leikin, Zohar Eviatar, and Shimon Sapir, published in the *Journal of Psycholinguistic Research*, adult learners perceive second language speech to be easier when it is spoken in the accent of the listener and not in the original accent of that language. The researchers concluded that their research "lays emphasis on the importance of continuing investigation into the cognitive perspectives of accent in order to gain a better understanding of how we learn languages other than our native tongue." (From *The Language Educator*, April 2010, Volume 5, Issue 3, p. 9.)

STUDENT NEWS

At the CHASS Honors Convocation, held on April 29, 2010, the following students received awards from the Department of Modern Languages:

- Cindy Dorantes Outstanding Spanish Major in memory of Carolina Ballester
- Karen Rodriguez Outstanding Student in Intermediate Spanish in memory of Joshua Stokes
- Maria Cristina Castano Outstanding Use of Spanish in Service to the Community
- Melody Mendoza Outstanding Student in the Spanish Minor
- Roxanna Montes-Bazaldua Distinguished Alumna 2010, UIW Spanish Program

The Spanish majors and **Dr. Amalia Mondríguez** attended a ceremony in honor of **Dr. Carmen Tafolla**, who received the Tomás Rivera Award for best Mexican American book for children, 2010. They also

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