LLC Celebrates Global Engagement During QEP Week

On Monday, March 17th, the QEP globe, designed to promote and highlight the university's adopted theme of Global Engagement, came to the MHRA Bldg. LLC was invited to "engage" with the globe, and along with IGS, displayed tables in the lobby and invited everyone to "declare their place in the world." A book was also provided in which visitors could share memorable and impactful stories with a global theme, and global postcards featuring cultural images and phrases within each language discipline in LLC were distributed as souvenirs.

To coincide with the celebration, students in Carla Fitz's GER 102 course (featured above) and Carola Dwyer's GER 101 course also produced and edited an entertaining dance video of artist Pharrell's hit song “Happy.” Enjoy the clip on our YouTube page! [www.YouTube.com/LLCuncg](http://www.YouTube.com/LLCuncg)

Mystery Object for this issue…

Can you guess the cultural significance of this item? Find the answer at the end of the newsletter!
Recent Spanish graduate Anna Batista won Second Prize in the Arts and Humanities category of the Lloyd Honors Symposium for her honors thesis completed under the direction of Professor Kelly Pereira. Her project focused on language and health among U.S. Latinos. Congratulations on your achievement, Anna!

Carola Dwyer organized a panel at SEWSA, the annual Southeastern Women's Studies Association Conference on the topic “Ebb and Flow of Feminism.”

GER 405 students Laura Parker and Candyce Mileas gave presentations on variations on the medieval German epic “Nibelungenlied.”

Graduate student Jessica Bennett participated in the 2014 Carolina Conference on Romance Literatures, giving a presentation titled, “Owen a través de Los ingrávidos.” Her presentation on the Contemporary Mexican novel was based on her final research paper in Dr. Veronica Grossi’s SPA 532 course. Felicidades, Jessica!

Kevin Wu, a Global Village facilitator in Chinese, won by unanimous vote the prestigious Georgia Cooper Moore Service Leadership Award, the largest amount of scholarship offered by campus officials at $2500 dollars. 恭喜 (gōng xǐ) Kevin!

The National German Honorary Society, Delta Phi Alpha, welcomed six students into its chapter at its most recent annual induction ceremony in November. Congratulations to the new members (above): Dagmar Irrig, Julia Suman, Jessica Harrison, Daniel Foil, Evan Rees, and Ellyse Thomas!

Rosa Isela Renteria, an English and Spanish major, is the recipient of the Pamela A. Wilson Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to a student who has demonstrated consistent interest and involvement in community-based service and leadership, with particular focus on advocacy for social justice and multicultural issues. Felicidades, Rosa!

Jocelyn Alvarado will be in participating in the Teaching Assistant Program in France next academic year in Amiens. Avery Everhart (FRE) will be starting a Masters program in Gender Studies at Queen's University (Canada) in the fall, and James Hayes (FRE) will be attending law school at Seattle University. Félicitations à vous tous!
A number of faculty gave engaging presentations on their research this spring during the LLC Works! series. Among them, Carola Dwyer presented on her dissertation "The Grotesque Woman in English, French, and German Medieval Romance." Carola plans to defend her dissertation in August and we wish her luck!

Colleen Laird has been honored with the 2013-2014 College Teaching Excellence Award. We are grateful for all that Colleen has done during her time at UNCG and wish her all the best in her new tenure-stream position at Bates College!

Dr. Carmen Sotomayor (below) presented “Habíamos ganado la guerra de Esther Tusquets y el proceso memorialístico español” at the Congreso Internacional de Literatura Hispánica in Cartagena, Colombia in March.

LLC faculty members Veronica Grossi, Cybelle McFadden (far left), and Brooke Kreitinger recently shared their scholarly work at Wordsomnia, a 24-hour read-a-thon at Greensboro’s new independent bookstore, Scuppernong Books. The event included the poetry, prose and scholarship from over 115 local writers.

Laura López (above) and Mark Smith-Soto (left) were recognized for their outstanding contributions to our campus through their work with HR staff development classes. In the award ceremony the Chancellor recognized them and the crucial role LLC has played in important partnerships across the university. Congratulations, Laura and Mark!
Discovering ourselves + others through explorations in languages, literatures, and cultures

ALUMNI EXCELLENCE

Alumnus Paul Renigar, who also goes by "Gordo", is completing his Ph.D. in the Second Language Acquisition and Teaching program at the University of Arizona, majoring in Language Use and minorin in Pedagogy. His current dissertation research is on Second Language Social Networking for the Quantum Mind, with methodologies informed by Ecology, Chaos/Complexity Theory, Dynamic Systems Theory, and Post-Performativity approaches to language and identity. Felicidades, Paolo, on your success!

Congratulations to alumna Lorena Ochoa for being named NCCAT’s “Durham Academy Honored Educator Scholar” for 2013 – 2014. This scholarship was made possible by a gift from The Devonwood Foundation in consideration of its respect for the teaching profession and in honor of the teachers of Durham Academy.

Spanish alumna Cristen Bullock has been nominated for this year’s "Teacher of the Year" award at The Academy at Smith! Felicidades, Cappy!

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