THE RAIN IN SPAIN STAYS MAINLY IN THE PLAIN...

Or does it? Actually, it falls mainly in the northern mountains. Yet, phonetic exercises aside, LLC students completed another successful Summer Study Abroad in Spain program in 2013. This year’s program was led by faculty members Mariche García Bayonas and Alex Hortal. During the five-week program, students not only learned a great deal of Spanish but returned to Greensboro forever changed after numerous academic and travel experiences around Spain!

FOCUS ON FACULTY AND STAFF

We say hello to...

Pauli Tashima, Assistant Professor of Chinese and Asian Studies, who joins us with interests in early and medieval China and Chinese historical and literary narratives. We welcome her to UNCG!

Our lecturers were presenters at three individual sessions at this year’s Foreign Language Association of North Carolina (FLANC) Conference in Winston-Salem. Jackie Daughton placed emphasis on the Modified Spanish Program, now in its eighth year at UNCG, in her presentation. Peter Dola provided activities and approaches for acquiring intercultural competence through media. Finally, Marcia Payne Wooten gave tips, and instant “lessons” requiring minimal preparation in her presentation. We applaud our lecturers and their continued productivity!

David Fein’s translation of the first printed French version of the Danse Macabre (1485) has been published by the Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies. Félicitations, David!

We congratulate Susanne Rinner who won a competitive grant from the German Embassy, and Mark Smith-Soto who won second place in the Spirit First Fourth Annual Poetry Competition for his poem “Flamingos”.

Mystery Object for this issue...

Can you guess the cultural significance of this item? Answer at the end of the newsletter!
German Fulbright students visited **GER 302: Study in Germany** this fall, providing an exciting opportunity for intercultural exchange. Students had fun reflecting on - and in many cases dispelling - common stereotypes they held about their own and others’ cultures. The course introduces students to key issues in contemporary Germany, such as the educational system, multicultural society, green Germany, and the conventions of academic life at German universities. It was fortuitous to have German students answer questions and share experiences with their American peers, who enjoyed the chance to get insider tips on student life in Germany and practice their German with native speakers!

**The Russian Language Society** hosted its first event for fall semester 2013—**Cooking at Kate’s!** Twenty students from the Russian language courses (and alum Bryan Hayden who stopped by to help out and enjoy the meal before heading back to Kazan to teach English!) gathered at Russian instructor Kate Colon’s home on a Friday evening to cook typical Russian foods, learn some vocabulary for foods and cooking, and eat a delicious meal. Students helped make **pirozhki** (hand pies filled with potatoes and meat) and prepared a tasty Russian dinner under the supervision of RLS co-presidents Kelly Burrus and Stephanie Brunke.

The annual **Asian Autumn Festival** in September was a fun-filled event which celebrated a variety of cultures including China, Japan, Korea, and Vietnam. Among the highlights were an origami table, **Onigiri** (rice ball) & Tea, Chinese calligraphy, and a Cosplay fashion show organized by J-Club and Anime Society. On Nov. 3, students celebrated the Japanese national holiday **Bunka no Hi** which promotes culture and the arts. A **hashi** (chopsticks) race and **O-mikuji** (fortune shrine) were just a few of the exciting activities organized by students with the help of Japanese instructor Chiaki Takagi.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS GOING STRONG**

Graduate students Liliana Pastenes, María Yandell, J. Michael Boglovits, Jessica Bennet, Sandra Duarte, Nodia Mena, Lizely López, Isai Robledo, Ginger Craig, Ana Falcón and Guadalupe Salinas led this year’s Language Learning Workshop, presenting on various topics of second language acquisition and teaching methods. It is the 12th workshop series since its inauguration in 2005. Great job, graduate students!
LLC ON THE GO!

OUR YEAR IN PICTURES

Homecoming (October 2013)

Faculty Takeover (November 2013)
Mystery Object Revealed...
Boleadoras: a pre-Columbian hunting tool indigenous to Patagonia and las Pampas, which was later adopted by the gauchos to capture cattle or game.

Andreas Lixl’s Retirement Celebration