Department of Modern Languages and Literatures

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Welcome from the Chair

Dr. Susana Cavallo, Chair

Dear friends,

I have only been back a little over a year from Rome, and in its usual fashion, Modern Languages & Literatures, has continued to surprise me with its dynamism and dedication to our students. Last year was a year for expanding programs and personnel. We now have two new tenure-track professors in French: Julia Elsky and Eliana Vagalau. Spanish, Chinese and Arabic are growing by leaps and bounds under the supervision of Clara Burgo, Hong Chen and Sawsan Abbadi. We have also welcomed new professors in Japanese, Mika Obana Changet and Linda McGowan, in Chinese, Jie Wang, in Polish, Ola Majkowska-Smith, in Hindi, Cathleen Chopra-McGowan; and we have welcomed back veteran Spanish professors, Ernestina Franco and David Beltran.

2015-2016 was also a year of program expansion: The Chinese Language & Culture minor and the ABM—a joint BA and MA in Spanish. Both program directors, Hong Chen for Chinese and Scott Hendrickson, S.J., GPD in Spanish, are to be commended for their outstanding proposals which easily passed Academic Council. It was also a year of events: the third edition of the Joan and Bill Hanks Center-sponsored Chicago Catholic Immigrants Conference: “The Poles” (November 13-14) ably curated by Polish Studies Director, Bozena McLees. An initiative that involved the entire department was the International Film Festival, directed by Anna Clara Ionta and David Pankratz. It is now on our permanent agenda in MLL. The same thing happened with the Graduate Students Conference, initiated in 2014 by Scott Hendrickson. Last year was the second edition of this event: “Quixotic legacies: ‘En pro de los menesterosos,’” February 27, 2016. This is a small sampling of the many events sponsored by Spanish, French, Latin American & Latino Studies, Polish Studies, and Italian along with the newly-formed Italian American Studies Committee. Thank you all for your enthusiasm and hard work!

It has always been an honor to be part of this department; even more so to have the privilege of leading such a talented, creative, and student-centered group of individuals who are also my close friends. Your record of philanthropy last year was outstanding. Let’s go one better this year so that we can continue to fund the projects, conferences, speakers and film programs that benefit our students, ourselves, and the whole university community!

Susana Cavallo
Note from the Editor

This publication is based on information submitted to me by faculty from July through September 2016. Please excuse any omissions or errors in content or style. It is impressive to what extent our faculty are involved in so many diverse activities. Happy reading.

Sincerely,
Heather Crews, Newsletter Editor
November 2016

RECENT EVENTS

- Italian Gestures with Luca Vullo – November 9, 2016 at 5:00 PM in the Galvin Auditorium in Sullivan Center
- MLL/LLRC International Film Series: Sin Nombre (2009) – November 2, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Damen Student Center Cinema
- Loyola Andalucía/MLL Spanish Reception – November 2, 2016 from 4:00-6:30 PM in Piper Hall
- MLL Department Information Table – November 2, 2016 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Damen Student Center
- The Book of Life Film Screening – November 1, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Damen Student Center Cinema
- Dziady, Part II (Forefather’s Eve) Dramatic Reading – October 31, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 PM in McCormick Lounge in Coffey Hall
- Day of the Dead Conversation with Teresa Magaña – October 28, 2016 at 4:30 PM in the Institute of Environmental Sustainability room 124
- Voices of Hiroshima with Takashi Teramoto, Hiroshima A-bomb survivor – October 27, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 PM in the fourth floor of the Klarchek Information Commons
- Spanish Tertulia – October 25, 2016 from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Palm Court of Mundelein Center
- Our Love on Fire: Gay Men’s Stories of Violence and Hope in Haiti – October 20, 2016 at 4:00 PM in Cuneo Hall 312
• *Andrea Doria “Are the Passengers Saved?”* Film Screening – October 12, 2016 at 6:30 PM in Crown Center 104

• MLL/LLRC International Film Series: *Welcome* – September 28, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Damen Student Center Cinema

• MLL/LLRC International Film Series: *The Color of the Ocean* – April 13, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Damen Student Center Cinema

• St. Joseph’s Day Table, Presented by the LUC Italian Club and the Catholic Students Organization – March 15, 2016 with mass at 5:30 PM and Dinner at 6:15 PM in the Ignatius House

• MLL/LLRC International Film Series: *Terraferma* – March 2, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Damen Student Center Cinema

• Spanish Graduate Symposium entitled “Quixotic Legacies II: ‘en pro de los menesterosos’” – February 27, 2016 from 9:30-5:30 PM in the fourth floor of the Klarchek Information Commons

• Migration of Hope: The Central American Migrant Journey North – February 16, 2016 from 4:00-5:00 PM in Damen MPR South

• *Big Stone Gap* Film Screening – February 8, 2016 from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Damen Student Center Cinema

• Carnevale, Presented by the LUC Italian and Spanish Clubs – February 5, 2016 at 6:30 PM in Kasbeer Hall
In a global world, globalize yourself...

Study a foreign language!

DAY OF THE DEAD
CONVERSATION

Celebrate with Chicago Artist TERESA MAGANA.

Spend an afternoon with local artist Teresa Magana as she shares how her Mexican heritage and traditions, such as El Dia de los Muertos, have influenced her artistic production. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn from a Chicago artist!

Friday, October 28th
3:10 PM
IES 124

Conversation followed by: Street Painting Workshop 5:00 PM
First come first serve. Sign up sheet available. (200 PM)

Voices of Hiroshima

Come hear their stories...

Loyola University Chicago and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum present

Takashi Teramato, Hiroshima A-bomb survivor

Tuesday, October 27 at 6:00 p.m.
Information Commons 4th Floor

6:00 Reception

6:30 Presentation by Mr. Takashi Teramato

7:00 Interactive Reading of Poems and stories by a Bomb survivor

For more information, please contact Falak Khan. (312) 915-5476

Loyola University Chicago, Modern Languages and Literatures, Doug Vail, and College of Arts and Sciences.
El programa de Maestría en Español de Loyola University Chicago presenta
Una Charla con Antonio Gaitán

Palau Court – 4th Floor – Mundelein Center
5:00-6:00pm – martes – 25 de octubre de 2016

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN STUDY PROGRAM
THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
ITALIAN EDITION
ITALIA ITALIAN CLUB PRESENTS

Andrea Doria

WED., OCTOBER 12, 2016 AT 5:30 PM
CROWN COURT 154 – 111 E. Loyola
Light refreshments
All welcome!

Loyola University Chicago Italian Club
& Catholic Students Organization Present:

St. Joseph's Day Table
Tuesday, March 15th
Ignatius House
Mass: 5:30PM
Dinner: 6:15PM

Please join us for mass and a traditional Italian dinner in celebration of St. Joseph’s Day

For more information email:
lucitalianclub@gmail.com

THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

THE COLOR OF THE OCEAN, 2013
director: Alain de la Bédoyère
screenplay: Fred Grasso
music: Kora Jackson
set design: Josephine Saab

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 4-9 PM
SOUTH CAMPUS, IRVING STUDENT CENTER

Die Farbe des Ozeans
Terraferma (2011)

Showing Wednesday, March 2, 7-9 pm

Damen Cinema, Damen Student Center

Empathy Despite Traumatic Events

Loyola Academy Symposium on Migration Studies

Quisqueya Lessons II

"My People"

La joven

Saturday, March 12th, 11:30 am

Loyola Theological Chicago

In anticipation of the film premiere of the movie "Quisqueya" (2012), the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures will present a screening of this film at Loyola University Chicago's Damen Student Center. The film will be followed by a discussion with the director, Professor Vanessa Jaramillo, and other experts in the field.

You're invited to a special film screening:

Sic transit gloria mundi... The Central American Migrant Journey North

Tuesday, February 23rd | 4:00 PM | Damen MPR South

A presentation about the causes and effects of Central American migration by Jesuit scholar, Marcus González, SJ, who traveled the journey north last summer. For more information please contact Fr. D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ at hendricksonj@luc.edu

Loyola University Chicago

Italian Club and Spanish Club Present: Carnevale

Friday, February 5th, 2016
6:30 PM Kasbeer Hall
Semi-formal

For more information email lucitallianclub@gmail.com
GRANTS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION

GRANTS

Julia Elsky
Andrew S Mellon and Volkswagen Foundations Postdoctoral Fellowship to do research at the University of Freiburg (Institute for Advanced Studies) for the academic year 2015-2016.

D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ
2016 Sujack Master Researcher Award, College of Arts and Sciences, LUC

Ana Rodríguez Navas
Princeton University Library Research Grant, with the Princeton University Program in Latin American Studies

AWARDS

Susana Cavallo
Alice Bourke Hayes Award for Mentorship

Karina Duncker-Hoffmann
Award for Excellence in Teaching 2016, North Central College, Naperville, IL, May 2016.

Julia Elsky
Awarded Travel Stipend, Dorot Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Jewish Studies, Harry Ransom Center of The University of Texas at Austin [will use the stipend over winter break 2016-17, but award received May 2016].

Héctor García
Sujack Award for Teaching in Excellence, Master Teacher, Loyola University Chicago, April 2016.

St. Ignatius Loyola Award for Excellence in Teaching Finalist, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy, August 2015.

Anna Clara Ionta
The Student Organization Awards, Best Club Advisor nominee, April 14, 2016.
PROMOTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Julia Elsky  Began position at Loyola University Chicago, July 2016.

Héctor García  Invited Director, Interdisciplinary Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program, beginning August 2015.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS


Anna Clara Ionta  L’America ci ha sempre divisi, in Donne Italiane a Chicago, Stone Park, IL and Rome, Italy: Italian Cultural Center Casa Italia and The Dream Onlus. (pp. 276-284).


**BOOK CHAPTERS**


**ARTICLES**


**REVIEWS**


David Posner


Ana Rodríguez Navas


**PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Reinhard Andress

Various articles on Alexander von Humboldt, Fred Heller, Roberto Schopflocher, Fritz Kalmar, Benno Weiser Varon

Susana Cavallo

Invited to select poems for special Antología Consultada, an homage by his most well-known critics to Spanish National Prize for Literature and Cervantes Prize, Francisco Brines, in press, Editorial Renacimiento, Seville.


Sergio Corsi

Article submitted and accepted, “Letteratura Italiana Antica” Universita’ La Sapienza, Roma. Director Dr. Antonio Lanza. TITLE: “La Seconda Morte.”

Héctor García


D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ

Cristina Lombardi-Diop


**PAPERS DELIVERED, LECTURES, SPEECHES, PUBLIC APPEARANCES & PERFORMANCES**

Reinhard Andress


Zbigniew Banas

“Visiting + Revisiting the Past: the Holocaust in Central European Film”, University of Texas at Austin, Oct. 22, 2015.

Clara Burgo

“Approaches to orthography instruction for Spanish heritage learners.” American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages Convention (ACTFL), San Diego, CA, November 2015.

Susana Cavallo

“Poeta, crítico, intelectual público y editor”: Homage to José Luis Cano, Residencia de estudiantes, Madrid, Spain. Sponsored by *Insula*, the magazine that Cano had co-edited for nearly forty years.


Two song settings of poems by Denise Levertov, “Of Being,” and “Enduring Love,” Composed and arranged for soprano and piano, and performed at the Denise Levertov conference: “The
Poetry and Poetic Life of Denise Levertov: ‘This Need to Dance, This Need to Kneel,” Joan and Bill Hank Center, Loyola, October 23-5, 2015.

Chaired a session at Annual Graduate Students Conference, Department of Modern Languages & Literatures.


Héctor García  Invited Academic Speaker and Literary Critic, “Have 5 Hours to Spare? See Bolaño’s Epic ´2666´ Onstage,” NPR All Things Considered, March 15th 2016  
http://www.npr.org/2016/03/15/470549734/have-five-hours-to-spare-see-bola-os-epic-2666-on-stage

Invited Academic Speaker and Literary Critic, The Goodman Theatre Artist Encounter: Bolaño’s 2666, Round Table discussion with Goodman Theatre Co-Adaptors and Directors, Robert Falls and Seth Bockley, March 2016.

Event Director, Presenter and Q&A Round Table Discussant, Mexican Writer and Literary Scholar, Luis Felipe Fabre, Loyola talk titled “Sor Juana y otros monstruos” in conjunction with MAKE Literary Productions and Lit&Luz Festival, November 2015.


D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ

“The Historiae naturae of Juan Eusebio Nieremberg, SJ,” Sciences and Solutions in Latin America (1500-2000), Latin American Studies Program; University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 6 April 2016.

Anna Clara Ionta

Presented paper Beside the Apron: The Leavening Agents to Find Oneself, NeMLA 47th Annual Convention, Hartford, CT, March 20, 2016.

Presented paper Il corto per una didattica in sintesi, The Seventh Annual Film Symposium on New Trends in Modern and Contemporary Italian Cinema, University of Indiana Bloomington, April 24, 2016.

Organized and conducted Gamma Kappa Alpha Italian Honor Society, Loyola University Chicago, April 26, 2016.


Proposed book presentation of Bepop, Swing and Bella Musica, by Bill dal Cerro and David Witter, the Italian American Studies Committee, April 10, 2016.

Participated in Italiola’s Carnevale, Krasbeer Hall, February 5, 2016.

Presented among collaborators at Casa Italia Gala, Chicago, February 20, 2016.

Participated in the St. Joseph’s Table, Loyola University Chicago, March 15, 2016.

Organized and conducted I.D.E.A.L., the Italian Day Event at Loyola, on Nov. 9, 2015.

Proposed ideas for promoting Italian language programs to the Osservatorio sulla Lingua Italiana, Consulate General of Italy, May 26, 2016.
Cristina Lombardi-Diop


David Posner


Ana Rodríguez Navas

“Wilde Aestheticism in Puerto Rico.” Latin American Studies Association (NYC 2016)

“Reputations Lost: Power and Defamation in the Work of JG Vásquez.” Midwest Modern Languages Association Conference (Columbus 2015)

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

Sawsan Abbadi

Bullying and Respect in the Workplace Today Workshop sponsored by EMERGE Training and Development Department- Loyola University Chicago, March 2016.

Emotional Intelligence Workshop sponsored by EMERGE Training and Development Department- Loyola University Chicago, February 2016.

Zbigniew Banas

Master of Ceremonies, Polish Film Festival, Los Angeles, CA, October 13, 2015.

Q&A Moderator, Polish Film Festival, Austin, TX, October 22-24, 2015.
Master of Ceremonies and Q&A Moderator, Polish Film Festival, Chicago, IL, November 7-11, 2015.

Press Conference Moderator, Camerimage Film Festival, Bydgoszcz, Poland, November 14-21, 2015.

Panelist, “Karski and the Lords of Humanity” film discussion, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2016.

Clara Burgo

“La clase invertida como nuevo modelo pedagógico.” Invited talk at Universidad Pontificia de Ecuador, Quito, October 2015.

Susana Cavallo

Weekend of Excellence, Loyola, April 15-16, 2015

“The Poetry and Poetic Life of Denise Levertov: ‘This Need to Dance, This Need to Kneel,’” October 23-25, 2015.

Karina Duncker-Hoffmann

College Immersion Day “Eine Zeitreise durch die deutsche Geschichte”, German Language and History (organizer and host), sponsored by Northern Illinois AATG, at North Central College, Naperville, IL, April 16, 2016.


Héctor García

Invited Faculty Speaker and Workshop Moderator, “Latin@ Chicago: Determined, Diverse, and Dynamic,” The Summit on Conflict and Peacebuilding, LUC Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, Campus Ministry, February 2016.


Olympia González

Panel Presentation: “La ‘otra’ poesía de la Revolución cubana”/ Readings and comments on two books by gay and lesbian Cuban poets from the 60’s. Chicago Cultural Center, May 7 2016.
D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ

“Cocina en las órdenes religiosas: un ejemplo al alcance de todos,” Cocina Conventual: Tradición, Herencia y Futuro; Cabildo Catedral de Córdoba, Córdoba, Spain, 10-12 June 2016.


Anna Clara Ionta

The Art and Science of Teaching Italian Art and Science, University of Illinois at Chicago, September 25, 2015.

Introductory Italian webinar The ‘flexible classroom’, by Diane Musumeci and Janice Aski, May 18, 2016.

David Pankratz


Ana Rodríguez Navas


**PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

Reinhard Andress
Member of the Education Committee of the German American National Congress
Susana Cavallo  Editorial Board, *Confluencia*, University of Northern Colorado. Also manuscript reviewer.


Karina Duncker-Hoffmann  AATG, American Association of Teachers of German

ACTFL, American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages

ICTFL, Illinois Council for the Teaching of Foreign Languages

ITBE, Illinois Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages-Bilingual Education

TESOL, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages

Anna Clara Ionta  Loyola University Chicago Student Activity Fund Committee

Loyola University Italian American Studies Committee

AP Exam Committee

Competence Test Committee

MLL International Film Festival, proposer and committee co-director with David Pankratz

Cristina Lombardi-Diop  Member of the following LUC committees: WSGS Steering Committee; WSGS Research Group, MLL Curriculum Committee, and the CAS Leadership Council Meetings.

Member of the Modern Languages Association, the American Association for Italian Studies, the American Association of Teachers of Italian, and the Associazione Italiana di Studi Nord Americani.
Board member of the Association ItalCultura, the Official Language School of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura in Chicago.

David Pankratz  
Associate Editor, IALLT Journal (International Association for Language Learning Technology).

**SERVICE**

**MODERN LANGUAGES SERVICE**

Sawsan Abbadi  
Hiring and supervision of Arabic faculty and tutors

Clara Burgo  
Spanish Undergraduate Program Director (Minors)  
NTT Faculty Search Committee Member  
NTT Faculty Search Committee Chair

Susana Cavallo  
Department Chair  
Sponsored and helped to organize “Moses in our Traditions: A Multi-Faith Perspective,” in honor of the late Dr. Fadel Abdallah, beloved Arabic instructor.

Karina Duncker-Hoffmann  
Students Activities Committee

Héctor García  
Faculty Search Committees for both Adjunct and FT departmental positions in Spanish, Summer 2015 with Interim MLL Chair, Ass. Dean Jacqueline Long

Olympia González  
Annual Portfolio Review supervisor

D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ  
Graduate Program Director, Masters in Spanish  
Chair of Graduate Committee  
Director of Summer Study Abroad in Spain, Universidad Loyola Andalucía
Faculty Advisor, Sigma Delta Pi, National Spanish Honor Society

Co-Convener, Graduate Symposium in Hispanic Studies: “Quixotic Legacies: ‘En pro de los menesterosos’ – La Justicia,” 27 Feb 2016

Anna Clara Ionta


The Italian Americans, documentary presentation and discussion, with Prof. Candeloro, February 24, 2016.

Terraferma, movie presentation and discussion, the MLL International Film Festival Series, with David Pankratz, Damen Cinema, March 2, 2016.

The colors of the ocean, movie showing for the MLL International Film Festival Series, Damen Cinema, April 13, 2016.

Cristina Lombardi-Diop

As Director of the Rome Studies Minor, organized and sponsored (In collaboration with MLL) a student event with Guest Speaker Simone Cinotto. Simone deliver a lecture on Food in Italian American History, Identity, and Culture. October 2015.

Volunteered as Director of the Rome Studies Minor for CAS Freshmen Orientation, the IOP Study-Abroad Open House, the CAS Undergraduate Open House, the MLL Fair.

David Pankratz

Chair, AP Exam Credit Committee

Ana Rodríguez Navas

Spanish Undergraduate Program Director, Literature

Co-convener, Graduate Symposium in Hispanic Studies: “Injustice”

Member, Francophone Tenure-Track Search Committee
LOYOLA SERVICE

Reinhard Andress  
Member of Academic Council
Member of the CAS Rank, Tenure and Leave Committee

Susana Cavallo  
College Leadership Council
Italian American Studies Committee
Sujack Research Award Committee
Joan and Bill Hank Center Faculty Reading Group
Ignatian Scholarship Interview Committee
Gannon Center for Women & Leadership Faculty Fellow Committee
Search Committees for 88 and 85 lines in Spanish
Attendance at All-Class Reunion, key fund-raiser for JFRC

Héctor García  
Director, LALSP, our Interdisciplinary Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program
Women’s Studies/Gender Studies (WSGS) Associate Faculty, Steering Committee Member, and Faculty Seminar Participant
Pre-Health Profession Advisory Committee (PHPAC) Member
Lake Shore Campus Early Assurance Program (EAP) Selection Committee Member
The Men of Color Initiative Faculty Program Mentor,
Department of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs,
Division of Student Development, Student Affairs Academic Affairs Provost Office
D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ  
Member, Advisory Board, LUC Alternative Break Immersions  
Member of Academic Council & Curriculum Committee of LUC’s College of Arts and Sciences  

Anna Clara Ionta  
Italiola -Loyola’s Italian Club advisor  

Cristina Lombardi-Diop  
Member of the ongoing research grant project The Emergence and Effect of 'The Sacred', Department of Theology, January 2015-2018.  
Panel Advisor for the Q-Summit Event organized by the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, April 9, 2016, with Dr. Héctor García.  
Rome Start Mentor Program, January 2016 - present. The Program matches Rome Start students with faculty members who have experience of or have taught at the John Felice Rome Center.  
WSGS 397, Internship Supervisor, for B.A. student Jenna Severson. Jenna was hired as Associate Editor to work on the publication of the Special Issue, Postcolonial Europe. The Journal of Postcolonial Studies, Taylor& Francis. Fall 2015 and Spring 2016. http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cpcs20/current  

SERVICE OUTSIDE LOYOLA  

Reinhard Andress  
English tutor for refugees at Heartland Alliance  

Zbigniew Banas  
Association of Polish Journalists in America, President  

Susana Cavallo  
Member of the Patronato (Board of Trustees) of La Universidad de Loyola Andalucia, Six yearly meetings in Seville.  

Karina Duncker-Hoffmann  
ACTFL AAPL Rater Certification for German, April 2016

Collaborations and consulting with Chicago Mexican Consulate and UNAM-Chicago Campus.

D. Scott Hendrickson, SJ  Member, Board of Trustees, Canisius College; Buffalo, New York

Member, The Seminar on Jesuit Spirituality, Quarterly publication: Studies in the Spirituality of Jesuits

Anna Clara Ionta  Organizer and instructor of immersion days Due Chiacchiere, Casa Italia, Stone Park, IL


Ana Rodríguez Navas  Elected Member of the Executive Committee, Venezuelan Studies Section at the Latin American Studies Association

Chair, Comparative Literature Section, Midwest MLA