

# MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES NEWSLETTER

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## ***Department Updates*** Welcome Back!

Hello Everyone, welcome and welcome back! For those of you that are new to our department this is our weekly department newsletter, it is sent out every Tuesday when classes are in session. This is an important source of information, in order to avoid sending a multitude of emails each week, I collect relevant information and condense it here, often this is the only source of some of that information. In addition to being emailed to the list serve the newsletter can be accessed on our department website and via the department's blackboard site.

### Blackboard Site

The department Blackboard site is another important source of information, including past newsletters, meeting minutes, departmental policies, student data, and the department handbook. To request access sign into Blackboard, select the courses and organizations tab and search for Modern Languages, on the DMLL drop down menu select enroll. Your request will be sent to the office for approval.

### Grad Student Insurance

Students have been sent an email detailing enhancements to MyRED that will provide options to graduate assistants and international students for automatic enrollment in their health insurance plan. They will either (1) need to confirm that they want to keep the health insurance by selecting "I want my UNL Health Insurance Card" OR (2) opt out. Once they've selected their choice, they will receive a message in MyRED AND an email confirming their choice.

## Important Dates

### AUGUST

17<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> - Orientation Week

24<sup>th</sup>- Fall Semester Begins

31<sup>st</sup>- Last Day for Late Registration

### SEPTEMBER

7<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day - Student & Staff Holiday

Please send your announcements, Bravos and events for the weekly newsletter to Casandra (csiefkes2@unl.edu) by 5 pm on Thursdays.

## GSA President

**For AY 2015-16  
is Miguel M.  
Santamaria**

**The first GSA meeting is  
Friday, August 21st 2:30-  
3:30 in the Language Lab**

## *Bravo!*

### Joseba Moreno

on his Center for Digital  
Research in the Humanities  
fellowship in the Digital  
Scholarship Incubator.

For full article:  
[http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/  
unltoday/article/three-students-  
named-digital-scholarship-  
incubator-fellows/](http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/unltoday/article/three-students-named-digital-scholarship-incubator-fellows/)

## Congrats

### Language Majors

**inducted into Phi  
Beta Kappa, for a  
complete list see:  
[http://news.unl.edu/  
newsrooms/unltoday/  
article/40-inducted-into-phi-  
beta-kappa/](http://news.unl.edu/newsrooms/unltoday/article/40-inducted-into-phi-beta-kappa/)**

## Human Resources

### ***TIAA-CREF August 2015 Free One-On-One Counseling Schedule for Faculty and Staff***

TIAA-CREF sessions will be held at the Nebraska City Union August 12 and 20 and at the East Campus Union August 13, 20 and 26 (rooms posted). Sign up by calling 1-800-732-8353 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. After hour messages can be left at 1-866-842-2908, ext. 0.

### ***Fidelity August 2015 Free One-On-One Counseling Schedule for Faculty and Staff***

A Fidelity consultant will be at the Nebraska City Union August 17 and the East Campus Union August 13 and 27 (rooms posted). Sign up by calling 1-800-642-7131.

### ***Microsoft Home Use Program***

UNL Faculty and Staff are now eligible to participate in Microsoft's Software Assurance Home Use Program (HUP). This program enables you to get a licensed copy of most Microsoft® Office desktop PC applications to install and use on your home computer WHILE YOU ARE EMPLOYED BY UNL.

Under the Home Use Program, faculty and staff who are users of qualifying applications at work (e.g. Office Enterprise) may acquire a licensed copy of the corresponding Home Use Program software (e.g. Office Enterprise) to install and use on a home computer. You may continue using HUP software while you are under our employment and as long as the corresponding software you use at work has active Software Assurance coverage.

For additional requirements related to this program please click here (<http://procurement.unl.edu/news/microsoft-home-use-program>).

To order, complete the online form ([https://procurement.unl.edu/  
microsoft-home-use-program-request](https://procurement.unl.edu/microsoft-home-use-program-request) ) for access to the ordering code. Once you receive the code, place your order online, and it will be shipped to the location you have chosen. Please note that a fulfillment fee will be charged to cover packaging, shipping, and handling costs.

## Graduate Studies Workshops

The Office of Graduate Studies would like to personally invite new teaching assistants to participate in the 25th Annual Campus-Wide Workshops for Graduate Teaching Assistants, scheduled for Tuesday, August 18th, sponsored by the Office of Graduate Studies.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Terry Doyle, professor of reading at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan. We'll also have—as we have for the past 25 years—award winning faculty and experienced TAs facilitate concurrent sessions. The full schedule is available at <http://go.unl.edu/TAworkshops>

*NOTE: Some of these events may conflict with Department Orientation events, this was unavoidable please be sure you attend all required department meetings.*

# August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Semester begins						
31						

# September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
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07	08	09	10	11	12	13
LABOR DAY Student & Staff Holiday						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

CALL FOR PAPERS:  
ALMUDENA GRANDES

AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2015



“...Aún no son cadáveres y están muertos de miedo ...”  
Almodóvar Grande

ESTUDIOS SOBRE ALMUDENA GRANDES

Her work has already captivated the imagination of artists, writers, and filmmakers. The current book pretends to pay a small tribute to the narrative of Almodóvar Grande, and her films and theatrical representations. We are now accepting abstracts in English or Spanish on Spanish-born author Almodóvar Grande for the upcoming Monographic work: *Estudios sobre Almodóvar Grande* Papers are welcome from any theoretical perspective and may examine any aspect of Almodóvar Grande's work.

By August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, please send a 300-word abstract, and a brief bio to Dr. Sara Fernández Medina  
([sara.fernandez@citadel.edu](mailto:sara.fernandez@citadel.edu))



Dear Friend of the ACLA,

I'm writing to remind you that our seminar submissions portal is still accepting proposals for seminars at our upcoming conference in Cambridge MA, March 17-20, 2016. The portal can be found at <http://www.acla.org/annual-meeting>. We have had many excellent proposal submitted already, but there's still time for you to submit your own proposal: the deadline for seminar submissions will be August 31. I encourage all our members to check the listings of proposed seminars regularly over the summer, and to be in touch with seminar organizers about potential participation. I also encourage seminar organizers actively to recruit potential participants for their seminars.

Bear in mind as you do so that **no seminar may have more than two participants from the same institution and no more than 50% graduate students**. Ideally, all seminars should aim at a balance of scholars from different stages of the profession.

Once all seminars proposals have been submitted, **paper submissions will open on Sept. 1 and will run through Sept. 23**. All seminars will have open calls for papers at this stage, and each member or prospective member may submit one paper proposal to the single seminar of their choice during these three weeks. We are encouraging ACLA members who want to propose a paper to contact the seminar organizer(s) by email with inquiries about the appropriateness of their proposal for the seminar before formally submitting their abstract through the ACLA site. Because members may only propose one paper for consideration this year, we ask you to be responsive to any inquiries you receive so that people who might otherwise propose a paper you are likely to reject will have the opportunity to find another seminar. Thank you for your assistance with this.

**Posting a call for papers here does NOT guarantee the acceptance of your seminar.** The ACLA Program Committee will review all seminar proposals during October and notify seminar organizers of acceptance or rejection by November 15, 2015.

A reminder that you do not have to be a member of the ACLA to propose a seminar, or

to submit a paper proposal to a seminar. You do, however, need to be a member and to register for the conference if you wish to present a paper, or moderate a seminar, at the conference itself.

Please do be in touch via [info@acla.org](mailto:info@acla.org) if you have any further questions about our new process, and we look forward to welcoming you to Cambridge in March!

Take care,  
Alexander Beecroft,

Secretary-Treasurer, ACLA

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& WORLD LANGUAGES EXPO

**SAN DIEGO 2015**  
SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER  
**NOVEMBER 20-22**

## **DID YOU KNOW...**

There are numerous pre-convention workshops being offered on Thursday, November 19th, and that you can earn:

6 hours of **Continuing Education Units (CEUs)** or Professional Development Units for attending a full-day or 3 hours for attending a half-day workshop.

The [pre-convention workshops](#) provide an opportunity to have a more in-depth learning experience on a particular topic.

Your full convention experience begins on Friday, November 20th, with our not-to-be-missed Opening General Session featuring [keynote speaker, Rick Steves](#). Afterwards, join your colleagues for coffee at the opening of our World Languages Expo where you can explore the new products, services, and technologies of more than 250 companies and organizations.

[Online Convention Program](#)

Check out the entire [convention program online](#) and develop your own personal schedule.

Register and book your hotel room by **October 28th** to take advantage of the advance registration savings. If you have already registered and want to add a pre-convention workshop, call **(508) 743-8561**. We look forward to having you join us in San Diego at the ACTFL 2015 Annual Convention and World Language Expo, November 20 - 22!