

# MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES NEWSLETTER

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## **Department Updates**

### **Content and Language Transfer Lecture**

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Confucius Institute and the Department of Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education are pleased to welcome one of the leading international scholars in applied linguistics and second language acquisition to our campus. Professor Chuming Wang, president of the Chinese Society of Second Language Research, is a professor of English at the National Research Center for Linguistics and Applied Linguistics at Guangdong University of Foreign Studies. His main research interest lies in second language development and in applying SLA theories and research findings to teaching English and Chinese as second language. He has developed a teaching model called the Length Approach to English Language Teaching, which aims to help improve learners' L2 proficiency through writing. He is currently the principal investigator of a national project on the cognitive process involved in L2 learning and teaching of Chinese. He has published papers in *Language Learning*, *Applied Linguistics* (latest article available on request) and some Chinese top-tier journals of foreign language studies. His books include *Applied Psycholinguistics: A L2 learning Perspective*, *The Study of Self-concept of Chinese Learners of L2 English* and *How a Foreign Language Is Learned*. He has won two national awards for research on L2 teaching in China.

Professor Wang will deliver a university wide lecture entitled *Context and Language Transfer* on November 5, 2015 in Othmer Hall 105 from 4 – 5 pm in -----. This lecture will be followed by a reception to which all are invited to meet Dr. Wang.

### **Office Cleanup**

You may have noticed Alisa has been working on removing some old non-functional printers from offices. If you have any other equipment or furniture cluttering up your office you would like removed please email a request to Alisa at akushner2@unl.edu. She will review these requests and remove these items if possible.

## Important Dates

### OCTOBER

27<sup>th</sup> - Department Faculty Meeting

### NOVEMBER

27<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break-Student Holiday

26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Break - Student/Staff Holiday

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

## Calls for Papers / Open Positions

See Bulletin Board in 1107 for more information

- Symposium of Spanish as a Heritage Language; University of Oregon; Abstract DUE: Dec. 2, 2015
- Assistant Professor, in Colonial Latin American Studies, University of Leeds

## Language Clubs & Student Centers

### Chinese Table

Thursdays  
3:45-4:45 PM  
35 Henz

### Spanish Tutoring Center

Mon/Wed  
12:30-2:30  
1126 OLDH

### Portuguese Table

Fridays  
3-4 pm  
OLDH 1126

### Stammtisch

Wednesdays  
4:30-6  
Dempsey's

### French Table

Thursdays  
3:30-5:30  
YiaYia's

### German Club

Mondays  
4:30  
City Union

### Japanese Table

100-level | Fridays  
4-5 pm  
200-level | Tuesdays  
4-5pm  
Kawasaki Reading  
Room

### Spanish Table

Fridays  
4-5pm  
BURN 302  
#UNLMesa

### Arabic Table

Mondays  
5-6 pm  
BURN 301

## Social Media Corner

#TBT - Throwback Thursday,  
you can post any picture from  
the past.

Fall Holidays, let me know about  
any unique holiday celebrations in  
your target language countries.

\*OR\* Tell me about research you are  
working on or a conference you are  
attending, send photos or quotes or  
interesting cultural facts from class.

If you have something interesting  
planned for a club or table meeting  
let me know and I will tweet it!

THANKS!

## Faculty

If you need a new  
desk calendar or  
planner for 2016  
please let Alisa  
(akushner2@unl.  
edu) know all the  
details so she can  
place the order.

# October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
			01	02	03	04
05	06	07 Cecilia Barriga Visit	08 Cecilia Barriga Visit	09 Cecilia Barriga Visit	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 FALL BREAK	20 FALL BREAK	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Dept Faculty Meeting 11 am // 1126	28	29	30	31	

# November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 THANKSGIVING Student Holiday	26 THANKSGIVING Student/Staff Holiday	27 THANKSGIVING Student/Staff Holiday	28	29
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# WOMEN IN QURAN

MODL 398 - Spring 2016

This class is an attempt to read Quran as literature and discover what the analytic, linguistic as well as critical study to Quran can reveal when it comes to feminism and gender issues in Islam. The instructional method is based on engaging students in discussions and encouraging them to use their analytic as well as their critical abilities in an academic environment, free from ideological commitments.



*What does the holy book of Islam say about gender egalitarian, sexuality and women rights?*

*What is the Quranic version of the story of Adam and Eve?*

*What does Quran say about Hijab? Why do Muslim Women wear it?*

*What can different interpretations of the same text reveal?*

*Was the later historical development of Islamic views of women consistent with the original Quranic message?*

*Wednesdays  
1:30 pm - 4:20 pm*

For more information please visit our website: <http://modlang.unl.edu>  
or

Email Prof. Abla Hasan at: [Abla.hasan@unl.edu](mailto:Abla.hasan@unl.edu)

SPANISH 498/898



# Spanish Speaking Through Performance

TR | 2-3:15 pm



Spring 2016



This course draws on techniques, practices and strategies from the world of theatre and drama to help language learners build their speaking proficiency. We will apply the tools of memorization and repetition, improvisation, and bodily-kinesthetic and paralinguistic resources (pitch and volume, tone of voice, gesture, facial expressions, body language) to communicating in Spanish. We will work with contemporary texts (one-act plays, scenes from longer plays, and adaptations from novels and short stories) and write original scenes as part of the course. Graduate students will also read theory related to second language acquisition and theater-based learning environments.

For more information please email Prof. Kelly Kingsbury Burnetto:  
[kingsburybrunetto@unl.edu](mailto:kingsburybrunetto@unl.edu)

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# DIVERSITY

## LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIA

ALL TALKS START AT 7PM  
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:



VIGOR LAM  
NOVEMBER 4  
REGENCY A  
NEBRASKA UNION



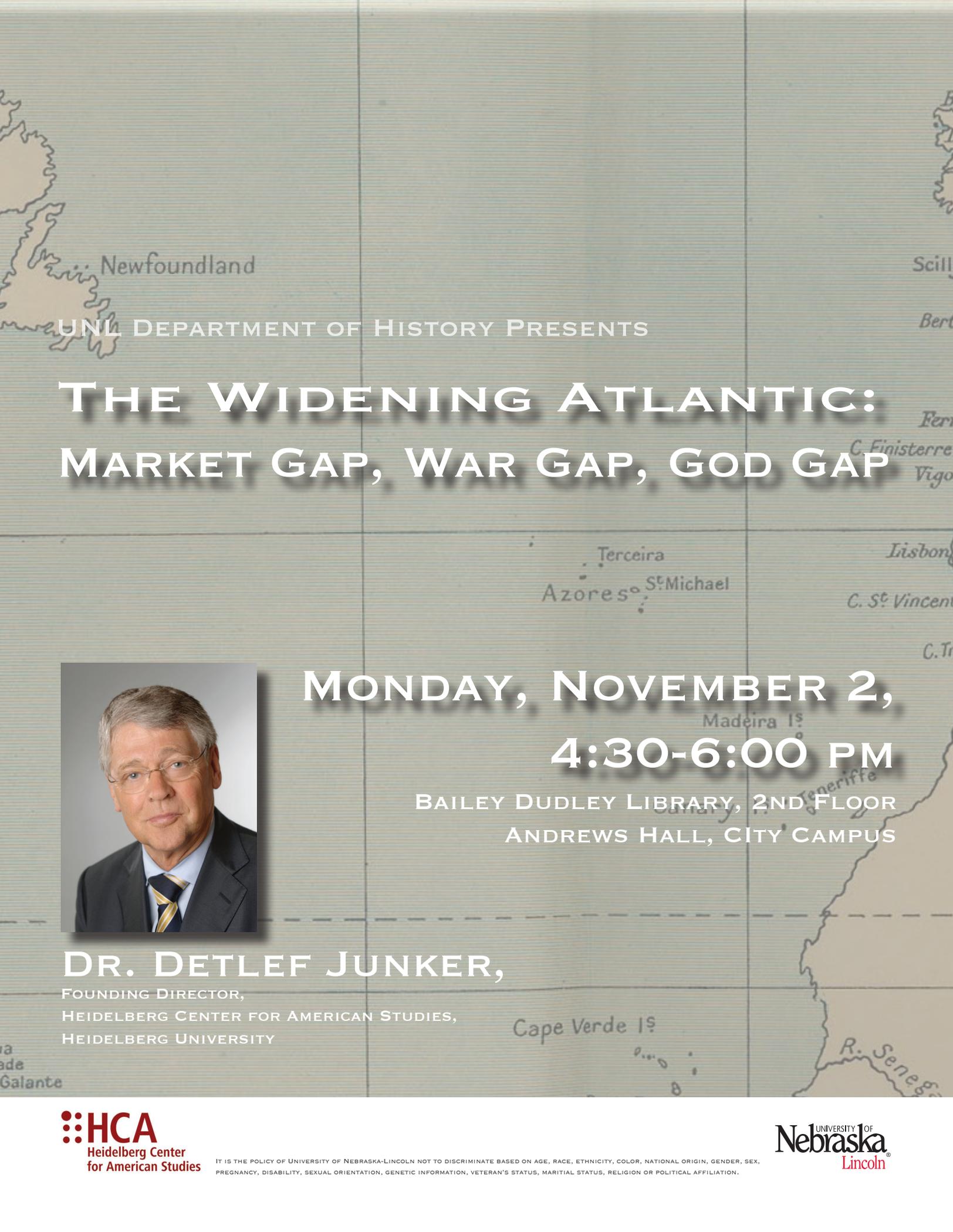
TONY GASKINS JR.  
NOVEMBER 11  
UBUNTU ROOM  
GAUGHAN MULTICULTURAL CENTER



APRIL HERNANDEZ  
CASTILLO  
NOVEMBER 18  
105 TEACHERS COLLEGE



TATANKA MEANS  
DECEMBER 2  
UBUNTU ROOM  
GAUGHAN MULTICULTURAL CENTER



UNI DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY PRESENTS

# THE WIDENING ATLANTIC: MARKET GAP, WAR GAP, GOD GAP



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2,  
4:30-6:00 PM

BAILEY DUDLEY LIBRARY, 2ND FLOOR  
ANDREWS HALL, CITY CAMPUS

**DR. DETLEF JUNKER,**

FOUNDING DIRECTOR,  
HEIDELBERG CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES,  
HEIDELBERG UNIVERSITY



4-5 PM \_\_\_\_\_  
NOV. 5, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHMER HALL 105 \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW \_\_\_\_\_

# “Context and Language Transfer”

*a public lecture by . . .*

## Dr. Chuming Wang

*President of the Chinese Society of Second  
Language Research and Professor of English at  
Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, China*



## ETHICS CENTER

Robert J. Kutak Center  
for the Teaching & Study of Applied Ethics

# Brown Bag Luncheon

Lunch &  
Ethics on Us!

November  
3<sup>rd</sup>

Noon –  
1:30 pm

City  
Campus  
Union

## - Mock Ethics Bowl Match -

### Featured Discussion Leaders



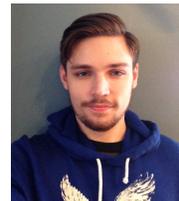
Taylor  
Birdwell,  
Philosophy



Drew  
Dudley,  
Chemistry



Lindsey  
Espinosa,  
Pre-Law  
Global Studies



Jordan  
Sturtz,  
Philosophy

## UNL Ethics Bowl Team



ETHICS CENTER

Robert J. Kutak Center  
for the Teaching & Study of Applied Ethics

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<http://ethics.unl.edu>  
UNLEthics

The University of  
Nebraska-Lincoln is an  
equal opportunity  
educator and employer.

Join us for lunch and a discussion of answers to difficult ethical questions that the UNL Ethics Bowl Team will attempt to defend.

Please, if you'd like a **free lunch**, **RSVP** via email at [ethics@unl.edu](mailto:ethics@unl.edu) by 1:00 pm, **October 30**. Indicate dietary restrictions. Also, feel free to bring your own lunch or just enjoy the conversation.



## EVENTS FOR POSTDOCS & FACULTY

**Tuesday, November 10**

Register at [go.unl.edu/PDRF](http://go.unl.edu/PDRF)

Professional Development Workshop

9:30-11:00

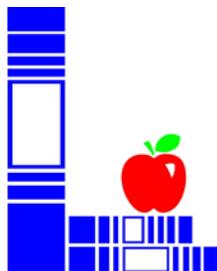
Gaughan 212

### **Three Underused Considerations in Mentoring**

*Dr. Robert Tillman*

Around each of us, on the tip of our tongue, and often left unspoken, are three underused considerations that serve as powerful elements in effective mentoring. In this 90-minute interactive workshop, you'll explore your developmental network, the influence of communication and expectations in mentoring relationships, and leave with tools and opportunities for further exploration.

# Lincoln Public Schools



Lincoln Public Schools is looking for qualified mentors to work with Highly Gifted Students, grades K-12.

2015-16 \$18.17/hr

## Subject areas:

*Science*

*Math*

*Social Studies*

*English*

*World Languages*

*Visual Arts (Elementary only)*

## MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Junior or senior status in college, or B.A. / B.S.
- Minimum G.P.A. of 3.0 or above.
- 15 hours in subject (see subject areas needed).
- 3.5 G.P.A. in specific subject area.

**How to apply:** visit our employment opportunities page at <https://lincoln.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>. Review the information needed to begin the application process, and then click on the link in the last paragraph to enter the recruitment page. We will also need official transcripts from all colleges that you have attended. You will need to scan all of your college transcripts and upload them as one document in the transcript attachments area. It is important to provide as many names as possible for people who are willing to serve as references for you, including their e-mail addresses, professional references are especially important. If you have any questions, please call 402-436-1587.



## Lincoln Public Schools

Human Resources Department • PO Box 82889 • Lincoln NE 68501 • (402) 436-1582 • (Fax) 436-1620

October 22, 2015

Dear College Partners:

Lincoln Public Schools seeks your assistance in informing your upper-level students about our highly gifted mentor program. As part of policy, LPS provides trained mentors to work with students labeled highly gifted in an academic area of their choice up to one hour per day.

We are actively seeking Juniors, Seniors or Graduates who meet the following qualifications:

- Overall GPA of 3.0 or above
- 15 college course hours in the subject to be mentored
- At least a 3.5 GPA in these courses

We have ongoing needs for mentors in:

- English & Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Modern Languages
- Science
- History/Social Studies
- Visual Art

We pay mentors \$18.17 per hour for time working with students, as well as mileage reimbursement for travel between schools for those with assignments at multiple LPS locations.

The mentorship provides a wealth of experiences to discuss in interviews for those considering the job market after graduation. Please encourage your students to complete the mentor application which can be found at <https://lincoln.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>.

If a student has questions, they may call Human Resources at 402-436-1582.

Sincerely,

Kay Byers, Ph.D.

Human Resources Supervisor of  
Elementary Personnel

# Professional Grant Development Workshop

Taking Place at the University of Nebraska Omaha

Hosted by the Grant Training Center

**December 3-4, 2015**

**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Greetings,

We are offering this workshop in your area in a few weeks and thought you would benefit from it. Our *Professional Grant Development Workshop* is perfect for beginners or those who want to strengthen their grant writing skills.

You will learn the fundamentals of grant writing, such as writing proposals that reach the top of competitions, presenting a compelling Need Statement, navigating the world of grant procurement, understanding proposal writing guidelines, preparing for the evaluation process, and searching for foundation and corporate giving opportunities.

Once you finish this workshop, you will be fully prepared for the entire grant application process and have a head start toward success!

**REGISTER HERE: [Sign Up Now](#)**

The fee for this course is **\$535**

There is a \$45/person discount available for registering two or more individuals from the same organization. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis and includes materials, a certificate of completion, and continental breakfast.

We hope that you will join us for this opportunity!

Can't make it?

[Check Out Our Online Course](#)

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