Department Information

Benefits Enrollment
Please review the NUFlex Benefits newsletter you received in the mail recently. Between Nov. 17 and Dec. 5, 2014, you will be permitted to make changes to your benefits plan for 2015. Visit the Firefly Employee Self Service website at https://firefly.nebraska.edu to complete the enrollment process.

Salary Merit Advisory Committee 2014-2015
Radha Balasubramanian (13-15, LCTL)
Tom Carr (13-15, French)
Errapel Mejias-Vicandi (14-16, At Large)
Bob Shirer (13-15, German)
Isabel Velázquez (14-16, Spanish)

Student Evaluations
Student evaluation packets will be available in your mailboxes tomorrow (Wednesday.) You will be receiving further instructions via email.

CAS Fall Faculty Meeting
The important meeting below will include changes to college bylaws and policies.
The Arts & Sciences Fall Faculty Meeting will be 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 11, 2014, in the Nebraska Union (room to be posted) on city campus.
The agenda and supporting materials will be posted in advance of the meeting.

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

- Southeast Coastal Conference on Languages and Literatures; Savannah, Georgia; DUE: 3 Dec
- Chicago Language Symposium; DePaul University; DUE: 1 Feb

Language Clubs & Student Centers

Chinese Table
Mon 4-5 pm
208 OLDH
#UNLchinatable

Spanish Tutoring Center
Mon/Wed 3-5
Fri 4-5
1126 OLDH
#UNLSpantutor

French Table
Wed
3:30-5:30 pm
BURN 302
#UNLtutfrancaise

Spanish Table
Fri - 5:00 pm
Language Lab
#UNLMesa

Japanese Table
100-level
Tues 4:30-5:30
200/300-level Thurs 4-5
KRR
#UNLJapanese

Komenský Club
TBA
#UNLKomensky

Portuguese Table
TBA
#UNLBatePapo

Stammtisch
Wed
4:30-6 pm
Dempsey’s
#UNLStammtisch

Spanish Club
Wed - 5:00 pm
City Union
#UNlSpanClub

Arabic Table
Dec 3
3:30-5:30
501 BURN
#UNLArabicNadiii

Hot water shut off
Thurs, Dec 4
7:30 - 8:30 am

No domestic hot water to the buildings including restrooms, sinks, etc.

Repair a hot water line leak

This outage will be completed by regular BSM technicians who will be wearing our normal blue uniforms and carrying UNL ID cards.

Battery Replacement

On Monday, December 29th Information Technology Services personnel will be replacing batteries in the UPS in the data room at Oldfather Hall. UPS’s provide backup power to critical network equipment so that the network will stay online during a power outage. Batteries in UPS’s need to be replaced periodically every 4-5 years. While the batteries are undergoing replacement, the network switch will be vulnerable to a power outage throughout this short time frame. We not anticipating an outage, but are preparing for any scenario. This has been scheduled over the Winter Break so that no classes will be in session, and building activity is minimized.

Bravo to Madoka Wayoro on her dedication to the Kawasaki Reading Room. She has worked hard developing programming for the KRR. Please see the attached report for a list of recently organized activities.
KRR Activity Report

**Fall 2014**

September 8-11: Kimono Exhibit at Medici Gallery

September 26: Japanese Career Information Session

Sep 30: KRR co-sponsored “400 YEARS OF BUDDHISM IN RUSSIA” lecture by Dr. Andrey Terentyev (Saint-Petersburg, Russia)
Oct 3: Southwest High School – Japanese classes visited KRR for tea ceremony and a tour

Oct 7th: Dr. Parks Coble’s History class enjoyed the lecture “History of Chinese and Japanese Tea” by Tim Smith, the owner of Tea Smith in Omaha. The students took part in a tea tasting after the lecture.

Oct 14: Dr. Tsutomu Ohno from University of Maine visited KRR and donated a rare collection of books and magazines mostly regarding Japanese Swords.
Oct 24: Bon-Dance Festival at the Union outdoor green space.
Nov 8: KRR hosted the Midwest Japan Seminar. The Midwest Japan Seminar is an association of scholars who devote a significant portion of their effort towards Japan Studies. We welcomed 16 Japan specialists from schools in Nebraska, Kentucky, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Ohio and New York.

Nov 11: Japan study abroad information session - The faculty of the Department of Classics and Religious Studies together with the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, will lead a study abroad program in Japan in July 2015. The program is called “Japanese Religions and Popular Culture.”

Nov 19th: International Education Week - KRR hosted a tea tasting where attendees tried teas from eight different countries and learned the history of the teas.
Regular Programs:

TO-NO-KAI (Sword Study Group)

Japanese Conversation Tables (I and II)
CALL FOR PROPOSALS
The Department of Modern Languages at DePaul University together with

The Council on Language Instruction and the Multimedia Learning Center at Northwestern University
The Sandi Port Errant Language and Culture Learning Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago
The University Language Center at the University of Chicago

The CHICAGO LANGUAGE SYMPOSIUM 2015
Contexts and Language Learning: Situated Learning in the 21st Century
April 17-18, 2015
DePaul University

Join us on Friday evening for our opening keynote speaker:
Dr. Elaine Tarone

Proposals are sought for sessions on Saturday. The focus of this symposium is on how various authentic contexts can be integrated and utilized to facilitate college-level language learning and teaching in the 21st century. Topics may include:

- telecollaborative projects with native speakers
- online gaming and simulated contexts
- language learning in short- and long-term study abroad contexts
- language use and identity
- service-based language learning
- translation projects
- involvement in local target language-speaking communities
- language use in internships and other experiences

Proposal submission deadline: February 1, 2015. All languages are welcome.

SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE
Friday, April 17, 2015
Student Center 120
DePaul University, Lincoln Park Campus
2400 N. Sheffield Ave, Chicago, IL 60614
6:00 pm Registration & Check-in
7:00 pm Keynote Address
8:00 pm Dinner Reception

Saturday, April 18
DePaul University, Arts & Letters Hall
8:00-9:00 am Registration & Breakfast
9:00-10:30 am Session 1 (3 presentations)
10:30-11:00 am Break
11:00 am-12:30 pm Session 2 (3 presentations)
12:30-1:30 pm Catered Lunch
1:30-3:00 pm Session 3 (3 presentations)
3:00-4:00 pm Wrap-Up & Closing Reception
Presentation Proposal Form for the Language Symposium 2015
April 17-18, 2015 – DePaul University
“Contexts and Language Learning: Situated Learning in the 21st Century”

Name: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Title: ___________________________________________________________________________________
Department: ____________________________________________________________________________
Institution: ____________________________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________________________________________

Proposals should include a title clearly indicating the topic and a clear description of a project or study and its implications. Preference will be given to proposals describing a study, project, curriculum or initiative with mention of its planning, implementation and outcomes, results or impact.

Presentations are limited to twenty minutes, followed by ten minutes for discussion.
Submission deadline Sunday, February 1, 2015. Please send your proposal to Li Jin, ljin2@depaul.edu

Title of Presentation: _______________________________________________________________________
Language(s): __________________________________________ Level: (beg, int, etc.)__________________
Multimedia needs:_____________________________________________________________
Description (limited to 250 words):