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Department Reminders

Summer Study Abroad Reminder

It is extremely important that you submit proposals in the requested format for all new and repeat summer study abroad courses to the department Chair ASAP, but no later then October 11. As noted in the memo from the Dean's Office proposals received after may not be approved.

ORED deadlines

This is a reminder that all proposals for Grants-in-Aid, Faculty Seed Grants, Interdisciplinary Research Grants, Visiting Scholars, and Symposium/ Distinguished Lecturers are due Friday, October 11. If you would like any assistance with the budget or the NUGrant form please contact Sara Mattson, Grant Specialist in 1208 Oldfather or at 2-7323.

Promotion and Tenure File

The tenured faculty meeting to vote on Isabel's nomination for tenure and promotion is scheduled for TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, AT 11 AM. You may come to the main office to check out the file on a sign-out sheet and review the materials in OLDH 1107 at any time during normal working hours.

Unclaimed Copies Mailbox

In order to help keep our public spaces more tidy, we are going to be creating an unclaimed copies mailbox. This box will be on the far right of the mailboxes. If you see extra copies laying around or left in the copier feel free to place them in this box. If you are missing any copies check this box to see if they may have been placed there. This box will be emptied every Monday morning. Thanks for your help!

Important Dates

October

11th- Deadline for Education Abroad Proposal

15th- Tenured Faculty Meeting (Isabel Velazquez)

17th- Tenured Faculty Meeting

21st-22nd - Fall Break (Student Holiday)

24th- Humanities on the Edge Lecture

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

Doctoral Career Paths Panel Discussion

"Beyond Academe: Career Pathways to Success"

Panel Discussion with UNL alumni who've creatively forged career paths in fields other than academe. Panelists will share how they've succeeded in their chosen careers and answer audience questions.

Bravo!

Dr. Radha Balasubramanian

for presenting a paper entitled " L. N. Tolstoy and Saint Ramakrishna: Death as an Awakening" at the 14th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Society in the University of Madison, in Madison, Wisconsin on October 5, 2013.

Czech Language Foundation

2013 Recognition Banquet

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Saudi Day // Student Union // September 30

Students had fun trying Arabic food,

and traditional Arabic cloths.

They also had a chance to practice their Arabic with native speakers!

Call for Papers

See Bulletin Board in 1107 for more information

- El Cid; Edition 2014; DUE 15 October.
  The Journal of the Tau Iota Chapter of Sigma Delta Pi, the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society.
- Spanish Graduate Student Organization; Washington University; DUE: 15 November
- Society for the Interdisiplinary Study of Social Imagery; Colorado Springs, CO; DUE 9 December

Department Job Opening

The Department of Modern Languages is looking for a Spanish Lecture or GTA to serve as an assistant for Kelly Kingsbury-Brunetto. Primarily throughout December and January while Kelly is on maternity leave then sporadically over the spring semester. Please see the attached Invitation to Apply if you are interested.

Language Clubs

French Table
Fridays
4pm-6pm
Yia Yia's
#UNLTableau

Spanish Table
Thursdays
6pm
Yia Yia's
#UNLMesa

Japanese Table
Lvl 1: Mon // 4-5
Lvl 2: Thur // 4-5
Lvl 3: Wed // 3:30-4:30
Kawasaki Reading Room

Komenský Club
4 Sept
6:30 Union
#UNLKomensky

Stammtisch
Tuesdays
5:30pm-7pm
Panera Bread
#UNLStammtisch

Russian Table
Tuesdays
2-3:30pm
1107 OLDH
#UNLRussClub

Portuguese Table
20 Sept // 5:00 pm
Yia Yia's
#UNLBatePapo

Russian Club
12Sept // 10 Oct
30 Oct
7pm // 203 OLDH
#UNLRussClub

Arabic Table
Wednesdays
3:30pm-5:30pm
1126 OLDH
#UNLArabicNadii

Gen. Stanley McChrystal

The UNL College of Engineering invites UNL faculty/, staff and students to a free presentation by Gen. Stanley McChrystal field-tested leadership lessons, stressing a uniquely inclusive model that focuses on building teams capable of relentlessly pursuing results.

Tuesday, October 15
7:30 // Lied Center

(open to the public)

A Contracorriente Virtual Symposium

Hosted Online by North Carolina State University
October 17-19

Check out this link for more details

https://sites.google.com/a/ncsu.edu/simposio-virtual-acc/home/programa-program

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
	01	02 Global Cafe 10:30 // Seaton 316	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10 Graduate Committee 11:00 // 1206 OLDH	11 Executive Committee 8:00 // 1111 OLDH	12	13
14	15 Tenured Faculty Meeting: Isabel Velazquez 1126 OLDH // 11:00	16	17 Tenured Faculty Meeting: Nora Peterson & Liz Enkin 1126 OLDH // 11:00	18	19	20
21 Fall Break Student Holiday	22 Fall Break Student Holiday	23	24 Humanities on the Edge Lecture 5:30 pm // Sheldon	25	26	27
28 Yoko Hiraoka's Biwa Performance Sheldon Art Gallery	29	30 Dr. Rumiko Handa Wabi-Sabi Lecture Gaughan Center	31			

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
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04	05	06 Global Cafe 10:30 // 316 Seaton Research Fair	07 Research Fair	08	09	10
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Invitation to Apply: ASSISTANT TO THE COORDINATOR (BASIC SPANISH)

Interested GTAs and Lecturers in the Department of Modern Languages are invited to apply for the position of Assistant to the Basic Spanish Program Coordinator. The position pays a stipend of $3,000 for the execution of responsibilities beginning in early December 2013 and continuing through the Spring 2014 semester. The position will require an average of 5 hours/week (although in some weeks significantly more time will be required and other weeks will require significantly less.) Duties and responsibilities of the role include:

- Substitute-teaching and administering the final exam for SPAN101, Section 11 (meets 2:30-3:20 M-F) and SPAN201, Section 8 (meets 1:30-2:20 M/W/F) from approximately Dec. 9* through the end of the fall semester. (*Projected start date of leave; there is a small possibility that an earlier start date may prove necessary.)
- Assist with organizational arrangements for the departmental final exams for Spanish 101, 102, 201, 202 and 201 on Thursday, Dec. 17.
- Oversee the alternative final exam for students in the above courses who successfully document their inability to take the scheduled departmental finals.
- Confer with the coordinator to resolve any student issues that may arise at the end of the fall semester.
- Assist with organizational preparations for Spring 2014 semester (syllabus preparation; textbook/materials distribution; organizing and distributing planning materials for colleague coverage)
- Fulfill coordination duties during first few weeks of Spring 2014 semester (projected date of coordinator's return: Feb. 4). Duties include creating an exam preparation calendar; overseeing the distribution of sections and the collaborative writing of exams; revising and proofreading exams; preparing layouts, finalizing, and submitting photocopy requests for exams; assisting instructors and students with beginning-of-semester registration matters; conduct instructor meetings.
- Serve as liaison to the Basic Spanish Coordinator during the remainder of Spring 2014 and assist with coordination tasks as necessary following her return from leave.

The ideal candidate for this position will possess strong organizational and interpersonal skills, have an interest in second language pedagogy and program coordination, be an experienced instructor of Spanish at multiple levels and be free to teach during the 1:30 and 2:30 class hours during the fall semester.

To apply, please submit (in electronic format, to Shannon Parry at sparry3@unl.edu) an updated CV and a letter of interest addressed to Kelly Kingsbury Brunetto and Catherine Johnson by Wednesday, Oct. 9. For GTA applicants, the Graduate Chair will also be consulted for a recommendation. Decisions will be made and candidates notified the week after fall break.

Czech Language Foundation

Banquet Highlights

- Sunday, October 27th
- 4:30pm - Silent Auction
- 5:30 pm - Dinner
- Dinner tickets - $30 Adults & $20 Students
- RSVP date - October 23rd

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Banquet Details

The Czech Language Foundation is excited to announce that their annual recognition banquet will be held on **Sunday, October 27th** at the **UNL East Campus Student Union**. The banquet's silent auction will begin at 4:30 pm, followed by dinner at 5:30 pm.

Tickets for the banquet are $30 for adults/$20 for students.

This year's key note speakers include Robert Krestan and Lubos Malina, founders of the renowned folk rock band, who will be performing after the banquet. Druha Trava began playing American bluegrass music while their country was still under Communism.

To make your reservations for the banquet online, please click here. For additional questions or to make your reservation over the phone, contact Pat Dvorak Hust at 402-423-5544 by October 23rd.

Druha Trava's performance is scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm and will include well-known American music, as well as, their own music in both English and Czech.

Admittance to the concert is a recommended donation (a portion of the concert proceeds will be donated to the Czech Language Foundation and West, TX).

No reservations are needed to attend the concert AND you do not have to attend the banquet to attend the concert.

Come celebrate world-class entertainment!

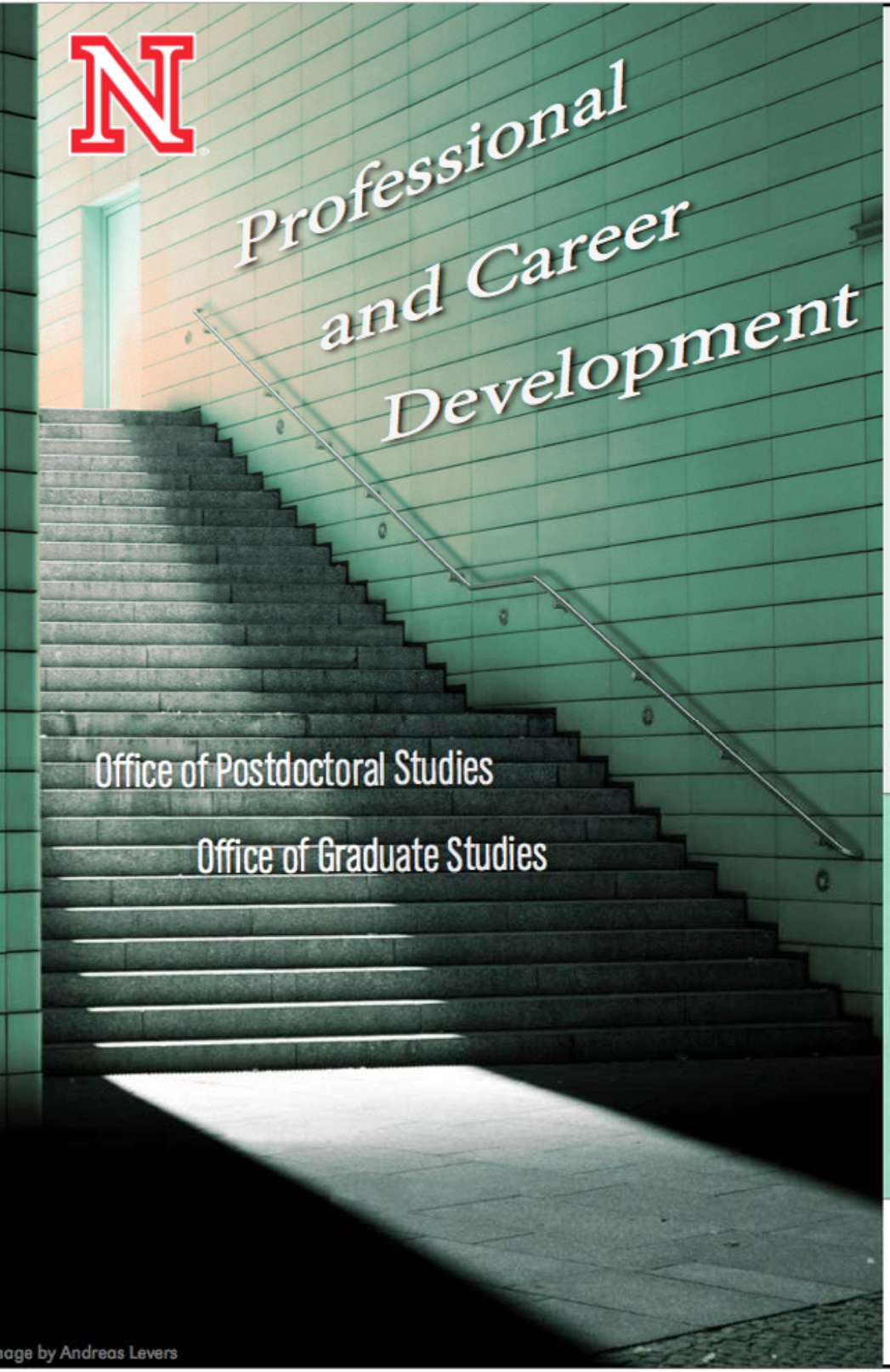
ABOUT THE BAND

Druha Trava (which means "Second Grass") was formed in 1991 by singer-songwriter Robert Krestan, banjo and wind instrumentalist Lubos Malina, dobro player Lubos Novotny and other veterans of the Czech acoustic music scene. Today's line-up also includes guitarist Emil Formanek and guest bassist Jan Lstiburek.

DT's distinctive sound is based on exceptional musicianship combined with Krestan's gritty vocals and original songs. Druha Trava "uses American roots music as a launching pad for its own synthesis of jazz, pop, folk and even classical motifs," stated an article about the band in The New York Times. "In doing so it transforms a quintessential American idiom into a richly textured, highly personal statement that defies genre classification."

The winner of multiple Czech music awards, DT has a loyal following at home and in the United States. They first performed in the U.S. in 1993 and since 1994 have played in North America every year except 2008. The band has recorded numerous albums, including collaborative CDs with American stars Peter Rowan and Charlie McCoy.

Band website: www.druhatrava.com



Beyond Academe: Career Pathways to Success

Join us for a panel discussion with UNL alumni who've creatively forged career paths in fields other than academe. Panelists will share how they've succeeded in their chosen careers and answer audience questions. See how the skills you've developed will readily transfer to a variety of exciting career possibilities.

Wednesday, October 23

Nebraska Union

Check-in and hors d'oeuvres	3:30–4:00 p.m.
Panel Presentation	4:00–5:00 p.m.

Register at go.unl.edu/AAiw

Panelists:

Eric Brown, Ph.D. – Executive Director, Nebraska Rural Radio Foundation; and General Manager emeritus, KRVN/Nebraska Rural Radio Network

Mary Reckmeyer, Ph.D. – Exec. Director, Clifton Child Development Center (Gallup)

Norman Newhouse, Ph.D., P.E. – Vice President of Technology, Hexagon Lincoln

Sara E. Skretta, Ed.D. – HR Partner–Employee Relations, Bryan Health

Tom Burnell, Ph.D. – President and CEO, Milestone Business Management, LLC; and former CEO, Nebraska Heart Institute Heart Hospital

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Institute for Ethnic Studies Colloquium

Careers & Diversity: What an Ethnic Studies Major or Minor Can Do For You

Panel Discussion
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
3:30 - 5:00 PM
Bailey Library/Andrews Hall

Kriston Burroughs
Academic Monitoring Coordinator
Student Support Services
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Brittany Hunt
Graduate Assistant, Promising Scholars
Office of Academic Success and Intercultural Services

Dr. Ramon J. Guerra
Assistant Professor of English and Latino Studies
University of Nebraska- Omaha

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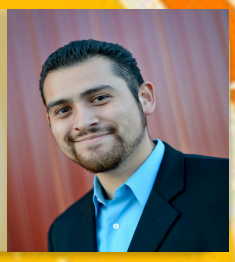

Levi E. Bennett
Agency Personnel Investigator
Nebraska Department of Correctional Services

Free Presentation

GEN. STANLEY McCHRYSTAL

Retired U.S. Forces Commander

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013 • 7:30 P.M.

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