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Welcome!

by Maria Carreira, Professor of Spanish and Program Director

As the Spanish Program director, it is my pleasure to welcome you to a new school year. Whether this is your first Spanish class or you are in your last semester of study with us, we are happy to have you here and look forward to working with you.

You've come to the right place to study Spanish. Reflecting the status of Spanish in the U.S. and the world, our courses span a wide range of areas of study including literature, cultural studies, linguistics, translation and interpretation, film studies, business, and language pedagogy. Our options of study are also varied and include a major and minor, an M.A. and a Certificate in Professional and Conversational Spanish for Heritage Speakers. Please stop by our office for more information about these options, as well as to learn about an upcoming dual major, which will offer students majoring in a variety of disciplines (e.g. Journalism, History, English, Chicano/Latino Studies, Art History, and others), the opportunity to count 15 units from their major towards a Spanish major.

We are on the third floor of the AS Building, in the Department of Romance, German, and Russian Languages and Literatures.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK INFORMATION SESSION

Oct. 1, 2018
3-4 pm
AS 384

Organized by Prof. Bonnie Gasior (see flyer on p. 4 of this newsletter

INVITED TALKS, FALL 2018

Rigoberta Menchú y el genocidio guatemalteco

Dr. Grinor Rojo

Oct. 2, 2018
12:00-2:00
At the Anatol Center
(see flyer on p. 5 of this newsletter)

Juan Gómez Bárcena, Novelist
Dec. 5, 2018
More information to follow

Test your knowledge of the Spanish Language

1. How does Spanish compare to other languages in terms of numbers of native speakers?

a. 1st in the world
b. 2nd in the world
c. 3rd in the world
d. 4th in the world

2. In how many countries does Spanish have official status?

a. 12
b. 18
c. 21
d. 29

3. How does the U.S. compare to other countries in terms of the size of its Spanish-speaking population?

a. It has the largest Spanish-speaking population in the world
b. It has the second largest Spanish-speaking population in the world
c. It has the third largest Spanish-speaking population in the world
d. It has the fourth largest Spanish-speaking population in the world

4. Which city is home to the largest Spanish-speaking population in the U.S.?

a. New York
b. Los Angeles
c. Miami
d. Houston

Answers

1. (b) Spanish is estimated to have 480 million native speakers. Only Mandarin Chinese has more native speakers. One hundred million second- language speakers bring the total number of Spanish speakers to 570 million.
2. (c) Spanish has official status in Spain, 19 countries in Latin America, and Equatorial New Guinea, in the African continent.
3. (b). With over 40 million speakers, the U.S. is home to the second largest Spanish-speaking population in the world, after Mexico.
4. (b) Los Angeles has the largest population of Spanish speakers in the U.S. The city's 4.5 million Spanish speakers comprise 37% of its total population.

Celebrating Latino Heritage Month

Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

Latino Heritage Month celebrates the cultures and traditions of people of Latino heritage.

Sept. 15 is the starting point for this celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on Sept. 16 and Sept. 18, respectively.
(US Census, Hispanic Heritage Month, 2018)

In honor of Latino Heritage Month, the Spanish program held an event on Sept. 19th that featured historical figures from the Spanish-speaking world, represented by a "cast" of students from different Spanish classes. Over 40 students contributed to this celebration, which was organized by Professor Patricia Amezcua (see picture and flyer).

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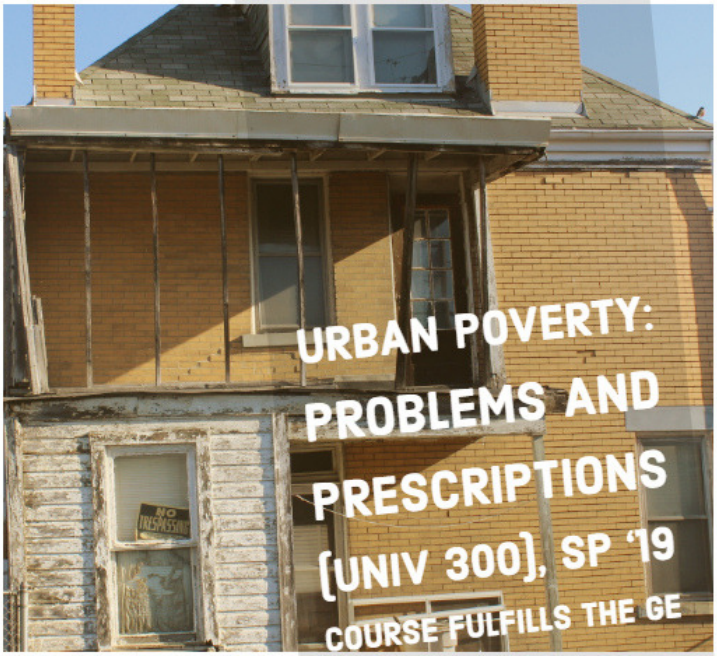

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Dr. Grínor Rojo (Universidad de Chile)
Rigoberta Menchú y el genocidio guatemalteco
Grínor Rojo es catedrático de la Universidad de Chile. Especialista en literatura latinoamericana y teoría crítica, ha enseñado en CSU Long Beach y Columbia University, entre otras instituciones.
La obra de Rojo es vasta e incluye numerosos libros, capítulos de libro, prólogos y decenas de artículos sobre literatura latinoamericana y crítica literaria. En 2009 recibió el Premio Casa de las Américas de Ensayo Ezequiel Martínez Estrada y en 2012 el Premio Altazor de Ensayo.
ANATOL CENTER 12pm
Martes 2 de octubre de 2018
Organizado por el Prof. Daniel Herrera Copero
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