I would like to invite everyone to the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures Spring Open House on Wednesday, March 21st from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm on the balcony of Humanities Building (4th floor). Stop by for advice about the courses you could take in the Summer and Fall. Get informed about our language programs and their requirements, and the new Concentration in Applied Professional Spanish (APS). Join us for pizza and good conversation!

Go Blazers!

— Julián Arribas, Chair
For Your Information

Scholarship Recipients 2017-2018
Included in this newsletter is a list of the 2017-2018 cycle of DFLL scholarship recipients!
2018-2019 DFLL scholarship recipients will be included in the next issue of this newsletter!

Free French Tutoring
Take advantage of two weekly tutoring sessions for students in FR 101, 102, and 201.
Stop by as your schedule allows.
Tutoring will meet every week through the last week of classes this semester.

Wednesdays, 10-11 am
Starbucks, Sterne
Tutor: Emily Yosten

Fridays, 12:15-1:15
Starbucks, Sterne
Tutors: Leah Perez, Tina Cao, Cameryn Rogers

DFLL Open House
Come visit with professors and students, receive academic advising, and enjoy free pizza!

Wednesday, March 21
2:30 pm
HB 4th Floor Balcony

Summer and Fall 2018 Class Schedules
are available on the DFLL website!

For your convenience:
DFLL Summer Course Schedule
DFLL Fall Course Schedule

French Course Available This Summer
Always wanted to learn French but don’t have time? Learn French on your own time this summer in the DFLL’s first FR 101 QL. This is an online course during the Summer A Session. This course will open many doors for further study of French, either on your own or in the classroom.

info: mbond@uab.edu

AWLA Teaching Opportunity
Are you interested in a career teaching languages? UAB DFLL faculty member Dr. Malinda O’Leary is the Executive Director of the Alabama World Languages Association, a professional organization for language teachers in kindergarten through university settings. Learn about the profession and connect with other students and educators by getting to know AWLA. We welcome student involvement, so reach out to your faculty here at UAB or Dr. O’Leary.

website: theawla.org

Need Advising?
The summer and fall 2018 class schedules are now available in BlazerNet! Meet with Holly Henning in the College of Arts and Sciences Advising Office, Heritage Hall 402, to plan your upcoming classes and ensure you are on the right track. To make an appointment, call 205-934-6135.

email: hhenning@uab.edu
**Language Clubs and Conversation Table News**

**Palomitas Spanish & Latin**

**American Film Club**

**March 2**
The Last Colony

**April 3**
Viva Cuba

**April 19**
In The Time of the Butterflies

7:00 pm Hill Alumni Theater

Info: jtmaddox@uab.edu

**German Table Stammtischtennis**

Mar 7, 21
Apr 4, 18
(all days are Wednesdays)
12:30 - 1:30 pm
Stern Library Starbucks

info: ehrinker@uab.edu

**French Conversation Table**

March 6, 27
April 3, 10
(All days are Tuesdays)
3:30 - 4:30 pm
Stern Library Starbucks

Info: mbond@uab.edu

**Spanish Table - La Tertulia**

January 22 - April 2
All Mondays
2:30 pm
Stern Library Starbucks

**Japanese Conversation Table**

3/05, 3/19, 4/02
(All days are Mondays)
10:00 - 11:00 am
HB 424 Conference Room

Info: takamiya@uab.edu

**La Cena de la Tertulia**

April 6
6:00 pm
Mi Pueblo Restaurant and Market

All levels welcome.

Info: centeno@uab.edu

**Chinese Conversation Table**

2/27, 3/27, 4/10
2:30 - 3:30 pm
Humanities Building 424

info: coltyma@uab.edu

For more information or for updates on conversation table hours, visit:

Conversation Tables - Spring 2018

https://www.uab.edu/cas/languages/
Revised FLL Major - 39 Credits

FLL Major Common Core - 9 Credits
*Course Requirements - The Following 9 Credits:
   FLL 120. Foreign Cultures
   FLL 121 OR [a different lang] 101
   FLL 485. Foreign Language Capstone Seminar

Concentration Requirements [FR or SPA] - 30 Credits
*The Following Course - 3 Credits
   SPA/FR 201 Intermediate SPA/FR I
   Students placed above 201 must take 202 or higher
*Three courses at 200 level above 201 - 9 credits
*Three courses at 300 level - 9 credits
   Advanced students may replace 200 with 300 level courses with departmental permission
*Three courses ranged 401-499 - 9 credits

more information at:
Course Catalog - Foreign Languages and Literatures Major

Study Abroad News

Salamanca, Spain 2018

Professor: John Maddox
Option A – $2,175.00:
   4-week program (May 4 - June 2) (3 credits)
Option B – $2,799.00:
   5-week program (May 4 - June 9) (6 credits)

Contact: John Maddox @ jtmaddox@uab.edu
Application Deadline: March 3, 2018

for more information, visit:
UAB Education Abroad Program Page for Salamanca, Spain

https://www.uab.edu/cas/languages/  (205) 934-4652  Humanities Building 407 — page 4
Upcoming Events

**DFLL Open House**
21 March, 2:30 pm
Humanities Building, 4th Floor Balcony

**La Cena de la Tertulia,**
*Spanish Conversation Table and Dinner*
6 April, 6:00 pm,
Mi Pueblo Restaurant and Supermarket
*Info: centeno@uab.edu*

**Diana Ruggiero and Francisco Lara**
University of Memphis
Lecture in English, open to the public:
"Afro-Latin American Culture"
Sterne 174
March 26
8:00 - 8:45 PM
*Sponsored by Sigma Delta Pi*

**Annual Birmingham Cherry Blossom Festival**
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
Saturday March 17,
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(UAB student Japanese Taiko Drum performance 11:45 AM-12:15 PM!)
*websites: https://www.bbgardens.org*
http://jasaweb.org/index.php/cherry-blossom-festivals

more information at: https://www.uab.edu/cas/languages/news-landing/upcoming-events
Scholarships

The Benjamin Gilman Scholarship is a U.S. Department of State grant program that enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad. Students must be U.S. citizens and receiving the Pell Grant. They can be majoring in any field, and can receive extra financial support for critical language study.

For Summer 2018, Fall 2018, or Academic Year (Fall 2018/Spring 2019) Study Abroad, student deadline is March 6.

Interested students should first meet with the UAB Office of Education Abroad to identify their study abroad program and then reach out to our office, Honors Administration, Strategic Initiatives, and Fellowships for assistance with their application.

Website: Gilman Scholarship Deadlines and Timeline
Contact: fellowships@uab.edu

Fulbright Fellowships: Are you interested in teaching English abroad after graduation? If you are in your Junior year, now is the best time to explore applying for a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Award, to teach anywhere in the world!

Interested students should meet with the UAB office of Honors Administration, Strategic Initiatives, and Fellowships.

Website: https://us.fulbrightonline.org/
Contact: fellowships@uab.edu

more scholarships and related information at:

uab.edu/cas/languages/student-resources/scholarships
Faculty, Alumni, and Student News

Scholarships Awarded for 2017-2018

Dr. William E. Doggett III Endowed Scholarship for Foreign Languages and Literatures Majors:
- Cayla Hamilton, Spanish
- Andrew Maclean, Spanish
- Ramiro Bautista, Spanish
- Christiana Williams, Spanish
- Rosario Davalos, Spanish
- Stevenson Craig, Spanish (French minor)
- Jacob Smith, Spanish (French minor)

Dr. William E. Doggett III Endowed Study Abroad Scholarship in Foreign Languages and Literatures
- Nicole Lassiter, Spanish
- Nayivis Cunill, Spanish
- Leah Perez, French
- Bezawit Eyob, Japanese, Spanish
- Elaina Skala, Spanish
- Ramiro Bautista, Spanish
- Stevenson Craig, Spanish, French
- Kenneth Davis, Japanese
- Caroline Davis, Spanish
- Catherine Diggs, Spanish
- Shaina Hamby, Spanish
- Selina Cervantes, Spanish, French
- Davina Nielsen, Spanish
- Sarah Segers, Japanese
- Sarah Busby, German

Lehmeyer Endowed Award for Study Abroad in a German-Speaking Country
Sarah Busby

UAB Language Faculty Are Top Leaders in the State’s Language Teachers Association

On February 2nd and 3rd, 2018, the Alabama World Language Teachers Association (AWLA) celebrated its annual state conference at the University of Mobile during Mardi Gras. The theme was “Sweet Home Alabama: Language and Community”. Four UAB language faculty are among AWLA’s top leadership: Dr. Malinda O’Leary, President and incoming Executive Director; Dr. Krista Chambless, Past President; Dr. John Maddox, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) Alabama Chapter President; Dr. Sandrine Hope, Parliamentarian.

They are featured in this photo with Dr. Catherine Daniélou, CAS Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Dr. Lourdes Sánchez-López, plenary speaker for the AATSP chapter.
Sigma Delta Pi
Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica
Starts a New Era

Sigma Delta Pi’s UAB chapter, Omicron Mu, began 2018 under the leadership of two-year president Candace Cooper and new faculty advisor Prof. John Maddox. SDP members Alex Bautista and Nicole Lassiter became leaders as chapter Treasurer and Secretary. Two SDP member have applied for society study abroad scholarships. Two SDP members, Brandon Schoening and Gabby Brow, have submitted to the national journal El Cid in 2017.

In 2018, Omicron Mu had its first graduate members, making the total membership 13 as of the 2018 induction, which was held at Spencer Honors House on 26 January 2017. UAB Spanish faculty members Profs. Arribas, Mayoral, Sánchez-López, Centeno, and O’Leary were present to recognize new initiates.

Spanish instructor Oscar García Sánchez and director of Adelante Alabama Workers Center Jessica Vosburgh received honorary membership.

This semester, the society sponsored a talk by Lucía Ortiz on 26 February, and will sponsor another by Diana Ruggiero and Francisco Lara on 26 March.

¡Felicidades a los nuevos miembros!

Graduate Initiates:
Charity Jackson
Marcela Camacho
Emily Hudson

Undergraduate Initiates:
Anna Sims
Alijiah Dumas
Ronni Potts
Elias Barco
Lincoln Maclean
Shannon Lukens
Amy Chandler
Rosario Davalos
Gordon Pugh
Andrew Cash

Honorary Members:
Oscar García Sánchez
Jessica Vosburgh
Dr. Shuying Rao Comes to UAB!

The Confucius Institute of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University (CIAAMU), an institution with its main goal of promoting Chinese language learning and cultural studies, started a partnership with the Chinese program at UAB in August 2017. Dr. Shuying Rao (pictured) from CIAAMU, formerly a university lecturer from Shanghai, China, has since been assigned to UAB, helping the Chinese program by providing tutoring sessions to students of Chinese courses, co-teaching one of the Chinese language and culture courses, hosting the Chinese Conversation Table, and co-organizing Chinese cultural events at UAB!

Mardi Gras Masquerade

DFLL students enjoyed the 2nd Annual Mardi Gras Masquerade on February 3.

We hope to see you there next year!

Arab Culture Day

Students gathered to celebrate Arab Culture Day in Dr. Sameh Asal’s Arabic 101 and 102 classes on February 8, 2018. Groups of students presented different aspects of Arab culture from several Arab countries!