I warmly invite all of you to join us for our Spring Open House on March 6 from 2:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Stop by to relax and mingle with peers and professors. Remember that this year we are rolling out our new Applied Professional Spanish major concentration. If you are interested in it, come to me or ask your language professor. Also, our FL major is now 39 credits and it may be a good fit for you as a first or second major. We also offer minors in Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and a certificate in Spanish for Specific Purposes. We offer introductory classes in Arabic and Italian too. See you at the Open House!

Go Blazers! — Julián Arribas, Chair
Language Clubs and Conversation Table News

**Latin American Cinema Today Film Fest**  
Sponsored by Pragda, Palomitas Film Club and the DFLL  
**Location:** Hill Alumni Theater

**Don’t Call Me Son** - March 5, 7:00-9:00 pm  
A film on identity and the aftermath of the Brazilian dictatorship.

**The Empty Classroom** - March 26, 7:00-9:30 pm  
A film on the reasons behind Latinx school drop out rate.

**The Companion** - April 2, 7:00-9:30 pm  
A cuban boxer cares for an HIV/AIDS patient.

**Panama Canal Stories** - April 11, 7:00-9:30 pm,  
Vignettes of life on the Panama Canal.

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**German Table Stammtisch**  
**Wednesdays,** March 20, April 10 -12:30-1:30,  
HB 424  
**Thursdays,** March 7, April 4 - 12:30-1:30  
Sterne Library Starbucks

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**French Conversation Table**  
March 6, March 20, April 3, April 17  
3:30 - 4:30 pm  
Sterne Library Starbucks

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**Japanese Conversation Table**  
March 8, 12:30 -1:30 pm  
March 27, 1:15-1:15 pm  
April 12, 12:30-1:30 pm  
HB 424 Conference Room

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**Chinese Conversation Table**  
Mondays, 12:30-13:30 pm  
Humanities Building 402  
**Special Event:** April 1  
Lunch at Commons on the Green

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Important Bsmart Announcement!

Scholarship offers will be made by the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in the first week of March. **Students accepting an offer must complete post-acceptance questions by April 1, 2019,** in order for the money to be disbursed. This is especially important for students who intend to apply award money to study abroad programs in the summer. **Failure to complete post-acceptance questions by April 1, 2019, may result in a forfeiture of your award.**

International Scholarships and Fellowships

**Fulbright U.S. Student Program** offers research, study and teaching opportunities in over 140 countries to recent graduates and graduate students. Contact: fellowships@uab.edu; Website: [https://us.fulbrightonline.org/](https://us.fulbrightonline.org/)

**Critical Language Scholarship** is an intensive overseas language and cultural immersion program for American students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. The program includes intensive language instruction and structured cultural enrichment experiences. Contact: fellowships@uab.edu; Website: [https://clscholarship.org/](https://clscholarship.org/).

**Boren Awards** provide undergraduate and graduate students with a unique opportunity to fund long-term, language-focused study and research abroad, and to launch careers in international affairs with the federal government. Contact: fellowships@uab.edu; Website: [https://www.borenawards.org](https://www.borenawards.org)

**The Benjamin Gilman International Scholarship** is a U.S. Department of State grant program that enables students of limited financial means to study or intern abroad. Contact: fellowships@uab.edu; Website: [https://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program](https://www.iie.org/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program)
Upcoming CULTURAL Events

“Cross-Cultural Pragmatics: Challenges and Implications of Teaching Japanese Politeness Strategies” (lecture)
Dr. Mariya Aida Niendorf, Dalarna University, Sweden
March 7, 3:30-4:30 pm, HHB 104

Cherry Blossom Festival
March 16, 10:00-4:00 pm, Birmingham Botanical Gardens (Free!)

Japanese Film: Like Father, Like Son
March 28, 6:30-8:45 pm, HHB 102

Poetry Night in Spanish
Sponsored by Sigma Delta Pi and Spanish Language Ambassadors
March 29, 5:30-6:30 pm Location: Adelante Alabama, Contact: jtmaddox@uab.edu

“N-grams of Google: A valuable tool for the Digital Humanities” (lecture)
Prof. José Miguel Lemus, Creighton University
April 2, 5:00-6:30 pm, Sterne 127

Alabama Asian Cultures Food Festival
Zamora Temple, 3521 Ratliff Road, Irondale
April 13, 10:00-4:00 pm

Japanese Film: Our Little Sister
April 8, 6:30-8:45 pm, HHB 102

UAB Expo for Undergraduate Research
Oral Presentations: April 18, 12:30-3:00 pm Hill Student Center
Poster Presentations: April 19, 10:15-12:30 pm Bartow Arena
Stop by as your schedule permits to support your Foreign Language peers who are presenting!

information at: https://www.uab.edu/cas/languages/
STUDY ABROAD NEWS
WHERE in the WORLD are our Language Students going this Summer?
Check it Out!

Taiwan, I-Shou University

Professor: Ling Ma
Courses: 2 Chinese language and culture

Program Fee: $1,852 (includes ISU tuition, accommodation, meals and field trips)
Scholarship Opportunities!
Contact: Prof. Ling Ma @ coltyma@uab.edu

Application Deadline: November 30, 2018
More information: UAB Education Abroad at https://educationabroad.uab.edu

Japan (Faculty-lead Program)

Professor: Yumi Takamiya
Dates: 6/12/2019 - 6/22/2019
Course: JPA 290 Urban Environments and Culture in Japan

Program Fee: $4,660 + tuition
Scholarship Opportunities!
Contact: Prof. Yumi Takamiya @ takamiya@uab.edu

Application Deadline: January 1st, 2019
More information: UAB Education Abroad at https://educationabroad.uab.edu

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Spain (Cuenca & Coruña)

Professor: Julián Arribas  
Courses: SPA 190 or SPA 290 or SPA 390 (3 credits)  

Program Fee: 2,350 euros (airfare not included)  
Scholarship Opportunities!  
Contact: Prof. Julian Arribas @ jarribas@uab.edu  

Application Deadline: March 1st, 2019  
More information: UAB Education Abroad at https://educationabroad.uab.edu

Spain -Way of Saint James / Camino de Santiago  
(Faculty-lead Program)

Professor: Julián Arribas  
Courses: FLL 120 (3 credits)  
Cities: Cuenca, Coruña, Santiago de Compostela  

Program Fee: 2,685 euros (airfare not included)  
Scholarship Opportunities!  
Contact: Prof. Julian Arribas @ jarribas@uab.edu  
Application Deadline: March 1st, 2019  
More information: UAB Education Abroad at https://educationabroad.uab.edu

Get your PASSPORT ready for next year!  
WHERE in the WORLD will YOU go next summer?

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Students in Dr. Erika Hille Rinker’s **FLL 120 SL Foreign Cultures Service Learning** course attended *A Stitch in Time*, a one-act play based on the story of Jewish dress designer and Holocaust victim Hedy Strnad, performed on Sunday, February 17, in the Reynolds-Kirschbaum Recital Hall of the Alys Stephens Center. Tickets to the play were generously provided by the Birmingham Holocaust Education Center. After the play, UAB FLL 120 students met with Apparel Design students from the University of Alabama to talk about their contemporary fashions inspired by Hedy Strnad’s sketches currently on display in the exhibition *Stitching History From the Holocaust* at UAB’s Abroms-Engel Institute for the Visual Arts.

On January 25, the **Omicron Mu chapter of the Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society** and the brand new **DFLL Spanish Language Ambassadors** held their induction. President Candace Cooper presented a photographic homage to former faculty advisor Dr. Orihuela. Afterwards, members and their families had dinner at La Perla Nayarita, an authentic Mexican Restaurant. Inductee Ariana Wetter could not attend because she was in Spain. Spanish-speaking lawyer Nathan Harris and professor Delores Carlito were recognized. SDP Officers: Candace Cooper, Ramiro Bautista, Gordon Pugh, and Lincoln MacLean. SDP Inductees: María Granados, Madasyn Goolsby, Morgan Peach, Lauren Bryan, Amanda Henson, Ashley Bradford Crow, and Ariana Wetter. SLA inductees: Cristina Bolton, Bresia Boyd, Erin King, Aimee Knott, Tanvi Kumar, Kyla Luechtfeld, Vaughn Petty, and Vyshi Rallapalle. Thank you to the family, friends, and faculty who attended.

On February 17, **PROF. SANDRINE HOPE** was recognized by the Alabama Association of Teachers of French for her effort and enthusiasm in teaching French in the State of Alabama.