

DFLL NEWS

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New DFLL Website!

The "go-to" place to find out about language programs, class schedules, scholarships, languages clubs, study abroad, service-learning and internship opportunities, placement test, upcoming events or your professors! Find us at:

www.uab.edu/cas/languages

DFLL Open House

Join us for our Fall DFLL Open House on **Homecoming Week, Monday, October 17, 2:00 pm** in HB 4th floor. Bring your friends!

DFLL Blazer Spirit

Calling all language students! We need you to help decorate the DFLL for Homecoming 2016! Let's show that our **Blazer Spirit is multilingual and multicultural!** Those interested in collaborating, please contact Prof. Erika Rinker at: ehrinker@uab.edu.

DFLL Scholarships

Need some extra help to finance tuition, books or study abroad program? Apply for a scholarship! There are many opportunities for our DFLL students. See them at www.uab.edu/cas/languages/student-resources

Apply through the UAB BSmart website at: uab.academicworks.com



Students with artist Chemi Seijo-Rosado in La Perla, Old San Juan, Puerto Rico in May 2016: Kaitlyn Allen, Savannah Ferch, Prof. Maddox, Drue Benefield, Cayla Hamilton, Meredith Schertzing, Alex Otto, Emma Schroer, Jasmine Foreman, Shannon Lukens, Susan Boyd, Chemi Seijo-Rosado.

Welcome to Our Students

Benvenuto 歡迎 Bienvenidos Bienvenue 欢迎 Willkommen

We very much look forward to a strong and enriching academic year at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures. We invite you to browse this newsletter to learn about wonderful scholarship opportunities, study abroad programs, Open House, languages clubs, upcoming events, student achievements, Homecoming and more! -

Julián Arribas, Chair



Language Clubs News

La Tertulia Spanish Table

Mondays at 2:30 pm
Starbucks (Sterne Library)
Sept 12-Nov 14
Info: centeno@uab.edu

Palomitas Spanish Film Club

Sept 14, 7:30-9:00 pm
The Ballad of Esequiel Hernández
HUC Alumni Theater
Sept 21 6:00-8:30 pm
César Chávez
HUC Alumni Theater
Info: jtmaddox@uab.edu

Japanese Conversation Table

Sept 8, 2:00-3:00 pm HB424
Sept 23, 1:00-2:00 pm HB424
Info: takamiya@uab.edu

Chinese Conversation Table

Fridays Sept 9-Dec 9
2:30-3:30 pm Sterne Library
Dean's Conference Room
Info: coltyma@uab.edu

El Club de Español

Calling all Spanish students to
fill in Officer positions!
Interested? Contact
Prof. Mayoral at:
mayoralh@uab.edu

The French Club

Thur Sept 15, 6 pm
HB 424
Info: mbond@uab.edu

New Online Minor Program

The **Minor in Spanish for Business** is perfect for students majoring in business, international studies, engineering, criminal justice, accounting and finance, communication studies, government, and social work. It is also a great option for local professionals. Course topics include Spanish for the professions, translation, interpretation, conversation, composition and business contexts. Declare today on BlazerNet! Information at: www.uab.edu/cas/languages

DFLL 2016 OUTSTANDING STUDENT AWARDS



Ryan P. Miller - Foreign Languages & Literatures, and Spanish

Savannah F. Strickland - Chinese

Kim Burleson - French

John S. Hutchison - German

Marsha Holley - Italian

George T. Northen - Japanese

Michael Steinkampf - Spanish for Specific Purposes

Travis Lett - DFLL Spirit Award

DFLL 2016 VIDEO CONTEST WINNERS

“UAB Leads with Languages: The Key to Global Awareness”

1st Place: *Mark A. Merritt*

2nd Place: *Victor A. Englert*

3rd Place: *Marlee K. Townsend*

Winning video at: www.uab.edu/cas/languages/academic-programs

STUDYABROAD 2017 News

The DFLL will sponsor summer study abroad programs to **Tokyo (Japan)**, **Paris (France)** and **Salamanca (Spain)** in 2017. Interested? Please, contact Prof. Takamiya (takamiya@uab.edu) for Tokyo, Prof. Bond (mbond@uab.edu) for Paris, and Prof. Arribas (jarribas@uab.edu) for Salamanca. Visit our website at: www.uab.edu/cas/languages. Application deadlines are approaching, so do not miss this opportunity by contacting your professor today!

STUDYABROAD 2016 HIGHLIGHTS

UAB in China with Prof. Ling Ma in May 2016

DFLL's First Service Learning Class in Puerto Rico May 2016

In May 2016 ten Blazers went to Puerto Rico with Prof. John Maddox for a Spanish and Service Learning program. Their experience included language and culture classes at the University of Turabo and a hands-on service project that the class planned, implemented, and discussed through the lenses of social sciences, pedagogy, and literature.

The UAB students painted murals that children can draw on in chalk, played sports with the area's youth, and created a community garden.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The DFLL is constantly sponsoring multicultural events to enrich and broaden our students' education and to make it more fun as well. Your professors may announce these events in class or on your Canvas course calendar, so always be on the lookout. But, where else should you look for information on these unique events? Five places:

1. The DFLL Website (under "Calendar")
2. The bulletin boards located in the DFLL main hallway (HB 4th floor)
3. The DFLL monthly newsletter such as this one
4. Facebook @uab.languages
5. Twitter @UAB_DFLL

Hispanic Heritage 2016 ¡CELEBRACIÓN! Sept 9- Oct 26

Enjoy numerous events all over UAB and the Birmingham area to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage month. Music, art, dance, exhibits, lectures, colloquia... there is something for everyone to enjoy! For a full calendar of events visit <http://www.alysstephens.org/events/celebracion/>

Calling DFLL Student Volunteers!

The DFLL is hosting the colloquium **"Black Resistance and Negotiation in Latin America Colloquium: Runaway Slave Communities", 7-8 October 2016 (at AEIVA)**. Come learn about the African presence in Latin America from internationally-recognized experts, including professors and UNESCO representatives. The interdisciplinary colloquium examines maroon communities in Latin America in an effort to reassess the concept of "maroonage," escaping slavery, negotiation with slave-based and racist systems, and resistance against oppression from colonial times to the new context of our globalized world.

If you would like to help during the colloquium, we need you! Please, contact Prof. John Maddox at jtmaddox@uab.edu. Learn more at: <https://my.vanderbilt.edu/runawayslavecommunities/>

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