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Departmental Lecture (Reminder)

The Department of German at Vanderbilt University and our own Department of Foreign Languages present a lecture by **Prof. Justus Fetscher** on “**Interweaving Europe: The Continent as Lived and Conceived by Elias Canetti**” on Friday 10 April at 1:30 p.m. in 109 Dunn Hall. Professor Fetscher will focus on the concept of Europe, in light of two experiences of the persecution of European Jewry (Spain, 1492, and Germany, 1933), and its relation to Canetti’s program of negotiating cultures. Everyone is welcome.

Brazilian Cultural Event

“**Taste Brazil: A Celebration of Brazilian Culture in Memphis**” will take place Sunday 19 April, from 6 p.m. to midnight, at Itta-Bena Restaurant (above B.B. King on Beale Street). The event will feature a sample of Brazilian snacks, a performance of *capoeira*, and dancing to various styles of music, including samba and funk. Tickets are \$5 each (children under twelve, free). For more information please contact Itta Bena’s at 578-3031 or Taste Brazil Organization at 340-7237.

Pi Delta Phi (French Honor Society)

Errol M. O’Neill and Jan Starczewski would like to thank everyone who helped make the Pi Delta Phi (French Honor Society) initiation ceremony a great success. Last Friday’s ceremony at the International House, which celebrated the initiation of 18 new members (including 12 undergraduates, 5 graduate students, and 1 honorary membership), was well attended by inductees, their families and friends, and French faculty. Thank you to faculty for nominating your best and brightest students, and congratulations once again to all our new members!

Faculty and Student Activities

Jaime M. Ferrán presented a paper, “**Un musulmán cuenta la historia medieval: *Novísima Oda a Barcelona* de José Agustín Goytisolo,**” at the Symposium on Orientalism in Spanish and Spanish American Literature and Film, at Florida International University, Miami, 4 April.

Allie Mariano, undergraduate French major, has been offered a **teaching assistantship** in Nantes, France.

Ivan Ortega-Santos presented the co-authored paper “**Why Ellipsis after Focus Movement?**” (with M. Yoshida and C. Nakao) at the 39th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL 39) at the University of Arizona, 26–29 March.

Wanted: Interpreters

Open Communications International (www.accessoci.com) seeks interpreters for on-site interpreting in Memphis as well as for over the phone. Interpreters are needed in all languages, especially the following: Spanish, Arabic, Chinese Cantonese, Vietnamese, Farsi, Armenian, Korean, Laos, Tagalog, Hmong, and Thai. The majority of assignments would be in medical settings, though some other sorts of assignments are possible. Please contact Sally Bebawy, Human Resources Manager, at (615) 932-6050, or s.bebawy@accessoci.com.

Submissions to *Gazette*

Please e-mail submissions to William Hendel at whendel@memphis.edu.