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Reminder

The latest edition of the *MLA Job List* is now in the departmental office.

Message from the Chair

I would like to express a belated word of thanks to **Dora Berry** who, as Chair of the Language Fair committee this year, saved the Department nearly \$3,000 as a result of her exceptional fund-raising activity.

–Ralph Albanese

International House: Encourage your students to apply for residency!

The deadline for applications to live in the International House this coming Fall has been **extended to Monday 11 May**. All faculty and graduate students are strongly encouraged to promote the International House to their students and advisees, inside and outside the classroom, and to urge students to apply for residency. You can find brochures and applications in the department's mail room. Any questions can be directed to **William Hendel** (whendel@memphis.edu) or **Heike Polster** (hpolster@memphis.edu).

Judaic Studies

The University Libraries, the Friends of the Libraries, and the Bornblum Judaic Studies Program present “**Modern Jewish Classics**,” a series of **free public discussions moderated by David Patterson**. The series concludes Monday 27 April, with a discussion of **Abraham Joshua Heschel's *I Asked for Twilight***. The discussion takes place in the McWherter Library, Room 226, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

Faculty and Student Activities

Shannon Hayes, one of our triple foreign language majors, was one of four U of M students who interned at the **Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars** in Washington, D.C. A senior in international studies and political science as well, Ms. Hayes was placed with a non-governmental, nonprofit organization called the **Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress**, where she did “think tank work,” she said.

Patrick McFadden, Classics instructor, has been awarded a \$500 **professional support stipend** through the **Fresh Connections** learning communities program.

Iván Ortega-Santos's paper, “On Incrementality, Overt Agreement, Theta-Roles and Spec,Head Relations in the Phase-Based Framework” has been published in **Kleanthes K. Grohmann, ed., *Explorations of Phase Theory: Features and Arguments*** (Berlin: Mouton de Gruyter, 2009), 87–106.

Will Thompson has received a **grant** in the amount of \$600 from the Cultural Services of the French Embassy in the U.S. to support “**Célébrons le français,**” an awards ceremony for area high school students to be held on 5 May.

Dr. Thompson also presented “**A comparative analysis of current business French textbooks**” and was part of a panel titled “**Research forum on the state of the art in the teaching of intercultural competencies and languages for business communication**” at the 2009 CIBER Business Language Conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

Ralph Albanese gave a presentation at the annual Great Conversations event sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences. His topic was “**The Language Crisis: The Viability and Growth of Tennessee.**”

Call for Papers

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures of the University of West Georgia invites abstracts and panel proposals from scholars in a variety of humanities fields for its 2009 **Interdisciplinary Conference on History and Fiction**, at the Cultural Arts Center in Carrollton, Georgia, 12–14 November 2009. Please submit one-page abstracts or panel proposals to Dr. Julia Farmer (jfarmer@westga.edu) by 1 May. For more information, please visit <http://www.westga.edu/~forlang/>.

Submissions to *Gazette*

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