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Message from the Chair

Sincere thanks to the entire instructional staff, our undergraduate and graduate students, and especially the members of the Language Fair committee—Sara Cepeda, Jay Durbin, Sue Johnson, Fatima Nogueira, Errol O’Neill, Junko Tokuda, Lan Zang, and notably Dora Berry who chaired the committee and did a great job in planning for this event—for making our 18th Annual Language Fair a success!

—*Ralph Albanese*

Departmental Lecture

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.

French Film Festival

Will Thompson and Denis D. Gr  le would like to thank all of you who contributed to make the French Film Festival a great success. We were gratified by the large number of attendees at all of the showings, and in fact, more than seventy people joined us for the final film in the series this past Wednesday.

Japanese Cultural Event (Reminder)

The Consulate-General of Japan at Nashville, the U of M, and the Japan Outreach Initiative join in presenting a **Japanese Movie Night**. ***Zen: The Life of Dogen*** will be shown Wednesday 8 April, in the Psychology Auditorium, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (doors will open at 5:30 p.m.). Admission is free. The film will be preceded by a brief introduction on the history of Zen Buddhism, presented by U of M professor Catherine Phipps. For further information, please contact Sachiko Matsushita at smtsshta@memphis.edu.

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The **22nd Annual Faculty Convocation** will take place Wednesday 29 April, at 2 p.m., in the Michael D. Rose Theatre. President Shirley Raines and Provost Ralph Faudree will honor U of M faculty for their contributions in research, teaching, and advising.

Faculty Activities

Monika Nenon presented the paper, “**That Awful, Accursed Money—So Necessary, So Superfluous: On the Function of Money in Lessing’s *Nathan the Wise*,**” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Eighteenth-Century Studies (ASECS) in Richmond, Virginia, 26–29 March.

Fatima Nogueira’s article “**Modernidade e tradição no ‘país do desconcerto’: Uma leitura sociocultural de *Memórias sentimentais de João Miramar*”** appeared in the *Arizona Journal of Hispanic Cultural Studies* 12 (2008): 45–63.

Submissions to *Gazette*

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