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Circolo Italiano

Thursday 19 March, at 3:30 p.m., the Circolo Italiano presents a screening of **Amelio's *La stella che non c'è* (*The Star That Isn't*, 2006, 102 minutes)**: Vincenzo, the maintenance manager of a steel mill in Bagnoli, is charged with the responsibility of shutting down the plant and selling the molten metal to the Chinese. After having realized that the Chinese had been sold a defective machine, Vincenzo leaves for China where, accompanied by an interpreter, Liu Hua, he will try to track down the plant and fix the machine. The film, shown in Italian with English subtitles, will be presented in Room 226 of the McWherter Library, and will be preceded by a brief presentation by Cosetta Gaudenzi.

College of Arts and Sciences

The deadline to submit an application for the College of Arts and Sciences **Summer 2009 Travel Enrichment Funds** (both faculty and students) is Monday 16 March. Applications can be dropped off in Sharon Harber's office, 107B Scates, until 4:30 p.m.

Due to spring break, the deadline to submit a nomination for the **Early Career Research Award** for the 2008-2009 academic year has been extended to Friday 20 March. Each recipient of the ECRA will receive a plaque in recognition of his/her academic achievement and a monetary award of \$250.00. All nominations must be delivered to Sharon Harber in 107B Scates.

The College of Arts and Sciences solicits nominations for the **Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student** for 2008-2009. This award, to be presented at the Honors Assembly on 26 April, will recognize an undergraduate student who has displayed outstanding academic achievement, as well as strong leadership, character, scholarship, and contribution to department and campus activities. The combined application materials should be delivered to Will Thompson, 107 Scates Hall, no later than Friday 27 March.

Nominations for the **CAS Outstanding Clerical and Outstanding Administrative Professional Awards** should be submitted to Sharon Harber in 107B Scates, by Friday 3 April.

Faculty and Staff Travel Seminar

The **Study Abroad trip to China**, offered at a reasonable cost, will take place 11–23 May and will feature visits to Shanghai, Suzhou, Wuhan, Guilin, Guangzhou, and Hong Kong. This travel seminar is open to all U of M faculty and staff. Details on the trip are available at <http://www.memphis.edu/abroad/FDSChina.php>. For more information please contact the Study Abroad Office at studyabroad@memphis.edu or the program director, Dr. Hsiang-te Kung, at hkung@memphis.edu.

German Club/International House

The German Club is presenting a **German Movie Night** on Thursday 19 March, at 7 p.m., at the International House.

Judaic Studies

Bornblum Judaic Studies presents “**From Rabbis and Rambos to Reality: Israel’s Contributions to Humanity**,” a presentation by **Larry Weinberg**, Executive Vice-President of Israel21c—the second in a three-part series on Israel. The event will be held Sunday 15 March at 2 p.m., at the Memphis Jewish Community Center, 6560 Poplar Avenue.

Faculty Activities

David Patterson has been honored by the Alumni Association with this year’s **Award for Distinguished Research in the Humanities**.

Heike Polster presented her paper, “**Heterochronic Visions: Imag(in)ing History and the Present**,” at the Northeast MLA conference in Boston, 26 February–1 March.

Ralph Albanese’s article, “**Critique universitaire et discours scolaire sous la Troisième République : le cas Racine**,” has been accepted for publication by the *Revue d’Histoire littéraire de la France*.

Submissions to *Gazette*

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