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NEW FACULTY FOR THE FALL

Foreign Languages and Literatures will be welcoming two new full-time, tenure-track faculty members this fall: in the Spanish section, BELÉN ATIENZA, and in the German section, DANIEL JIRO TANAKA.

Prof. Atienza is a graduate of the Universitat Autònoma in Barcelona, and received her doctorate at Princeton. She is primarily a scholar of Spanish Golden Age literature, but her interests extend to many other fields: women's studies, comparative studies (Spain, Colonial Latin America, Italy, and Catalonia) and the performing arts (theater, cinema). She has been invited to participate in "ProLope," the editing and publishing of Lope de Vega's plays by a group of scholars and philologists in Barcelona. She has also been asked to contribute to a dictionary of Lope's motifs, edited by Joan Aleza at the University of Valencia.

Prof. Tanaka did his graduate work in German at Princeton University. His teaching interests include modern European intellectual history, modernist literature, poetry, literary theory and German language. He is currently expanding his dissertation—on Kant and Neo-Kantianism in the early work of Walter Benjamin—into a book-length study of early twentieth century aesthetic thought. His other interests include Herman Melville, music theory, and piano playing.

We all look forward to welcoming these two outstanding scholars in the fall.

WORCESTER'S 8TH LATINO FILM FESTIVAL AT CLARK

The 8th edition of the Worcester Latino Film Festival will take place on the Clark Campus from Tuesday, April 8 through Sunday, April 13th. Sponsored in part by the Foreign Languages Department, the Screen Studies Program and the Higgins School of Humanities, with the cooperation of Cinema 320, this year's festival boasts award-winning films from Spain, Mexico and the U. S., and the presence of Néstor Miranda, director of *Destination Unknown*, at a special "Director's Showcase" screening on Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. All the films selected have previously been shown at international film festivals. None has had a commercial release in the U.S. Of special note are two early Mexican comedies by Carlos Carrera, nominated for this year's Oscar for *The Crime of Padre Amaro*.

Festival screenings will take place in Jefferson Academic Center 320, but a rotation of screenings of all films will also be held at the Razzo Auditorium of the new Traina Center for the Arts (92 Downing Street). The film series consists of five films shown in multiple screenings at the two theaters. Please see screening schedule below for more details.

As in previous years, the Latino Festival involves the cooperation of a variety of individuals and organizations from beyond the Worcester area. This year's supporters include The Puerto Rican Federal Affairs Administration for the presentation of Néstor Miranda's award-winning film, *Destination Unknown*; Desert Mountain Media of Tucson Arizona, for permission to present Mexican films by the Oscar-nominated director, Carlos Carrera; and La Iguana Productions of Madrid, for their assistance in making available a copy of the award-winning Spanish film, *Flores de otro mundo*.

For more information about the screenings, and the participation of Néstor Miranda, please contact the Foreign Languages Department, (508) 793-7234 or e-mail Zmoskalew@clarku.edu.

Destino desconocido/Destination Unknown

U.S., 1997

Néstor Miranda

Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. - Cinema 320,
followed by a discussion with the director.

Also Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. - Razzo Hall

Two Latino cousins on a mission to fulfill their dreams in New York amid discrimination and their very different outlooks on life.

La mujer de Benjamín/Benjamin's Woman

Mexico, 1992

Carlos Carrera

Wednesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. – Razzo Hall

Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. – Cinema 320

Old bachelor Benjamin's unrequited love for the beautiful and young Natividad leads to his plan to make her fall in love with him.

La vida conyugal/Married Life

Mexico, 1993

Carlos Carrera

Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. – Razzo Hall

Sunday, April 13 at 4:00 p.m. – Cinema 320

When love dies in her perfect marriage with Nicolás, Jacqueline plans "divorce, Mexican style," but finds some unexpected surprises in this black comedy.

Cilantro y perejil/Cilantro and Parsley

Mexico, 1996

Rafael Montero

Thursday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. – Cinema 320

Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 p.m. – Razzo Hall

Mexico's recent economic crisis causes marital strife, which is resolved in unpredictable and comic ways. A charming contemporary comedy.

Flores de otro mundo/Flowers from Another World

Spain, 2000

Icíar Bollaín

Tuesday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. – Cinema 320

Saturday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. – Cinema 320

Bachelors in a provincial Spanish village seek partners from the Caribbean. Three bittersweet tales of loneliness and love involving Cubans, Dominicans and Spaniards are interwoven in this film that won a special audience award at the Cannes Film Festival.

FACULTY NOTES

Instructor of Spanish INGRID MATOS-NIN has had another article, "El concepto del demonio en María de Zayas," accepted by the journal *Tropos* at Michigan State. She will read this paper this May at the University of Cincinnati's Romance Languages and Literatures Conference, hosted by the *Cincinnati Romance Review*.

ALUMNI NOTES

NATALYA STOLOVA (Spanish '96) is completing her Ph.D. in Romance Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. She has accepted a tenure-track position at Colgate University in Hamilton, NY, beginning this fall.

JUAN ROJO (Spanish '97) is finishing his Ph.D. in Latin American Studies at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. He has accepted a tenure-track position at Simon's Rock College of Bard in Great Barrington, MA, to begin this September.

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