



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

Welcome Lina Quiroz, our new Staff Assistant!

The Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature is extremely pleased to welcome Lina Quiroz, our new Staff Assistant!

Lina will be helping undergraduate students and faculty navigate our Spanish courses and requirements. She will also assist in all matters related to the new Native American Indigenous Studies (NAIS) initiative, housed in our Department.

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Ahmed Abdullah '26 (Dental School) Celebrates his Spanish Minor!

"As a former student in the Spanish minor, I'm happy to say that my experiences in Spanish classes have made me a more well rounded and educated person. While working in the dental clinic, I have been asked to speak with a patient in Spanish. And the skills

of fluency and linguistic navigation I learned from the Department's great professors have been massive. I recently thought, "wow, in clinic, I use my Spanish classes on a day to day basis WAY more than I use my biology classes."

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Undergraduate News

Spanish Major and Athlete Carlos Santos Represents Stony Brook and El Salvador



Before coming to Stony Brook, Carlos Santos had already won several medals in New York State track competitions. Born on Long Island to Salvadoran parents, Carlos, one of our undergraduate students, not only represents our university but since 2022, is taking the enormous challenge of representing El Salvador. In 2023, he won a bronze medal in the Men's 3,000-meter Steeplechase in San Salvador and is currently training to represent this great Central American nation in the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris. Congratulations, Carlos!

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HLL Recognized for Excellent Undergraduate Success Rate!

100.0%

6-year graduation rate

4.12

Avg. years to degree

The Office of Educational Effectiveness recently reported that our Department has a success rate of 100% in the "6-year graduation rate." The average amount of years to graduate in our BA program averages 4.12 years! Seventy two percent of our graduates work in the New York area after two years of graduation. Congratulations to all students, faculty and staff!

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Graduate News

PhD Candidate Omar Badessi Awarded

Our doctoral candidate Omar Badessi received the prestigious President's Award for Nurturing a Welcoming, Inclusive Campus Culture, Fall 2023.



Chief Diversity Officer Judi Brown Clarke, Omar Badessi and President Maurie D. McInnis at the Stony Awards ceremony held at the beautiful Flowerfield in St. James last November.

Group Visited Fordham University's Lipani Gallery

Prof. Javier Uriarte and our doctoral students visited the exhibition "Chile: Dignidad, 1973-2023", by the New York-based artist María Verónica San Martín (Santiago, 1981) at Fordham University's Lipani Gallery. Our students walked through the exhibition, guided by the curator, Prof. Carl Fischer (Fordham University), and the artist herself.

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Lecturer Zaida Corniel's New Publication



"Mondogo Scam/Ay Fefa, Where is the Wind?," two plays by authors Claudio Mir and our lecturer Zaida Corniel, were recently edited by scholar Camilla Stevens (Rutgers University) and published by NoPassport Press in 2023.

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International Workshop on Spanish Press in the 19th Century



Prof. Aurélie Vialette co-organized a colloquium on Gender Violence, with an international research group funded by the Spanish Ministry of Culture "Género, violencia y representación. Los textos de creación en la prensa femenina peninsular (1848-1918)." The event opened with a conversation between our emeritus faculty Dr. Lou Charnon-Deutsch and Prof. Vialette.

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Prof. Roncero López Presents at the University of Bologna (Italy)



Prof. Roncero López presented his research at the Università di Bologna (Italy) on "Don Juan José de Austria frente al duque de Medinaceli," during the International Conference Protesta y sátira política en el Siglo de Oro, Bologna, Università di Bologna (Italy), June 2023.

FALL 2023 FAHSS AWARDS

We are happy to announce that in Fall 2023, three of our professors were awarded Stony Brook University fellowships from the College of Arts and Sciences, Faculty in the Arts, Humanities and lettered Social Sciences (FAHSS):

Prof. Fernando Loffredo will be conducting Field and archival work on the Andes (Cusco and Arequipa, Peru, June 2023), with a group of our doctoral students.

Prof. Víctor Roncero López to publish his study and scholarly edition of Pedro Calderón de la Barca's play, *El Hombre pobre todo es trazas* (1637).

Prof. Aurélie Vialette will be conducting research in Spain and France on the topic of "Disability in the Nineteenth-Century Spanish Colonial Law."

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2023 Day of the Dead / Día de Los Muertos and Calaveritas Contest!

On November 2, 2023 our Department and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS) celebrated this traditional event with more than 900 Calaveritas (poems in Spanish) written by HLL students. We acknowledged their hard work with awards for the best Calaveritas.



Portuguese Language and Brazilian Culture on the Rise!



Thanks to our students and the great work of our visiting faculty Dr. Monica P. Vicentini, appointed with the sponsorship of the Brazilian Ministry of Education [Leitorado](#) Program, our Portuguese language and Brazilian culture classes offerings are growing fast.

Dr. Monica Vicentini organizes language and book clubs and film festivals on campus, as well as diverse activities in New York city for all interested Stony Brook students. Keep an eye on our [events!](#)

Resources for faculty and students support and strengthen the educational experience. The Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature depends on our alumni and friends to expand field opportunities for our students and provide seed money for senior honors theses and summer research experiences.

Your generosity, whether it's the renewal of your support or the decision to give for the first time, allows us to do what we do best – innovative, creative research and teaching that's the hallmark of a great public research university. I hope you'll consider investing in our students and faculty by [making a gift today](#) or speaking with [Michael D'Ambrosio](#), Senior Director of Development, College of Arts and Sciences, at (631) 632-4061.



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