

SPANISH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER 2020/21 ACADEMIC YEAR

BOLETÍN DEL DEPARTAMENTO DE ESPAÑOL DE AMHERST COLLEGE

QUARANTINE SCHOOL YEAR

As campus life was reconfigured by the new pandemic distancing guidelines, the Spanish Department discovered new ways to build community during the 2020/21 academic year.

Many classes met virtually over Zoom as students were scattered across the globe. The senior capstone class was divided between in-person and distance learning. Cultural events were also held virtually, including the Spanish table events and special gatherings organized by the Spanish Department TAs.

Below is a photo of the Spanish majors dinner on May 20th, the only on-campus event attended by both professors and students this academic year. Despite the challenges, there were many bright moments to remember and we look forward to returning to more in-person gatherings during the upcoming school year.



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Congratulations to our graduating seniors!



**Maddie
Conner**

**EveAngelista
De Muheto**

**Kata
Heffron**

**Sara
Kaufman**

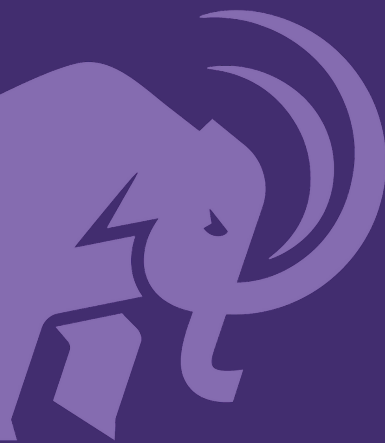


**Dana
Kulma**

**Alyson
Plaman**

**Jordan
Rhodeman**

**Camilo
Toruño**



**Javier
Whitaker-Castañeda**

**Marina
Zambrano**

Click [here](#) to view the online portfolios of the class of '21

Department Announcements

**Welcome to our New
Faculty Member!**



Professor Sarah M. Piazza
Department Lecturer



Professor Paul A. Schroeder
Rodríguez has been promoted to
the R. John Cooper '64
Presidential Teaching
Professorship

New Collaboration Initiative with the CCE

The Spanish Department has partnered with the Amherst College Center for Community Engagement for an initiative that is underwritten by a Davis Educational Foundation Grant and an Andrew W. Mellon Grant. Programming will begin in the 2021/22 school year and the initiative will develop experiential learning and community engagement opportunities throughout the Spanish Department curriculum.

Department Announcements



Professor Sony Coráñez Bolton has been reappointed and awarded a Trustee Faculty Fellowship to conduct a sabbatical for the 2021-22 academic year

¡Student Awards!

Pedro Grases Prize for Excellence in Spanish

Sara Kaufman ('21)

Camilo Toruño ('21)

Spanish Prize in Creativity

Dana Kulma ('21)

Alyson Plaman ('21)

Spanish Prize in Intellectual Merit

EveAngelista De Muheto ('21)

Jordan Rhodeman ('21)

Our TAs will return for another semester!



Our Fulbright TAs (Emilia Farías, Kevin Mafla, and Carlos Pech Guzmán), have worked hard to host interactive activities despite the challenging virtual conditions. They will all return, in-person this time, for an additional semester in Fall 2021!

Faculty Publication Highlights 2020-21

Professor Sara Brenneis

- "Galleries of Language: Maker-Centered Learning and the Foreign Language Classroom." CALICO. Co-authored with Jaya Kannan and Sanam Nader-Esfahani, Vol. 38.1 (2021).
- "Research on Lockdown: Digital Scholarship in Madrid during the Pandemic." Bulletin for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, Vol. 45, No. 1 (2020), 109-23.

Professor Carmen Granda

- "Reimagining Extracurricular Activities during a Pandemic." FLTMAG (November 2020)

Professor Catherine Infante

- Infante, Catherine. "La Virgen de Montserrat entre cristianos y musulmanes: el caso de "El esclavo de su esclavo" de Mariana de Carvajal." *Sharq Al-Andalus: Estudios Mudéjares y Moriscos* 22 (2017-2018 [2020]): 185-99.

Professor Sarah Piazza

- Piazza, Sarah. "La esclavitud abyecta y la autorepresentación en retratos literarios de amamantadoras afropuertorriqueñas". *Afro-Hispanic Review*, volumen 39.*

*Will be published in summer 2021

Professor Paul Schroeder Rodríguez

- "Perdonar sin olvidar: el difícil proceso de paz en Colombia a través del documental." *Latin American Research Review* 56.1 (2021): 233-241. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25222/larr.1453>
- "Double repetitions in Memories of Underdevelopment / La doble repetición en Memorias del subdesarrollo." *Tecmerin. Revista de Ensayos Audiovisuales*, 6.3 (2021). ISSN: 2659-4269. <https://tecmerin.uc3m.es/revista-6-4/>

Professor Ilan Stavans

- *Popol Vuh: A Retelling* <https://restlessbooks.org/bookstore/popol-vuh>
- *Selected Translations: Poems 2000-2020* <https://upittpress.org/books/9780822966609/>
- *Jewish Literature: A Very Short Introduction* *Oxford University Press*.

Department Events

First Annual Spanish Department Alumni Event

Professor Carmen Granda organized a virtual event to connect department alumni and current students. The event took place on April 15th and is the first instance of what may be an annual event for the department.

Thank you to all the attendees, especially the alumni who imparted their valuable career advice.



Students attended a Lotería night in May of 2021.



Spanish Table was hosted in Fall 2020 by the senior Spanish majors on Valentine Quad, then virtually hosted by the Spanish TAs in Spring 2021.



Follow the Spanish Department on Instagram @amherstmamuts for more updates.