



December 2023

# LANGUAGES & CULTURES

DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

## Important Dates

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**Dec 10 – Dec 22**

Mid-year examination period

**Dec 23 – Jan 3**

University closed

**Jan 8, 2024**

- Classes resume
- Last day to pay Graduate winter term tuition (1st installment)

**Jan 16, 2024**

Last day to add or drop a second-term 0.5 course or a second-term full (1.0) course

**Feb 16, 2024**

Last day to submit your photo(s) for the Photo Contest

## Upcoming Events

**Languages & Cultures**

**Submission Deadline**  
4 p.m. on February 16, 2024

**Photo Contest 2024**

Scan here for details!

Western Arts & Humanities

## Conversation Groups

**ITALIAN CONVERSATION GROUP: CLUB DI CONVERSAZIONE**

Reoccurring every Wednesday. Contact Teresa at [teresa.aconito@gmail.com](mailto:teresa.aconito@gmail.com) for more information.

**SPANISH CONVERSATION GROUP: LA TERTULIA**

Reoccurring every Tuesday. Contact Valeria at [vmendezd@uwo.ca](mailto:vmendezd@uwo.ca) for more information.



## Awards, Publications & Talks

### Adamson, Melitta

- “From the *Taqwīm al-ṣiḥḥa* and *Taqwīm al-abdān* to the *Schachtafelen der Gesuntheit*: A Culinary Journey in Text and Image.” Middle East and North Africa Research Group at UWO. November 23, 2023

### de Looze, Laurence

- Recipient of the Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award, one of the new Western Research Excellence Awards

### Martinez Loyola, Richard (Graduate student)

- His Project “Quetzalcoatl in Children’s Mythology” was chosen as one of the five winners of 2023 Western Libraries Undergraduate Library Research Awards

### Devo Colis, Alba

Forthcoming publications:

- “Colonizing Monsters and Decolonizing Beasts: The Case of Mariana Enríquez’s *Our Share of Night*” (Chapter in the book: *Fantastic, Mythical, and Legendary Beasts of the Hispanic World*)
- “Interculturality and Gender in Spanish as a Foreign Language Class through Women’s Literature” (Book’s chapter in: */K/cultura e interculturalidad en la clase de lengua/literatura español*)

### Second Language Acquisition and Multilingualism Lab

- Sierra, E., Martinez Loyola, G., Kimura, T., Stevenson, R., Rao, R. & Rafat, Y. (2023). The effect of context of learning on the perception of Spanish lexical stress by Japanese-speaking learners. *Journal of Speech Sciences*.

<https://econtents.bc.unicamp.br/inpec/index.php/joss?searchPage=3>



## DID YOU KNOW?



December 22 is  
the day with the  
longest night in  
2023.

This day is  
celebrated in  
Japanese Culture  
as "Touji"



## Awards, Publications & Talks Cont.

### Wolff, Victoria F.

- Presented a research paper at the 76th Annual Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association Convention (October 12-14, 2023) held in Golden, Colorado, USA. She was also part of the Special Topics Panel "All Things Adaptations."
- She also Chaired one of the General Topics Sessions on "Literature for Children and Young Adults."

## Outreach Events

Our department participated **Fall Preview** and the Cultural Showcase of **International Week**.

## Featured Courses

- **Study Spanish in Cuba and Earn Western Credits:** Information Sessions will be held on January 18 & February 13. Contact [icolgiu@uwo.ca](mailto:icolgiu@uwo.ca) for more details.
- **Interdisciplinary Insights: Exploring Coding in Digital Humanities**  
The University's latest news (<https://news.westernu.ca/2023/11/western-programming-course/>) spotlighted the exceptional impact and achievements arising from the course Digital Humanities 1011A: Programming my Digital Life offered by Professor Yadira Lizama-Mué. The course bridges the gap between disciplines, inviting students from diverse academic backgrounds to explore the practical application of coding in real-life scenarios. It emphasizes problem-solving and analysis while fostering a collaborative coding community through an online forum. Student testimonials echo the course's interdisciplinary impact, empowering them to wield coding across diverse fields.