



October 2023

# LANGUAGES & CULTURES

## DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

### Important Dates

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#### October 1

Graduate Program applications open

#### Oct 30- Nov 5, 2023

Fall Reading Week\*

#### Nov 13, 2023

Last day to withdraw from a first-term half (0.5) course or a first-term full (1.0) course without academic penalty\*

#### Nov 30, 2023

Last day to withdraw from a full (1.0) course and full-year half (0.5) course without academic penalty\*

\*Undergraduate Dates

### Upcoming Events

#### CELEBRATION OF DAY OF THE DEAD

October 25 at 3pm, University College, study area, main floor. Join us for games, activities, treats, and so much more!

#### FALL PREVIEW DAY

Tour Western. Discover your program options. Learn about experiences beyond the classroom on November 19.

#### WESTERN INTERNATIONAL WEEK

[International Week](#) is a campus-wide celebration of all things international. Join us on November 20-24 at Mustang Lounge to

- Celebrate Western's international community, diversity and international collaborations
- Learn about international learning and intercultural sharing opportunities

### 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.



## Tutoring

### SPANISH TUTORING SESSIONS

Available Monday to Friday. Contact Ana at [agarcia@uwo.ca](mailto:agarcia@uwo.ca) for more information.

### ITALIAN TUTORING SESSIONS

Available Monday to Wednesday. Please find more information on your OWL site.

## Awards & Publications

### Jara, Victoria

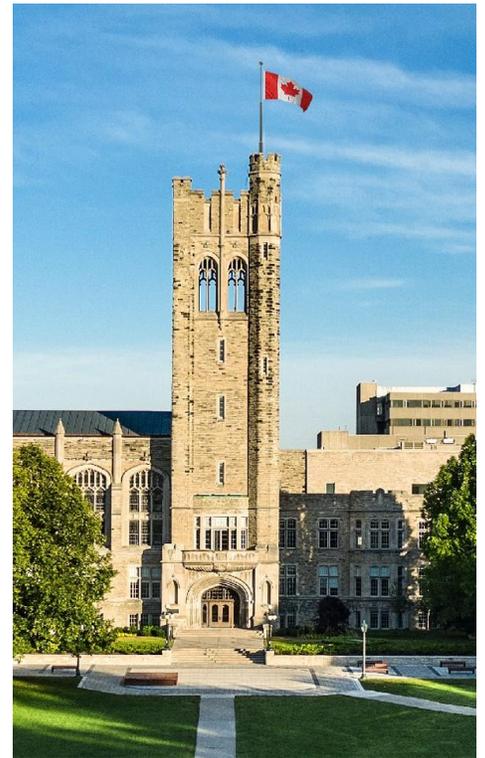
Victoria Jara's chapter "Latin American Women's Ecocinema: Indigenous Nations, the Tourist Gaze, and Global Screens in *El verano de los peces voladores*" is published in [\*Ibero-American Ecocriticism: Cultural and Social Explorations\*](#) edited by J. Manuel Gómez (Lexington Books).

### Lizama-Mué, Yadira

Western Postdoctoral Fellowship Award for two years

### Rafat, Yasaman

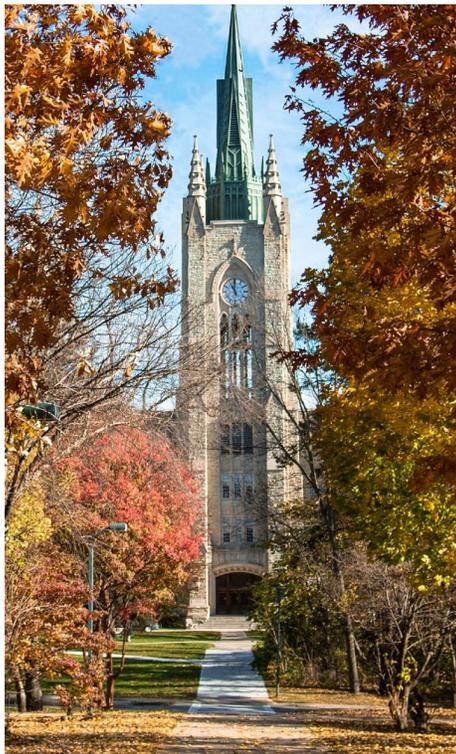
Graham & Gale Wright Distinguished Scholar Award (2023-2024)



### DID YOU KNOW?



**Canadians  
celebrate  
German  
Heritage Month  
and  
Oktoberfest in  
October before  
Thanksgiving.**



## Presentations

### Adamson, Melitta

“From 11th-Century Baghdad to 16th-Century Strasbourg: Abbasid Dishes in the Medical Works of Ibn Butlān and Ibn Jazla and Their European Reception.” Invited speaker, Yale Lectures in Medieval Studies, Fall 2023, Yale University, New Haven, CT, 5 October 2023 (on Zoom).

### Breitkopf, Tiffany (German Major student)

presented the paper “Verstecken und Suchen” on an undergraduate panel at the Annual Conference of the German Studies Association (GSA) at Le Centre Sheraton, Montréal, Québec, on 7 October 2023.

### Second Language Acquisition and Multilingualism Lab

- Ansari Dezfuly, N., Rafat, Y. & Spinu, L. (June 1, 2023). "The correlation between music experience, bilingualism, and tone discrimination". *Canadian Linguistics Association (CLA)*. York University, Toronto, ON.
- Martinez Loyola, G., Colgiu, I., Spinu, L., & Rafat, Y. (June 2, 2023). “Second Language Learners’ Perception of Spanish Voices: A Quantitative Investigation of Accent Stigmatization.” *Fourth Symposium of Southern Ontario Universities on Bridging the Gap Between Theory and Practice: Challenges and Opportunities*. University of Toronto Mississauga, Mississauga, CA.
- Martinez Loyola, G., Colgiu, I., Spinu, L., & Rafat, Y. (June 28, 2023). “What does your accent say about you? An Analysis of Cuban and Peninsular Spanish Varieties.” *Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL)*. Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO), Paris, FR.

## Past Events

Global Café: Day of the Dead | October 19

# Global Café: Day of the Dead



**Over 60 students and staff gathered to commemorate an early Day of the Dead. We learned about the tradition through slide presentations, enjoyed a Kahoots trivia game and creative activities crafting Calaveritas, Calavera masks and Papel Picado.**