Happy Holidays!

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An Interview with Makiko Fukuda

Our very own Makiko Fukuda was awarded the American Association of Teachers of Japanese 2023 Outstanding Teacher Award.

1) What did you do to achieve this award?
"This award is not something you can earn after 1 or 2 years of teaching. This is a result of the work I have done here over the span of 10 years. I am involved in the Japan American Society in San Antonio, in which I was the president of that society. There I did community service, created Japanese festivals, and encouraged the community to learn more about the culture. I was also the president of the Japanese Teachers Association in Texas, where we offered workshops for Japanese teachers. I also have taught a variety of Japanese courses here at UTSA, such as business Japanese, Japanese film, introduction to Japanese culture through animation and more. A team and I also created the online courses for our students. I think a combination of all this led to me being able to receive this award."

2) How do you want this recognition to impact others?
"Firstly, I do not feel I deserve this. I think there is more I can still improve on. However, I do think this award will inspire other language teachers to show that they can also receive this kind of recognition as long as we keep doing what we are doing. For example, continue to believe in yourself because I still do not believe I am receiving this!"

3) What was your reaction when you found out you were chosen?
"I was actually at IKEA in the plant section when I received the email! I couldn't believe it and my husband was next to me so I just screamed and people around me looked at us."

4) How do you think this award affects UTSA?
"I think my contribution to UTSA will show that students can receive a good education from us. You don't have to go to an Ivy League or an expensive private school, you can come to UTSA."
Spring 2024 Courses

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On Thursday, November 30th, attendees gathered for a heartwarming event, sharing in the spirit of giving.

La Posada & Toy Donation was all about making a difference in the lives of our friends and family as well as those in need during the holiday season. Attendees gathered for a delightful dinner, enjoying scrumptious food and great company. But it wasn't just about the delicious food – each person brought an unwrapped toy, ready to be wrapped with care and love.

We are thrilled to announce that all the proceeds from La Posada & Toy Donation went directly to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of San Antonio.

We want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to every one of you who attended La Posada Toy Drive and made it a resounding success.

With love,
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Class Puppet Show

On November 29, students from Dr. Malgorzata Oleszkiewicz-Peralba’s CSH 1213-08H Honors course presented a very successful final showcase of their original work.

After studying the symbolic language of dreams, myths and fairy tales, and focusing on ancestral Russian “magical tales,” students wrote individual tales rooted in their cultural and ethnic traditions, including Jamaican, Russian, and Mexican, and worked in groups to prepare original scripts. In fact, one of the scripts was written and performed entirely in verse!

Moreover, students built their own puppets and sets under the direction of Ms. Mobi Warren, a master puppeteer, and Dr. Oleszkiewicz-Peralba, with a vast experience in performance and directing, and beautifully enacted their group puppet shows. The performance was open to the public and was attended by families, other students, and friends.
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Our Día de los Muertos event on November 1 was a huge success! We reserved the entire HEB Ballroom and ran out of tables and chairs! We are all extremely excited to make this event a new UTSA tradition! I want to thank everyone for promoting and attending. I also want to thank the History and Spanish Clubs for their hard work and the History and MLL Departments for their continuous support.

A big shout-out to the History Club's Faculty Advisor, Professor Jennifer Dilley! Other thanks go to the Multicultural Student Center for Equity and Justice for their help and support. We make an incredible team! And lastly, a huge thank you to Dean Martinez for his support and for christening our event!
Faculty members from the Spanish Heritage Language Program at UTSA, graduate students, and alumni were part of presenting the current work in digital humanities, borderlands studies and Spanish as a Heritage Language.

We are proud to have had 4 total presentations, representing our community and advancing discussions on these important topics. Here they are, listed below:

Sylvia Fernández Quintanilla  
Key Note Speaker  
Presentación magistral: “Dinámicas Fronterizas y Transfronterizas en las Humanidades Digitales”.

Ada M. Zamarripa, & Sara Quiñones  
Panel presentation: “Preservando y Empoderando: OER en español como lengua de Herencia”.

Jessica Corona & Paulina Hernández Trejo,  
Panel presentation: “Acciones Feministas: investigación, pedagogía y praxis de los movimientos sociales en contra de la violencia de género y los feminicidios”.

Liliana Saldaña, Sylvia Mendoza Aviña, and Sylvia Fernández Quintanilla  
Panel presentation: “Cuestionamiento y Resistencia al Mátrix Colonial: Ética y prácticas responsables en la creación de Archivos Digitales alternativos”.

VI Encuentro de Humanidades Digitales  
6th Convention of Digital Humanities in San Luis Potosí, México
In November 2023, Professors Lilian L. Cano and Gilberta Turner held induction ceremonies for Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish Honor Society) and Phi Sigma Iota (International Foreign Language Honor Society). We are incredibly proud of our new inductees.

The new members are:
Phi Sigma Iota:
Faith Gaudlitz / Undergraduate (Modern Language Studies, East Asian Studies)
Chelsea E. Montemayor / Undergraduate (Modern Language Studies: Korean, Linguistics, East Asian Studies)
Maria Ibarra-De La Torre Graduate (Spanish)

Sigma Delta Pi:
Maria Ibarra-De La Torre Graduate (Spanish)
Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

We've come so far this semester, and are proud to be creating these newsletters for you. See you next year!

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