Please join us in congratulating Jessica Corona (Master’s in Spanish) and Niloufar Esmaeili (Ph.D. in English), two of our very own graduate students, who were selected to be part of the nationally recognized HASTAC. (Humanities, Arts, Science and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory) Scholars Program-2023-2025 Cohort- a community that thrives at the intersection of technology, arts, humanities, and sciences.

HASTAC is a program designed to empower students to push boundaries, explore cutting-edge topics, and collaborate with fellow scholars from around the world. To read more about the program click here. This year it was a very competitive selection of scholars and among the selected ones, we have two of our outstanding students interested in research at the intersection of digital technology and humanities. Thank you for supporting our students in these initiatives.

Felicidades, Jessica and Nilou! looking forward to hearing your experience as a HASTAC Scholar!
The Jewish Book Council announced the publication of autobiographical essays that our outstanding faculty member, Robert Watson, helped translate from French to English: “A Jewish Childhood in the Muslim Mediterranean,” edited by acclaimed French-Algerian author Leïla Sebbar, who was a finalist for the 2024 Jewish Book Awards (Sephardic category). Best of all, the publisher, University of California Press, has made the book available open-access. Great work, Prof. Watson!

Scan the QR for details -->
The French Club met up at Sweet Paris to enjoy some crepes and talk about the upcoming spring semester. Members of the club had some quality time with each other and shared their excitement for upcoming activities.
JOIN US THIS SPRING 2024

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Every other Wednesday 4-5 pm

COMUNIDAD

We aim to create a welcoming space where students can exchange and expand multilingualism, translanguaging skills, foster solidarity, belonging in and out of the university as well as interdisciplinary engagement and professional opportunities.

La Comunidad, LLC is proudly sponsored by the Spanish as a Heritage Language (SHL) Program at UTSA.

Instagram: utsa_lacomunidad
Here are some pictures from our Herencia Program!

This is a program for native speakers who speak Spanish in their households.

The program is led by Sylvia Fernández Quintanilla, Stephanie Gonzalez, Ada Zamarripa, Sara Valdes, and Aidee Larios Palomera. We love seeing the student involvement and what this program has to offer.
La Comunidad and Herencia attracted a turnout of more than 70 individuals to their inaugural event of the spring semester, establishing an environment that fosters a feeling of community and inclusiveness. The overarching objective of La Comunidad and the Herencia Program is to spread cultural awareness and improve languages skills throughout the Roadrunner community.
Get your game face on!

Snacks will be provided!

Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 4-5 PM @Student Union Denman room 2.01.28

Earn extra credit!
The Dresden Experience in GERMANY

Students will explore the essence of life in Germany through immersive experiences covering aspects of living, studying, working, and culture. Offering a blend of excursions, reflective sessions, and an individualized project tailored to each student's field of study: participating allows you to augment your experience transcript! This program is open to all majors and there is no language requirement.

Dresden 2024 Info Sessions:
Tuesday, 1/30/24, 10-11am on Zoom
Wednesday, 1/31/24, 3-4pm in MH 4.01.01

To discuss the program content, contact faculty leader, Devon Donohue-Bergeler

UTSA®
Study Abroad
Global Citizenship: Community and Migration

Study Abroad in Oaxaca

Summer 1:
May 28 to July 5, 2024

Migrant shelter in Oaxaca

Learning and working with community partners.

Info Session: Thursday, Feb 1
MH 4.04.36, 3-4 p.m.
*5-week language and experiential learning program for ALL students.
*Language learning reinforced with homestays
*Global Citizenship can be used to meet degree requirements in multiple programs.

Scan for more info!

Students will meet with Oaxacan community leaders, NGOs that support indigenous rights, protect migrants, and explore links between climate change and migration.
Oaxaca
STUDY ABROAD

ESTIMATED TRAVEL COST:

✓ Program cost estimate: $3,400
✓ Language Immersion Program
✓ Homestay (room and board w/ host family)
✓ Experiential Learning with Community Partners

Does not include:

- UTSA Tuition, Insurance, and Fees
- Airfare, Passport fees

Want more info? Contact:
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PROGRAM COURSES (3 credit hours each)

- Language Immersion in Spanish or Zapotec (3 credit hours) at Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca (UABJO)
- Global Citizenship: Community and Migration
- Topics include:
  - Indigenous Rights
  - Culture and Political Economy
  - Migration and Climate Change
- Interdisciplinary, meets requirements for many majors

Scan for info!
Bring your own poem or any poem in Spanish to share!

We are also making bracelets!

¡Pulseras de amistad!

El club de español @ UTSA will be celebrating Valentine's day

El día del amor y la amistad

When: Tuesday, February 13th
Where: Student Union 2.03.06 Ash
Time: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
CUPCAKES AND COLLABORATIVE DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP WITH CEDISH

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14
4 – 5 p.m.
John Peace Library | 3.02.38

Refreshments will be provided.
Our very own Department Chair, Dr. Whitney Chappell, recently had an op-ed published in the San Antonio Express-News titled, "Commentary: Gradual Shift from Spanish to English Across Generations is Predictable."

In the piece, Dr. Chappell contends that only certain types of bilingualism are valued in the United States, which hastens the linguistic shift toward English in San Antonio. Great work Dr. Chappell!
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