



Announcements and Reminders

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Membership

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AATSP Store

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMILY SPINELLI ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese announces the retirement of Emily Spinelli as Executive Director effective August 31, 2017. Emily began her tenure as Executive Director on September 1, 2005 during a very difficult period for the organization. Emily's numerous accomplishments as Executive Director include the growth of membership from some 5600 members to more than 10,000 members; the restoration of AATSP financial stability including a strong financial reserve; the strengthening of existing K-12 programs such as the National Spanish Examinations, the National Portuguese Examinations, the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, the Sociedad Hispánica de Amistad, and the Poster Contest; the creation of three new publications: *Spanish and Portuguese Review*, *The Conference Wrap-Up*, and *Announcements and Reminders* and the strengthening of existing publications such as *Hispania*, *Albricias*, and *The Portuguese Newsletter*. In addition, Emily worked to make the AATSP the preeminent organization for the teaching of Spanish and Portuguese on an international level and to that end she forged alliances and signed agreements with numerous other organizations, institutions, scholarship providers, and other enterprises. Emily will stay on to help with the transition of the new Executive Director and continue to manage the Centennial Celebration concluding with the 2018 Conference in Salamanca, Spain.

The call for applications for a new Executive Director will be announced later this month in a variety of venues.

AAAS COMMISSION REPORT ON LANGUAGE LEARNING RELEASES FINAL REPORT

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) Commission on Language Learning released its final report yesterday, February 28, 2017. The report, *America's Languages: Investing in Language Education for the 21st Century* contains important information and recommendations for the future of language education.

The AATSP will hold a plenary session on the report during the 2017 conference.

View [the final report](#) and share it with your networks!

2017 AATSP CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Take advantage of the AATSP conference early bird registration rate of \$175 through 11:59pm Saturday, April 1, 2017. [Click here](#) to register now and reserve your hotel room.



Conference Hotel: Hilton Chicago Hotel
Conference Dates: July 6-9, 2017

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2017 AATSP ELECTIONS

Nominations for four open seats on the AATSP Board of Directors are now being accepted.

- President Elect
- High School (9-12) Representative

- College/University Representative
- Portuguese Representative

[Click here](#) for Frequently Asked Questions about the nomination and election process.

Deadline for applications/nominations: Monday, April 3, 2017

INFORMATION FOR 2017 AATSP AWARDS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Each year the AATSP offers a number of awards that recognize the achievements of AATSP members. The awards are presented at the Awards Banquet held during the annual AATSP Conference. Information for nominating a colleague or applying for one of the 2017 AATSP Awards is now available on the website. [Click here](#) for award descriptions and application information.

Deadline for applications/nominations: Monday, May 1, 2017

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MLA OFFERS BIBLIOGRAPHY FELLOWSHIPS FOR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE



The Modern Language Association invites applications for field bibliography fellowships. The fellowships are for a three-year period, beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2020. Five to ten fellowships are awarded annually. The application deadline is April 1, 2017.

How to Apply for an MLA Bibliography Fellowship:

<https://tinyurl.com/z2t2cea>

How to Become an MLA Field Bibliographer:

<https://tinyurl.com/hfosc5z>

**SUMMER LANGUAGE INSTITUTE FOR SPANISH TEACHERS IN
GUANAJUATO, MX**

Southern Oregon University offers two sessions of a Summer Language Institute for Spanish Teachers in Guanajuato, MX. Deadline for application: March 3, 2017. [Click here](#) for dates, program descriptions and application information.