OFFICIAL AATSP PROPOSAL ACCEPTANCE EMAILS!

The AATSP National Office is sending out official proposal acceptance emails for our conference! All acceptance emails will be sent out by Friday, January 24th, 2020. If you do not receive an email and submitted a proposal, please email Dalila González, Coordinator of Conferences and Exhibits at dgonzalez@aatsp.org. Early Bird Registration for conference is live, visit our website today to register!

RECENT EARTHQUAKES IN PUERTO RICO

We are officially six months away from our upcoming 102nd Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. In recent days, the southern part of the island has experienced back to back earthquakes that have caused concerns about travel. Besides temporary power outages in San Juan, the capital is back to business as usual. The conference site did not suffer any damage. A beautiful, fully refurbished hotel awaits us this summer. Today, more than ever, Puerto Rico needs our support in their efforts to bring back tourism to the island. The Caribe Hilton and the San Juan community send a warm welcome to all AATSP members! Visit our website for all conference news and updates.
FINAL CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE NATIONAL SPANISH EXAMINATIONS

This is your final reminder to register for the 2020 National Spanish Examinations (NSE). Registration closes on January 31, 2020. To register please visit the NSE registration page. Teachers may register their students for the NSE and renew their 2020 AATSP dues directly on the NSE registration form.

NEW!
TEACHERS NEEDED TO PILOT THE NATIONAL SPANISH CHALLENGE

In 2021, AATSP will be launching the National Spanish Challenge, a motivational contest for students in grades 1-6. AATSP is looking for elementary school Spanish teachers who would be willing to pilot this contest in their classrooms during late-April through mid-May 2020. If you are interested, please send an email to Kevin Cessna-Buscemi, Director of the National Spanish Examinations, at kcessna@nationalspanishexam.org.
NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS ON BEHALF OF LANGUAGES

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) has just posted an article online about the impact of the Commission on Language Learning. This brief piece (a 7-minute read) will get you up to date on official efforts on behalf of languages in Washington, D.C. and beyond.

HISPANIA’S SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES (DH) ABSTRACTS DUE APRIL 1, 2020

Consider submitting an abstract for consideration (350-500 words with a working bibliography) for Hispania’s Special DH Issue. The issue will address DH work in the fields of Iberian, Portuguese and Brazilian, Caribbean, Transatlantic, Latinx, and Latin American Studies as related to theory and practice, methodological implications of practices, and/or experimental pedagogy. The volume aims to critically articulate interactions with the digital in order to highlight the broad spectrum of global approaches to DH and to offer new ways of engaging with research and teaching in (or about) Hispanophone, Lusophone, and immediate contexts. You can find the complete call for papers here.

2020 AATSP ANNUAL AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE MARCH 1

Nominate a deserving colleague! Each year the AATSP offers a number of awards that recognize the achievements and contributions of AATSP chapters and individual members. We are currently accepting nominations for the 2020 Awards until March 1st for the awards categories below. Send your nominations to: awards@aatsp.org

- AATSP Chapter of the Year
- AATSP Outstanding Service Award
- AATSP Distinguished Leadership Award
- Mario Vargas Llosa Award (Joint AATSP & Sigma Delta Pi Award)
- Four (4) AATSP Outstanding Teacher of the Year (TOY):
  - Elementary Level (grades K-8)
  - Secondary Level (9-12)
  - Two-Year College Level
  - College/University Level
AMERICA READS SPANISH

Check out the new releases in newsletter #149 of America Reads Spanish.

ALBRICIAS: ACCEPTANCES AND FUTURE DEADLINES

Publication decisions have been sent out for the March 2020 issue of Albricias! If your students’ work was not selected this time around, be sure to encourage them to submit to the November 2020 issue. The deadline is June 1, 2020 and the theme is “Tecnología y multimedia / Tecnologia e multimídia”. For more information and future themes, click here.

VHL & AATSP SPONSOR FREE WEBINAR

AATSP member Dr. Krista Chambless, Associate Professor, University of Alabama at Birmingham, will present Teaching for the Long Term Memory. Join us on Jan. 27th 7:00-8:00 pm EST! Vista Higher Learning’s Norah Jones will moderate. To learn more and sign up, click here.

NOMINATE AN ENGAGED COLLEAGUE FOR THE AATSP BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are now accepting nominations for our 2020 elections! AATSP chapters may nominate an ambitious and pioneering educator for election to the AATSP Board of Directors. Self-nominations are also welcome. The following four positions are open for the 2020 elections: President Elect, Secondary School (9-12) Representative, College/University Representative and Portuguese Representative. Deadline for nominations is April 1, 2020. Click here for more details.
DEADLINE APPROACHING: NFMLTA’S TRAVEL, RESEARCH AND DISSERTATION SUPPORT GRANTS!

The National Federation of Modern Language Teachers Association (NFMLTA) sponsors a series of grants for graduate students in languages and early term faculty. Click here to learn more.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR AATSP HONORARY FELLOW 2020

Each year, the AATSP considers outstanding achievement by individuals in the field of Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian languages, literatures, cultures, linguistics, and cinema for recognition as an AATSP Honorary Fellow. Individual members in good standing and chapters are encouraged to nominate candidates for consideration. The deadline for nominations is Monday, February 24, 2020. Nominations are sent directly to awards@aatsp.org. Please label the subject: Honorary Fellow Nomination. Ben Fraser is the Chair of the AATSP Honorary Fellow Search Committee. For complete information, profiles of past fellows, and the nomination form, please click here.

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Applications for the Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica Mario Fierros and Park-Sihocky Awards are now available.
The Mario Fierros Award for Excellence is awarded to an SHH chapter sponsor who has given exemplary service to the SHH during the year. The Park-Sihocky Award recognizes a chapter sponsor in his or her first three years as sponsor.

The recipients of both awards receive a plaque and a trip to the AATSP Annual Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Click here for full details and applications. The deadline to apply is Saturday, February 15, 2020.

UNIVERSIDAD DE SALAMANCA OFFERS LIFE-LONG LEARNING EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Explore Salamanca (Spain) and its environs on a life-long learning educational tour for adults of all ages. Please click here for more information.

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The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP) seeks an energetic, innovative, self-guided and detail-oriented language educator to be the AATSP Teaching Resource Coordinator (TRC) on a part-time basis. The TRC organizes, manages and curates materials and content for the AATSP webpage currently known as the Classroom Resources webpage. To view the job ad, please visit our AATSP Career Center and key word search “Teaching Resource Coordinator.”