LODGING FOR AATSP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Due to high demand, more rooms have been added to the AATSP block in the Caribe Hilton Hotel at a rate of $199/night (plus fees & taxes). If you are planning to come to annual conference, please book soon to ensure availability. Go to the conference webpage and click on hotel to get the conference discount.
EIGHT EXCITING EXCURSIONS OFFERED AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The AATSP has partnered with Vámonos Tours to offer 8 exciting excursions in Puerto Rico! The excursions will take place before, after, and at select times during the conference. Excursions include: Old San Juan tours, salsa dancing, snorkeling, hiking through El Yunque rainforest, and much more! Excursion tickets start at only $35! Click here today to purchase your excursions tickets!
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR CONFERENCE

The AATSP will be offering an Early Bird Registration rate until April 1st, 2020. To take advantage of this $205 rate you must be an AATSP member in good standing and be logged onto your member account during the registration process. Our conference will take place July 9 – July 12, 2020. Visit the AATSP website for the latest conference news and updates.

SHH CHAPTER OF THE YEAR & ACTIVITY OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Sponsors of Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica chapters may now apply for the SHH Chapter of the Year Award or the SHH Activity of the Year Award.

Click here for complete information and applications.

Application Deadline: April 1, 2020

SHH NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

All SHH chapters are invited to participate in a service project organized by the 2019 Bertie Green Travel Award winners. They are raising money to buy alpacas for Andean families through Heifer International. Visit the SHH group fundraising page to read details and contribute.
National Spanish Assessment: Informational Session

Attend this webinar to find out about AATSP's new assessment for grade levels 7-12. At only $3 per student, the National Spanish Assessment is an economical way for AATSP members to show growth in proficiency over a school year. This motivational assessment provides feedback to students in interpretive, presentational, and interpersonal communication. The webinar will discuss test content, test administration, and how the data can be used to inform instruction. VHL’s Norah Jones moderates as the NSE Director Kevin Cessna-Buscemi of the AATSP delivers the webinar.

Thursday, February 27th
Click here for time and registration information.

ANOTHER FREE WEBINAR BROUGHT TO YOU BY VISTA HIGHER LEARNING & AATSP

PART II: Teaching for the Long-Term Memory
“I studied Spanish for 2 years, and I don’t remember anything?!”
In this session, Dr. Krista Chambless (UAB) will explore concrete methods to address the underlying issues surrounding lack of lasting knowledge retention. We will address strategies to move learning from short-term to long-term memory. Presenter will share results observed in her classroom when using such strategies. Teaching so that students will remember is possible.

Monday, March 2nd
Click here for the time and registration information.

This webinar is the continuation of a two-part series. If you missed the first webinar and would like to see the recording, go to AATSP’s webinar page. Scroll down to Part I and follow the prompts.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
AATSP-SPONSORED SESSION
AT MLA TORONTO 2021

You are invited to submit an abstract for the AATSP-sponsored session at the next MLA Convention in Toronto, Canada on January 7-10, 2021.

Title: Environmental Humanities in Spanish and Portuguese 2.0

CFP: 250-word abstracts for 10- to 12-minute papers on approaches to environmental humanities in Spanish and Portuguese including, but not limited to: ecocriticism in literature and film; indigenous perspectives; plant, animal, or energy studies; urban ecology.

Send by Sunday, March 15, 2020 to organizer Professor Gwendolyn Barnes-Karol barnesg@stolaf.edu.

For additional information about the AATSP session and to learn about an additional opportunity to participate in the Innovation Room at MLA, click here.
UNDERGRADS: INTERESTED IN STUDYING OR INTERNING ABROAD IN LATIN AMERICA?

We recently learned of generous scholarship and grant opportunities through the Council on International Educational and Exchange (CIEE) to study in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Peru. One of grants available is $9,000 toward CIEE’s 18-week, 18-credit Open Campus Block program which brings the semester cost down to just $5,850. Latin America grants for the Open Campus Block program are provided on a first-come, first-served basis but there are over 50 grants still available for next academic year. More details on program options and scholarship options can be found [here](#).

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PORTUGUESE TEACHERS: THERE IS STILL TIME!

*The Portuguese Newsletter* looks forward to publishing the most recent events in your academic career or in your department. Next deadline for this issue: March 5. This is an ongoing process, so please send us your news items anytime of the year.

*The Portuguese Newsletter* accepts the submission of brief creative works and news items related to books, films, and articles; conferences, lectures, and presentations that have taken place during the previous semester; upcoming conferences and events, and activities within Phi Lambda Beta chapters. Email the Editor M. Luci Moreira at moreiral@cofc.edu.

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MLA HUMANITIES GRANTS AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Explore these exciting opportunities for AATSP Members in higher education through the Modern Language Association, [click here](#).
SHH AND SIGMA DELTA PI OFFER JOINT AWARDS

Sigma Delta Pi and SHH offer joint awards. Click here to learn more about rewarding collaborations between high school and higher education.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2020.

AATSP STORE
SHH BLACK HOODIE PLUS FREE T-SHIRT SPECIAL!

Click here to view this special.
FEATURED LOCAL ACTIVITY!
KENTUCKY SHH CHAPTER
HOLDS ANNUAL STUDENT CONVENTION

*Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica* chapters in Kentucky will be holding their annual student convention on March 6-7, 2020. For over 30 years, elected student leaders from around Kentucky have led this...
convention to come together to celebrate learning Spanish and making cultural connections! Students will participate in workshops on cooking, dance, art and more. This year features a new breakout room session. Students will also have the opportunity to run for statewide office and to compete in scholarship contests. Sponsors from other states who would like to visit the convention are welcome. For more information, contact Kentucky State SHH Director, Catherine Del Valle at: catherine.delvalle@russellind.kyschools.us.

ESMERALDA SANTIAGO TO DELIVER AATSP KEYNOTE IN SAN JUAN

Highly praised author and cultural icon Esmeralda Santiago will join the AATSP in Puerto Rico on Saturday, July 11th, 2020. She will deliver the keynote, and there will be opportunities to interact with her at a scheduled book signing. Bring a copy of your favorite book by Esmeralda Santiago to have her sign your personal copy or purchase a book at the conference.
2020 ANNUAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS DUE ON MARCH 1

The 2020 AATSP Annual Award nominations are due March 1st. This is a great way to reward outstanding Spanish and Portuguese educators in your communities! The awardees will be honored during the annual AATSP Conference and will receive a plaque and a check for $500. Visit our Awards webpage for more details and to download a nomination form.
• AATSP 2020 Chapter of the Year
• AATSP 2020 Outstanding Service Award
• AATSP 2020 Distinguished Leadership Award
• Mario Vargas Llosa Award (Joint AATSP & Sigma Delta Pi Award)
• Four (4) AATSP Outstanding Teacher of the Year (TOY) Awards:
  o Elementary Level (grades K-8)
  o Secondary Level (9-12)
  o Two-Year College Level
  o College/University Level

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

All AATSP chapters are encouraged to nominate outstanding and engaged educators to run in our next Board of Directors election this fall. Individuals may also self-nominate. Visit our BOD Call for Nominations webpage for more details.