RELAX, REJOICE, RESORT! – AATSP’S 102ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The AATSP will host our 102nd Annual Conference at the beautiful Caribe Hilton resort in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The resort sits on a private beach with multiple pool cabanas, an onsite spa, and not to mention that it’s the birthplace of the piña colada! Enjoy hours of high-quality professional development in a vacation setting! For more information, click here.

NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TRAVEL TO OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN PUERTO RICO?

The AATSP National Office offers a number of Conference Travel Stipends to its members to help defray conference travel expenses. In 2019, we gave away 16 conference travel stipends worth $8,000 in total value. The deadline to apply for a 2020 Conference Travel Stipend is January 15, 2020. Please visit our Travel Stipends webpage for more information.

AATSP STUDY ABROAD AND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2019, ten lucky members of the AATSP received scholarships to study abroad or do summer research in Spain and Latin America — it could be YOU this summer! Applications for our 2020 Study Abroad and Summer Research Scholarships will be due by January 15, 2020. Visit our Study Abroad webpage for more information and to read testimonials from recent awardees.
HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020?

If you have not yet renewed your AATSP membership for 2020, please do so today! Your 2019 memberships will expire on December 31st. Stay engaged with the nation’s premier association for Spanish and Portuguese language educators and be part of all the exciting new opportunities for 2020, including publishing opportunities, professional development, national assessments and competitions, free webinars, new Career Center, honor societies, journals, and of course, our annual conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico! Visit our website at aatsp.org and click RENEW before the holiday break!

NATIONAL SPANISH EXAM REGISTRATION

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

LET NSE HELP FUND YOUR TRAVEL TO PUERTO RICO

NSE is pleased to offer two (2) special awards of $1,500 each to attend the 102nd Annual AATSP Conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico. These awards are for teachers who administer either the National Spanish Examinations (NSE) or the National Spanish Assessments (NSA).

For eligibility requirements and a link to the application, please click here.

SHH SPONSOR AWARDS – WIN A TRIP TO THE AATSP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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

SHH NATIONAL SERVICE PROJECT

The 2019 SHH Bertie Green Junior Travel Award winners have organized a service project and invite all SHH chapters to participate. They are raising money to buy alpacas for Andean families through Heifer International. Visit the SHH group fundraising page to read details and contribute.

AATSP MEMBER GARNERS ACTFL’S TOP LEADERSHIP AWARD

Pete Swanson, proud AATSP member since 1996, receives the ACTFL Wilga Rivers Award for Leadership in Foreign Language Education (Postsecondary). To read about it, click here.

PLAN FOR SPECIAL ISSUE ON THE DIGITAL HUMANITIES

COMING SOON DECEMBER 2019 ISSUE OF HISPANIA

Please click here to download the Call for Papers for Special Issue on the Digital Humanities in Spanish and Portuguese.

The December 2019 issue of Hispania includes a State-of-the-State Feature on the future of Spanish for the Professions and Specific Purposes by Michael Scott Doyle, Lourdes Sánchez-López and Enrica Ademagni that can’t be missed. The Editors are also pleased to be publishing eight research articles on Gopegui (by Ana M. López-Aguilera), gender and L2
reading in undergraduate Spanish courses (by Cindy Brantmeier et al.), storytelling the Camino (by Carmen Granda), translation in Aub (by Gabriella Martin), biography and fiction in Carvalho (by Luciana Namorato), Goldemberg’s Valentia (by Cecília Rodrigues), discourse in Gage (by Monica Styles), and Libertad Lamarque in Mexican cinema (by Valentina Velázquez-Zvierkova). The diverse book/media review section includes reviews of Carmen Benito-Vessel’s España y la costa atlántica de los EE.UU.: Cuatro personajes del siglo XVI en busca de autor, Silvia G. Kurlat Ares’s La ilusión persistente: Diálogos entre la ciencia ficción y el campo cultural, and Alan V. Brown, and Gregory L. Thompson’s The Changing Landscape of Spanish Language Curricula: Designing Higher Education Programs for Diverse Students.

As a reminder, all AATSP members can access Hispania from the AATSP website, go to the Hispania page and click on Hispania Online. AATSP members can request all 4 quarterly print copies of Hispania for $10.00 dollars annually.

AATSP EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LONG PENS ARTICLE FOR LANGUAGE )/( MAGAZINE

Editor Dan Ward of Language )/( Magazine recently published Sheri Spaine Long’s article of interest on the “The State of Spanish in the U.S.” that includes information about our professional association (Nov. 2019, p. 24). Click here to access Language )/( Magazine’s website.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE!

Sign a petition to support Portuguese teaching in the U.S. You do not have to be a Portuguese teacher! Spanish teachers, please support Portuguese!

Petition/Abaixo assinado: Reinstate Portuguese as a Critical Language

To the National Security Agency (NSA) & the National Foreign Language Center (NFLC):

We are writing, in our capacity as faculty who teach Portuguese language, literature and culture, to express concern regarding the elimination of Portuguese as one of Startalk’s critical languages, effective 2019.

Startalk’s elimination of Portuguese will have a significant, negative impact in terms of preparing teachers of Portuguese in the United States. One of
the world’s most widely spoken languages, Portuguese is the official language of nine countries. It is also spoken by immigrant communities around the world, including the United States. Portuguese is, in sum, a language of great and growing cultural, strategic, and economic significance, particularly in the Global South. As such, we believe it imperative that students enrolled in US schools and universities be afforded the opportunity to study this language.

For these reasons, we urge Startalk to reinstate Portuguese as a critical language for 2020.

Click here to add your name to the petition.

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FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL DEL NUEVO CINE LATINOAMERICANO

AATSP member Israel Herrera (Indiana) invites you to keep track of this film festival that is going on now.

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AATSP PT POSITION AVAILABLE IN 2020

The AATSP is creating a new part-time position: Teaching and Learning Resource (TLR) Coordinator. This position replaces the former position of Online Classroom Resources Coordinator. Watch for it to be posted at the AATSP Career Center soon!

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THANK YOU, OUTGOING AATSP BOD MEMBERS!

The AATSP is indebted to our outstanding outgoing members of the Board of Directors: Cheryl Fuentes-Wagner (Immediate Past President), Irma Bjerre (Community College Representative), Cynthia Flax (Secondary (9-12) Representative), and John Maddox (College/University Representative). Please join me in thanking them for their exemplary service to the AATSP! Their terms end on Dec. 31, 2019.

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