

April 23rd 2016 AATSP-SoCal Spring Meeting!

After a very successful spring conference last fall at CSU Channel Islands, this Spring meeting was scheduled at Cal Poly Pomona and organized by the vice-president, Dr. Amàlia Llobart. The more than sixty attendees were welcomed by Dr. Liliane Fucaloro—Chair of the English and Foreign Languages department—and Dr. Isabel Bustamante, Coordinator of the Foreign Languages Program, while they partook of a continental breakfast. They then attended the Plenary Session, facilitated by the renowned Italian neurolinguist Dr. Eleonora Rossi, who spoke about the complexity of second language learning and its neurological benefits. After the well-received plenary session, attendees went to the simultaneous sessions on language and literature, which lasted until late in the afternoon. During lunch, Stella Manley—Cal Poly Pomona alumna and Spanish instructor—received a recognition for her loyal support of the AATSP-SoCal conferences. Attendees also enjoyed the exhibits of an undergraduate poster session and contest, as well as a lively discussion with the posters' authors. The students Alicia Ayala and Galia Alba were the recipients of the undergraduate research poster contest award in the areas of literature and linguistics, respectively.

Many thanks to the Dean of the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences, Dr. Sharon Hilles, and to the Chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages, Dr. Liliane Fucaloro, for sponsoring and supporting the conference. Also, many thanks to the wonderful students of the Spanish Language Association and DePie for the extraordinary help in organizing this conference.

Our next conference will be at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, on November 12!

1. Dr. Eleonora Rossi, plenary speaker.



2. Students of the Spanish Language Association and DePie take a lunch break from their hard work assisting to every detail in the organization of the conference.



3. Dr. Isabel Bustamante and Dr. Lombart give a well-deserved recognition to Stella Manley for her loyal support to the AATSP-SoCal.



4. Lively discussion during the poster session.



5. Galia Alba and Alicia Ayala, recipients of the Undergraduate Student Poster Contest Award, next to their faculty mentors, Dr. Lombart and Dr. Albalá.

