



University of Illinois Department of French



April 24, 2009

CHAPEAU!

Congratulations to Professor **Annie Tremblay**, who has just been appointed as an affiliate faculty member of The Beckman Institute, in the Cognitive Science (CS) group of the Biological Intelligence (BI) research theme!

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Aujourd'hui !

M. Jacques Géraud will be speaking on *A la recherche d'A la recherche du temps perdu* Friday, April 24, at 4pm,
Lucy Ellis Lounge, Foreign Languages Building

International conference "Symbolism, Its Origins and Its Consequences"

Wednesday April 22 – Saturday April 25
Allerton Park, Monticello, Illinois

Claire Barbillon, Directrice des Études at the École du Louvre, "The History of the École du Louvre."

Monday, April 27
5:00 PM in 62 Krannert Art Museum

The École du Louvre was created in 1882 with the mission to "extract from the [national] collections the knowledge they contain, and to train curators, missionaries and excavators." The school was originally dedicated to archaeology, but soon expanded to related disciplines, such as history of art, anthropology and ancient languages. It is today one of France's "Grandes Écoles," or public institutions of higher learning of exceptional distinction. Barbillon's lecture will examine the evolving functions of the school and analyze these in relation to changing understandings of individual disciplines and of higher education.

Myth and the Ordinary: Proust, Aragon, Perec

By **Alison James**, University of Chicago
Wednesday, April 29
4:30pm, Lucy Ellis Lounge, FLB

Pause Café, Thursdays at Espresso Royale (Oregon/Goodwin), 5:30pm, as always. Everyone is welcome!

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Summer Heritage Language Research Institute, organized by the National Heritage Language Resource Center at UCLA will be held on the UIUC campus.

June 22-26, 2009 at the Illini Union.

This year's institute will focus on the implications of research for classroom instruction. Each participant will design a small classroom research project during the course of the institute and carry it out during the fall 2009 term. Details of the institute may be found at

<http://www.international.ucla.edu/languages/nhlrc/2009/summer/>

Faculty and Graduate students from UIUC interested in languages, linguistics, bilingualism and education are invited to attend. No application required for UIUC students, however those wishing to attend any or all days are requested to contact Dr. Silvina Montrul (montrul@illinois.edu).

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Second Language Research Forum (SLRF) 'Diverse Contributions to SLA: Integrating the Parts of a Greater Whole'

October 29 – November 1, 2009
Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI.

Submission Deadline: May 1, 2009

This annual conference aims to create a forum for the presentation and discussion of research in second language acquisition from a variety of subfields including, but not limited to: theoretical linguistics, sociolinguistics, anthropology, cognitive science, psychology, and educational science. SLRF 2009 asks how these varied methodologies and approaches compose a single "field of SLA". We solicit papers, posters, and colloquia that address this question and that add to our understanding of SLA.

Notification of Acceptance: July 1, 2009

To submit an abstract,

please visit <http://sls.msu.edu/slrf09>

Email: slrf2009@msu.edu Phone: 517-432-1812 Fax: 517-353-9637 Mail: SLRF 2009, A-710 Wells Hall, East Lansing, MI 48823

Nouveaux mondes, nouveaux espaces :
Twenty and Twenty-first Centuries French and Francophone Studies International Colloquium,
University of Guelph

March 25, 26, 27 2010 in Toronto.

Submission deadline : 31 August, 2009

More information can be found at :

arts.uoguelph.ca/espaces2010/

Des propositions de session complète et de communications doivent être soumis à espaces@uoguelph.ca avant le 31 août, 2009. Pour chaque communication, veuillez envoyer un précis de 150 à 200 mots, ainsi que les coordonnées de l'auteur pendant l'automne.

21st-Century European Literature: Mapping New Trends : International Conference on 21st Century European Literatures

Andrews University, School of Modern Languages
15 – 17 September 2010

Deadline for submission: 1 September 2009

This major international conference offers scholars from six disciplines the rare opportunity to come together to discuss what is happening in European literatures now. The focus will be on post-2000 literature only. What is new, right now, in the national literature you research; what patterns are already discernible; what clusters of texts exploring common themes, ethical or aesthetic imperatives, theoretical or generic preoccupations, can be identified in the new millennium? This extreme contemporary approach opens up fields of enquiry that inevitably have to be explored speculatively. We encourage colleagues to take risks whilst adhering to good practice in literary scholarship. The aim is to position each literary text, author or topic presented in each paper within today's cultural landscape.

Submissions for papers and panels on any aspect of 21st-century literature are welcome. Individual proposals of 300-400 words, in English should be submitted electronically to the appropriate subject convener (French: Prof. M-A Hutton mh80@st-andrews.ac.uk). Please also supply a short bio-bibliographical statement. Panel proposals must cover at least three of the subjects. One proposal (in English) of 400-500 words should be submitted electronically to the conference convener (Prof. M-A Hutton).

Proust and His Era / Proust et son époque

7-10 April 2010 / 7-10 avril 2010

University of Illinois

Organizers: Patrick M. Bray & Lawrence R. Schehr

Deadline for submissions: 15 September 2009

Considered one of the most important novelists of the twentieth century, Marcel Proust was a pillar of modernist writing, as illustrated in his massive seven-volume novel, *A la recherche du temps perdu*. Witness to a changing world forged in the defeat of 1870, the Dreyfus Affair, and World War I, Proust catalogued the move from a traditional nineteenth-century, still grounded in aristocratic and upper-middle-

class models, to a more democratic, republican society. In his novel, he provided analyses of social structures, family life, Parisian society, social movement, sexualities, gender roles, religion, citizenship, politics, science, and the arts.

With this conference, we hope to bring together a group of eminent scholars to talk about Proust's worlds, both the ones depicted in the novel and the one in which he lived. We will thus include papers not only on Proust's work, but also on works by authors in the early twentieth century, including, for example Colette and André Gide, as well as writers who may be largely forgotten today but who were visible figures during the time Proust worked. We are also interested in exploring certain non-literary issues related to a broader context of cultural studies. We welcome a variety of critical perspectives.

We welcome abstracts of 250-400 words (in English or French) for papers twenty minutes in length. Please send your abstracts to: pbray@illinois.edu and schehr@illinois.edu by 15 September 2009.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Graduate Student Assistant Position for the SLAB Lab

The departments of Linguistics, SIP and French, with support from SLCL, will be making a Graduate Assistant (GA) appointment for a Second Language Acquisition and Bilingualism Lab (SLAB) Assistant for AY 2009-2010. The appointment will be 25% for Fall and 25% in Spring if two candidates are selected.

Responsibilities include:

1. Keep regular "open lab" hours during the semester.
2. Keep records of lab users during open lab hours.
3. Learn to operate the Eye-tracking machine and equipment.
4. Monitor reservation of booths and restricted equipment (Eye-tracker) through the on-line calendars available from the lab website
5. Monitor the functioning of computers and equipment.
6. Assist with correct use of computers and equipment by lab users
7. Assist faculty members affiliated with the lab with demos and other instructional activities that use lab resources
8. Assist in other lab-related duties at the discretion of the Director.

Minimum qualifications : Technical computer skills.

Other coursework and/or research experience related to second language acquisition, bilingualism and psycholinguistics will be considered favorably.

Interested students should contact the Director of the SLAB Lab, Professor Silvina Montrul (montrul@illinois.edu) to arrange an interview. Interviews will commence immediately, and we expect appointments to be made by May 15.

Please contact Nicola Dach at dach@illinois.edu or Jenelle Griffin at jgriffi6@illinois.edu by Wednesday at 5pm if you have news you would like mentioned in next week's newsletter.