

The Chair

Bob Acker: Welcome to the new semester! I hope everyone had a restful break. Many wonderful events occurred since our last Newsletter, so congratulations are in order to:

Benedicte Boisseron, who gave birth to a baby boy (Armand Leonard Boisseron-Kamp) on Dec. 19, **Jannine Montauban**, **Eduardo Chirinos** and **Yuka Tachibana**, who received sabbaticals for the coming academic year, **Hayden Ausland**, who received a faculty exchange to Norway for the coming academic year, and **Ona Renner-Fahey**, **Matt Semanoff**, **Clary Loisel**, **Marty Marko**, and **Hiltrud Arens**, all of whom received faculty development support for the coming semester!

It looks like we are off to an exciting and rewarding semester.

Bookstore Invitation

The Bookstore's general book department likes to feature different faculty/staff picks throughout the year. If you would like to recommend a book authored by faculty or staff, please contact Amanda Peterson at apeterson@umtbookstore.com or 243-1234 ext. 636. This is not limited to *just* fiction. If someone has a favorite political book, a favorite cookbook, a favorite dictionary, a favorite art book etc., they are more than welcome to suggest the book. Each book should be accompanied by a short blurb (a paragraph or so) of why it's being recommended (and don't forget to include *who* is recommending the book!). Maybe you can come up with a set of questions if you'd like the blurb to be more structured. It would be great if submissions reached Amanda Peterson in about two weeks.

French

On the 13th of February the Alliance Française de Missoula and the MCLL Dept will present Gaston Kelman: Identities and Cultures: The New Frontiers at 7 pm. Place to be announced. Reception follows...

German

Liz Ametsbichler attended the KCTOS (Knowledge, Creativity and Transformations of Societies) Conference in Vienna, Austria December 6-9, 2007 The title of her presentation was: "*Fräulein Else*: Schnitzler's Novella Adapted for the American Stage."

Marty Marko and Hiltrud Arens hosted Paul Michael Lützel, Rosa May Distinguished Professor in the Humanities (in German and Comparative Literature) at Washington University in St. Louis on January 28th and 29th. His visit was supported by a visiting scholar grant from the Office of the Provost and was co-sponsored by the Davidson Honors College. During Professor Lützel's stay, he met with the German Section to discuss strategic approaches toward program building, visited Hiltrud Arens' Multicultural Literature in Contemporary Germany course, participated as a guest panelist on a campus faculty forum on interdisciplinary teaching in the humanities, which was moderated by Marty Marko and also featured Hiltrud Arens as a panelist, and gave a lecture entitled "Continentalization. The Discourse on Europe as a Plea for Peace," which was followed by a reception. Professor Lützel reports he very much enjoyed his stay and that he was impressed with the students, faculty, and staff he had the chance to meet here, as well as what he referred to as the great atmosphere of the UM campus and the Missoula community.

Spanish

Clary Loisel received a Faculty Development Grant: Visiting Scholar and will invite Rosamaria Roffiel, a Mexican novelist, short story writer, and poet to come to UM in early April. She will be a guest in his Spanish-American short story class and civilization course. She will also meet with other students and faculty while in Missoula. Stay tuned for more details.