Faculty, Student, and Alumni News

Prof. Nadia Marin-Guadarrama wrote and published a chapter in the book *Vestigios Manuscritos de una Nueva Cristiandad* edited by Berenice Alcántara Rojas, Mario Sánchez Aguilar, and Tesiu Rojas Xelhuantzi. Her chapter is titled “Los Rituales de Bebes en Textos en Lengua Nahuatl: Espacios de Negociacion Colonial (Baby Rituals in Nahuatl Texts: Spaces for Colonial Negotiation)”.

Prof. Joowon Park received a grant from ASIANetwork. The funds will allow him to take Skidmore students to South Korea for three weeks this summer to conduct ethnographic research for his new book. The student fellows are Joey Geary ‘24, Maddie Gunnell ‘24, Hannah Liscord ‘24, and Tucker Obering ‘24.

In Fall 2022, students in Prof. Siobhan Hart’s AN202R Archaeological Field Methods continued research at the Denton Homesite in Northwoods. Students used metal detection and excavation to recover 18th-20th century artifacts from the site and learn more about how people have used this land over time.

Skidmore seniors have voted for Prof. Joowon Park as the 2023 Skidmore faculty Commencement speaker. He will be delivering a speech during graduation on May 20th, 2023.

Haley Cronin ’24 was awarded a $500 grant from the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society to travel to New Mexico for research with Prof. Katie Baustian.

On February 21st the Anthropology Department co-sponsored the Festival of Mexican Music and Dance organized by Prof. Marin-Guadarrama and her AN 229 Mexican Cultures. Co-sponsors included the Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies and the student club Raíces. The Folkloric Dance Children Group Herencia Cultural de Mexico performed dances from the states of Morelos, Veracruz, and Oaxaca and the group Pulso de Barro played music from the State of Veracruz. Pulso de Barro invited the audience to dance along and to play the instruments they brought. At the end, everybody enjoyed some delicious tamales!

On February 16th students from the AN229 Mexican Cultures class participated in a tortilla making workshop run by Mrs. Ofelia Guzman. Students learned about the importance of corn in excavation while they made tortillas from scratch, which they then got to enjoy with some delicious black beans and salsa.

On March 27th, the Anthropology Department co-sponsored “A Conversation with Dr. Anthony Russell Jerry — Blackness in Mexico”. Prof. Anthony Russell Jerry visited our campus to discuss his new book *Blackness in Mexico: Afro-Mexican Recognition and the Production of Citizenship in the Costa Chica*, he also joined Prof. Bernardo Ramirez Rios in a sit-down conversation exploring the history, culture, and experiences of black communities in Mexico. Other co-sponsors included the President’s Office, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies (LACLS), Black Studies and the Dean of Students Office.