

# Cervantes Society of America

## Newsletter

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### ¡Adios!

After more than eight years, CSA will have a new Secretary/Treasurer, beginning July 2008. Since I have retired effective the beginning of 2008, it seemed the appropriate time to pass the torch (and the ledger!). Although it occurred sooner than I would have hoped or expected, I have always intended that when institutional and/or professional conditions made it impossible for me to maintain the teaching standards to which I have been committed throughout my career, or to publish in the areas that interest me, I would leave academe. The moment arrived, and it has been extraordinarily liberating: it has been a joy to rediscover such distant memories as weekends, good nights' sleep, and days not shadowed by dread.

I thank all of the members of CSA who have worked with me to keep the organization running and improving, especially those who have sent me "messages in a bottle" from time to time. They were often encouraging on difficult days, and I will always remember them. It has also been my privilege to serve as Secretary/Treasurer for four presidents: the late Carroll Johnson, Edward Friedman, James Parr, and Frederick de Armas, distinguished Cervantes scholars and gentlemen all. I owe a special debt of gratitude to William Clamurro, my predecessor as Secretary/Treasurer, for his unfailing support and advice over these years.

Your new, interim Secretary/Treasurer is Carolyn Nadeau, Dept. of Hispanic Studies, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL 61702 ([cnadeau@iwu.edu](mailto:cnadeau@iwu.edu)). She is currently in Spain, so it would be best to hold all correspondence and payments until her return at the beginning of July.

### *Cervantes*

The officers and Executive Council of CSA are pleased to welcome Tom Lathrop as the new editor of the journal *Cervantes*. As many of you know, Tom is the well-known founding editor of Juan de la Cuesta Monographs, which now boasts 125 titles, and the publisher of LinguaText Ltd. Currently Professor Emeritus of the University of Delaware, Tom taught previously at Mt. St. Mary's College, Transylvania University, and Lafayette College. The author of numerous books and articles, including *The Evolution of Spanish* and highly regarded editions and translations of *Don Quixote*, he brings a wealth of scholarship and editorial experience to *Cervantes*, to which his swift and orderly production of the delayed issues of the journal already testifies.

[Note: all of the delayed issues (V. 26, 1&2; V. 27, 1&2) have been mailed. If anyone has not received them, please contact Tom at [lathrop@udel.edu](mailto:lathrop@udel.edu).]

## **CSA at the MLA**

CSA Vice President Howard Mancing has announced the program for the Annual Meeting and session at the 2008 MLA in San Francisco. The Business Session, chaired by President Frederick de Armas, will feature a keynote address by Thomas Pavel, University of Chicago, entitled "Parody and the Search for Norms: The place of *Don Quixote* in the History of the Novel." Vice President Mancing will chair the regular session on the topic "Cognitive Approaches to Cervantes," which will feature the following papers: Barbara Simerka (Queens College) and Christopher Weimer (Oklahoma State University), "Cognition, Immersion and Narrative Technology in *Don Quijote*"; Theresa McBreen, (Middle Tennessee State University), "Negotiated Character Development and Reading Experience in Don Quijote's Third Sally"; and Catherine Connor (University of Vermont), "Cervantes' Mind: Cognitive Models and Literary Criticism."

## **Cervantes on the Conference Circuit**

The Fifth Annual UCLA Spanish and Portuguese Graduate Student Conference was held on May 2. The keynote address, "Exilio y retorno: Las apologías de la expulsión de los moriscos y la palabra peregrina de Ricote," was delivered CSA Executive Council member Steve Hutchinson (University of Wisconsin-Madison).

The Second Annual Florida Cervantes Symposium was held at the Casa Iberia at Rollins College. CSA members Anne J. Cruz (University of Miami) and Ricardo Castells (Florida International University) participated in the Symposium.

## **Other**

CSA's long-time faithful correspondent Karl-Ludwig Selig assures us that, in spite of a recent stroke, he continues to read about and ponder things Cervantine.

## **Reminder**

Now that the journal has caught up, all members who have not paid dues through 2006 will be removed from the rolls before I pass the materials to Carolyn at the beginning of July. Please check the paid up date on your mailing labels to verify your dues status.

*Theresa Ann Sears*

*Ballot for the Election of At-Large Delegates to CSA Executive Council, 2008*

Vote for **five (5)** of the following. Ballots should be sent to Charles Ganelin, Chair of the Nominations Committee, Dept. of Spanish & Portuguese, Irvin Hall #268, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056-1859 or by email to [ganelic@muohio.edu](mailto:ganelic@muohio.edu) no later than **September 1, 2008**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Joan Cammarata, Manhattan College

\_\_\_\_\_ Julia Domínguez, Iowa State University

\_\_\_\_\_ María Antonia Garcés, Cornell University

\_\_\_\_\_ Ana Gómez Laguna, Rutgers University-Camden

\_\_\_\_\_ Rosilie Hernández-Pecoraro, University of Illinois-Chicago

\_\_\_\_\_ Charles Presberg, University of Missouri-Columbia

\_\_\_\_\_ Cory Reed, University of Texas-Austin

\_\_\_\_\_ Lisa Vollendorf, California State University-Long Beach

\_\_\_\_\_ Steve Wagschal, Indiana University-Bloomington

\_\_\_\_\_ Amy Williamsen, University of Arizona