

Dean's Weekly
30 March 2011
English and Philosophy

Past Events

1. English instructors LTC Peter Molin, Dr. Margaret Downs-Gamble, and MAJ David Escobar presented papers at the University of Connecticut Freshman English program's Sixth Annual Conference on the Teaching of Writing, Friday 25 March in Storrs, CT. The theme of the conference was "Knowledge and Networks"; LTC Molin, Dr. Downs-Gamble, and MAJ Escobar's panel was titled, "Swinging from the Chain of Command: Critical Reading and Academic Writing at West Point."



Dr. Margaret Downs-Gamble and MAJ David Escobar following their panel presentation at UConn's Sixth Annual Conference on the Teaching of Writing.

2. On Monday, 28 March, Professor Aviva Chomsky, Professor of History and the Coordinator of Latin American, Latino and Caribbean Studies at Salem State University, gave a lecture to the 560 cadets and faculty of EN302 (Advanced Composition) in Robinson Auditorium. Her riveting talk, which highlighted her experiences with the Cuban people, greatly enhanced the students' understanding of Cuba's rich, yet complex and often misunderstood culture, history, and politics. Dr. Chomsky's discussion, coupled with a presentation of Cuban images, focused on the history of the Cuban Revolution, José Martí, noteworthy for his numerous contributions to Cuba's fight for independence and unity, the evolution of Cuba's multiple economic systems at work, and how her own experiences in Cuba helped to shape and inform her understanding of the intriguing island. During her visit, Professor Chomsky also dined with EN302 faculty and their families and observed an EN302 class section.

Future Event

1. On 7-10 April, Professors Margaret Downs-Gamble, Tony McGowan, and Drew Moore will attend the Northeast Modern Language Association (NeMLA) Conference at Rutgers University.