

WCU SPANISH newsletter

Daughtrey Celebrates Spanish "Al aire libre"

You may have heard a little more Spanish on the airwaves lately, thanks to the efforts of Craig Daughtrey, an ambitious student working on **three** degrees (Spanish, International Studies, and Political Science). WCU's online newsletter, [The Reporter](#), recently featured [an article on Craig](#), who also works as programming coordinator for Cullowhee's own Power 90.5, [WWCU-FM](#). The Reporter explains how Craig got his start in radio and gives details on his Spanish-language program, "Al aire libre," which can be heard on WWCU-FM on Sunday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Be sure to see what The Reporter has to say about Craig's hard work, and don't forget to tune in to WWCU-FM to hear music, interviews, and news, all in Spanish!

¡Enhorabuena, Craig!



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In October of 2015, [Dr. Mark Couture](#) participated in the annual [Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference](#) in Charleston, South Carolina, hosted by the College of Charleston. While there, he attended panels on literature and pedagogy, and also delivered a paper on the "africanía" of the poetry of Cuban writer [José Lezama Lima](#). Couture argued that africanía or "Africanness" pervades Cuban culture and even such cultural manifestations as Lezama's poetry, which at first seems to have more to do with the Spanish baroque or the European avant garde, are at the same time influenced by the African presence in Cuba. He backed up his thesis with the theories of the eminent Cuban ethnologist [Fernando Ortiz](#), along with a more contemporary Cuban writer and theorist, [Antonio Benítez Rojo](#).

STUDENT PROFILES: O'SHAY MASSEY



Where are you from?

I am originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but I currently live in Harrisburg, NC. I've lived there for the past nine years.

Where have you traveled?

I studied abroad in Valencia, Spain during summer 2015. I really wanted to truly immerse myself in the Spanish language to improve my speaking skills.

You study Spanish and Communication. Why did you choose this combination?

I love to talk, and I enjoy entertaining through music and acting and being in front of the camera, so that's why I enjoy TV and Radio Broadcasting. As for Spanish, I have always loved studying the language and challenging myself with it since about 7th grade. When I got to college and was able to study abroad I grew a strong love for the language and culture and was eager to learn more with hopes to be fluent.

Tell us about your role in on-campus organizations and events.

I am currently in my second year as a Resident Assistant in Blue Ridge, and I serve as the Diversity Senator on WCU's Student Government Association. I am also a peer mentor in the Project C.A.R.E. mentoring program at WCU, and I am a proud member of the Black Student Union as well as the Inspirational Gospel Choir.

How do you spend your time when you're not doing school-related stuff?

I am usually listening to music, performing in shows (acting and singing), or hanging with friends. I love being with my family, and I also enjoy going to church because my faith and relationship with God is one of the main focuses of my life.

How do you use your Spanish most now?

I use Spanish in the classroom a lot, as well as with other Spanish-speaking friends. I also enjoy meeting new people who speak Spanish and with whom I can practice. I hope to get a higher degree with Spanish after graduation, in hopes to one day move to a Spanish-speaking country and possibly teach English, all while becoming more proficient with my speaking.

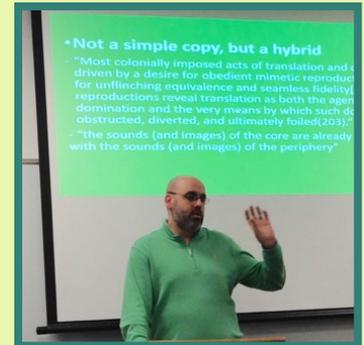


“Habla conmigo: Conversational Spanish” to be offered again March 30-April 20

WCUSpanish instructor Garrett Fisher is gearing up for the next session of [Habla conmigo](#), a four-week course open to the community focusing on Spanish conversation in everyday situations. Although you majors and minors in the WCUSpanish program are far too advanced to benefit from this course, you probably know someone who is interested in learning to communicate on a basic level but just doesn't know where to start. Now is the time to let your friends, relatives, and other members of your community know about this opportunity. The course meets for four consecutive Wednesday evenings and costs \$79. Anyone interested should [register here](#) or contact [Garrett Fisher](#) for more information.

Centeno-Pulido discusses *Breaking Bad's* Colombian version

Dr. Alberto Centeno-Pulido recently offered a discussion for the WCUSpanish community on [Metástasis](#), a Colombian adaptation of the hit TV show *Breaking Bad*. Centeno-Pulido offered a new perspective on the Colombian show, proposing that it be interpreted not as a simple copy, but rather as “an unfaithful reproduction” that emphasizes and even celebrates certain aspects of Colombian culture, even as viewers become entangled in the tragic decline of protagonist Wálter Blanco. Interested in learning more about how a quintessentially American show can take on such a new identity? Contact [Dr. Alberto Centeno-Pulido](#) for more information.



Upper level Spanish offerings for Fall 2016:

SPAN 301 - Conversation and Composition I (García)

SPAN 310 - Intro to Hispanic Literature (García)

SPAN 321 - Hispanic Cultures I (García)

SPAN 432 - North American and Caribbean Literature (Couture)

SPAN 462 - Spanish Syntax and Morphology (Centeno-Pulido)

SPAN 471 - The Art of Translation (Fisher)

If you have any questions about what Spanish class you need or have trouble registering for the ones you want, contact your Spanish advisor or [Dr. Lori Oxford](#) for help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

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WaLC TUTORING AVAILABLE

The [Writing and Learning Commons](#), or WaLC, is currently offering tutoring for this semester in Spanish with student tutors. Remember: most students who use the WaLC have Bs or better in their classes! If you think you could improve your reading comprehension, speaking and writing skills, or grammar usage, call 227-2274 or click on the link above to make an appointment. If you're interested in becoming a tutor, talk to the faculty member who teaches the class with which you'd like to work.

TALK ON WESTERN SAHARA

[Western Sahara](#) is a former Spanish territory that is still disputed even now, over 40 years after Spain relinquished control and decolonized the area. Many of the people living there, the Saharawi, have been living in refugee camps since then—nearly 200,000 in number! Shelley Booth of Asheville is running in the

[Sahara Marathon](#) later this month to raise awareness of this human rights issue that is all but forgotten in many industrialized nations. Booth will come to campus to speak at the UC Theater on March 15 at 4:00 about her experiences working with refugee women in Western Sahara.

COME PRACTICE AT TERTULIA

Anyone in the WCU community is welcome to come practice speaking Spanish with us at our weekly conversation hour at Tuck's Tap & Grille):

- **Thursday, Feb. 11 @ 4:30**
- **Monday, Feb. 15 @ 4:30**
- **Monday, Feb. 22 @ 5:30**
- **Tuesday, Mar. 1 @ 5:00**
- **Tuesday, Mar. 8 @ 4:30**
- **Thursday, Mar. 17 @ 4:30**
- **Thursday, Mar. 31 @ 4:30**
- **Monday, Apr. 4 @ 5:30**
- **Tuesday, Apr. 12 @ 5:00**
- **Thursday, Apr. 21 @ 4:30**
- **Monday, Apr. 25 @ 4:30**



Do you know a student in the Spanish program or an alumnus/alumna with an interesting story? Is there an event of interest to Spanish study that we should announce here? Let us know! Contact [Lori Oxford](#) with your news.



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¡Muchas gracias!