The Spanish Department and Blackburn College would like to welcome this year’s new Spanish professor, Dr. Ruth Kartchner! Dr. Kartchner was born in Chuquicamata, Chile and has been teaching since 1987. She has taught at the junior high, high school, and college level. Dr. Kartchner loves children’s literature and enjoys writing some herself. She has eight grandchildren that live in Arizona and she says they are her biggest fans!

“Coming to Blackburn has been a great blessing to me. I love the people, I love the students, and I love the possibilities for doing interesting projects,” says Dr. Kartchner.

We believe she is going to do great things at Blackburn! Dr. Kartchner says that she wants the Spanish Department to offer not only high quality education but innovative education.

“I want students to want to become bilingual because it is fun, it is helpful, and because it will afford them better opportunities in the future, as they participate in our global community. I want to listen to what the students want so that we can move forward together, united and successfully.”

We are so excited that Dr. Kartchner has joined the Blackburn family! If you see her around campus, be sure to take a moment and welcome her!
The mission of the Blackburn Spanish Department is to provide excellent instruction and learning opportunities to challenge not only majors and minors, but also other interested students. It is our vision to enrich the student body, faculty, and staff with the Spanish language as well as Hispanic cultures. Our goal is to promote the use of Spanish throughout Blackburn’s campus. We hope to help students attain language proficiency and a cultural understanding that will allow them to be well-rounded and culturally aware students.

Inside Story

This year the Spanish Department would like to invite anyone on campus to participate in our writing contest: “Las aventuras de Barney! “Those interested should create a short story highlighting an adventure that Barney has had! Be creative! Stories may be in English or Spanish and can be submitted to anyone in the Spanish Department. The winner’s stories will be featured in the next issue of El Castor!

Please contact the Spanish Department with any questions!

Inside Story Headline

Este año al departamento de español le gustaría invitar a cualquier persona en el campus de Blackburn a participar en nuestro concurso de escritura: Las aventuras de Barney! Aquellos que estén interesados deben crear una historia corta resaltando una aventura que Barney ha tenido. Sean creativos! Las historias pueden ser en inglés o en español y deben entregarse al Departamento de Español. La historia del ganador o ganadora será publicada en el próximo número de El castor.

Favor de contactar al Departamento de español si tiene preguntas.
Other faces in the Spanish Department

This semester the Spanish Department has three workers: Marissa Watson, Ashley Fisher, and José Osorio. Their office hours are posted outside the Spanish Department office in Rahme 113 and on the second floor of Hudson. Feel free to contact any of them with questions about the department or tutoring!

Join Spanish Club!

The Spanish Club will be having its first meeting of the year on Monday, September 9th, at 8:00pm. Don’t speak Spanish?...That’s okay!! Not in a Spanish class?...That’s okay too! The Spanish Club is about the appreciation of the Spanish language and culture!...so bring a friend! We will be discussing events and activities for the new year, electing officers, and there will be chips and salsa for everyone! The meeting will take place in the Commuter Lounge located in DCC! We hope to see you there!!

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1st Spanish Club Meeting:

Monday, September 9th @ 7:00 p.m.
The Spanish Department is now located in Rahme 113 extension 4309!

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Phrase of the Month:

¡Buena Suerte y Mucho Éxito!

Translation: Good Luck!

As the semester starts, the Spanish Department would like

"Don't Forget"

Submit your “Aventuras de Barney” to Ashley Fisher @ ashley.fisher@blackburn.edu for a chance to have it published in next month’s newsletter!

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