

## Real Colegio Complutense Cambridge, MA (USA)



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Welcome to the monthly electronic bulletin of the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University. Its purpose is to provide, past and future researchers and interested friends, a sense of what is going on at the RCC, and to maintain the contact with our Alumni.

We invite your comments and suggestions at [rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu](mailto:rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu) (Elizabeth Kline)

Angel Saenz-Badillos, Director



### Major Activities in July

**The Advanced Research Group on the Public Interest: Media and Public Opinion in Comparative Perspective (USA-EU)** continued their two month stay. They are hosting some lectures and discussions as well as a film series. All are open to the public at no cost (<http://www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu>) The videos of the lectures and meetings are accessible at the Group's Blog: <http://rccconantgroup.blogspot.com/>

RCC concluded its **Lecture Series**. They will begin again with the new academic year in September.

RCC hosted or co-hosted (with the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies) five seminars this month:

July 9-14: **Summer Course on Management Research**. Director: Prof. Alvaro Cuervo. Coordinator: Mauro Guillén. Sponsor: Fundación Rafael del Pino.

July 23-25: **Summer Course on Recent Developments in Financial Economics**. Directors: Emilio Ontiveros and Luis Viceira. Coordinators: Angel Berges, Alfonso García Mora.

July 23-27: **Survey of Methods in Health Research** (co-sponsored with DRCLAS). Directors: Kenneth Kleinman and Sonia Contreras. Coordinator: Raquel Galindo.

July 30-August 3: **I Simposio Internacional para docentes e investigadores en Gestión y Políticas Públicas, Siglo XXI**. Directors: Julio Gómez Pomar and Raquel Galindo.

July 30 –August 4: **Management Research in a Global and Changing Environment** (co-sponsored with DRCLAS). Directors: Asis Martínez Jerez and Raquel Galindo.

## **Current Researchers**

### Continuing Researchers (with Offices at RCC)

**Demetrio Castro Alfin**, History, U. Pública de Navarra

**Judit Targarona Borrás**, Hebrew and Medieval Literature Studies, UCM.

**Arturo Prats Oliván**, Hebrew Literature, UCM

**Antonio Martínez Marín**, Administrative Law, U. of Murcia

**Bjorn Arp**, International Law, U. of Alcalá

**André de Sousa**, Commercial Law, U. of Barcelona

**Diego Rodríguez Rodríguez**, International Economics, UCM

**Josep Puig**, Philosophy, UCM

**Cecilia Castaño Collado**, Social Sciences, UCM

**Rafael Rodríguez Prieto**, Democracy, Participating Politics, & Legal Theory, U. Pablo de Olavide

**Susana Galera**, Administrative Public Law, U. Rey Juan Carlos

**María Pérez-Ugena**, Media, U. Rey Juan Carlos

**Alvaro Pérez-Ugena**, Public Opinion, U. Rey Juan Carlos

**José María Seco Martínez**, Philosophy of Law, U. Pablo de Olavide

**Nolan Bowie**, Media, Harvard U. J.F. Kennedy School of Government

**Alberto González Pascual**, Media Communications, UCM

**José Joaquin Fernández Alles**, Constitutional Law, U. de Cádiz

**María Seco Martínez**, Philosophy of Law, U. Pablo de Olavide

**Agustí Segarra**, Applied Economy, U. Rovira i Virgili

**Victoria Rivas López**, Financial Mathematics, UCM

### New Researchers

**Raquel Galindo**, Business, U. Autónoma de Madrid

**Marta Montero Simo**, Tax Law, ETEA, Córdoba

**Rosa María Rodríguez Izquierdo**, Education, U. Pablo de Olavide

**Bernardo Periñán**, Law, Pablo de Olavide

**Mauricio Suarez**, Philosophy, UCM

**Maria Luisa Gómez Jiménez**, Law, U. of Málaga

## Interview with Cecilia Castaño Collado



Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust shaking hands with Cecilia

I was drawn to come to Real Colegio Complutense/Harvard/Cambridge-Boston area for two reasons: one is “the push factor” and the other is the “pull factor”. Being an academic (a full professor in Applied Economics at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid), you need to continuously work with colleagues in other high level universities to improve your teaching and research abilities. This is the “push factor”. In addition, Cambridge/Boston has so many top quality universities, colleges, and research centers – it is one of the best places in the world for my field of interest – that I was attracted to come here.

My specialty is gender issues in today’s Information Society. Here at Harvard I’m working particularly on women in top corporate executive positions in high tech companies. This area is an evolution from my PhD thesis which focused on technology and employment in the automobile industry in 1980’s. I was able to witness, during my research for the dissertation, the introduction of the first robots in Spain used during the production of automobiles. I continued to work in the field of technology and jobs, but next looked at the banking industry. There, I witnessed the early use of computers. After some time, I decided that I wanted to do research with a more personal focus and began to look at technology and employment from a gender perspective.

I’ve done several research projects since then and realized that barriers which women face in this field deal with power. So, I decided to focus my current research on women in top positions in corporations.

I’m really very happy with my experience here for three months. I’ve been able to do almost everything that I wanted to do. I’ve interviewed and received support from women in academia and in corporations. They’ve helped me with useful comments, advice on questionnaires, and introduced me to other women. For example, there is an

organization, the “Boston Club”, which includes women corporate executives. They keep up with the data in this field and many teach in very good quality institutions such as MIT, Boston College, Bentley, and Harvard.

I also learned a lot from participating in the Rhulmans Conference at Wellesley College where students presented their year-long projects. It was like a real congress, with many simultaneous panels. It was really very interesting because I was able to appreciate the high quality of the students presentations. One student is now interested in my specific research focus and is doing research and may do some writing.

While at RCC, I am a Visiting Researcher at the Harvard Center for European Studies. This is a really interesting place. There are days when I have three different options of events to attend and I can only pick one of them. There are presentations and discussions on many topics related to politics, economics, and even to gender. I’ve met women from a study research group at CES on Gender, politics and Society and it has been great!

I am learning not just what I read, but also I learn from the atmosphere filled with so many new ideas and really interesting people who ask relevant questions. RCC is also a very important place for me and for the other Spanish researchers. It provides a very supportive work and social environment. Everyone works hard; so, there is an incentive to work hard also. Every day, even on weekends, you can find people at RCC. Everyone is taking advantage of the opportunities to read, think, and write. In Spain, I don’t have such a quiet environment because I am teaching and doing many other research activities at the same time.

I’ve met very interesting other Spanish researchers and have learned from them even though they work on very different fields of interest. We share experiences and we support each other even though we work independently. I know that I’ve met people whom I will know for years. We have shared a special experience together.

By living in the US for three months, I’ve also gained an understanding of America and Americans. For example, I felt for the Boston University professor whose son died in Iraq. Both he and I are opposed to the war in Iraq and, yet, he is a parent. I felt for him.

When I return to Spain, I will bring with me a lot more than I think: I will take with me knowledge...experiences...friends...intellectual connections and networks...and a different idea about the United States and about American people. We at RCC are privileged and in this environment, we are able to reach a higher percentage of our goals. For example, professors here who believe that you are a serious researcher will make time to meet with you. All you have to do is send an email with your research interests and then the professor responds.

Cambridge/Boston have changed a lot since I was last here twenty years ago. I know that I want to come back someday soon.

## Interview with RCC Alumna Mercedes López Salva



I´m an Associate Professor (Profesora Titular) in Greek Philology at the Universidad Complutense, Madrid. In December 2006, I was “habilitada para acceder al Cuerpo de Catedráticos”.

My PhD was on the topic “Healings through Dreams in Christian Temples”. Since then, my two research areas have been Greek medicine and early Christian literature. I have worked on popular and “technical” ancient greek medicine (Hipócrates, Galen and Paul of Egina). Now I´m studying Galen´s anatomical physiology. I am specially interested on his experiments about the brain and the nervous system, and on his explanation about the rational, creative and social man´s habilities. I have translated from Greek into Spanish the two main Galen´s treatises about anatomy, *De anatomicis adminisrationibus* and *De usu partium*. I´m also working on the metaphors that Galen used to explain the anatomy and physiology of the human body. I have also studied how the Spanish Renaissance received Galen´s anatomical works and how its study was obligatory at the main Spanish universities from XVI to XVIII centuries. I am also concerned with the creation of a medical vocabulary. I belong to a research team, whose task is to study ancient Greek medicine and its influence.

My other research field has to do with ancient religions and early Greek Christian literature. I have translated several apocryphal books of the Old Testament from Greek into Spanish. Now I am translating the collection of miracles of the holy physicians Cosmas and Damian and also will translate the collections of the life and miracles of Thekla and of Artemius, all healer saints. When I was in Cambridge I made an updated bibliographical survey of early Greek Christian literature. I wrote some papers about women´s situation in early Christianity and gnosticism. I belong also to a research team, whose goal is to study the eschatologies in the eastern Mediterranean region. My task on this team is to study the image of afterlife in early Greek Christianity. I am now especially interested in Origenes ideas about transmigration of the souls and *apocatastasis*. I have another project studying the medicine in the Fathers of the Church. The concern of some of them about breathing

and the poses of the body while praying aroused my interest. I work also on Imperial and Byzantine literature. I translated several Plutarch's treatises.

You ask me also about my teaching at the Complutense. I have taught Greek for beginners, commentary of texts, Greek literature, Greek theater, metric, dialectology, syntax, early Christian literature, philosophy, religion, and mythology.

I was at the Real Colegio Complutense from March-May 2003 (as a Research Assistant) and March 2004-January 2005 (as a Visiting Scholar). I have a great memory of my stay at RCC/Cambridge/USA. My stay allowed me to work hard and with ease in a very nice and humane work atmosphere. Thanks to that comfort, I was able to translate *De usu partium* of Galen and write some papers, which I wouldn't have done without the work climate at RCC. Now I'm thinking about organizing a group of advanced researchers for the next summer. The RCC is an unsurpassed research center and a convivial place for Spaniards, Americans and whomever wants to come there. The director's concern with everything and the multiple activities he organizes makes the RCC a pleasant place to stay and work. I made a couple of new good friends there and deepened my old friendship with Angel Saenz-Badillos and Judit Targarona. Since I stayed at RCC I'm more involved in a social project which some friends are carrying out in Nicaragua (<http://www.casas-de-la-esperanza.org>).

Cambridge: To be at Harvard University is the golden dream of any scholar. I was very grateful for the reception that I received from the Department of the Classics and its Chair, Professor Thomas. I am particularly grateful to Professor Heinrich, my sponsor, who gave me not only all the academic support and attention I needed, but also his friendship. I had the good fortune to attend one of his seminars about the *Oresteia* and another about *Papirology*, where we read a good deal of papyrus. I admired his way of teaching, his broad and deep knowledge and his concern for all his students. I was aware that Prof. Heinrich is a genius of philology. His teaching and his friendship remain with me. I enjoyed also the classes of Byzantine Greek taught by Prof. Duffy. I remain a great memory of him. Now I'm preparing a paper for a Congress in Valencia about a topic that we discussed in his class. In my classes, I apply many things that I have learned at Harvard. I keep also in my heart Teresa, who always was willing to resolve all my problems and who offered me her friendship, and Leonor. The Widener and the Andover libraries made me feel as if I was in paradise. Even today when I need some bibliography I connect to the Hollis Catalog. My experience at Harvard was unforgettable from both an academic and a personal point of view. I feel in Harvard's debt.

Another experience in Cambridge was to live with our ineffable (current Program Coordinator) Elizabeth Kline. This has nothing to do with renting a room. Elizabeth shares with you all her house, her household, her friends and even her family. As soon as I arrived to USA, I joined a lively book group in her house. They invited me to join them to their philosophical and literary discussions. Another time, Elizabeth invited me to go from door to door to convince people to vote first for Senator John Edwards, afterwards for Senator John Kerry. To experience the US elections with

Elizabeth was something very special. Also Elizabeth tried, with patience to explain to me the secrets of baseball when we watched the Red Sox games on t.v. We went together to Kripalu in western Massachusetts to do yoga and relax. We went to the Boston Marathon and to other races where we encouraged her son Adam.

I had many other American adventures: trips to Salem, Cape Cod, the Strawberry Banke in New Hampshire, Newport, Rhode Island, Newbury and many more. We used to go on walking tours of Boston neighborhoods, stopping to drink a coffee in the Italian quarter (North End). We had an incredible all chocolate lunch at a lovely hotel in Boston.

In my leisure time, I used to do yoga led by Barbara Benagh in her Beacon Hill studio, where I learned new insights to explore the slightest movement of each muscle. Barbara used metaphors to explain anatomy just like Galen did. I also took yoga classes with Patricia Walden in Harvard Square who taught us the relationship between the body's movements and those of the soul. In both groups, I made good friends from Boston, Cambridge and from all over the world. In February of this year, I met Barbara and her group in Jamaica. All of them are part of my life from the States. We all keep in touch today.

My stay in Cambridge renewed me and compelled me to work with determination and joy in all of my present projects. I know that those experiences have had an important influence on achieving some of my academic goals this year. I express my appreciation to everybody.

## **RCC Alumni**

We encourage all RCC alums to email us information about their research projects, articles, books, and other related activities. We really encourage former RCC researchers to view their contact information on our website, under "Antiguos Colegiales", ([www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu](http://www.realcolegiocomplutense.harvard.edu)) and email Elizabeth Kline of any desired changes ([rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu](mailto:rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu)). We also want to publicize any articles and/or books based on your research while at RCC. Email these references and they will appear in the next monthly bulletin.

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