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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 (Elizabeth Kline)

Angel Saenz-Badillos, Director



Major Activities in October

One of the major events this month was the inauguration of the new president of Harvard University, Drew Faust, on October 12th.



Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust

“Drew G. Faust, an eminent historian and outstanding academic leader who has served since 2001 as the founding dean of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, will become the twenty-eighth president of Harvard University, effective July 1.

An expert on the Civil War and the American South, and the leading figure in Radcliffe's transformation from a college into one of the country's foremost scholarly institutes, Faust was elected to the Harvard presidency today by the members of the Harvard Corporation, with the consent of the University's Board of Overseers.

"Through her service as founding dean of the Radcliffe Institute, she has shown uncommon skill in designing and fulfilling a forward-looking agenda of institutional change," said Houghton. "Through her decades as a leading faculty member at Penn and at Harvard, she has invested herself in both education and research with passion, imagination, and a devotion to the highest ideals of academic life.

As the first dean of the Radcliffe Institute, Faust has guided the transformation of Radcliffe from a college into a wide-ranging institute for advanced study. Under her leadership, Radcliffe has emerged as one of the nation's foremost centers of scholarly and creative enterprise, distinctive for its multidisciplinary focus and the exploration of new knowledge at the crossroads of traditional fields. In recognition of its roots in Radcliffe College, the Institute maintains a special commitment to the study of women, gender, and society. To support its mission, Faust has directed a comprehensive administrative restructuring, secured the Institute's finances, attracted major new gifts, and undertaken an extensive renovation of Radcliffe's historic campus.

"Drew wears her extraordinary accomplishments lightly," said Houghton. "Her many admirers know her as both collaborative and decisive, both open-minded and tough-minded, both eloquent and understated, both mindful of tradition and effective in leading innovation. Her qualities will serve Harvard well as we plan ambitiously for the future - not only in the college but across the schools, not only in the sciences but across the disciplines and professions, not only in Allston but throughout our campus. We share with Drew an enthusiastic commitment to building on Harvard's strengths, to bridging traditional boundaries, and to embracing a world full of new possibilities." Source: *Harvard Gazette (11 February 2007)*

Vice Rector of UCM, Carlos Andradas, came for the Harvard inauguration. He visited RCC and met with the director, program coordinator, and some of the researchers.



In October, there were two more seminars: Commercial Law (October 15, 16) and Seminar IV on Law & Economics (October 22-28, 2007). Several former RCC researchers joined some current fellows at these seminars. In the photograph below are: Matias Irigoyen-Testa, Marta Montero Simó, Francisco Garcimartin, Carmen Galán López, and José Carlos González Vazquez



Upcoming Events

Lectures

November 1: *Special event in Spanish: "Descubriendo las estrategias de comunicación en un poema de Rafael Alberti"*. M. Carmen González Landa, Universidad Complutense de Madrid.

November 8: *Criminals and just Speakers: An approach to a democratic dilemma through some practical examples*. Abel Arias, Universidad de Oviedo.

November 15: *Rethinking affirmative action in employment policy for women*. María José Gómez-Millán Herencia, Universidad Pablo de Olavide.

November 29: Matías Irigoyen Testa, Universidad Nacional del Sur (Argentina)

Films

November 2: *Una Preciosa Puesta de Sol*. Directed by Alvaro del Amo. (2003)

November 9: *Salomé*. Directed by Carlos Saura (2002)

November 16: *Las Razones de Mis Amigos*. Directed by Gerardo Herrero (2000)

November 30: *Los Fantasma de Goya*. Directed by Carlos Saura (2006)

Current Researchers

Continuing Researchers (with Offices at RCC)

Antonio Martínez Marín, Administrative Law, U. of Murcia

André de Sousa, Commercial Law, U. of Barcelona

Marta Montero Simo, Tax Law, ETEA, Córdoba

Matias Irigoyen, Law, UCM

Abel Arias Castaño, Law, U. of Oviedo

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

Nuría Gallego Lletjós, Prehistory, UCM

María Carmen González Landa, Spanish Philology, UCM

Prisca Castanyer-Bonin, International Economy & Development, UCM

Xulia González, Industrial Economics, U. of Vigo

María José Gómez-Millán Herencia, Labor Law, U. Pablo de Olavide

Francisco Javier Zamora Rodríguez, History, U. Pablo de Olavide

New Researchers

Juan-Luis Recio Adrados, Sociology (Emeritus), UCM

Jesús López Rodríguez, Economic Geography, U. of A. Coruña

Rebeca Barba Egido, Human Ecology & Pre-History, UCM

Rafael Rodríguez Prieto, Legal Theory & Political Philosophy, U. Pablo de Olavide de Seville

Anselmo Martínez Cañellas, Mercantile Law, U. de les Illes Balears

Interview with Marta Montero



RCC provides a home base for many different academic researchers from Spain. The person profiled in this bulletin, Marta Montero Simó, is an Associate Professor at ETEA, a university institution of the Society of Jesus, currently affiliated to Cordoba University. Soon, it will become Universidad Fernando III, the first private university in Andalucía, with headquarters in Córdoba and Sevilla.

“I feel honored to be the first representative from ETEA to the Real Colegio Complutense and to Harvard University. This is a dream come true for me. I never thought that I would be able to come here. When I first began exploring opportunities to do research abroad, I did not know about RCC or its relationship with the law firm, Garrigues”

“For many years, I have been researching about taxation of cooperatives; in the last year, I extended my work to nonprofit organizations in Spain. I was really interested in studying the fiscal treatment of nonprofit organizations in USA and in some European countries in order to do a comparative study. I was totally convinced that the best idea is to go to the country when you can find the sources”.

By chance, a colleague in her field of tax law mentioned that the law firm of Garrigues offers one or two grants to Spanish lawyers to go to RCC each year to study and do research at Harvard University. She applied and received a six month grant.

“I was so excited when I received news of the grant. I knew that Harvard University is a very special place where I could do my research and know new methodologies that enrichment my professional work. I never expected to get such a grant: what a lesson in the importance of going after what you really desire!”

“The timing was very good. Spanish universities are in a transformational process, ETEA is changing too and so is my life. I felt, inside, that I had to come because it would be a very good experience. I didn’t know exactly what I’d find at Harvard

University, but I knew that if I wanted to better myself, Harvard was one of the best places”.

“It wasn’t easy coming here. I have two daughters who came with me for the first two months. I had to arrange my work situation in Spain. Fortunately, the President, the Director and my colleagues of ETEA were very pleased and supportive.”

“I have already taken advantage of my stay and I still am here for another three months. I am a Visiting Scholar at the European Law Research Center at the Harvard Law School. My current research focus is American tax-exempt organizations. I’ve benefited greatly from the courses and seminars that I’ve attended and the professors and colleagues whom I’ve met. I feel really fortunate that I can attend Professor Daniel Halperin’s course on “Regulation and Taxation of Non-Profit Organizations” and get to know Marion Fremont-Smith from the Hauser Center of Nonprofit Organizations at Harvard.”

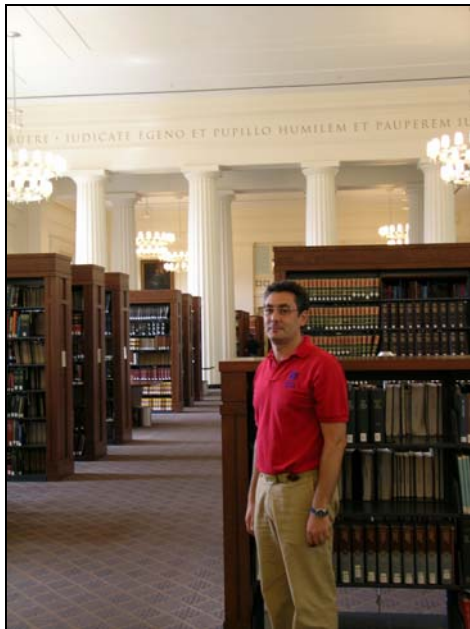
“Harvard University offers many opportunities for learning and training, I’ve attended seminars on tax shelters and tax policy in developing countries, and two recent seminars co-sponsored by RCC and the Harvard Law School on Commercial Law, and on Law & Economics. I have had also the opportunity to give a lecture at RCC in English on my current research.”

“I may submit a paper for the annual forum of the Harvard European Law Society and would like to publish a book in Spanish on the materials that I’m collecting and analyzing related to non-profit organizations. There are so many possibilities now that I am here in the United States, at Harvard University, with a comfortable office at RCC, and surrounded by fantastic colleagues and professors.”

Another important aspect that I would like to highlight is the atmosphere I have found at the RCC. Many colleagues from different Spanish universities and people who manage the RCC create a special, helpful and enriched atmosphere for work. The relationship with these people is one of the best things that I will take with me when I leave Cambridge”.

“Even if I had to return to Spain tomorrow, I feel that I’ve had an unforgettable experience to take in my luggage and what is most important for me, I have been able to share it with my two daughters for two months”.

Interview with RCC Alumni Bernardo Periñán Gómez



Harvard Law School Library

1. What is your current title and university department?

I am an Associate Professor (Profesor Titular) of Roman Law at Pablo de Olavide University, Sevilla, where I received tenure in 2002. I work at the Private Law Department and I am also the main researcher in the I+D Research Group “Law, Persons and Citizens in Historical and Contemporary Experience” from 2007 to 2010.

2. When were you at RCC?

I spent approximately three months, from July to early October, 2007. At the same time, I was a Visiting Researcher at the European Law Research Center at Harvard Law School.

3. How has your experience at RCC influenced your life since then?

My experience here has been simply wonderful, both professionally and personally. In a professional way, I was able to know and work in one of the most important law schools in the world, mainly because of its marvellous libraries. The HLS library contains, for example, more than 400 different editions of *Corpus Iuris Civilis*, which is the most important source of knowledge for studying Roman Law. It was really useful to have the library open almost 24 hours a day seven days a week, from the beginning of September.

Maybe the most important thing I did here, professionally speaking, was to have enough time to read and study. Before coming, I had been working on a topic I wanted to research, but I needed time and quiet to develop the shape of my research. Now I can say

that I got it, and I also wrote a very good number of pages of a book which I hope to publish in 2008. I also gave a lecture about Roman Law in order to explain to my colleagues at RCC what I am doing and why. I also focus on the social responsibility Roman law professors have nowadays.

From the personal point of view, the experience has been even more interesting. I have gotten to know much better United States through so friendly places like Cambridge and Boston. In addition, I have met local people in order to know them better and practice my English. I also volunteered in a homeless shelter in Cambridge.

Of course, I have had contacts with so many Spanish colleagues, from whom I learned very many interesting things about their different scientific fields. For example, I learned from Antonio Martínez Marín about American society and from Abel Arias about freedom of expression.

I talked with people whom I would never have met elsewhere and I am sure I have now new friends to keep in touch with in Spain. All of this has been possible thanks to RCC and the persons in charge of it. Very often I have felt I have had a real privilege being here.

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) and email Elizabeth Kline of any desired changes (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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