

Real Colegio Complutense Cambridge, MA (USA)

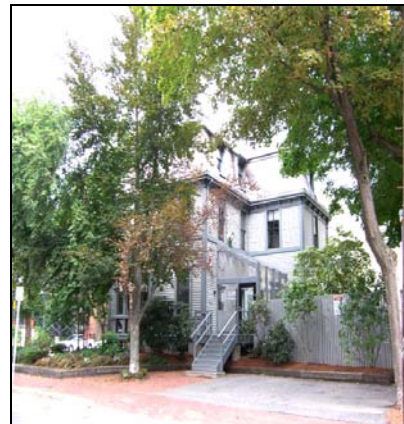


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Welcome to the monthly electronic bulletin of the Real Colegio Complutense at Harvard University. Its purpose is to provide, past and future researchers and interested friends, a sense of what is going on at the RCC, and to maintain the contact with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

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

Ángel Saenz-Badillos, Director



Major Activities in September

The Real Colegio Complutense opened the 2008-2009 academic year with its Inauguration Ceremony on Tuesday, September 16. Over 70 people attended.



Angel Hernandez Dominguez played violin and Caroline Reiner-Williams played the cello at the Opening Ceremony.



The first in RCC's Thursday evening lecture series on **September 25**: Ana González-Rivas Fernández, UCM, *Melmoth, the Wanderer: a gothic example of the Classical tradition*.

With the arrival of new researchers and the return of others back to Spain, RCC celebrated with food and drinks outside in the garden. Two researchers, María Angeles Montoro and Javier Martínez Rosado, brought ice cream to their farewell lunch (See photo of the group below).



Upcoming Events

October 6-8: *Commercial Law Seminar*, directed by David Kennedy and Juan Sánchez-Calero.

October 6-10: *Law and Economics Seminar*, directed by Francisco Cabrillo and sponsored by Fundación Rafael del Pino.

All lectures and films take place at the RCC (26 Trowbridge Street in Cambridge, in the conference room. They begin at 7:30 PM. The lectures are in English and the films are in Spanish with English subtitles. They are free and open to the public.

Lectures:

October 2: Elena Pérez Hernández.. *Assessment of Attention in Children. An Ecological Approach*

October 9: Rosa Pulido Valero. *School violence in Spain: how it happens and how we can stop it.*

October 16: Javier Flores. *The relationship between satisfaction and loyalty. A focus on the Spanish arts consumer.*

October 23: Ana Álvarez González. *Trauma & Memory.*

October 30: Florentino Rodao. *To be announced.*

Films:

Oct. 3: *Ay, Carmela!* Carlos Saura, 1990.

Oct. 10: *Salvador (Puig Antich).* Manuel Hueriga, 2006.

Oct. 17: *Los olvidados.* Luis Buñuel, 1950.

Oct. 24: *Goya en Burdeos.* Carlos Saura, 1999.

Oct. 31: *Azuloscurocasinegro.* Daniel Sánchez Arévalo, 2006.

Current Researchers

Continuing Researchers (with Offices at RCC)

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

María Angeles Montoro Sánchez, Strategic Management & Entrepreneurship, UCM

Florentino Rodao, Contemporary History, UCM.

Carmen López Alonso, Religion & Politics, UCM

Javier Flores, Marketing, UCM

Agustín Madrid Parras, Commercial Law, U. Pablo de Olavide

Ana González-Rivas Fernández, Comparative Literature, UCM

Elena Pérez Hernández, Psychology, UCM

Javier Martínez Rosado, Commercial Law, UCM

New Researchers

Javier Megías, Commercial Law, UCM

Jorge Jesús Leiva Rojo, Translation and Interpreting, U. of Málaga

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

Juan Pablo Sánchez Hernández, Classics, UCM

Ruben Arriazu Muñoz, Higher Education and Evaluation Process, UCM.

Javier García Amez, Administrative Law, U. Oviedo

Rebeca Barba Egido, Zooarchaeology, Taphonomy, Human Evolution, UCM

Rafael Caballero Sánchez, Administrative Law, UCM

Rosa M. Pulido Valero, Psychology, UCM

Camila Paz Obligado, Classics, UCM.

Ignacio CeballosViro, Spanish Literature, UCM

Alfredo Cuesta Infante, Computer Science, Felipe II College, UCM

Ana Álvarez González, Psychology, Autónoma de Madrid

Ludmilla Ortega, International Relations, UCM.

Interview with María Ángeles Montoro Sánchez



“For the past ten years, every time that I came here to coordinate with Professor Alvaro Cuervo the “Management Research” summer seminar, I told myself that I had to return as a researcher. This year, I decided to do just that.”

María Ángeles Montoro Sánchez, an Associate Professor of Business Economics at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, believes that “everyone should take advantage of going abroad” before applying for a full professorship position. “It is important to get more research data, improve one’s training, meet people face-to-face, and be exposed to another culture.” In her three and a half months at RCC/Harvard, she spent “thousands of hours” getting data from Harvard Business School’s Barker Library. “This data, including information about Spanish firms, does not exist in Spain and it would cost me thousands of dollars to get it.”

María Ángeles Montoro Sánchez was fortunate to have met some of the most important Harvard Business School professors who were speakers at the summer seminars. Through her connection to the Real Colegio Complutense, she received free access to the libraries. One of these professors helped her get started at Baker Library, which is “a paradise for researchers”.

Another let her audit a MBA class on “Competing through Business Models”. The class gave her an introduction to the case study method used at the Harvard Business School. “This method is a very good way to prepare students for the real life in firms. It helps them make decisions on issues that they will face after they graduate and are working in firms.” In addition, “teachers are given feedback from students, which help their own learning and teaching.” She believes that Harvard expects its teachers seeking to become full professors to write case studies which are then used in classes. This means that the teachers are very familiar with the materials and write well constructed case studies.

While here, María Ángeles Montoro Sánchez collected so much data in her field of Entrepreneurship and International Business that she “has enough for at least one more year of work! She finished writing two papers in English. One will soon be published in an journal included at the Journal Citation Report (JCR) of social science. This is a real achievement.

In addition, like so many other Spaniards who come to RCC/Harvard, she had her “mind opened to new ideas, new ways of teaching, and new cultures.” She valued her “little family at RCC” – people with whom she became friends, shared meals, and socialized.

Interview with Alumn, Javier Martínez Rosado



Javier Martínez Rosado, Associate Professor of Commercial Law at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, recently finished a six and a half month research stay at the Real Colegio Complutense. As Program Coordinator at RCC for the past three years, I’ve met many Spanish researchers. I found Javier to be a special person who combined hard and productive work with an eagerness to experience America and learn from Americans. The photograph shows him in front of the Grand Canyon. He found time in his busy schedule to hike in some of this country’s most beautiful national parks.

His curiosity “opened up” my eyes to new, more “dynamic and interactive” ways of teaching; new people from a variety of cultures and backgrounds; new professional ideas; and to the English language. “Now I see life, in general, from a more open mind.. In Spain, I’m not used to meeting people from other fields and other countries. In Spain, many of the universities don’t have a complete library and access to important e-resources”. Although many of my classes are practical, I noticed that at Harvard students are encouraged and expected to discuss and offer their own recommendations, and they are supposed to study before classes, which makes classes much more interesting”.

“At RCC, I had the experience of getting to know people from different regions of Spain and different disciplines. I learned enough English to feel much more comfortable speaking it in public. While in Cambridge, MA. I took a course in English grammar and then had one-on-one conversations with an English teacher. I noticed that lecturers in the US use electronic and other resources, making their presentations more dynamic”. They are shorter than the ones in Spain with more time for questions and answers afterwards. I learned from my observations of other speakers at the RCC and gave this kind of presentation myself at RCC”

“I expect to apply some of these lessons to my teaching and my research. I am finishing two papers now. I will try to make my classes more dynamic and perhaps

encourage students to come to my office for discussions and advise. I return to Spain a different person.”

There is an official **Asociación de Colegiales del Real Colegio Complutense en Harvard:**

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Esteban Moro, Judit Targarona

In the photograph below are Ana del Hoyo and Carlos Rivero, the alumni who visited RCC on August 9th.

