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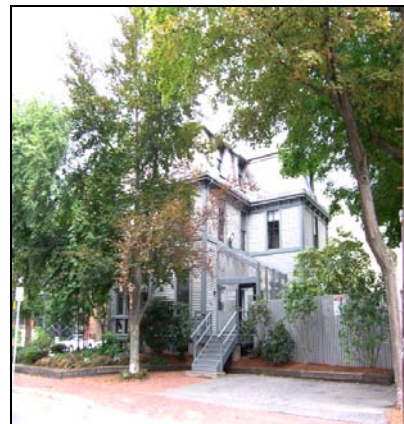


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Bulletin #37

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 October

The Real Colegio Complutense was completely full in the month of October; in fact, some researchers had to work in the Harvard libraries. In the second week of this month, some researchers enjoyed the warm weather and ate and drank coffee outside in the garden.

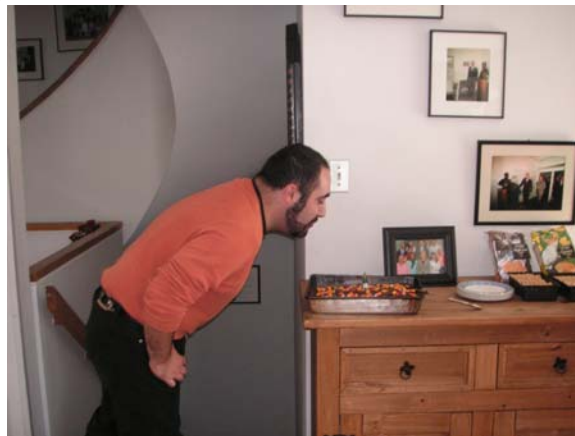
RCC, in conjunction with the Harvard Law School, hosted two seminars. Both of them met at the RCC on October 8, 2008.

October 6-8: *Law and Economics 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.



Because there are so many people coming and going, the Program Coordinator encourages informal social gatherings. The photo below is a picture of Juan Pablo Sánchez Hernández (Classics, UCM) receiving an American birthday cake decorated with Halloween candy.



Juan Pablo Sánchez

RCC Researchers celebrated Lola Gadea's career advancement to Full Professor in Economics at University of Saragossa.



Upcoming Events

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:

November 6: *Stability of Uncertain Systems. A probabilistic approach.* Alfredo Cuesta Infante, Felipe II/UCM

November 13: *The Birth of Indo-European Theory. New Prospects of Linguistic Analysis,* Camila Paz Obligado, UCM.

November 20: *Still Time for Mortgage Securitization? The US and Spain Experience: A Legal Approach.* Agustin Madrid,.Universidad Pablo de Olavide.

Films:

November 7: *El ángel exterminador,* Luis Buñuel (1962)

November 14: *El viaje a ninguna parte,* Fernando F. Gómez (1986)

November 21: *Frágiles,* Jaume Balagueró (2005)

Current Researchers

Continuing Researchers (with Offices at RCC)

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

Florentino Rodao, Contemporary History, UCM.

Javier Flores, Marketing, UCM

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

Elena Pérez Hernández, Psychology, UCM

Javier Megías, Commercial Law, UCM

Jorge Jesús Leíva 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 Ceballos Viro, Spanish Literature, UCM

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

Ana Álvarez González, Psychology, Univ. Autónoma de Madrid

Ludmilla Ortega. International Relations, UCM.

Ainara Zubillaga Del Río, Education, UCM

Eva Herrera Palacios, Education, UCM

New Researchers

Honesto Herrera Soler, Linguistics, UCM.

Nirian Martín, Statistics, UCM

Demetrio Castro, History of Political Ideas, Pública de Navarra

María Dolores Gadea Rivas, Economics, U. of Zaragoza

Eukene Lacarra, Medieval Literature, U. del País Vasco

Interview with Monica Fuentes



Monica Fuentes Naharro stayed at the RCC for three months in 2002. She has also been the coordinator of the Commercial Law Course for five of the six times that it has been offered by RCC and the Harvard Law School. She was recently interviewed in person at the VI Commercial Law Course. In September 2008, she was appointed to the position of Profesor Contratado Doctor at the Universidad Complutense de Madrid. Her specialty is corporate law.

“At the Real Colegio Complutense, I found a place where I belong. Academics spend their time researching and teaching for very little money. Often, people don’t understand us and don’t realize how much academics sacrifice. Our lives can be hard, even painful at times. People ask me: Why are you working so hard for so little pay? At the Real Colegio Complutense, you find people like you and I felt so happy. Because you are with other people like you, you feel appreciated, respected, and valued. You find a sense of all the things that you have been doing all of your life. RCC is a home in the academic, professional, and personal sense.”

“Academic life can make you feel lonely. Although I keep some of the feelings that I experienced at RCC, I now realize that I need to return to recharge my batteries. I want to have that sense of being part of a group. In addition, I want to have some time away from my day-to-day professional responsibilities to focus on my research and writing. At RCC, I gathered data that doesn’t exist in Spain and was very productive in that tranquil and comfortable work place. I was able to write part of my thesis, the one about American law.”

With the recent reforms in the Spanish educational system, we hope that it is easier for people like Monica Fuentes at the UCM Law School to go for a semester abroad. The teaching schedule may change from teaching a course for both semesters to one where each course can be completed in one semester.

Interview with Alumna, Ana González Rivas



1. **Your title and department in Spain.** I am a Ph D student in the Latin Department at the Complutense University in Madrid.
2. **Your field of interest.** I focus on the Classical tradition in English Literature. I specialize in Romanticism.
3. **When were you at RCC?** August and September 2008.
4. **How has the experience there changed you professionally? personally?**

My stay in Harvard University and Real Colegio Complutense was an incredible experience, both academically and personally. Needless to say that Harvard is one of the top universities in the world, to teach and to research. The huge Harvard library was a

great help for my thesis, thanks to its vast stacks (with everything I needed) and the electronic resources they provide with. In the University itself, everything is ready for you to work: 24 hours access to some buildings, Wifi everywhere... I found it very comfortable. Faculty and members of the staff were also very kind with me, and I had the chance to meet some people who work in the same field I do. The Real Colegio Complutense, on the other hand, is an institution, which promotes, very successfully, the work of Spanish researchers in Harvard. In the RCC I found a very suitable place to work, at any time during day and night; but not everything is work: the RCC also provides a very nice and relaxing atmosphere to meet people, make friends, and even to hold a party or a BBQ –if weather allows it... I had really good times there, and met people from other academic fields – which is always very interesting! Finally, the cycle of conferences or other seminars organized during the summer are a good chance to present your own research to other people, and to develop your skills in English. I presented a conference on the Gothic novel “Melmoth, the Wanderer”, and I learnt a lot with the experience.

5. Any advice for people considering coming to RCC/Harvard/Cambridge?

Above all, be aware of the opportunity you have to be in Harvard and in the RCC. Take advantage of your stay, practice your English and work hard, but enjoy also the social life in Cambridge, the pubs, the friends you will make... You will then keep a very good memory of your time here.

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

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Vicepres.: Octavio Ruiz-Manjón

Secretaria: María Pérez-Ugena

Tesorera: Elena Gallego

Vocales: José Luis de Castro, Emilio García Silvero, Tiscar Lara,
Esteban Moro, Judit Targarona

NEWS FROM ALUMNA: Ana González-Rivas Fernández (featured in one of the interviews) recently had her book, *Los clásicos desde la mirada femenina: Margaret Fuller, Mary Shelley and George Eliot* published by Liceus in the website: www.liceus.com. The book can be found in the section of “publicaciones electrónicas” (that is, <http://www.liceus.com/cgi-bin/aco/publi.asp>).