

Real Colegio Complutense Cambridge, MA (USA)



**February 2006
Bulletin #5**

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 February

On four Thursday evenings, researchers gave a talk and responded to questions:

On February 2, Prof Yanna G. Franco from U. Complutense de Madrid spoke about *CO2 Emissions Trading: an Individual Allocation Scheme Basis*.

On February 9, Prof. José Antonio Carrasco Gallego from the Universidad Rey Juan Carlos gave a talk on *Losses from Non-Trade: Some Results from the Spanish Autarky Period (1940-1958)*.

On February 16, Prof. María Luisa F. Mansfield from the Harvard Extension School spoke about *Spanish Ceramics*:

Tiles & Vessels from Naises, Paterna, and Valencia.

On February 23, Alberto Ribas Casasyas spoke on *Marketing Hispanic Culture*.

On four Friday evenings, RCC hosted free films: *Yerma*, 1999; *Al sur de Granada*, 2003; *Juana la loca*, 2001; and *Cría cuervos*, 1976.

Current Researchers

The number of research fellows and associates varies during the year. We are the busiest during the summer months. Some long-time researchers left during this month and new ones arrived.

José Antonio Carrasco Gallego, Economics, U. Rey Juan Carlos and **Manuel Santos Redondo**, History of Economic Thought, U. Complutense de Madrid left during the week of February 13-19.

Newcomers

Inmaculada Lara Bonilla, Romance Languages, U. Complutense de Madrid.

Ruth Ana Stoner Nieves, Language and Literature, U. de Málaga.

Joan Rosselló, Economics, U. Illes Balears.

Fernando Merodio, Philosophy, U. Complutense de Madrid.

Continuing Researchers

María Frías, African American Literature, U. of of Coruña.

Angel Ignacio Laparte, Law, U. of Zaragoza.

Miguel Vázquez, Linguist, UCM.

Matías Irigoyen Testa, Punitive Law, UCM.

Judit Targarona Borrás, Hebrew and Arabic Studies, UCM.



Luncheon Party
Saying good-bye and hello

Grants

The deadline for fellowships for research was March 1, 2006.

Interview with Program Coordinator/Administrator



Elizabeth Kline
on cross-country skis

During the height of RCC's busy summer season of 2005, Elizabeth Kline was hired to be *the* staff person, responsible to Director Angel Saenz-Badillos, for all that happens at this small research center.

Now that I've been here for seven months, it is time to introduce myself, as well as to give you a glimpse of what tasks I perform.

I heard about RCC from Spanish women who rented rooms (since 1999) in my large, 1880's Victorian house when they came for 3-4 months to do research at the Real Colegio Complutense. Last June, one of them mentioned to Angel Saenz-Badillos that I was job searching. The next day I received an email from him which led to being hired.

Right away I was thrust into the center of activity. During the summer, RCC is full: the 25 office spaces are occupied by visiting fellows and scholars; seminars are conducted almost daily for visiting Spanish students with speakers from Spain, Harvard, and other prestigious universities and institutions. The regular weekly seminars take place in our conference room, as do the weekly Friday evening film showings. Sometimes, we have outside picnics and barbeques.

My job is to service everyone, which means many and varied tasks. For example, I prepare seminar materials, handle expense forms, advise researchers how to get to navigate around Cambridge and Boston, publicize the lectures and film series, organize the social gatherings, edit papers and emails in English, write the monthly Bulletin, prepare monthly calendars, respond to phone calls and emails, and many other activities.

I was asked to give this place a "friendly atmosphere" and I certainly try hard to create a pleasant, relaxed, and attractive environment for researchers and visitors. I have a "green thumb", so that there are now blooming flowers all year.

I've come to appreciate and really enjoy the change of pace from my previous academic and government professional experiences. I'm trained and have credentials as a land use planner, policy-maker (focused on water resources, acid rain, growth

management, and global climate issues), applied researcher (with a specialty in sustainable communities), writer/editor, co-active life coach and leader. I have a zest for life and plenty of energy. The photo was taken by Manuel Santos Redondo, a recent RCC researcher, who captured me as I was ready to ski to work after a recent snowstorm. Unfortunately (or fortunately!), it has been a mild winter with little snow. In fact, many of the researchers cannot believe that winter seems to last forever and is so cold. We've had more spring-like temperatures than frigid ones this winter.

I'm learning Spanish and hope to become more fluent as time goes on. I can understand quite a bit, but am shy about speaking a foreign language. So, I know what it feels like when Spaniards first arrive here and are hesitant to speak in English.

Upcoming Events at 26 Trowbridge Street (7:30 pm)

The following events are free:

Lectures (in English)

March 2: *The Battle of the Copyright Holders against Peer to Peer Systems*, Prof. José Javier González de Alaiza Cardona, U. de las Islas Baleares

March 9: *Protection of Minority Shareholders in Cross-Border Mergers: A Study of Spanish-American Mergers*, Ángel Laparte, U. de Navarra

March 16: José Fernández-Albertos, PhD candidate, Department of Economics, Harvard University

March 23: Alberto Fernández-Nieves, Associate of the Division of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University.

March 30: Spring Break

Films (in Spanish with English sub-titles)

March 3: *Mi vida sin mi*, Isabel Coixet, 2003.

March 10: *El Perro del Hortelano*, Pilar Miro, 1996

March 17: *Elisa, mida mía*, Carlos Saura, 1977.

March 24: *You're the One*, José Luis Garcí, 2000

March 31: [During Spring Break] *La colmena*, Mario Camus, 1982.

What's Happening at Harvard University/Square

The biggest news is that Harvard University's President Larry Summers announced on February 21st his resignation as of the end of June 2006. Derek Bok, Harvard's long-standing president and the key person who created the Real Colegio Complutense in partnership with King Juan Carlos, will take over in July as interim president,.

In the *Harvard University Gazette* (February 22), Summers' accomplishments were described as follows: "Since his appointment five years ago, Summers has spurred attention to renewing the undergraduate experience, guided the launch of innovative inter-disciplinary initiatives in the sciences and beyond, and strongly expanded Harvard's international agenda." His style of leadership ultimately led to faculty dissatisfaction and opposition.

Hasty Pudding, the student-run drama group, presented its annual Woman of the Year Award this year to the beautiful and talented actress, Halle Berry, and Man of the Year Award to the equally attractive Richard Gere. The small parade for each recipient began a few blocks from RCC.

From Our Alumni/ae Association

We are still looking for a volunteer, knowledgeable about web design, to help us re-design and upscale the RCC website. We have photographs that can be added and information, such as the electronic bulletins, that can be included. We just need a person with skills, some time, and a desire to make a difference in the lives of past, current, and future Spanish and US researchers. Please contact Elizabeth Kline, Program Coordinator, if you are interested (E-mail: rcc-info@camail.harvard.edu).