JANUARY 2015 URTARILLA
__31-2/1 Workshop: Basque Culture through Cinema w/ Nerea Lete

FEBRUARY 2015 OTSAILA
__14 & 21 Workshop: Cultura Vasca w/ Izaskun Kortazar (Taught in Spanish)
__21-22 Workshop: Politics of the Invisibility w/ Joseba Gabilondo

MARCH 2015 MARTXOA
__7-8 Workshop: Basques & Globalization w/ John M. Ysursa

APRIL 2015 APIRILA
__4-5 Workshop: War & Peace: the Basque case w/ John M. Ysursa
__11-12 Workshop: Basque Festivals of the World w/ Gretchen Hill Marino
__25-26 Workshop: Discover Basque Boise w/ Dave Lachiondo

Fall 2015: Regular course offerings

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Izaskun Kortazar is a Spanish Languages Lecturer at the Department of World Languages and also teaches Basque Culture Workshops for Basque Studies. She is currently volunteering in Brazil teaching Basque language. The classes started on May 9th and they will finish at the end of the month. She is teaching at the Basque Centers of Sao Paulo, Porto Alegre and Pelotas. The classes focus on basic conversation so Basque-Brazilian, who are mostly fourth and fifth generation and have lost the language through centuries, can learn the basics of their ancestries and create a connection with their relatives in the Basque Country and with Basques of the Diaspora.

Izaskun received a grant from USAC in order to study Portuguese in Florianopolis, Brazil last summer. As a result of that grant, she has been able to learn Portuguese in order to offer Basque language classes to the Basque-Brazilians. She also offered a presentation on the recovery of the Basque language during the Basque language classes and another one on The Basque Culture to an English language cultural group of Porto Alegre formed by the English teacher Claudia Etchepare.

Boise State Basque Studies continues its relationship in community engagement with the local Osher Lifelong Learning Institute here at Boise State. This latest installment featured Dr. John Ysursa presenting on the "ABD's of Jaialdi" (there's no letter C in the new standard alphabet) as a prelude to Boise's late July's massive Basque festival that is open to all.

It was a week that featured Boise State Basque Studies' faculty and staff in several promotional videos. Wide Eye Productions was on campus shooting some footage to create a Basque Studies promotional video coming out soon. Meanwhile students and staff were recently featured a few promo videos in the World Languages Department. Click on these Youtube links:

"World Languages students get involved in the community".
"Conversation Labs at Boise State University."
Boise State Basque Studies looks to engage the campus community at various times and in various ways, including an end of the school year exhibit table on the main quad. The aim was to promote various parts of our program, and also the upcoming events this summer with the coming of a unique soccer match benefiting our program, our Basque Studies Symposium, and the once every five year Jaijaldi Basque festival.

Izaskun Kortazar, Spanish lecturer in the Department of World Languages, and part of Boise State Basque Studies, has been awarded the Boise State University “Outstanding Service-Learning” faculty award in recognition of her commitment to working with the community and dedication to improving practice and classroom integration.

Korrika: Basque fun walk

APRIL 25TH AT 10AM at the Basque Center
Register a little before the event start time

Adults $5 / Children free [checks accepted]

Boise’s Korrika is a two-mile social walk to raise awareness and promote Euskera. This year’s theme is Eusk-‘AHAL-dun = euskaldun, “you can speak Basque and "Basquenize" yourself.” We believe you CAN too! All the proceeds will go to help the future Basque language instructors. Please dress in white, red and/or green. There will be food at the finish line, and water bottles available for purchase. Bring your friends!
Lead-up to the soccer match

This unique sporting, cultural & educational event is slated for July 18, 2015 at 7PM (note the new date) on the "green" turf of Albertsons Stadium at Boise State University (yes, you saw that right, green because the blue turf will have to be covered with real grass to make the field soccer regulation). Boise State Basque Studies will be one of the beneficiaries of the proceeds.

This financial support will us to embark on a whole new phase of this historic relationship between the Basque Country and Idaho. It will allow for student scholarships, program development and sustainability, faculty and cultural exchanges, the possibility of a graduate program and summer seminar that could regularly bring scholars of Basque Studies from all around the world for summer programs here at Boise State University. And these are only a few of the possibilities!

At Boise State, we like to pride ourselves on innovation - from our football team to our engineering programs. We are especially proud of innovative efforts like the Basque Soccer Friendly that engages the community and the campus (we will be having a specific course and internships connected with this game) with our international partners in Mexico and the Basque Country for a celebration of the best of sports, culture and education.
We welcome two visiting researchers from the Basque Country: Jon García (L) & Iñaki Galdos (R). Jon is here until the end of October sponsored by the Office of Basque Community Abroad, working on several projects including assisting Boise State Basque Studies. Iñaki is researching and writing an article for our upcoming BOGA Basque Studies Consortium Journal spring issue that chronicles the start of the Boise State Basque Studies abroad program forty years ago.

March 18-19. These are opportunities for students to get some assistance with selecting courses for next semester, and/or if you have questions about any World Languages Major or Minor (including ours in Basque Studies). They run from noon to 2PM in the World Languages Resource Center. To sign up go to http://goo.gl/forms/bx3MRaf31G

The Basque Studies Consortium office was the recent beneficiary of a reprint of Picasso's famous "Gernika" painting (Gernika is the Basque spelling, while the Spanish is Guernica). It was a gift from the estate of Patricia Elizabeth Herman, in honor of the late Pete T. Cenarrusa. Our thanks to Roy Cuellar. Come by to view it (Riverfront Hall-310): it's quite impressive.

Hisao Ishii, a Japanese scholar visited our program as he is conducting research on Basque boarding houses and the American West sheep industry. His stay in Boise was for only a few days, but the aim was to inquire about potential research contacts that he was able to secure. We wish him well in his project.
John P. Bieter was promoted to full professor at Boise State University. Generally, there are three levels of tenure track professors each with a set of requirements or benchmarks based on service to the university, teaching, and scholarship. The entry level is assistant and then to associate. Then the level of full professor is conferred when the ultimate level of requirements are completed with the approval of the department, College and University. It is quite an accomplishment, and our Basque Studies program is fortunate enough to be able to count on the contributions Dr. Bieter. ZORIONAK—Congratulations!

Nere Lete was nominated for the "Golden Apple Award" and received honorable mention; there were seven honorable mentions for the College of Arts and Sciences, and five of those went to teachers in the World Languages department where Nere is based. This tribute reaches back twenty years and is the single most prestigious form of recognition conferred by students to their professors. Nere is the director of the Basque Studies Minor, and the instructor for the Basque language course offerings at Boise State which has won the praise of students. ZORIONAK—Congratulations!

Boise State Basque Studies remains actively involved in community engagement program, going to various off-campus venues in an effort to further educate about the Basques. Next up is Dave Lachiondo’s trip on March 12th to speak in Burns, Oregon.

Boise State Basque Studies will be hosting Basque author Begoña Echeverria’s book tour for her recently published The Hammer of Witches. She will be speaking Monday, March 16th at 1:30 on the campus of Boise State in Riverfront Hall room 302. She currently teaches at the University of California, Riverside. This novel is set in the time of Basque witchcraft accusations of the early 17th century, and thus based on historical events.
New Basque book translation by Nere Lete

Nere Lete has recently published the translation from Basque into English of “Ultrasounds: Basque Women Writers on Motherhood.” This anthology, published by the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, presents a wide-ranging collection of contemporary women writers’ narratives on the subject of motherhood from a variety of perspectives, unique voices and styles.

John P. Bieter, PhD has been named a Boise State University Foundation Scholar Award Winner for Teaching. This recognizes faculty members of Boise State University who have demonstrated ongoing commitment, expertise, and accomplishments in teaching, research/creative activities, or professionally related service. We are fortunate to have such a teacher of this caliber in our Basque Studies program.

After a series of reviews, we are able to announce the winners of our Basque Literary Writing Contest:

1st place: Gabriel Urza: “All That Followed”
2nd place: CB Whitaker: “Summer Sun & Fire”
3rd place: Begona Echeverría: “Picasso Presents Gernika”

This annual acknowledgment of the key role of language will be commemorated with a special talk by Ander Caballero, Basque Government delegate to the United States, on the topic of “Minority Languages in a Globalized World?” on Wednesday, Feb. 11th @ 1:30 in classroom 302 in Riverfront Hall (formerly Old Business Bldg). Free and open to all! See the event flyer 2015 International Mother Language Day
The next "Berbetan" community Basque lecture series will feature Boise State Basque Studies' Izaskun Kortazar presenting on "Basque Beliefs & Superstitions" on Thursday, Feb. 12th @ 5:30 at the Basque Museum [Downtown 611 Grove Street]. Free & open to all! Click on more information.

Members of Boise State Basque Studies meeting with a visiting delegation from the Basque Government (L-R): Benan Oregi, Jon Garcia, Izaskun Kortazar, Nere Lele & Asier Vallejo. As a sponsored program at Boise State, the Basque Government’s support helps our program reach approximately 600 students a year in classes, and others in the wider community.

Madalen Bieter Lele was a recipient of a World Languages 2014-15 Scholarship. ZORIONAK-Congratulations!
Basque Culture class: tour of the Basque Museum

Dave Lachionodo tour of the Boise Fronton
Spring Term 2015: Institutional Memory
A Look Back at some of our events

Guest lecture by John Bieter in Basque Studies workshop

Weekly Basque conversation class coordinated by Nere Lete
John Ysursa preparation for:
> “Joan Etorri” Basque Studies Symposium
> ”Meet the Basques” Community Engagement
> Webmaster
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EUSKALDUNAK
The Basques

Basque [bask] — noun

1. PEOPLE. Basques are the “mystery people” of Europe (western Pyrenees region of France and Spain) because of their unknown origin, in Idaho since the 1890s. To find out more about the Basques CLICK HERE.

2. LANGUAGE. Basque or Euskara is their unique language and the basis of their name for themselves: “Euskaldunak” or “those who speak Basque,” not known to be related to any other language and likely the oldest living language of Europe. To find out more about the Basque language CLICK HERE.

3. PROGRAM. Basque Studies at Boise State University. A multi-disciplinary program of advanced study of the Basque people specifically—while exploring the human condition generally—that involves varied aspects of language, history, politics, economics, etc., all the while seeking to forge learning links to empower students (Basque & non-Basque alike) to generate a satisfying, self-directed. To find out more about our program CLICK HERE.