

AATSP Names New *Hispania* Editor



The AATSP is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Sheri Spaine Long as the new Editor of *Hispania* effective January 1, 2010. The membership of the AATSP approved the appointment of Dr. Long at the Business Meeting of the Association held on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 during the recent conference in Costa Rica.

According to the advertisement for the position of Editor of *Hispania*, the "... successful applicant will be a senior scholar in Spanish or Portuguese with proven capabilities, high standards in research, writing and publication, and editorial experience, including familiarity with the electronic-text-to-printed-page process. Sheri Spaine Long exceeds the stated requirements in each category.

Dr. Long comes to her new position with considerable editorial experience. She has served on editorial boards and/or served as a reviewer of manuscripts for several literary and pedagogical journals. Since 2006, Sheri has been the Editor of *Foreign Language Annals*, the official journal of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). As Editor of *Foreign Language Annals*, she supervised the transition to a web-based submissions process which helped increase the number of submissions to the journal by some fifty percent. She also oversaw the increase in the number of active reviewers for the journal.

Dr. Sheri Spaine Long has an impressive research and publication record. As a scholar, she bridges the study of languages and literatures. Her fields of interest are broad and range from contemporary Spanish prose to Spanish language and culture, foreign language pedagogy and policy, and international education. Her publications include six co-authored college textbooks as well as over 40 scholarly articles, notes and reviews on literature, culture, and foreign language education and policy.

Professor Long is currently Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Alabama at Birmingham where she teaches language, literature, and culture courses at all levels. She has also directed study abroad programs to Latin America and Spain for teachers, undergraduates and honors students. Sheri is an awarding winning professor and has received five awards from her university and professional organizations, as well as the Universidad de Jaén.

Sheri Spaine Long has been an active member of the AATSP since 1981 and is a frequent presenter at our annual conference and contributor to *Hispania*.

Please join me in welcoming Sheri Spaine Long as the next Editor of *Hispania* and in wishing her a long and successful editorship.

Emily Spinelli
Executive Director