“Baruch WSAS Professor Recognized as A Living Giant in Geolinguistics at Global Conference Webinar in Nepal”

Professor Wayne Finke, Associate Professor of Spanish and Deputy Chair of the Department of Modern Language and Comparative Literature at Weissman was honored this month as the keynote speaker of the annual International Geolinguistic webinar entitled, ‘Theory, Research, and Practice in Geolinguistics’ produced for the first time from Nepal. Professor Finke’s acclaimed keynote speech “El Espanol Al Dia: Castillian in the 21st 16:00~16:20 Century Iberian Peninsula” was read by Irene Kyffin, Irish Scholar and international advisor of the Nepalese Society of Geolinguistics. The webinar included 20 papers from the United States, Mexico, Australia, Russia, Japan, Nigeria, India and Nepal.

Referring to Professor Finke as “a living giant in geolinguistics”, Aita Bishowkarma, Chairperson of the Nepalese Society of Geolinguists thanked Professor Finke for being instrumental in adding Nepal to the annual conference sites and showcasing the works of the Geolinguistic movements through mainstreaming access to the live webinar conference in this year of the pandemic.

Professor Finke is an expert in peninsular Spanish literature, with a secondary interest in Cuban cinema and literature. He has co-edited with Professor Barry J. Luby the Anthology of Latin American Literature. He recently edited the book The Uncertainties in 20th and 21st Century Analytic Thought: Miguel de Unamuno the Precurisor (2008). He also serves as the editor of the journal of Geolinguistics since 2000 and has organized each September an annual International Conference on the theme of geolinguistics (languages in contact, conflict, endangered languages), bringing together some of the world’s leading linguistic scholars. He also runs the Annual Names Institute the first Saturday in May of each year, now in its 48th year. Prof. Finke runs the study abroad program in Salamanca, Spain, where dozens of Baruch and CUNY students take credit-bearing courses in January and June of each year.

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