"Because the Spanish Civil War was, in effect, the opening battle of the Second World War, because it was the first time the world experienced saturation bombing of civilian targets, because the 40,000 volunteers from fifty-two countries who joined the International Brigades did so in selfless dedication to the common good: for all these and other reasons it holds a special place in modern history."

--Cary Nelson

"Spain's Civil War, as a war of cultures, remains a parable for our times. The parable remains, even though the forms of our inhumanity to one another are each time differently configured."

--Helen Graham



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Looking Back on the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939)

"You must remember this and see that others remember."

--Luis Cernuda

The Spanish Civil War began on July 17, 1936, with a military uprising led by General Francisco Franco against Spain's constitutional government, the Second Republic. Hitler and Mussolini quickly provided Franco with troops, weapons and financing. As the Western democracies stood on the sidelines, international volunteers, including several thousand from the United States, flocked to Spain to participate in the first war against Fascism on European soil. The Republic fell to defeat on April 1, 1939. Five months later, Hitler invaded Poland and World War II began. The Franco dictatorship in Spain lasted from 1939 to 1975.



Thursday, October 18, 2007

All events to be held in Waterman Memorial Lounge unless otherwise noted

10:15 Opening remarks Prof. Gayle R. Nunley, Chair, Dept. of Romance Languages UVM

10:30 "Son de las Barricadas: Songs of Protest from the Spanish Civil War to the Present on Oaxaca's Radio APPO"

Prof. Alex Stewart, Dept. of Music UVM

11:00 "The Forging of a Rebel and the Spanish Civil War: Arturo Barea's History in Novel Terms"

Prof. McKew Devitt, Dept. of Romance Languages UVM

1:00 Spanish Civil War Poster Art Gallery Reception (L/L Gallery, Living/Learning Center) Introduction by Prof. Gayle R. Nunley, Dept. of Romance Languages UVM

3:00 "The Legacy of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade: Americans in the Spanish Civil War" Peter Carroll, Director Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives

3:30 Film Showing: Souls Without Borders (Almas sin fronteras, dir. Anthony Geist and Alfonso Domingo, USA/Spain, 2006)
Introduction and Q & A with director Anthony Geist

Friday, October 19, 2007

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10:15 Opening remarks Prof. Gayle R. Nunley, Chair, Dept. of Romance Languages UVM

10:30 "Orwell, Loach, and the Spanish Civil War: Why Politics Matter" Prof. Helen Scott, Dept. of English UVM

11:00 "Even the Olives are Bleeding: Ireland and the Spanish Civil War"
Prof. Anthony Bradley, Dept. of English
UVM

2:00 "The Spanish Civil War in Russian Culture" Prof. Denise Youngblood, Dept. of History UVM

2:30 "They Still Draw Pictures: Children's Drawings from the Spanish Civil War" Prof. Anthony Geist, University of Washington

3:30 "Claves del Imaginario Contemporáneo de la Guerra Civil: Hadas y gue- rrilleros en *Laberinto del fauno*"

Prof. Antonio Gómez, Dartmouth College

4:00 Film showing: *Pan's Labyrinth (El laberinto del fauno*, dir. Guillermo del Toro, Mexico, 2006)