

AU Spanish professor begins year as Modern Languages chairwoman

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Kerry Kautzman, associate professor of Spanish and director of Women's Studies, has been appointed chairwoman of the Modern Languages Division in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Kautzman earned a bachelor of arts degree in international studies from Gannon University, Erie, PA. She continued her education by earning a master of arts degree in Spanish and a Ph.D. in Spanish, both from University of Cincinnati. Her teaching interests include peninsular Spanish literature and culture, medieval/early modern Spanish studies, Spanish women writers, and Spanish children's literature. She attended the International Conference on Masculinities and Femininities at the University of West Georgia in 2008 to discuss her paper titled "Femininity versus Queer Ideology in My Mother Likes Women and Beatriz and the Celestial Bodies." Kautzman was awarded the Alfred University International Fellowship for Faculty Development Grant to attend the CIEE (Council on International Educational Exchange) Seminar titled "Spain: Regional Identities in the European Context: The Catalan Case" in June 2005.