See what Dr. Cashman, a professor of Spanish and Core Faculty in Women’s Studies, has been working on!

Holly Cashman—Associate Professor of Spanish & Core Faculty in WS

Dr. Holly Cashman earned her Ph.D. in Romance Linguistics in 2001 from the University of Michigan, and she came to UNH in Fall 2008 after seven years of teaching at another institution. She credits the generous mentoring of her colleagues in COLA (LLC and Women’s Studies specifically) and the COLA Dean’s orientation program for new faculty for helping her hit the ground running at UNH.

Holly primarily teaches courses on sociocultural linguistics and advanced language (conversation and composition) in the Spanish program, and she has taught courses cross-counted with Women’s Studies. She is particularly proud of a special topics course that she designed and taught in Fall 2010 titled: Deconstructing Sexist, Racist & Homophobic Discourse in Spanish. She hopes to teach more classes on language, gender and sexualities in the future.

Since coming to UNH, she has experienced several exciting moments in her career. Last year, she was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to study aspects of Language, Identity, and Community among LGBTQ Latinos in Phoenix, and she was elected President of the Linguistic Association of the Southwest (LASSO). This past spring she was elected to the Advisory Board of the International Gender and Language Association (IGALA). Most recently Holly was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in June 2012.

This academic year, Holly is a Faculty Fellow in UNH’s Center for the Humanities. She looks forward to continuing to pursue her teaching and research interests at UNH, specifically as related to Spanish/English bilingual interaction, linguistic impoliteness and taboo language, gender and language (particularly in media discourse), and the language practices of LGBTQ Latinas and Latinos in the U.S. (including in New Hampshire).