Call for Papers:

The Association for Hispanic Classical Theater

 Spanish Golden Age Theater Symposium

March 7-9, 2013, El Paso, Texas

The dates of the AHCT Symposium coincide with the 2013 Golden Age Spanish Theater Festival at the Chamizal National Memorial, March 6-10, 2013. Sessions will run from Thursday morning, March 7, to Saturday afternoon, March 9. On Wednesday, March 6, AHCT officers will meet from 9 am-12 noon, and the Board of Directors will meet from 1:30-5:00 p.m.

AHCT particularly encourages studies on all aspects of performance of Siglo de Oro dramatic texts, though proposals for papers or special sessions on other topics related to Spanish Golden Age theater are welcome. Papers should be 20 minutes in length, and may be delivered in Spanish or English.

**New online abstract submission:** College and university faculty are asked to submit abstracts of no more than 300 words in length by December 1, 2012, through the “Abstract Submission” link on the AHCT 2013 conference page of the website, at: <http://www.comedias.org/AHCT/AHCT/2013_Conference.html>. Please supply all required information on the online form, including any audiovisual needs, and, if your paper is part of a panel, the panel title and proposed participants.

Graduate students interested in participating in the conference are asked to submit completed ten-page papers in Word to gradsubmissions@comedias.org. This applies to all students, including those who have been invited to be members of panels, whether organized by faculty members or others. Graduate students should also submit an abstract of their paper of no more than 300 words in length through the “Abstract Submission” link on the AHCT 2013 conference page. Graduate students whose papers are accepted for presentation will be considered for the AHCT Everett W. Hesse Travel Support Grant. The deadline for the submission of completed graduate student papers and abstracts is December 1, 2012.

Conference participants who will be using PowerPoint for their presentations should plan on bringing their own laptops.

**Events of Particular Interest at the 2013 Symposium**. The Symposium plenary speakers and the plays that will make up the Chamizal Siglo de Oro Drama Festival are still in the process of being determined. As soon as they are known, the AHCT will announce them on the website.

**Hotel Reservations.** The Symposium will take place at the Camino Real Hotel in El Paso, Texas. Hotel reservations may be made by phone at 1-800-769-4300 or 1-915-534-3099, Monday through Friday, 8am to 6pm (MST). The deadline for the conference room rate is February 1, 2013.  Participants must mention the AHCT conference and request the group rate of $80 for a single or double room, $99 for a triple room, or $115 for a quadruple room. All rates are subject to a 15.5% tax. The group rate applies Tuesday, March 5 to Saturday, March 9, 2013. Parking is $2 per car per day. Other hotels within walking distance include: the Double Tree, 600 N. El Paso St., (915) 532-8733; the Gardner Hotel, 311 E. Franklin Ave., (915) 532-3661; and the Holiday Inn, 409 E. Missouri Ave., (915) 544-3333.

**AHCT Conference Registration.** You must be a member of the AHCT to register for the conference. Current membership dues are $40 (or $70 for two years) for faculty and $30 (or $50 for two years) for retired members and students. The registration fee for the conference for all faculty attendees, as well as for graduate students who are reading papers or participating in a special session, is $105. A late fee of $25 is assessed if registration is paid after February 7, 2013. Registration includes conference attendance, the annual banquet of the AHCT, transportation to and from the Chamizal National Memorial every evening for the Siglo de Oro Spanish Drama Festival, and refreshments in the Hospitality Room after the theater performances. (Note: a special registration rate of $30 applies to students who do not present papers or attend the banquet. An additional $20 payable at the time of registration purchases tickets for the banquet.) Dues and registration fees can be paid by way of PayPal from the 2013 AHCT Symposium page on the comedias.org site: <http://www.comedias.org/AHCT/AHCT/2013_Conference.html>. Use of the website for these transactions will ensure speed and accuracy and help to preserve our natural resources.

**Conference Up-Dates.** For additional information about the conference, please contact the AHCT Conference Director, Darci Strother, strother@csusm.edu. Further details regarding the conference and the Chamizal Siglo de Oro Drama Festival will appear on the *Comedia* bulletin board, in the January Newsletter, and on the AHCT webpages as they become available.