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A Message from the Director



CLAS Director, Steve Stein

We at CLAS are pleased to present the first issue of *Perspectivas CLASicas*. The University of Miami has a large and dynamic group of faculty and graduate students that work on Latin America. A major function of *Perspectivas CLASicas* is to highlight their many accomplishments. As you can see from our section on Faculty and Graduate Student news, our Latinamericanist community has been quite busy over the past

year. So that we become better acquainted with our fellow Latinamericanists, each edition of the newsletter includes a profile of a continuing faculty member, one of our new professors, a visiting scholar, a graduate student and a recent graduate. In this issue we feature Dr. Bruce Bagley (International Studies), Dr. Martin Nesvig (History), Visiting Scholar Dr. Eduardo Saenz, Dr. Manuela Picq (International Studies), and Lina Del Castillo (History).

Perspectivas CLASicas also presents an up-to-date listing of the activities sponsored by CLAS during each semester. As you can see from the CLAS events list, we schedule an exciting and diverse series of activities in coming days and months from academic forums to art exhibits to Latin American music concerts.

Since its founding in 2000, CLAS has been particularly proud to sponsor a Graduate Student Research Grant Competition, a series of Undergraduate Prizes and the annual Barrett Prize Competition honoring the best Ph.D. dissertation produced at UM on Latin America. The particulars of all these opportunities are outlined in the pages of *Perspectivas CLASicas*. Also included is a list of last year's winners and their areas of study.

A Message from the Director *(cont.)*

Central to the research focus of CLAS are its Interdisciplinary Research Groups (IRGs). Composed of faculty and graduate students with interests in a common area of research, the IRGs generate ongoing discussions, conferences and proposals for future research. In this inaugural issue of *Perspectivas CLASicas*, you will find a list of the IRGs. We encourage you to contact the moderators to learn about future IRG activities and to find out about becoming a participant.

UM is proud to offer a broad and exciting series of curricular offerings in the Latin American field. *Perspectivas CLASicas* will feature information about our Latin American Studies undergraduate and graduate programs. As well, we will highlight special intersession and summer courses offered in Latin America by UM faculty.

CLAS is particularly proud to be the publisher of *Latin American Politics and Society*, the premier academic journal on the political/economy of the region. *Perspectivas CLASicas* keeps you up-to-date on the contents of current and coming issues.

All of us who study Latin America here at UM rely heavily on the valuable and growing collection of Latin American research materials at Richter Library. A column by Dr. Holly Ackerman features tips on using these resources and news on new acquisitions.

The staff at CLAS is very interested in your feedback on *Perspectivas CLASicas*. Please let us know what you think about its contents and what kinds of things you would like to see in future editions.

Muchos saludos,

Steve Stein, Ph.D.
Professor of History
Director CLAS

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CLAS Staff Members



Dr. Elena Sabogal,
Program Administrator



Daniella Suarez, Workstudy



Lindsey Howe,
Graduate Assistant



Emanna Louis, Workstudy



Michaela Sachs, Workstudy

Profiles



Martin Nesvig is a native of San Diego. Having graduated with a B.A. and M.A. in history from San Diego State University he switched coasts and attended Yale where he earned a Ph.D. in history in 2004. During his time as a graduate student Nesvig received a Mellon Foundation fellowship and was also a Fulbright scholar in Mexico. He resided in Mexico City for three years while conducting research and writing his dissertation. He also made a short stint in Rio for three months while studying Portuguese.

Nesvig's research focuses on the connections between intellectual and cultural history. More specifically he is interested in the relationship between high theory and practice of the Inquisition and its censorship apparatus. His dissertation, "Pearls Before Swine," examines the development of jurisprudential and theological philosophies of information control from the medieval through the early modern periods. First examining this theory his work continues by studying the ways it was (or was not) applied in colonial Mexico. The study shows that the Mexican Inquisition was a considerably mitigated and contested institution that only partially enforced censorship.

In addition to Nesvig's study of censorship, he is broadly interested in the religious history of Mexico and Latin America. He is editor of two collections of essays: *Local Religion in Colonial Mexico*, which will appear this February in 2006 from the University of New Mexico Press and the forthcoming *Religious Culture in Modern Mexico* to be published in 2007 by Rowman and Littlefield.

Nesvig comes to the University of Miami after a brief stint as a border dweller in Las Cruces New Mexico where he was a visiting assistant professor. In his spare time he enjoys cooking and trying new wines and dishes.

Profiles



Bruce Bagley holds a PhD. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles. His research interests are in U.S.-Latin American relations, with an emphasis on drug trafficking and security issues. From 1991 to 1995 he served as associate dean of the Graduate School of International Studies at the University of Miami. Prior to his appointment at UM, he was assistant professor of Comparative Politics and Latin American Studies at the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of the Johns Hopkins University. He is Chairman of the Department of International Studies.



Eduardo Saenz, Visiting Scholar, is a Full Profesor at the Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. His books include: *La ofensiva empresarial. Industriales, políticos y violencia en los años 40 en Colombia* (Bogotá, 1992). *Colombia años 50. Industriales, política y diplomacia* (Bogotá, 2002). *La conexión cubana. Narcotráfico, contrabando y juego en Cuba entre los años 20 y comienzos de la Revolución* (Bogotá, 2005). His current research involves Drug trafficking in Florida from the 1950s-1970s.



Lina Del Castillo is a Doctoral Candidate in Latin American History. Her dissertation, "The Science of Nation Building: The Construction of Colombian Territories through the Development of Geographic Sciences 1821-1921," examines how the emerging geographic sciences had decisive effects on the territorial processes of nation-state formation during the nineteenth century in Colombia.

As a Colombian-born American citizen, Lina has experienced Colombia on a deeply personal and now professional level. The intellectual and emotional investment she has in Colombia has allowed her a unique perspective on Colombian history, not from the "distanced" and "objective" vantage of the traditional social sciences, but rather from a connected and intentional analytical point of view.

The University of Miami's Doctoral Fellowship provided Lina with the time and resources she needed to develop her ideas over the course of three years of uninterrupted graduate study. The History Department and the Center for Latin American Studies provided significant funding of Lina's preliminary dissertation research trips to Colombia and Spain. Under the auspices of the National Science Foundation, Lina conducted one year of archival research in Bogotá, Colombia where she gathered key materials from national archives and libraries and from relevant private collections. She currently holds a TA-ship with the History Department as she concludes the writing of her dissertation and is coordinating the development of an interdisciplinary undergraduate course on Latino/Latina immigration and immigrant communities in South Florida and the United States in general.

Profiles (cont.)



Brazilian scholar **Manuela L. Picq** is an alumnus from the University of Miami (UM) who is currently living in Quito, Ecuador. She received a Master's in History from the University Pierre Mendès France in Grenoble, France, and completed a Ph.D. in International Studies at the University of Miami in 2004.

Her doctoral research addressed the interaction between domestic and international factors in the promotion of human rights in Brazil. It was awarded the 2004 Barret Prize by the Center for Latin American Studies at UM.

Manuela is currently a professor of International Relations at Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), Ecuador. She is the director of the Center for Andean Freedoms, a USFQ institute that promotes research and awareness on human rights issues in Ecuador. Her on-going research explores the human rights of indigenous women in the Andes, focusing on the discrepancy between the expansion of collective rights for indigenous groups and the permanence of violations against women's rights within those groups. She was recently awarded the "Junior Scholar in the Study of Democracy in Latin America" fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson Center.

Faculty and Graduate Student News



Dr. Felipe Agüero, Associate Professor, International Studies

Felipe was awarded a Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (2005-2006.) He was recently co-editor of the book *Memorias militares sobre la represión en el Cono Sur: visiones en disputa en dictadura y democracia*. (A Social Science Research Council Publication with Siglo XXI editores, Madrid: 2005. On September 25-26 Felipe hosted an international workshop on "Business and the Politics of Corporate Social Responsibility in Latin America" with the support of a grant from the Latin

American Studies Association funded by the Ford Foundation. The workshop received additional support from CLAS, the Department of International Studies and the Hispanic Scholarship Fund of UM. Its purpose was to bring together authors that are contributing to a volume edited by Agüero, so they could interact face-to-face and engage in critical discussion of their chapter drafts. Chapters discussed included country cases of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico and Peru plus the case of mining companies in Peru and a cellulose firm in Chile. Authors came from university and research centers based in those countries, and discussion was greatly aided by the work of UM professor Bill Smith and University of Missouri (St. Louis) professor Eduardo Silva who were discussants for the entire set of chapter drafts. Authors left with specific ideas as to how to revise their drafts for final chapters to be turned in to a publisher, first in Spanish, by the end of the year, and then in English. Results of the workshop will also be presented at the next Congress of the Latin American Studies Association to be held in September 2007 in Montreal.



Dr. Traci Ardren, Assistant Professor, Anthropology

Traci was granted the Foundation for the Advancement of Mesoamerican Studies Award in 2005. This fall Traci was curator for an exhibition at the Lowe Art Museum: "Flowers of the Earth Lord: Guatemalan Textiles."

Faculty and Graduate Student News (*cont.*)



Dr. Bruce Bagley, Chair and Professor, International Studies

Bruce has recently completed a book on "The Drug Trade and U.S.-Colombian Relations" that will be published by the Brookings Institution in 2006 and is preparing a second volume on "The Drug Trade and U.S. Mexican Relations" for publication in 2007.



Dr. Kenneth Broad, Assistant Professor, RSMAS and Center for Ecosystem Science and Policy

Kenneth received a grant in 2006 from the Tinker Foundation for his work in "Water Allocation, Efficiency and Vulnerability in N.E. Brazil: Mechanisms Based on Groups' Behaviors, Perceptions and Recommendations." He was recently presented with the "Emerging Explorer Award" by the National Geographic Society.



Dr. John Daniels, Samuel N. Friedland Chair Professor, School of Business

John is completing the manuscript for his book, *International Business: Environments and Operations*, to be published in 2007 by Prentice Hall.



Dr. Tracy Devine Guzmán, Assistant Professor of Portuguese, Spanish & Latin American Studies

For her studies on Post indigenism, Post-Nationalism: Ethnicity and the Cultural Politics of Nationhood in Latin America, Tracy was recently awarded the Max Orovitz Summer Award in the Arts & Humanities by the University of Miami.



Dr. Viviana Diaz Balsera, Associate Professor, Spanish

Viviana published *The Pyramid Under the Cross: Franciscan Discourses of Evangelization and the Nahua Christian Subject in Sixteenth-Century Mexico* in 2005 by University of Arizona Press

Dr. Margaret Jackson, Assistant Professor/ Curator Ancient Americas Collection, Art and Art History/ Lowe Art Museum

Margaret was recently awarded a grant by the American Council of Learned Societies.

Faculty and Graduate Student News (*cont.*)



Dr. Lillian Manzor, Director of the Program in Latin American Studies and Associate Professor, Spanish

Lillian has recently co-edited two books: *Teatro venezolano del siglo XX*, and *Teatro cubano actual: Dramaturgia escrita en Estados Unidos*. In Spring 2005, she also received a Rockefeller Fellowship, through the Smithsonian Institution, Center for Folk Life and Cultural Heritage for "Performances in Greater Cuba: Cultural Citizenship Formation since 1990". In summer 2006, Lillian designed a faculty-led summer abroad program in Santander, Barcelona and she taught a course entitled "Visual Cultures of Spain: From Stage to Screen," at the summer program at the Universidad de Cantabria, Santander, Spain.



Dr. John Murphy, Professor, Sociology

In 2005, John co-edited the book *Disability Issues for Social Workers and Human Service Professionals* by Haworth Press



Dr. Martin Nesvig, Assistant Professor, History

Martin's book, *Local Religion in Colonial Mexico*, was published by the University of New Mexico Press in 2006. This summer he conducted research on three fronts. First, he traveled to Santiago, Chile, where he continued work on the legal history of the Spanish Inquisition and its censorship apparatus, taking advantage of the National Library's excellent holdings in rare early modern imprints which deal with the theological and canon law underpinnings of the Inquisition. Second, he traveled to Mexico City and Colima, Mexico, where he conducted research in the National Archive on Inquisitional trials, and scouted out the Colima state archive, which houses an intriguing collection of colonial legal disputes. Finally, he continued working on his monograph, "The World of the Censors in Early Mexico," in which both Yale and Cornell University Presses have expressed interest.



Dr. Gema Pérez-Sánchez, Associate Professor, Spanish

Gema was awarded the 2005-2006 General Research Support Award, University Research Council, and the Max Orovitz Summer Award in the Arts and Humanities from the University of Miami. Forthcoming is her book *Queer Transitions in Contemporary Spanish Culture: From Franco to la movida*, to be published by the SUNY Press.



Dr. Ivan Petrella, Associate Professor, Religious Studies

Ivan has recently edited the book *The Future of Liberation Theology: an Argument and Manifesto; Latin American Liberation Theology: the Next Generation* by Ashgate Publishing, 2006.

Faculty and Graduate Student News (cont.)



Dr. Joaquin Roy, Professor, International Studies

Joaquin published two edited volumes in 2005: *The European Union and Regional Integration: a Comparative Perspective and Lessons for the Americas*, European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair (with Roberto Domínguez); and *La Unión Europea y la Integración Regional: Perspectivas Comparadas y Lecciones para las Américas*, Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero/Consejo Argentino de Relaciones Internacionales (with Félix Peña y José María Lladós). Joaquin has two books scheduled for publication in 2006. They are: *A Historical Dictionary of the European Union* (with Aimee Kanner), Scarecrow Press; and his co-edited *A Bridge too Far?: the New European Union Enlargement* (With Roberto Domínguez), European Union Center/Jean Monnet Chair.



Dr. William Smith, Professor, International Studies

In summer 2005, Bill taught an intensive course for the Ph.D Program in Political Science and the Graduate Program in International affairs at the University of the Republic, Montevideo, Uruguay. The course focused on "transnational politics, global governance, and regional integration in the Americas." He received a generous grant from the Ford Foundation for research on "Mapping Civil Society Networks in Latin America", which was completed in 2005. Bill, in conjunction with Roberto P. Korzeniewicz from the University of Maryland, developed a study abroad project entitled "The New Politics of Globalization: Democratization and Civil Society Activism in Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, funded by the International Academic Collaborative. The course was taught during summer 2006 and will be taught again in summer 2007.



Dr. Steve Stein, Professor, History, Director of Center for Latin American Studies

Steve recently co-edited (with Carol Damian) the book, *Popular Art and Social Change in the Retablos of Nicario Jimenez* (2005, Edwin Mellen Press). He is currently working on three books for future publication. *Grape Driven: A History of the Argentine Wine Industry* will trace the evolution of the Argentine wine industry from the 1870s to the present. The work is designed to appeal to a wide range of audiences from scholars who look at issues of Latin American economic and social history to experts and the broader public interested in wine and wine history. *Historia grafica de la vitivinicultura argentina* is a photographic history of Argentine grape and wine production. Steve is working together with photographer Adrianna Catena to present historical photographs taken as early as the late nineteenth century plus labels and other wine symbols such as billboards and shop displays. The book will include an analysis of the changing meanings of graphic images in the evolving Argentine wine industry. *Los protagonistas del vino argentino antes, durante y después de la reconversión* is a volume that will publish the series of oral history interviews that Steve has been carrying out for the *Grape Driven* book. It will also include a study on the variety of entrepreneurial models that have emerged in the wine industry in the past 20 years. *El vino y sus revoluciones: Una antología histórica sobre el desarrollo de la industria vitivinícola argentina*, published by Editorial EDIUNC of the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo, Argentina, will appear in early 2007.

CLAS Events - Fall 2006

| Event | Presenter | Place | Day | Time |
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| Chile under Pinochet | Juan Emilio Cheyre Centro de Estudios Internacionales. UC, Santiago Chile | Memorial 125D | 9/24/2006 Thursday | 11:00-2PM |
| Business and the Politics of Corporate Social Responsibility in Latin America- Regional Workshop | Felipe Aguero | Hurricane 100, 125 D (5-6:20) | 9/25/2006 Monday | 8-5, 5-6:20 |
| Roundtable on Business and the Politics of Corporate Social Responsibility in Latin America | Felipe Aguero | Law School Conference Room 263 | 9/26/2006 Tuesday | 12-2 |
| The Jews of Modern Brazil | René Decol | Memorial 125K | 09/28/2006 Thursday | 12:30-2:30PM |
| "Profecias Latinoamericanas" | Carlos Monsivais | LC 120 | 10/10/2006 Tuesday | 3:30-5PM |
| "Cultures of Devotion: Folk Saints of Spanish America" | Frank Graziano | LC 160 | 10/16/2006 Monday | 7-9PM |
| Globalization and the Plight of Labor: The Case of the Colombian Flower Workers | Campo Elías Bautista Bohórquez | LC170 | 10/17/2006 Tuesday | 6-8PM |
| Walmart Worker Tour | Nicaraguan worker Ms. Ana Maria Bahona | UC Ball-rooms C & D | 10/18/2006 Wednesday | 12PM-2PM |
| Madame Dread: A Tale of Love, Vodou, and Civil Strife in Haiti | Kathie Klarreich | LC 120 | 10/24/2006 Tuesday | 7-PM |
| The 'Problem' of Indian Dress in Colonial Guatemala | Martha Few | LC 120 | 10/30/2006 Monday | 3:30-5PM |
| The Ceramic Folk Art of Peru: Chulucanas Pottery Workshop | Polo Ramirez | Memorial 125K | 11/01/2006 Wednesday | 5-7PM |
| Quiero Volver - Documentary Film | Andrea Franco | Cosford Cinema | 11/9/2006 Thursday | 8PM |
| "Rising Star: Hugo Chavez and His Combative Challenge To The Bush Administration." | Nikolas Kozloff | Memorial 125 D | 11/16/06 Thursday | 6-8PM |
| Recent Elections in Latin America: Results and Implications | Richard Feinberg | | 12/04/2006 Monday | 12-2 PM |

Grants and Prizes

Barrett Prize for Best Ph.D. Dissertation on a Latin American Topic

We are pleased to announce the 2006-2007 competition for the Barrett Prize, an annual award presented to a UM doctoral student whose work focuses on a Latin American topic. The \$1,500 prize will be awarded to the student (or, in the case of a tie, the two students) judged to have submitted the best Ph.D. dissertation(s). Dissertations defended during the **2006 calendar year** in the Social Sciences or Humanities are eligible for nomination by faculty members. This award is funded through an endowment, and the selection process is administered by the Center for Latin American Studies. We are now accepting nominations. Please send nominations and a copy of the dissertation to Dr. Elena Sabogal at 125B Memorial, LC 2032. The deadline for receipt of nominations will be **Monday April 2, 2007 at 4:00 PM**.

2007 Graduate Student Research Grants

CLAS announces its 2007 Doctoral Research Grant Competition. The competition is open to University of Miami graduate students at the pre-dissertation level whose research focuses on Latin America and/or the Caribbean. A one-page application form is available via email from umclas@miami.edu and from the CLAS website <http://www.as.miami.edu/las/CLAS/Directory/General/gradappform.htm> or by hard copy at the CLAS, 125B Memorial Building. A full application will include: the filled out application form; a research proposal; a detailed travel budget; and a letter of recommendation from the advisor. Please contact Dr. Elena Sabogal at 125B Memorial, LC 2032, tel. (305) 284-1854 with any questions about the grant competition. The deadline for receipt of grant applications is **Monday, Monday March 26, 2007 at 4:00PM**. Grant recipients will be selected by an interdisciplinary faculty committee. Recipients will be notified by April 11, 2007.

Undergraduate Prizes

The Center for Latin American Studies will sponsor the third annual University-wide competition for undergraduate prizes in Latin American Studies. Entries may be papers or creative projects, including original musical compositions, art, and films related to Latin American, Hispanic, or Latino/a life and culture. The competition is open to any enrolled undergraduate student. Based on scholarship, originality, and overall quality, three prizes will be awarded: \$250 first place; \$150 second place; and \$50 for the best entry from a first-year student. The maximum length for papers submitted to the competition is 40 pages including endnotes, appendices, and illustrations. Entries may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese. Creative projects may be submitted on cassette or other media and must be accompanied by a written description of the project. Winners will be announced and prizes presented at the UM Honors Day Convocation prior to graduation. The deadline for entries is **March 19, 2007 at 4 PM**. For more details contact Dr. Elena Sabogal at 125B Memorial.

2006 Award Recipients

Barrett Prize

Best Dissertation on a Latin American Topic

Lee Williams

Dissertation: The Metafiction (and Modernism) of Quiroga, Arlt, and Onetti: Debunking the Pre-Boom Lacuna

Ph.D Foreign Languages and Literatures

2006 Award Recipients (*cont.*)

Erika Suzette Lopéz Godoy

Dissertation: Explaining the Political Adaptation of former Hegemonic Parties: Is Eastern Europe the Future of Mexico?

Ph.D. International Studies

Doctoral Travel Grants

Ana Ibarra

Biology, Ph.D. Program

"Effects of Forest Fragmentation on the Distribution and Movement of Terrestrial Insectivore Birds of the Rainforest"

Sherrie Marie-Harrison

English, Ph.D. Program

"Boom Tune a Blow Dem Mind: Perspectives on a Jamaican Cultural Nationalism"

Nadie Indra Johnson

English, Ph.D. Program

"Performing Masculinities: The Rise of Cultural Nationalism in the Caribbean"

Lara Barrett Cahill

English, Ph.D. Program

"*Soy mestiza y no lo soy?* The Riddle of Race and the Face of Nation in Gonzalo Roig's Cecilia Valdes"

Teresa Frontado

History, Ph.D. Program

"The Emasculated Barbarian: Gendered Discourse on Civilization and Power in Nineteenth Century Venezuela"

John Twitchell

International Studies, Ph.D. Program

"The Effects of Social Capital and *Cooperación* in Mexico: A Comparative Study of Two Oaxacan Villages"

William Ryan Hamlet

Latin American Studies, M.A. Program

"Women With Guns"

Lindsey Howe

Latin American Studies, M.A. Program

"What does it mean to be Quepeño? A case study of Community Dynamics in Quepos, Costa Rica"

2006 Award Recipients (*cont.*)

Undergraduate Awards

Jennifer Alvarez

"The Face of Invisibility within the Cycle of Poverty in Brazil"

Mikaela Jayashekaramurthy

"An Investigation of the Impact of Multinational Oil Corporations and Neoliberalism on the Indigenous Identity in the Ecuadorian Amazon"

Victoria Quintana

"Donde florece el framboyán" (Colección de poemas sobre cuba)

Interdisciplinary Research Groups

An ***Interdisciplinary Research Group (IRG)*** is a multidisciplinary team of faculty members and students which meets regularly to examine Latin American-related issues of common scholarly interest. The goal of these groups is to encourage interaction, cross-disciplinary exploration, and the sharing of knowledge and experiences among faculty and students from the arts, the social sciences, the humanities, the natural sciences, and/or the health sciences. Proposals for IRGs may be submitted by any UM faculty member (or graduate student) but must have the signature of at least one other faculty member (or graduate student) from another department, school, or program. Once approved, individual groups may submit applications for up to \$1,000 in discretionary funding to be used in the 2006/2007 school year.

2006-2007 Interdisciplinary Research Groups

"Atlantic Studies"

Moderators: Tim Watson (Department of English) and Ashli White (Department of History)

"Caribbean Literary Studies"

Moderators: Nadia Indra Jonson (Department of English) and Edmund Abaka (Department of History)

"Environment and Tourism in Latin America"

Moderators: Traci Ardren (Department of Anthropology) and Rinku Roy Chowdhury (Department of Geography)

"Haiti Research Group"

Moderators: Kate Ramsey (Department of History) and HERN Marcelin (Department of Anthropology)

"Politics and Society in the Andes"

Moderators: Bruce Bagley (Department of International Studies) and Steve Stein (Department of History)

"Print Media in Latin America"

Moderator: Ileana Oroza (School of Communication)

"The Changing Composition of South Florida Immigrant Communities"

Interdisciplinary Research Groups *(cont.)*

Moderators: Elizabeth Aranda (Department of Sociology) Elena Sabogal (Center for Latin American Studies) and Sallie Hughes (School of Communication)

“Vector-born Diseases in Urban Environment of Latin America and the Caribbean”

Moderators: John C. Beier (Department of Epidemiology and Public Health) and Matthew Potts (Department of Biology)

“Latin American Studies serves students interested in history, culture, and society of Latin America.”

Latin American Studies Program

Latin American Studies Degree Programs

Director: Dr. Lillian Manzor, Modern Languages and Literatures

Supervisory Committee

Dr. Traci Ardren, Anthropology

Dr. Tracy Devine-Guzmán, Modern Languages and Literatures

Dr. Kate Ramsey, History,

Dr. Bill Smith, International Studies

Dr. Steve Stein, History

Latin American Studies serves students interested in the history, culture and society of Latin America and the Caribbean. This interdisciplinary program offers excellent preparation for international business, law, criminal justice, government work, the Peace Corps, education, health care, journalism, environmental policy and marine affairs. It also provides a stepping-stone to further professional study in these fields and to graduate programs in related fields.

The program offers students interdisciplinary methodological tools through core courses taught by distinguished Latin Americanists. Students have the possibility to enhance their core curriculum with courses in multiple disciplines. Our innovative curriculum includes a strong language requirement as well as study-abroad programs and UM courses with a travel component designed and led by Latin American Studies faculty.

Some important components of this program go beyond the classroom. Most students do an internship either in Miami or abroad. The program sponsors a speaker series on academic topics directly related to the core courses, speakers on career-related themes, learning trips, and an end of the year event. Students are strongly advised to spend at least one semester abroad. Campus resources include the Richter Library and the Center for Latin American Studies.

Latin American Studies Program (*cont.*)

FILAS - Fellows in Latin American Studies

This innovative **five-year, dual B.A./M.A. degree in Latin American Studies** allows incoming freshmen the opportunity to complete a master's degree in five years, following a rigorous, efficient, accelerated curriculum. This highly selective group of students enjoys close faculty mentoring and the opportunity to engage in specialized research projects with faculty. Fellows in Latin American Studies receive scholarships to participate in two faculty-led Spring Break programs. They are also eligible for special FILAS scholarships to offset study abroad costs as well the chance to compete for up to two summers of research credits (with a \$1,200 stipend per summer).

Undergraduate major in Latin American Studies

The major in Latin American Studies may be obtained by completing 36 credits including core courses in Latin American and Caribbean Studies as well as additional coursework in languages and on Latin America and the Caribbean in other disciplines. Students meet with the faculty program director to create their own program of study. During their final year of study, students complete a major project that demonstrates their research skills and integration of knowledge on a particular topic. The Majors often combine their studies with concentrations in other departments or schools, such as marine affairs and visual communication

Latin American Politics and Society

Latin American Politics and Society is an interdisciplinary social science journal published at the University of Miami and affiliated with the Center for Latin American Studies. The journal is dedicated to the scholarly analysis of contemporary political, social, and economic transformations in Latin America and the Caribbean. Building upon a tradition of more than 40 years, the journal is pluralistic with regard to theoretical and methodological approaches, promoting innovative perspectives on the states and societies of the Americas in their domestic, regional, and global contexts. This objective is pursued through the publication of peer-reviewed articles based upon original research on topics such as: political institutions, regime change, and democratic governance; civil-military relations and national and regional security agendas; civil society and social movements; social differences and hierarchies (race, class, gender); economic development and the political economy of market reforms; environmental politics and sustainable development; and hemispheric integration and the relationship between domestic and global economies. The journal's Editorial Board is comprised of leading social scientists from the U.S. and Latin America. Professor William C. Smith, Professor of International Studies, serves as the journal's Editor. The journal is available through multiple electronic data bases. For additional information, see the journal's homepage at <http://www.riener.com/viewbook.cfm?BOOKID=1316>

Desde la Biblioteca by Holly Ackerman, Ph.D.*

I thank Steve Stein, Elena Sabogal and the UMCLAS Executive Board for inviting me to write a regular column in *Perspectivas CLASicas* on Latin American & Caribbean Studies in the Richter Library. Harmonizing the needs of UMCLAS students and faculty with library resources is my central goal. Whether you visit the library in person, by email or virtually at www.library.miami.edu or call the reference desk at 305 284 4722, the library faculty is available to assist you in locating research resources. In this issue I want to call your attention to recent acquisitions that may be helpful as you start the semester.

Documentary and feature films: You can combine research with entertainment by having your own Latin American & Caribbean film festival using films borrowed from the Richter collection. In the past three years the Library has made a special effort to purchase DVDs and VHS tapes of documentaries and feature films about and from Latin America and the Caribbean. Faculty members have helped by suggesting titles they can use in their teaching.

Hundreds of new titles have been acquired. You can find a comedic social commentary like *Guantánamera*, a Cuban film that won awards at the Sundance Film Festival or a moving historical documentary such as *No Olvidar* (Not to forget) on state sponsored murder during the Pinochet years in Chile which won the Bilbao Festival Grand Award or a review of transnational processes in *Dreams ensnared: the Dominican migration to New York*. Films can be checked out for 7 days.

Tip for finding films!! If you don't know an exact title, try a keyword or subject search in Ibisweb using a country name or thematic concept and limit the search to "Microforms, Videos & Special Formats." Once these results appear, go to the top of the page and click on "Modify Search," then limit the search by "material type" selecting DVD or Video. Each record has a brief description of the film.

Two full text databases: *Latin American Newsstand* is now up and running. Find it by clicking on "databases and indexes" on the library homepage, then click on the letter "L" and scroll down to the title. The database is a recent product from the ProQuest company. Proquest held a focus group with subject specialists at Richter Library during the initial stages to consider whether and how to create a product for Latin American newspapers.

Latin American Newsstand provides full text of news from over 35 Latin-American newspapers in Spanish, Portuguese and some English. Newspapers span 12 countries including Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, México, Nicaragua, Panamá, Perú, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Because databases on Latin America do not sell well compared to other area studies, it is difficult to convince large publishers to develop this type of product. At this point, coverage begins only in 2005 or, in some cases, 1995. Back files will be added regularly.

The Library has also acquired *The Making of the Modern Economy Digital Archive* (also known as the Kress-Goldsmith Collection). This unrivalled online library offers over 12 million searchable pages of original documents on theories, practices, and social consequences of economic and business activity in the West, from the last half of the 15th century to the mid-19th century. Great for colonial studies!!

* Holly has recently accepted the position as the Latin America, Spain and Portugal and Latino Studies Librarian at Duke University. We are sorry to see her go.

Study Abroad Courses 2006/07

The First Year Seminar in Latin American Studies—Utopias and Disenchantments-- is planning to travel to Havana, Cuba, with Dr. Lillian Manzor. They will be attending the conclusion of the Havana International Film Festival, attending lectures and meeting with Cuban students at the University of Havana, The Instituto Superior del Arte, and the International Film School in San Antonio de los Baños.

Intersession Course: The Dilemmas of Mexican Democracy: Contemporary Mexican Politics and the Dynamics of U.S.-Mexican Relations January 2-12, 2007

This course will examine the contemporary political system in Mexico and the dynamics of U.S.-Mexican relations. Using readings, lectures and class discussions to assess key issues critically, the course will provide class participants with an opportunity to explore major themes such as the transition to democracy, socio-economic change, and human rights in Mexico and key issues (e.g., NAFTA, immigration, drug trafficking, environmental problems, and human rights) prominent on the U.S.-Mexican bilateral agenda.

For more information, call Department of International Studies professors William Smith, 305-284-5092 or Bruce Bagley, 305-284-6867. You may also meet with them directly in the Ferre Building. Space is limited. Early deposit required. You may also contact Kefryn Block, International Education and Exchange Programs, at 305-284-3434, by email at kefryn@miami.edu, or come by her office in Allen Hall 212.

Spring Break: FILAS students will be going on their first fully-funded Spring Break trip. Next Spring Break 2007, Prof. Traci Ardren will introduce LAS students to the range of issues surrounding tourism and indigenous economic development in Latin America through participation in a Yucatec Maya community initiative focused on sustainable eco- and cultural tourism. They will be traveling to Yaxuna, Yucatan. The Yaxuna Cooperative is a community-based initiative to develop sustainable tourism of benefit to the indigenous members of the village of Yaxuna.

Summer 2007 Courses

Chile

Entering its fifth year, students have the opportunity to travel to Chile with UM faculty. Students can spend three weeks in Santiago with Dr. Felipe Agüero (International Studies) at FLACSO, taking a course on Politics and Society in Chile. For more information, please contact faguero@miami.edu. They can also spend 5 weeks in Valparaiso with Dr. Andrew Lynch (Modern Languages) and Dr. Norberto Flores (Universidad de Playa Ancha), taking a course on Social and Linguistic aspects of Spanish in the Southern Cone, with a particular emphasis on Chile's Spanish in contact with indigenous languages. Students with the required language skills, can register to do an internship in Valparaiso for 3 credits (LAS 505). Internships are available with medical doctors, lawyers, SERNAM (Servicio Nacional de la Mujer), in different offices of regional government, in education, and at the University of Playa Ancha's English department.

- Students can also take SPA 211 in Valparaiso.

For more information on the different courses and internships in Chile, please contact a.lynch@miami.edu

Study Abroad (*cont.*)

Spain

Dr. Lillian Manzor, Director of Latin American Studies Degree Programs, will teach a class titled "From Stage to Screen: Performances of 20th Century Spanish Cultures." Students will travel to Spain and spend 4 weeks in Santander, 1 week in Barcelona and 1 week in Madrid studying theater and film, meeting actors and directors, and attending film screenings, theater shows, and museum/gallery exhibits. Students will also be taking an advanced grammar and composition review. For more information, please contact lmanzor@miami.edu

The New Politics of Globalization: Democratization and Civil Society Activism in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay is an innovative course to be taught in summer 2007 and is open to undergraduates attending universities affiliated with the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC). This intensive, six-week course, offers students a unique opportunity not available in the classroom on their home campuses — the chance to examine first-hand and from a comparative perspective the contemporary politics of globalization and democratization in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay. To enrich the students' personal and intellectual experience, the seminar will employ a variety of interdisciplinary social science approaches together with extensive field visits and conversations with relevant local actors ranging from academics, to transnational business elites, government officials, and the leaders of NGOs and social movements engaged in both conventional politics via parties and elections as well as in the contentious politics of mobilization and mass protest. The course will be taught by Professor William C. Smith of the University of Miami's Department of International Studies and Professor Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz of the Sociology Department at the University of Maryland. Enrollment is limited to a maximum of 20 participants who will receive six credits at the 500-level. Tentative dates are May 27 to July 9, 2007. For additional information, contact Professor Smith at (305) 284-5092 or bsmith@miami.edu.



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