Announcements:

- On Thursday, December 3rd @ 5 PM, the Brazilian Movie series, hosted by the Portuguese program at the University of Miami, continues! This featured movie, Divã, is a film adaptation based on Martha Medeiros’ contemporary novel (2002), which sold more than 50,000 copies. It tells the story of Mercedes, a married woman and mother of two children, who believes her life is perfect until she decides to reassess her priorities. On her journey to discover her inner self, Mercedes challenges social conventions that prevent her from living a more authentically happy life.

- On January 28th, 2016 @ 8 PM at the Gusman Concert Hall, the Frost Concert Jazz Band, directed by John Daversa, presents “Huracándombe: an exploration of Afro-Uruguayan music and culture,” a world-premiere of new works for jazz ensemble and cuerda de candombe (Uruguayan drumming ensemble), featuring Uruguayan guest musicians Manuel Contrera, Juan Pablo Chapital, Alvaro Salas, and Federico Britos.

Author Carlo Zepeda addresses gay life and homophobia in El Salvador with a presentation at Stonewall Museum

Author Carlo Zepeda presents three essays in this auto ethnography. The essays are testimonies from gay men in a developing country, whose lives were disrupted by war, affected by street violence, crippled by sexual violence, impaired by mental health conditions, intensely devastated by family hostility and discriminated by a patriarchal society that is machista and homophobic.

Carlo has always remained passionate about his native country and the issues related to the region: education, health, gender, sexuality and above all, human rights. He has traveled throughout much of the world, especially Latin America and the Caribbean and is fluent in Spanish and French and has a working knowledge of Italian. Carlo graduated with honors last May from the University of Miami with a master’s degree in Latin American Studies. His thesis, “Sexuality and Trauma in Modern El Salvador: An Autoethnography,” was received successfully by the university and the LGBTI community in El Salvador. Carlo’s professional interests are higher education, foreign relations, non-profit management, gender equality and orientation. Carlo is currently looking for professional employment in a field of his interests or with an NGO that actively engages in bettering the lives of people in the U.S., Latin America and the Caribbean. He lives in Coconut Grove, FL, with his adoring partner and their beautiful yellow Labrador Tucker.

Information on programs at Stonewall National Museum – Wilton Manors Gallery, Stonewall National Library & Archives and programs organized through Stonewall National Education Project is available at stonewall-museum.org. Find SNMA on Facebook: stonewallmuseum and on Instagram: @stonewallarchive.
LAS Happenings:

- We were very busy these last few weeks advising students for their courses next semester. If you still have any questions, doubts, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Interim Academic Director Dean Fuller at dfuller@miami.edu, or Graduate Assistant Grace Slawski at lasgrad@miami.edu.

- In the wake of Uribe’s visit, it is only appropriate that the INS Department hosted a panel discussion on Thursday, November 19th titled “Making Sense of the Colombian Peace Process in Havana.” The speakers, Dr. Bagley, Dr. Restrepo, and Dr. Yaffe are all esteemed experts in this topic, and it was an exiting night. The moderator was Annette Taddeo, a Colombian and candidate for the US Congress.

- We all had a much needed period of relaxation this Thanksgiving Break! We hope that you feel well-rested and prepared for finals.

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Brazil's Foreign Policy Under Rousseff: Change or Continuity?

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Featured talk with Dr. Tânia Maria Pechir Gomes Manzur, Professor of International Relations at the Universidade de Brasília and visiting Fulbright scholar for the fall 2015 semester.

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