LAS Happenings

- Are you considering U Buenos Aires for the fall semester? Get excited because the dates for the program are now available. The early start (Intensive Spanish Program) begins on June 23, 2016. The regular semester begins on July 21, 2016. The program ends on November 12, 2016. Email Dr. Fuller at dofuller@miami.edu, or Erica Moussa from Study Abroad at ejojman@miami.edu if you have any questions. But act quickly, the deadline to apply is March 1st!

Call for Research Papers

Latin America and the Caribbean: Times of Development, Resistance, and Change

THE 14th ANNUAL SOUTH FLORIDA LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

April 22, 2016
Hosted by the University of Miami
Coral Gables, FL

The Annual South Florida Latin American and Caribbean Studies Graduate Student Conference brings together emerging student scholars working on innovative, strategic, and transformative research across the Americas. This gathering builds on collaborative efforts among the University of Miami, Florida International University, and Florida Atlantic University. The 2016 conference will focus on human and economic development, political and social change, and dynamics of resistance in the region’s past and present.

Participation is open to all disciplines and graduate students at all levels. Please submit an abstract of 500 words to sfscconference2016@gmail.com by March 7th. Please include the following information: name of the author(s) of the paper; title of the paper or panel proposed; discipline or area of specialization; email and/or telephone; and school affiliation.

NOTE: All selected papers will require participants to register for this event. There is no charge for registration, and more information about this process will be given after submission.

The top three papers will receive cash prizes.

For additional information or inquiries, please email sfscconference2016@gmail.com
Announcements:

- **Undergraduate students:** Are you currently doing any research, or are interested in doing research in the future? There are three conferences on and off campus coming up designed for undergraduate students that are just dipping their feet into the research waters for the first time. Conferences are a great way to showcase what you’re researching, to network with other students and scholars, and look great on a CV or resume! Take a look at the options below.

- **Undergraduate Research, Creativity and Innovation Forum (RCIF), April 21st, 2016.** Deadline to submit an abstract and register is March 21st. Students from all the schools and colleges at UM are encouraged to apply.

- **Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) Meeting of the Mind Undergraduate Research Conference, Hosted by Syracuse University, April 8 – April 10, 2016.** Deadline to submit an abstract and application is February 22nd, so act quickly! Note: Selected students will meet with Dr. Michael Gaines during four evening/weekend sessions to prepare for conference. Attendance to these meetings is a requirement for attending the conference. Take a look at the website link to learn more (http://accmom2016.syr.edu/).

- **Life Sciences South Florida STEM Undergraduate Research Symposium, hosted at Broward Community College April 2nd, 2016.** Deadline to submit an abstract and application is February 22nd, so act quickly!

**Jobs, Internships, & Other Opportunities for Students**

- **Graduate Students:** The UM Miami Institute of the Americas (MIA) is currently accepting applications for both their Tinker and Field Research Grants. The Tinker and Field Research Grants grant up to $2,000 in funds for graduate students conducting field research. Both grant programs require that the abstract and application are submitted by March 18th. The Tinker Field Research Grant provides funding for students conducting research in "the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking countries of the Western Hemisphere and excluding Puerto Rico." The MIA Field Research grants provide funding for work being done in "Haiti, Puerto Rico, the Anglophone and Francophone Caribbean, and Latina/o populations in the United States and Canada." Each student can only apply to one grant, as the grants complement each other, and thus cannot overlap. Please visit the websites listed below for more information.

  - **Tinker Research Grant:** [http://www.as.miami.edu/mia/grants/tinkerfoundation/](http://www.as.miami.edu/mia/grants/tinkerfoundation/)
  - **MIA Field Research Grant** [http://www.as.miami.edu/mia/grants/gradresearch/](http://www.as.miami.edu/mia/grants/gradresearch/)

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Hey there everyone!

Recently the LAS program was contacted by the Committee of International Student Organizations (COISO) to see if we are interested in collaborating for their annual "International Week," scheduled to take place between April 4th-April 8th. There's a possibility that one day the LAS program could have a table featured with food, drinks and even music from Latin America and the Caribbean. In order to make this happen, we need your help!

**Are any of you interested at volunteering to provide food (homemade or store bought) and/or volunteer at our table during COISO’s International Week? We need at least another 2 people to volunteer!**

If you're interested, please contact me directly at this email (g.slawski@umiami.edu). The LAS Program would be able to reimburse you for any food or drink you provide, contact Dr. Fuller at dofuller@miami.edu or Glenneka Johnson at g.durand@miami.edu for further information.

Let's get UM pumped up about Latin America and the Caribbean like we are!