Latin American Studies Newsletter

LAS Happenings

- Many of our LAS students had an eventful spring break! Dr. Manzor from the Modern Languages Department co-led our first spring break travel course to Cuba! Aside from visiting sites around the island, students learned more about Cuban arts and literature. Dr. Suman from RSMAS also led another successful spring break travel course to Bocas del Toro, Panama. Students there facilitate their own research projects dedicated to either marine affairs, law, environment, or social issues. Photos of these trips will be posted in our next newsletter!

- On Tuesday, March 15th, the LAS program was honored to co-host with the School of Communications and the Law School a movie screening and visit with Gail Pellett. Her movie, Justice And the Generals, is in regards to civil and human rights issues in El Salvador.

Announcements

Sustainable Infrastructure for Competitiveness and Inclusive Growth in Latin America and the Caribbean

MARCH 24, 2016

3:30 - 5:00 P.M.
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
1365 Memorial Drive
Ungur Building 1301(C/D)
Coral Gables, FL 33124

RSVP and Parking information at www.es.miami.edu/geolecture

PRESENTED BY
Dr. Tomás Serebrisky
Principal Economic Advisor, Infrastructure and Environment Unit at the Inter-American Development Bank

Infrastructure plays a key role in the development and modernization of societies, but some of the challenges currently facing the Americas are providing universal access to basic resources, responding to the growing demand for energy, resolving the challenges of increasing urbanization and automobile use, and building an infrastructure less vulnerable to climate change, among others. Dr. Tomás Serebrisky, the Principal Economic Advisor of the Infrastructure and Environment Department of the Inter-American Development Bank, will present an overview of the strategy of the Inter-American Development Bank to support the countries of the region coping with infrastructure challenges.

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Announcements:

- **“What classes am I taking next fall?”** Yep, it’s almost that time of year to begin meeting with your academic advisers and plan your course schedule for the Fall 2016 semester. The LAS program is working hard to have a course booklet prepared soon, which will include all our undergraduate and graduate level courses being offered next semester.

- **Undergraduate students:** Are you currently doing any research, or are interested in doing research in the future? Apply today to the Undergraduate Research, Creativity and Innovation Forum (RCIF), April 21st, 2016. Deadline to submit an abstract and register is March 21st so act quickly! Students from all the schools and colleges at UM are encouraged to apply.

- Please save the date for an exciting upcoming event to launch The State and the Grassroots: Immigrant Transnational Organizations in Four Continents, by Princeton and UM Professor Dr. Alejandro Portes, with invited speaker Harvard scholar Dr. Jorge Dominguez and closing remarks by UM President Julio Frenk. The event is co-hosted by the Miami Institute for the Americas (MIA), the Department of Sociology, and the Cuban Heritage Collection (CHC). The event will take place on Wednesday, March 30th, from 4:30-6:00pm, with a reception to follow from 6:00-7:00pm at the Roberto C. Goizueta Pavilion (second floor) in the Otto G. Richter Library.

## Jobs, Internships, & Other Opportunities for Students

- **Graduate Students:** The UM Miami Institute of the Americas (MIA) is accepting applications for both their Tinker and Field Research Grants until **Friday, March 18th**. 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/](http://www.as.miami.edu/)