



January 2009 Calendar

Center for Latin American Studies
University Center for International Studies
University of Pittsburgh
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*Happy New Year
Welcome Back CLAS Students and Faculty!!*

***** Graduating in April? *****

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To have the Latin American Studies certificate/related concentration recorded on the transcripts of students who finish the program, the University requires each student to complete a Certificate Graduation Application.

This is a **separate application** from the form that is completed for the degree.

DEADLINE: Those of you who will be graduating in **April 2009** should complete a Graduation Application in the offices of Latin American Studies by **Tuesday, January 20, 2009**.

Applications are accepted after the deadline but the University imposes a late fee that increases with the delay in submission. If you are graduating in April but will not complete the Latin American Studies program in which you are enrolled, please notify Julian Asenjo:

juasenjo@pitt.edu

Undergraduate Internship Opportunity

The School of Arts and Sciences (University of Pittsburgh) approved internship opportunities for undergraduate students interested in Latin American Studies. The interns will work with the Center's outreach coordinator conducting research and developing lessons on Latin America for presentation in kindergarten through high school (K-12) classrooms as part of the Center's School Visit Program. Interns will be supervised during all stages of the program and required to work an average of 10 hours per week. Interns may earn from 1 to 3 credits depending on the project. The internship also counts toward the certificate in Latin American Studies. See School of Arts and Sciences webpage at: <http://www.pitt.edu/~intern>, go to internship opportunities, then to foreign language – this will bring you to the Center for Latin American Studies internship opportunity. Please note that while we prefer students with Spanish language

skills, it is not a requirement for the internship. Also note that the website contact person is listed as Rosalind Eannarino (should be Rosalind Santavicca).

If you are interested in applying, contact: Rosalind Santavicca, Center for Latin American Studies, Outreach Program, University Center for International Studies, 4205 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; Phone: 412-648-7397; Email: alinda@pitt.edu

The 2008-2009 Latin American Studies Seminar Series

“El Salvador: Next Presidential Elections and New Challenges”, a lecture by Horacio Castellanos Moya (Pittsburgh’s City of Asylum’s writer-in-residence; Visiting Writer, English Department, University of Pittsburgh)

El Salvador will have presidential elections on March 15th. The country has been ruled by the same party during the last 19 years, the rightist Alianza Republicana Nacionalista (Arena) that took power in 1989, when a long civil war was ending, and then won three consecutive elections (1994, 1999 and 2004). But now the ex-guerrilla party Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional (FMLN) is ahead in the polls. Are the military and the business sector going to accept a leftist government? What are the FMLN’s chances of ruling the country? Is El Salvador prepared to have the first leftist government in its History?

Castellanos Moya, a Salvadoran novelist and journalist, is the second writer-in-residence to be hosted by City of Asylum/Pittsburgh, a nonprofit organization that provides sanctuary to writers exiled under threat of death, imprisonment, or persecution in their native countries. His most recent novel, *Insensatez (Senselessness)*, takes place in Guatemala and deals with the reporting of a massacre of hundreds of indigenous Mayans in the 1980s.

Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Location: 4130 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

For more information: contact CLAS at 412-648-7392 or clas@pitt.edu

Other Lectures

“Social Change in Pre-Columbian San Ramon de Alajuela, Costa Rica, and Its Relation with Adjacent Regions” a talk by **Mauricio Murillo Herrera**

While some models of social change have proposed that interregional relationships played a major role on ancient societies, others have argued that social change was mostly driven by local, internal factors. Several implications about the way ancient societies changed are derived from these models. By analyzing and comparing the pre-Columbian sociopolitical change of five neighboring regions, these models were evaluated. This made possible the assessment of the role interregional relationships played in ancient Costa Rica.

Date: Friday, January 9, 2009

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Anthropology Lounge, 3106 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Conference

Remembering the Future: The Legacies of Radical Politics in the Caribbean

Occasioned by the 50th anniversary of the Cuban Revolution and the 30th anniversary of the Grenadian and Nicaraguan revolutions, this colloquium will consist of critical reflections on the legacies, presents, and futures of leftist struggles and radical politics in the Caribbean.

We will have speakers from across the Caribbean, and have scheduled several hours for workshops and discussion with the audience, so that audience-participants have a structured opportunity to contribute to and shape questions, discussions, and strategies.

A detailed conceptual statement and list of speakers from across the Caribbean and its diaspora may be found at: www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/rememberingthefuture.html. That site also provides information on registration and accommodations. Please contact, Shalini Puri, Conference Convener and Associate Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh.

Email: rememberingthefuture@gmail.com

Dates: April 3-4, 2009

Location: University of Pittsburgh

Faculty Research Grants

Fiscal Year 2010 Small Grants Program – University of Pittsburgh

The Small Grants Program of the Central Research Development Fund (CRDF) is administered by the Office of Research and the University Research Council. The primary goal of the Small Grants program is to enhance opportunities for faculty, especially junior faculty, at the University of Pittsburgh to engage in high-quality research, scholarship, and creative endeavors. This program is intended to provide funding support that cannot be obtained from other sources (including the faculty member's department and school and external funding agencies).

To log in into the application, you will need to use your University login and password. An account is automatically assigned when you are hired at the University but if you don't know yours, you will need to contact your Responsibility Center Administrator or CSSD. The deadline is **February 20, 2009**.

If you have any questions, please contact Tammeka Banks at tbanks@pitt.edu
For more information, go to <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/funding/crdf.html>

Call for Papers

Regional Identity in Times of Globalization and Diaspora

An interdisciplinary conference combining issues of political economy, migration, art and humanities, this conference is especially intended for Cornell and Syracuse students and faculty to present and discuss works in progress. Participants are also welcome to present more polished works. Due to potential time constraints, some accepted papers may be assigned for presentation in a poster format rather than orally. Some participants may prefer the poster format.

Deadline for Abstracts: **January 12, 2009**

Submit electronically (Word document) an abstract of 250 words or less, specifying preference for oral or poster presentation, to Treva Levine, Program Manager, LASP, tlv4@cornell.edu.

Persons selected for oral presentations will receive preference for financial assistance to defray travel and lodging expenses.

Dates: April 2-3, 2009

Location: Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

For more information, contact Robert Blake of LASP, rwb5@cornell.edu or Tom Perreault of PLACA, taperrea@maxwell.syr.edu

Sponsored by Cornell University's Latin American Studies Program (LASP) and Syracuse University's Program on Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA)

8TH Ohio Latin Americanist Conference - (Links and Involvement in Our Ever Changing Continents)

The Ohio University Latin American Studies Program (LAS) is pleased to host the Latin Americanist Conference, formerly held at The Ohio State University, for the years 2009 and 2010. We invite all Latin Americanist scholars, educators, and students, to participate in the eighth annual interdisciplinary meeting on the state of Latin American studies and research in Ohio and surrounding areas. The LAS program seeks panelists and workshop presenters on all levels from colleges and universities, community colleges, and other post-secondary institutions.

Keynote Speaker: Economics Professor Werner Baer (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) will talk on "The Impact of Globalization on Latin America's Economies and the Effects of the Current Recession"

Send LAS director Betsy Partyka, partyka@ohio.edu, a 300-word proposal for a 20 minute presentation that we will organize into an interdisciplinary thematically appropriate session. Submission deadline: **Friday, January 16, 2009**. Visit their website for registration information and forms: <http://www.ohiou.edu/latinamerican/>

Dates: Friday - Saturday, February 27-28, 2009

Location: Ohio University, Bentley - Gordy Hall, Athens, OH 45701-2979

For more information contact:

Betsy Partyka (Director, Latin American Studies, Ohio University), Gordy Hall 231, Athens, OH 45701-2979, Phone: 740-593-2764, Fax: 740-593-0729

Student Journal of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

This year, students at the University of Texas established the first international Latin American Studies journal that includes the research of both graduates and undergraduates. The *Student Journal of Latin American Studies* will foster a better understanding of Latin America and link the research of graduate and undergraduate students around the world.

We invite all students, faculty, and staff across colleges and disciplines to promote and contribute to the *Student Journal of Latin American Studies*. We ask faculty and staff to help disseminate information to students concerning this new opportunity, and we urge students to submit research for publication in the journal.

The deadline for submissions is **January 25, 2009** with the publication date set for April 2009. For undergraduate student, we ask that papers be written in English, be double spaced, and be between 2500 and 4000 words long. For graduate student, we ask that papers be written in English, be double spaced, and be between 5000 and 8000 words long.

For more information: please visit <http://www.sjoflas.org/submissions.html> or email at info@sjoflas.org

8th Annual Graduate Conference: Latin America: a people without boundaries?

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center at Stony Brook University invites presentation proposals for its eighth annual graduate student conference to be held on Friday, April 24, 2009 at Stony Brook Manhattan. Using the theme, "Latin America: a people without boundaries?," the conference seeks to examine how Latin Americans have confronted, negotiated, or overcome geographical, economic, political, class, racial, and cultural boundaries. Important questions that this conference seeks to address include (but are not limited to): To which degree is Latin America a vanguard case study for examining global flows and important exchanges in culture? How much success have Latin Americans enjoyed in transcending and redefining the boundaries of race, class, and gender? What are the legacies, myths, and artistic interpretations that explain and examine the durability of stark racial and class stratification, national biases, and the perception of Latin America as a global periphery? We hope that lively academic debate and interaction will help draw out answers to these important questions toward the goal of examining and addressing contemporary problems and trends in Latin America.

By stimulating cross-disciplinary discussions, the conference invites graduate students to examine and transcend the boundaries of their own academic fields. The multi-disciplinary nature of this conference also provides an opportunity for graduate students to interact with other scholars outside their traditional fields of study and geopolitical specialties.

Presentation proposals should be 200 to 300 words in length, in either English or Spanish, and should include a cover page with name, academic affiliation and contact information. Panel proposals and alternative, non-paper presentations will also be given consideration.

Please submit proposals electronically to sbulaccgrad@yahoo.com

Abstract deadline: February 1, 2009

Date: April 24, 2009

Location: Stony Brook Manhattan, New York

Keynote Speaker: Barbara Weinstein (New York University)

For more information please visit: www.stonybrook.edu/lacc

Sponsored by Stony Brook University Latin American & Caribbean Studies Center

5th ECPR General Conference at Potsdam, Germany

Dates: September 10-12, 2009

A panel titled "Problems and Methods in the Study of Comparative Politics in Latin America" will be held at the 5th ECPR General Conference. The panel seeks to bring together specialists in Latin American politics who are interested in highlighting the conceptual and methodological underpinnings as well as the state of the art in the comparative politics of the region. Panel chair: Jorge Gordin, GIGA Hamburg; panel discussant: Lucio Renno, University of Brasilia.

Abstract: Scholars in comparative politics are increasingly systematic about "problem selection" and the methodologies they employ as well as the quality of the evidence they use. One conspicuous trend in the study of Latin American politics has been the explicit concern with said central cannons for doing research in the comparative politics of the region. This trend transpires in the rich variety of analytical lenses and methodological achievements in the study of politics in Latin America. This panel seeks to offer a setting to discuss the advances and shortcomings in research endeavors in the field of Latin American politics, eschewing narrow methodological diatribes and encouraging paper-givers to sharpen the analytical and methodological underpinnings of their contributions.

The deadline for paper submissions is **February 1, 2009**. More information of the submission process is available at: <http://www.ecpr.org.uk/potsdam/howtosubmit.asp>

The University of New Mexico, Latin American and Iberian Institute (LAI)

UNM's LAI is requesting submissions of scholarly papers by faculty and graduate students in English, Spanish, or Portuguese for publication in the LAI's peer-reviewed, electronic Research Paper Series and Occasional Paper Series.

The LAI Research Paper Series includes scholarship in: anthropology, art history, economics, education, gender and cultural studies, geography, health sciences, history, journalism, linguistics, literature, music, natural sciences, political science, sociology, and related fields. Interdisciplinary research papers are encouraged, and a length of 20 to 35 pages (including notes and references) is recommended.

The Occasional Paper Series includes bibliographies, book reviews, interviews, archival indices, and catalogues, all with flexible length. Research areas cover Latin America, Iberia (Spain and Portugal) as well as comparative topics that have significant Latin American or Iberian content.

Submissions deadline: **March 31, 2009**

For submission and editorial guidelines visit <http://laii.unm.edu/resources/publications/>

For further information: Contact Keira Philipp-Schnurer, Latin American & Iberian Institute, MSC02 1690, 1 University of New Mexico, E-mail: kphilipp@unm.edu, Phone: 505-277-7049

Conferences

58th Annual Conference—The Urban Divide in Latin America: Challenges and Strategies for Social Inclusion

Latin America has the largest percentage of urban population of any world region in addition to the most unequal distribution of income. This inequality is most apparent in cities, where the richest and the poorest live in close proximity, and social inequality becomes tangible and flagrantly evident in spatial terms. How can urbanists affect policies that foster urban inclusion?

This multidisciplinary conference aims to gather scholars and professionals dedicated to improving the quality of life in urban Latin America. This forum will provide participants an opportunity to share their research and experiences, and to engage in dialogue to generate ideas and identify solutions to advance social inclusion in Latin American cities. The conference is co-hosted by the UF Center for Latin American Studies and the UF College of Design, Construction and Planning. Joseli Macedo, UF Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, and Martha Kohen, UF Professor of Architecture, will co-chair the conference. The conference will include keynote plenary sessions and paper presentations organized in panels.

Dates: January 28 - 30, 2009

Location: University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

For more information about the conference: contact Patricia Sampaio, LAS Program Coordinator at psampaio@latam.ufl.edu or visit <http://www.conferences.dce.ufl.edu/LAS/>

2009 Lozano Long Conference, "Contested Modernities: Indigenous and Afro-Descendent Struggles in Latin America"

The 2009 Lozano Long Conference, sponsored by the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, will have as a topic Contested Modernities: Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Experiences in Latin America. This will be a scholarly gathering to discuss the specific contours

of disparate modern experiences in Mesoamerica, the Caribbean and the Andes, where ethnic markers led to fundamentally distinct modernizing processes than elsewhere in the continent.

This conference will be dedicated to probing this divide, by showcasing scholarship and political interventions that place indigenous and Afro-Descendant peoples in the same analytical lens. We seek to explore and problematize this divide, without assuming that it should be eliminated, or that it should stay in place. Rather, our guiding premise is that rigorous historical, humanistic, and social analysis of the underlying question will both energize scholarly debates, and contribute to the bridge-building of commonality and difference, from which the struggles of both peoples stand to benefit.

Dates: February 26-28, 2009

Location: University of Texas at Austin

For more information:

http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/lilas/conferences/contested_modernities/index/

Fellowship/Grant Opportunities

Friends of the Princeton University Library Research Grant Program

Each year, the Friends of the Princeton University Library offer short-term Library Research Grants to promote scholarly use of the research collections. The Program in Hellenic Studies also supports a limited number of Library Research Grants in Hellenic studies, and the Cotsen Children's Library supports research in its collection on aspects of children's books. The Maxwell Fund supports research on materials dealing with Portuguese-speaking cultures.

These Library Research Grants, which have a value of up to \$2,500 each, are meant to help defray expenses incurred in traveling to and residing in Princeton during the tenure of the grant. The length of the grant will depend on the applicant's research proposal, but is ordinarily one month. Library Research Grants awarded in this academic year are tenable from May 2009 to April 2010.

Application requirements, forms, and all guidelines can be found at:

http://www.princeton.edu/rbsc/fellowships/f_ships.html. Prospective grantees are urged to consult the Library's home page at <http://libweb.princeton.edu> for detailed descriptions of the collections, especially those in the Rare Books and Special Collections Department, and for the names of curators and reference staff.

Application materials and letters of recommendation are to be mailed to Library Research Grant Committee, Princeton University Library, One Washington Road, Princeton, NJ 08544. Materials mailed to the committee must be postmarked no later than **January 15, 2009**. Awards will be made before April 1, 2009. Facsimile transmissions may be sent to 609-258-2324. Electronic communications to the committee may be sent to loliveir@princeton.edu. Materials submitted by e-mail or facsimile must be received also no later than January 15, 2009. E-mail is the preferred method of submission.

The Inter-American Foundation's Grassroots Development Fellowship Program

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) was created in 1969 by the United States Congress to fund the self-help initiatives of the organized poor in Latin America and the Caribbean and the groups that directly support them. To complement its work, the IAF has reinstated its Fellowships for candidates for Ph.D. degrees from United States universities as they conduct

their dissertation research. IAF's Fellowships are intended to increase awareness of grassroots development efforts while building a community of professionals and scholars knowledgeable in the subject. Fellows examine the efforts of the rural and urban poor to improve their lives, their methods of organization and production, and the policies and programs designed to alleviate their poverty. The IAF disseminates research findings of its Fellows to a broad audience concerned with development.

The Institute of International Education (IIE) has partnered with the IAF to administer its Grassroots Development Fellowship Program. The Web pages on this site provide essential information on all aspects of the IAF Fellowship Program. Interested individuals should carefully review the entire site. The IAF will not respond to inquiries. Application deadline is **January 16, 2009**

For more information: iaffellowships@iie.org or visit the website at: www.iie.org/iaf

The William Zitzmann Visiting Scholar Fellowship in Latin American Studies

The Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS) at Johns Hopkins University invites applications for the William Zitzmann Visiting Scholar Fellowship for the academic year 2009-10. The Fellowship is for one semester in residence at Johns Hopkins University. The competition is open to Latin American scholars who work and live in Latin America, and who hold a Masters degree or higher in the fields of social sciences, humanities and history.

The fellow will teach one undergraduate course, present a paper on his or her research for PLAS faculty and students, participate in the PLAS colloquia series and annual conference, and otherwise engage in the intellectual life of the Program. Because courses are taught in English, proficiency in both written and spoken English is required of all Visiting Scholars.

The Fellowship offers a \$20,000 stipend, health insurance for the Fellow, \$1500 travel allowance, and a \$1000 research fund.

Deadline for receipts of applications is **February 28, 2009**

For more information please visit <http://anthropology.jhu.edu/plas/zitzmann.html> or write to plas@jhu.edu

Library Travel Grants – University of Florida

The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida will again offer Library Travel Research Grants for summer 2009. These awards are funded by a grant from the U.S.

Department of Education. Their purpose is to enable faculty researchers from other U.S. colleges and universities to use the extensive resources of the Latin American Collection in the University of Florida Libraries, thereby enhancing its value as a national resource.

As many as 8 awards of up to \$1000 each will be made to cover travel and living expenses. Awardees are expected to remain in Gainesville for at least one week and, following their stay, submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project and offer suggestions for possible improvements of the Latin American Collection. Researchers' work at the Latin American Collection may be undertaken at any time during the summer, starting May 15th, but must be completed by August 14, 2009. At least one grant will be made to a scholar from a Florida college or university. Application Deadline: **March 2, 2009**

Information on the UF Latin American Collection is available on the Internet at: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/lac>. You can also e-mail Richard Phillips (ricphil@uflib.ufl.edu), Director of the Latin American Collection, for further information.

To apply for a Library Travel Grant, send a letter of intent, brief library research proposal, travel budget and curriculum vitae to:

Patricia Sampaio, Program Coordinator
Center for Latin American Studies
University of Florida
358 Grinter Hall
Gainesville, FL 32611
Ph: 352-392-0375, Ext. 806
e-mail: psampaio@latam.ufl.edu

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

Richard E. Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar Award

The Latin American and Iberian Institute and the Division of Iberian and Latin American Resources (DILARES) of the University of New Mexico are pleased to invite applications from U.S. and international scholars for a short-term library visiting researcher program to promote scholarly use of its Latin American collections. This program is designed to provide scholars, junior faculty, and graduate students in the U.S. who specialize in Latin America the opportunity to work with one of the largest and most complete Latin American collections in the country. Through the Richard E. Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar Fund, LAII provides three separate awards: one long-term \$10,000 award and two short-term \$2,000 awards to help defray travel and housing costs for Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Application information can be found at <http://lail.unm.edu/funding/richard-e-greenleaf-visiting-library-scholar/>. Applicants are invited to consult the DILARES home page at <http://libguides.unm.edu/DILARES> for information about UNM's Latin American collections.

Faxed and electronic applications are due by **Tuesday, March 31, 2009**. Mailed applications must be postmarked by March 31, 2009. Awards will be announced by Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Application materials should be sent to: Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar Program, Latin American and Iberian Institute, Attn: Ms. Keira Philipp-Schnurer, MSC02 1690, 1 University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-0001. Fax: 505-277-5989. Email materials to kphilipp@unm.edu.

For more information, please contact Keira Philipp-Schnurer by phone at 505-277-7049 or by e-mail at kphilipp@unm.edu

Study Abroad/Research/Internship Opportunities

Internship with the Office of the Federal Public Defender

Application deadline: As soon as Possible

The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Western District of Pennsylvania is seeking an intern who is fluent in both oral and written Spanish to assist the staff with interpretation and translation. The intern will be responsible for interpreting conversations between clients and/or their family members and staff members of the Federal Public Defender's Office, translating correspondence both from and to Spanish-speaking clients, and assisting with telephone calls from the Spanish-speaking public. As a member of the defense team, the intern will be required to keep confidential any information subject to the attorney/client privilege.

This is an unpaid internship program, though the successful applicant may earn credits applicable towards the degree depending on the guidelines of her/his department or school. The internship is available to a graduate student who is an American citizen, fluent in oral and written Spanish, and who successfully passes an FBI basic fingerprint check. This position is

stationed in Downtown Pittsburgh. Some knowledge about the criminal justice system process, though not required, is preferred.

Applicants should provide a CV or resume along with a cover letter and send them to:
Lisa B. Freeland (Federal Public Defender, Western District of Pennsylvania), 1450 Liberty Center, 1001 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

Spring Break Service Trip to Guatemala

Want to spend your spring break helping others? Then sign up for Encountour's service trip to Guatemala! During the majority of the trip, students will either construct a community center or a home for a family while staying with host families. 1-2 nights will also be spent at a hotel or hostel in the city of Antigua and there will be an excursion to a nearby volcano that you can hike! Trip price is around \$900 plus airfare but there will be fundraising opportunities. Deadline to sign up for the trip is **January 30th**. To find out more information, e-mail Chelsea Fitzgerald at crf17@pitt.edu

2009 Heritage Ethnography Field School – Yucatán, Mexico

Sponsored by the Open School of Ethnography and Anthropology (OSEA)

Students learn to design, conduct & complete independent & interdisciplinary research in areas of: Art & Intangible Cultural Heritage, Archaeological Heritage, Ethnography of Archaeology, Tourism Development & Urbanism, Community Strategies of Tourism, Social History through Life Histories, Applied and Action Research, Art Exhibitions and Ethnographic Installation, Maya Forms of Health & Healing, Environmental Heritage.

OSEA Program fees include: direct enrollment with accredited university transcript, food & lodging, homestays with Maya families in Pisté, local field trips to Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Yaxuna, Cenote Xtohil, & jungle caves. Mid-Program Break (4-night/5 day) to allow participants free-time to explore Yucatán on their own (not included in program fees).

This program is open to undergraduates in sophomore year and higher, with any social science & humanities major, and to graduate students in any social science and humanities fields.

~Minimum 1-year college-level Spanish

~GPA of 2.5 or higher

Dates: May 17 - July 4, 2009

Location: Yucatán, Mexico (Based in Pisté and Maya Communities surrounding Chichén Itzá, one of the new Seven Wonders of the World)

For more information: www.osea-cite.org or contact@osea-cite.org

Internship Opportunities with The Inter-American Dialogue

The Inter-American Dialogue is accepting applications for its fall 2008 intern program. The Inter-American Dialogue offers full and part-time volunteer internships in the fall, spring and summer semesters for students interested in the dynamics of inter-American relations. The Dialogue is a forum for sustained exchange among leaders of the Western Hemisphere and an independent, nonpartisan center for policy analysis on economic and political relations in the Americas. It regularly convenes U.S. and Latin American leaders from the public and private sectors and diverse political perspectives to search for cooperative responses to hemispheric problems. Covering a wide scope of issues, it is engaged in an ambitious effort to improve the quality of debate and decision making on U.S.-Latin American relations and to promote new opportunities for hemispheric political, social, and economic cooperation.

Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, brief writing sample, and one letter of recommendation to internships@thedialogue.org

For more information about the internship program, including necessary qualifications, please go to <http://www.thedialogue.org/page.cfm?pageID=15>

Ethnographic Field School, Summer 2009 Lake Atitlán, Guatemala "Nature, Heritage, Identity, and Globalization in Mayan Communities"

Dates: May 22 - July 12, 2009

Learn how to design, conduct and write-up your own independent research project while on the shores of a crystal lake framed by volcanoes! During the seven week program time, live and work with an indigenous Guatemalan family in the Lake Atitlán area of the Western Highlands. Whether you are an undergraduate or graduate student, training as an ethnographic researcher can prove to be beneficial for a variety of majors, such as anthropology, sociology, international affairs, history, education, textiles, natural resource management business and management, political science, psychology, and public health. All students are encouraged to apply, especially students interested in topics concerning the environment, globalization, social justice, tourism, conservation, language, development, poverty and health. Not sure how your interests may fit into the topics listed? The program is tailored individually to maximize the participant's potential for understanding and developing the skills needed for ethnographic research. Students also will have opportunities to pursue an applied, service-learning project in lieu of a research project.

Students from any university or country, regardless of major - graduate, undergraduate, post-baccalaureate or post-graduate - may apply. Applications may be accessed through the field school website: <http://www4.ncsu.edu/~twallace> or through the NC State University Study Abroad Office website <http://studyabroad.ncsu.edu/>. The applications are submitted online, but if you have any problems, please contact Ms. Kim Priebe at the NCSU Study Abroad Office, Box 7344, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7344, kim_priebe@ncsu.edu, 919-515-2087. The official deadline is **February 6, 2009**. Applications received after that date will be considered only if there are spaces still available.

For more information: contact Dr. Tim Wallace (Program Director), tmwallace@mindspring.com or Carla Pezzia (Assistant Director), carla.pezzia@ncsu.edu, 919-815-6388 (m) or 919-515-9025 (o). Fax: 919-513-0866.

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies, New York University

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at New York University is pleased to announce its newly strengthened MA program. CLACS is an interdisciplinary teaching, research, and public information program, offering a unique, innovative Master of Arts degree in Latin American Studies. The stand alone, 3 semester MA program and three specialized joint-MA degrees (with Journalism, Museum Studies, and the NYU Law School) are eminently suitable for students honing their area studies knowledge before continuing on for a Ph.D. in the humanities or social sciences, or for those aiming directly for careers in journalism, museum work, Latin American-focused work in government, area-focused NGOs, or international law, business, or development. The program consists of a two semester introductory course sequence providing in-depth knowledge of the history as well as contemporary social, political, economic, and cultural formations of the various regions of Latin America and the Caribbean. These core courses, along with CLACS-sponsored courses on specific regions and themes, and the availability of discipline-focused courses taught by about 50 CLACS-affiliated faculty across the university, provide students with a solid interdisciplinary background as well as specialized skills in research methods, analysis, and languages of the region (including Spanish,

Portuguese, and Quechua). Students completing the program have gone on to exciting careers in advocacy, human rights, international business, and have been accepted into top-notch doctoral programs in a variety of disciplines.

CLACS at NYU is a Title VI National Resource Center, offering FLAS fellowship support for graduate students studying Portuguese and a newly initiated Quechua language program. This Department of Education grant also helps support faculty and graduate student research, a wide variety of colloquia and conferences, and outreach programs focusing on primary and secondary education in the New York area. The Center opens channels of communication and encourages the sharing of ideas and observations across disciplinary boundaries, to the mutual benefit of both faculty members and students. This is an exciting time for CLACS, a moment of great energy and innovation and we encourage you to explore our website, attend public events and advise your students to contact us for more information about the MA program. For more information, contact CLACS Director Professor Thomas Abercrombie at thomas.abercrombie@nyu.edu or CLACS Assistant Director Jen Lewis at jal15@nyu.edu. Please visit our website at <http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/program/latin/>. Or contact us directly: New York University, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 53 Washington Square South #4W, New York NY 10012
Phone: 212-998-8685, Fax: 212-995-4163

Employment Opportunities

Director, ACM Latin American Programs

Location: San José, Costa Rica

The Associated Colleges of the Midwest, a consortium of thirteen private liberal arts colleges, seeks a director for its two semester-long undergraduate programs in San José, Costa Rica, beginning in the summer of 2009. ACM has provided off-campus study opportunities in Costa Rica since 1964 and for thirty years has operated programs primarily for students from member colleges. The fall semester program focuses on Spanish language acquisition and Central American culture, while the spring program provides opportunities for students to do independent research projects, primarily in the natural and social sciences, and includes intensive Spanish instruction.

General responsibilities of the position include management of the administrative, academic, and financial aspects of the two programs in San José; teaching of one course each year; selection and oversight of faculty advisors for students' independent projects; and development and maintenance of relationships with academic, governmental, and other local constituencies in Costa Rica. The Director is expected to work closely with the ACM Chicago office to articulate and carry out program goals and ACM consortium objectives. Please see the website for a full description of the position, posted at: www.acm.edu/faculty/positions

Required qualifications for the position include Ph.D. in a discipline related to Latin American or environmental studies or in higher education administration, proficiency in Spanish, and knowledge of both Latin American and North American culture and educational systems. Also desired qualifications are: teaching experience, preferably at a small liberal arts college; demonstrated commitment to students and their needs, both curricular and co-curricular; and administrative experience, preferably in managing off-campus study programs.

The initial appointment will be for one year, with the possibility of renewal for additional years based on favorable performance reviews. The appointment begins July 1, 2009.

Salary commensurate with experience. Benefits include round-trip airfare and shipping allowance, as well as excellent fringe benefits.

Applications are currently being reviewed and will be accepted until the position is filled. They should include the following:

- A letter describing qualifications and interest in the position
- The names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references
- Curriculum vitae

Materials should be sent electronically as attachments, in MS Word or PDF format, to: Carol Dickerman, Director of International Study Programs, cdickerman@acm.edu

Volunteer Opportunites

IPSF Medical Spanish Classes

If you are interested in volunteering to help teach or translate medical Spanish this is an excellent opportunity. This is a beginner class designed for pharmacy students interested in learning medical Spanish. The classes culminate in a blood pressure screening after the Spanish mass at St. Mary's on February 8, 2009.

Dates: Fridays, January 9 - February 8, 2009

Time: 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

For more information: contact Karen Nenno at 724-493-4666 or kln14@pitt.edu

Hosted by International Pharmacy Students Federation

Tutoring / Mentoring

The College After School Team (CAST) currently has tutoring/mentoring opportunities available for Pitt Students. We especially need Spanish tutors.

CAST is comprised of AmeriCorps members and University of Pittsburgh students who tutor and mentor high school students. Participants tutor based on their schedules and availability. Pitt students work one-on-one with Peabody High School students, assisting them with class work and serving as positive role models. Peabody High School is located in Pittsburgh's East Liberty neighborhood.

Participants can register for class credit or volunteer 1+ hour per week.

For more information: email pittcast@gmail.com or visit www.pittcast.net

NOTICE

The following list of events is provided as a service to the community by the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Pittsburgh. CLAS neither recommends nor endorses

these events and activities. Please address questions or comments about the events to the contact provided and not to the Center.

Salud para Niños - Birmingham Clinic

Free Pediatric & Flu Immunization Clinics

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Care Mobile

Date: Saturdays: January 10, February 14 & March 14, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Salvation Army, 54 S. 9th Street, Southside

For more information: 412-692-6000 option 8,

Or visit http://www.chp.edu/centers/spanish_clinic.php

Weekly Intercultural Events

WRCT88.3 FM – BARRIO LATINO (formerly "Revista Radial Latinoamericana")

Interviews, News, sports, politics, local, social, cultural, recreational events, and the best Latin American music, entrevistas, noticias, deportes, notas sociales y culturales, los servicios a la comunidad, la mejor música... Y mucho más!

Barrio Latino airs on Thursdays, 6:05 – 7:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) from WRCT 88.3 FM Pittsburgh – listen via Internet at www.wrct.org or call us live 412-621-9728

Send any special announcements that you would like to broadcast to:

Martha Mantilla: martham@pitt.edu, or call 412-521-8651

Barrio Latino audio files can be found at: <http://barriolatino wrct.googlepages.com/>

E-mail us at: BarrioLatinoWRCT@gmail.com

Weekly Language Classes/Practice Sessions

Spanish Level I

Spanish instruction for beginners

Date & Time: Every Thursday, 6:30 p.m.

Spanish Level II

Basic grammar, vocabulary and conversation

Dates & Times: Every Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. & Every Friday, 1:00 p.m.

Spanish Level III

Intermediate grammar, reading and conversation

Dates & Times: Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Level IV

Conversation, reading, writing and expressions

Dates & Times: Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

English Practice (for non-native speakers)

Practice English with native speakers

Dates & Times: Every Friday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Spanish Conversation "Tertulia"

Open Spanish conversation group

Dates & Times: Every Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

All Spanish classes are held at **Tango Cafe**, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill, Pgh, PA 15217

*Minimum purchase of \$3.00 from the menu

For more information: call 412-421-1390, www.TangoCafePgh.com

*****Deadline*****

If you have an announcement related to a **Latin American/Caribbean activity** taking place during **February 2009** that you would like to share with others interested in the region, please send details by **January 23rd** to: Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 4200 W.W. Posvar Hall,

Pittsburgh, PA 15260; Fax: 412 648 2199; E-mail: clas@pitt.edu

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