



# September 2008 Calendar

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## CLAS Extends a Warm Welcome to Its Students and Faculty (Returning and New) for the Upcoming Year!

### **\*\* IMPORTANT Graduation Announcement\*\***

#### **Graduating Students—Very Important Notice**

In order 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 application is separate from the form that you will complete for your degree.*

#### **DEADLINES:**

Those of you who will be graduating in **December 2008** have a deadline of **September 18** to complete a Certificate Graduation Application.

Those who graduate in April 2009 will have a deadline in January by which the application must be submitted. Students graduating in August 2009 will have a May deadline.

Late applications are accepted after the deadlines but the ***University will impose a late fee!*** The amount of the fee increases with the delay in submission. Please see Devon Taliaferro or Julian Asenjo, 4400 Posvar Hall, for an application or call 412 648 7392

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#### **Teaching Assistant for CLAS Seminar & Field Trip to Latin America**

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) is seeking a Teaching Assistant (TA) for the Undergraduate Seminar & Field Trip to Fortaleza, Brazil in the Spring Term and Summer Session of 2009. The student will assist the project director, Ana Paula Carvalho, during the undergrad-

uate interdisciplinary seminar in the Spring Term (January through April) and accompany the group to Brazil in the Summer Session (approximately May 15-June 24).

**Duties:**

- **Spring Term**—Attend all seminar sessions, prepare bibliographies and other teaching materials, present lectures in the seminar as requested by the director, assist student participants with their research designs, provide information on the logistics of traveling and living in country, and other tasks as assigned by the project director. This position requires *10 hours of work per week during the spring term*.
- **Summer Session**—Accompany the group to Brazil where the TA will assist students with their research and cultural adaptation, arrange in-country excursions and the *despedida*. The TA also may be asked to participate in the selection of undergraduate participants (in October) as well as assist in the evaluation of the students' work (in August).

**Benefits:** The recipient will be appointed as a *part-time* Teaching Assistant for the Spring Term that will include salary, fringe benefits and full tuition. The assistant will also receive a one-time payment (tbd) for the summer. The assistant will accompany the project director and student participants to Brazil; his/her round-trip air fare, room and board, and expenses related to the field trip will be paid by the Center (personal expenses are not included).

**Requirements:** Applicants should have taken courses about Latin America, be fluent in the Portuguese language, be able to teach social science research methodology and, ideally, have had field experience in Latin America. S/he should be well-organized, anticipate deadlines, and complete assignments accurately and thoroughly. Students who currently hold a FLASF, LASPPF, or GSA/TA/TF must relinquish that fellowship in order to accept the TA for the Seminar/Field Trip.

**Deadline** for receipt of applications is **September 24, 2008**.

**To apply:** Only students currently enrolled in a graduate certificate program of the Center for Latin American Studies are eligible to apply. Applicants should send a resume or curriculum vitae, one letter of recommendation from a Pitt faculty member, and an up-to-date copy of their transcript to: Julian Asenjo, Seminar/Field Trip TA, Center for Latin American Studies, 4207 Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

**CLAS Seminar & Field Trip to Latin America**

CLAS is now welcoming applications for the 2009 Latin American Seminar and Field Trip to Fortaleza, Brazil. Details and application instructions are available online at:

[http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/students/abroad/seminar\\_field.html](http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/students/abroad/seminar_field.html) .

We encourage students of Portuguese to review this information and encourage all eligible candidates to apply! The application deadline is **October 10, 2008**.

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**Upcoming Events**

**“Notes from a Revolution - Bolivia”** a lecture by **Dr. Mark Goodale**

(Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis and Anthropology, George Mason University)

Dr. Mark Goodale will present a description and preliminary analysis of findings from his new research project on revolution, counterrevolution, and struggles over personhood in contemporary Bolivia.

Mark Goodale is Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis and Anthropology at George Mason University. He is the author of *Surrendering to Utopia: An Anthropology of Human Rights*

(Stanford UP, 2009) and *Dilemmas of Modernity: Bolivian Encounters with Law and Liberalism* (Stanford UP, 2008) and editor or coeditor of *Human Rights: An Anthropological Reader* (Blackwell, 2009), *The Bolivia Reader: Culture, History, Politics* (Duke UP, 2009), and *The Practice of Human Rights: Tracking Law Between the Global and the Local* (Cambridge UP, 2007).

**Date:** Thursday, September 4, 2008

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** 3106 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, Anthropology Lounge, University of Pittsburgh  
*Sponsored by Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh*

### **Undergraduate Welcome Reception**

#### **Sponsored by the Department of Hispanic Languages & Literatures**

Come and meet our faculty, staff, language instructors, and representatives from the Center for Latin American Studies, the Center for West European Studies, the Study Abroad Office, the University Center for International Studies, the School of Education, the Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano, the Eduardo Lozano Latin American Collection, and the radio show Barrio Latino.

**Date:** Thursday, September 11, 2008

**Time:** 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

**Location:** 1228 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

**For more information:** contact Gonzalo Lamana, 412 624 2055

### **Panel Presentation and Discussion on "The Caribbean and Its Borderlands: Revolution and Aftermath"**

**Ricardo Córdova** (Executive Director of Guillermo Manuel Ungo Foundation [Fundango], El Salvador)

**Betsy Konefal** (Assistant Professor of History, The College of William and Mary)

**Carmelo Mesa-Lago** (Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

Discussant: **Laird Bergad** (Professor of History and Director of the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies, CUNY)

Moderator: **Alejandro de la Fuente** (Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

**Location:** Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Walnut Rooms (Lower Level), Oakland

**For more information:** please go to <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/events.shtml>

### **CLAS Welcoming Reception**

CLAS extends a warm welcome to its students and faculty (returning and new) for the upcoming year! All faculty, staff, current and new students, as well as alumni are invited.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Time:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Mercury Room (Lower Level), Oakland

**For more information:** contact Luis Bravo, 412 648 7393, [bravo@pitt.edu](mailto:bravo@pitt.edu)

### **Dinner with Shirley**

A fundraising dinner with remarks by **Mark Rosenberg** (Chancellor of the State University System of Florida) on ***The Value of Study Abroad in Higher Education***.

Join us in recognizing the 40 years of Shirley's dedication to the success of the Center, as well as to undergraduate and graduate students through truly exceptional one-on-one advising and mentoring. Your contribution\* to this dinner in honor of Shirley will support student research and study in Latin America.

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2008

**Time:** 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pittsburgh Athletic Association, Pennsylvania Room, Oakland

**For more information:** contact Adriana Maguiña-Ugarte, 412-648-7391, [amaguina@pitt.edu](mailto:amaguina@pitt.edu) or go to: to <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/events.shtml> to download the registration card.

\* *A portion of the dinner amount and/or any additional donation will go to **Student Endowment Fund for the Latin American Program** in honor of Shirley Kregar*

### **A Talk by Flor de Margarita Pérez Pérez**

Margarita, wife, mother of six, and grandmother of four, Tzotzil-Maya weaver, small store owner, and Zapatista organizer, will talk about the pressures, as well as joys, that she experiences as a leader in the movement to bring democracy to Mexico and free her indigenous community from corruption and exploitation by the Mexican government. Margarita has been at the forefront of the establishment of autonomous government in the township of Chenalho, Chiapas, Mexico—governance which incorporates traditions and the world view of the Tzotzil-Maya and helps her community grapple with the difficulties of extreme poverty as they compete with the impact of NAFTA to sell their products (corn, coffee, weavings) on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century world market.

**Date:** Thursday, September 18, 2008

**Time:** Noon - 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** 4130 Wesley Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

**For more information:** contact Carol Jean McGreevy-Morales at [cmcgreevy-morales@shadysideacademy.org](mailto:cmcgreevy-morales@shadysideacademy.org)

### **The 29<sup>th</sup> Latin American and Caribbean Festival**

¡Come and enjoy the diversity of Latin American and Caribbean cultures through exhibits, food, arts and crafts, music, and dance!

**Date:** Saturday, September 27, 2008

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

**Location:** William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

**For more information:** contact Luz Amanda Hank, 412 648 7394, [lavst12@pitt.edu](mailto:lavst12@pitt.edu)

### **Salsa Lessons**

Students are invited to learn how to dance Salsa with instructor Marlon Silva in preparation for the dance held at the Festival!! No charge

**Dates:** Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2008

**Time:** 9:15 - 10:15 p.m.

**Location:** The Galleria, 1st Floor Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

**For more information:** contact Luz Amanda Hank, 412 648 7394, [lavst12@pitt.edu](mailto:lavst12@pitt.edu)

### **The AMERICAS—in Concert**

Featuring: Lilly Abreu (soprano), Eric Susoeff (guitar), Dwayne Dolphin (bass), Eric DeFede (saxophone), and James Johnson III (drums) interpreting: Gershwin, Jobim, Bonfá, Strayhorn, Velázquez, Barroso; with special guest: Tangueros de Ley

**Date:** Saturday, October 4, 2008

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, 650 Schenley Drive, University of Pittsburgh

**Cost:** Free and Open to the Public

**For more information:** contact CLAS at 412 648 7392, [clas@pitt.edu](mailto:clas@pitt.edu)

*Sponsored by: MED Health Services & Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute in collaboration with the Center for Latin American Studies*

### **Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano Fall 2008 Film Series**

Today Latin American film is among the best in the world. All this and more will be part of the *Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano* 2008 Fall Series named "**Historias mínimas**" (Short Stories), with a special homage to Argentina for its outstanding film production. Also look out for a selection of unique films about women. **Some films are adult in nature and may not be appropriate for young audiences.**

All Films will take place on **Wednesdays @ 7:30 p.m.** in the **Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University Pittsburgh**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**For more information:** [amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com](mailto:amigoscinelatinoamericano08@gmail.com), and for film descriptions, go to [www.amigosdelcinelatinoamericano2008.blogspot.com](http://www.amigosdelcinelatinoamericano2008.blogspot.com)

#### **In September**

##### **Wednesday, September 3, 2008**

Film: **SUB TERRA** – Dir. Marcelo Ferrari (Chile, 2003)

##### **Wednesday, September 10, 2008**

Film: **HABANA BLUES** – Dir. Benito Zambrano (Spain, Cuba, France, 2005)

##### **Wednesday, September 17, 2008**

Film: **CASA DE AREIA** – Dir. Andrucha Waddington (Brazil, 2005)

##### **Wednesday, September 24, 2008**

Film: **EL METODO** – Dir. Marcelo Piñeyro (Argentina, Spain, Italy, 2005)

**Sponsored By:** *Center for Latin American Studies, Hispanic Languages & Literatures, Eduardo Lozano Latin American Collection*

### **International Seminar on the Separation of Powers in the Americas ... and Beyond**

Duquesne University's Law School will sponsor the third in its series of International Seminars devoted to Constitutional topics at the Law School. This year's topic will be "Separation of Powers in the Americas . . . and Beyond." The presenters will be justices, judges, law professors, and executive officials from twelve countries of the Western Hemisphere and Europe, including Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, Germany, and Macedonia, as well as the U.S. Among the presenters will be Professor Ron Brand from Pitt Law School. If any Pitt faculty and graduate students would like to attend, free of charge, contact them in advance. CLE credits will be available.

**Dates:** November 7 - 8, 2008

**Location:** Duquesne University, Law School, Uptown

**For more information:** contact secretary Kathy Koehler at 412 396 6282

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### **VISIONS OF LATIN AMERICA: Now accepting articles for Fall edition**

*VISIONS of Latin America* is a semiannual, peer-reviewed academic journal, focused on the field of Latin America, which was created and is administered by students and members of the academic community at the University of Pittsburgh. Its mission is to give students and others a first-hand experience with the publishing process and to publish the work of currently enrolled students and people interested in writing about Latin America.

Submissions are accepted year-round. *VISIONS of Latin America* welcomes academic articles (2,000-3,000 words), essays (1,000-2,000 words), book reviews (500-1,000 words) and personal/travel reflections (1,000-1,500 words). In addition, each issue will include a featured article (5,000 words). Contributions should be written in size 12 Times New Roman font, double-spaced, in plain text (no formatting or using endnote/footnote tools). Notes and references should be made using APA style (scholarly papers). Tables or figures should each start on a new page and be placed at the end of the manuscript. Please include contact information: name, institutional affiliation, degrees, email, and phone number.

Deadline for submissions is **October 15, 2008**

*VISIONS of Latin America* is sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Latin American Studies

**For more information:** Please visit the *VISIONS of Latin America* web site, <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/publications.html#visions>, submissions should be sent via email to [lavst12@pitt.edu](mailto:lavst12@pitt.edu)

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### **Course Update for Fall 2008**

#### **Special Topics: Contemporary Brazil**

This course is part of the Global Focus program, this year devoted to the study of Brazil, with film screenings and various campus activities taking place throughout the year. Brazil is a large country, home for more than 180 million people, with a strong economy and a diverse population. Brazil is an important partner of the United States, and the two countries share countless cultural affinities. Politically stable and to a large extent self-absorbed, it does not frequently make the headlines of American newspapers. That will make a journey into its culture and society even more surprising for American students. Taking this course, you will see a country struggling to adapt and contribute to a new global society, as well as one in which strong political and cultural traditions seem to resist all changes.

**Professor:** Heloisa Pait, Ph.D. (Fulbright Visiting Professor)  
Chatham University, fall 2008

Coolidge Hall C131c, 412 365 1820

Course Number: POL265, M-W-F 9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

NOTE: Students may cross-register for the following course being offered this fall at Chatham University that can be applied as an area studies course for CLAS programs.

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### **Calls for Papers**

## **2009 Student Conference on Latin American Social and Public Policy**

The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to present papers, works-in-progress (including term papers, dissertations, papers from LASA, etc.), and other academic work with relevance to Latin American social and public policy.

If you are writing a paper on any aspect of Latin American social and public policy, we invite you to submit your work for consideration. You may also propose to form a panel for presentation and discussion.

To propose a paper presentation or a panel, please submit your topic with a brief description (approximately 75 to 100 words) to Luis Bravo, International Relations and Fellowships Coordinator (CLAS), by **November 2, 2008**. You will be notified of the committee's decision by November 20, 2008. The deadline for submission of final papers will be January 12, 2009. Individually submitted papers will be presented in panels arranged around common themes, with each participant having up to 15 minutes for presentation. Final papers must be in English and approximately 15 to 30 double-spaced pages. To submit the abstract through our online form, go to:

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/events/laspp/lasppform.html>

**Conference Dates:** February 20 - 21, 2009

## **University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies 58<sup>th</sup> 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.

Abstracts are welcome from researchers at any stage of their careers, as well as planning practitioners and others dedicated to studying Latin American cities. For more details and to submit a 150-word abstract go to: <http://www.conferences.dce.ufl.edu/LAS/>. Abstracts should be submitted in English, Spanish or Portuguese as Microsoft Word documents and should include the author's name, e-mail address, institutional affiliation, and title of the presentation.

Authors will be notified by September 15 if their paper has been selected for presentation at the conference. Those interested in having their papers considered for publication in a conference volume or journal issue should submit their completed papers by January 8, 2009.

**Abstract Deadline: September 1, 2008**

**Date:** 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](mailto:psampaio@latam.ufl.edu)

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## **Conferences**

### **Southeast Conference on Amazonian and Andean Studies**

The Program for Caribbean and Latin American Studies, together with the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, the Department of Anthropology, and the Department of Languages, Linguistics and Comparative Literature, Florida Atlantic University, will host the *Southeast Conference on Amazonian and Andean Studies*, on **September 19-20, 2008**. The purpose of the conference is to bring together scholars in the region who work on Amazonian and Andean studies, with the intent to found an association and annual or semi-annual conference. We are open to presentations on topics from a variety of disciplines, including: archaeology, cultural anthropology, economics, cultural studies, environmental studies, gender studies, linguistics, history, languages, literature, visual and media studies, and political science. Two renowned scholars of Amazonian and Andean Studies will deliver keynote addresses:

- ◆ **Regina Harrison**, University of Maryland, College Park
- ◆ **Norman Whitten**, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign

In addition, FAU will also be hosting the traveling art exhibition, *Of Rage and Redemption: The Art of Oswaldo Guayasamín*, which will open on the first night of the conference.

**For more information:** Dr. Michael J. Horswell, [horswell@fau.edu](mailto:horswell@fau.edu) or Dr. Rachel Corr, [rcorr@fau.edu](mailto:rcorr@fau.edu)

### **32<sup>nd</sup> Annual German Studies Association Convention**

A series of panels on "DEFA and Latin America: East German Perspectives on Latin America/Latin American Perspectives on the GDR in Film" will be held at the convention. The last few years have seen a resurgence of interest in the production of DEFA and the film culture of the German Democratic Republic. This interest begs the question of thematic and methodological approaches to the cinema of a country that no longer exists. How do we relate DEFA to other states' national cinemas? To what ends? One potentially fruitful approach is to examine the relationship of DEFA to Marxist notions of international solidarity with the "Third World," which were central to the GDR's self-definition as a socialist state.

**Dates:** October 2 - 5, 2008

**Location:** St. Paul, MN

**For more information:** Hunter Bivens ([ahbivens@gmail.com](mailto:ahbivens@gmail.com)), Jennifer Hosek ([jhosek@queensu.ca](mailto:jhosek@queensu.ca)), and Jamie Trnka ([trnkaj2@scranton.edu](mailto:trnkaj2@scranton.edu)).

### **XIII International Congress of the Centro Latinoamericano de Administración para el Desarrollo (CLAD) on State and Public Administration Reform**

CLAD and the Government of Argentina, through its Public Management Secretariat (SGP), Ministers Cabinet Staff (JGM), are pleased to announce the celebration of the "XIII International Congress of CLAD on State and Public Administration Reform".

**Date:** November 4 - 7, 2008

**Location:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**For more information:** [www.clad.org.ve/congreso/congri.html](http://www.clad.org.ve/congreso/congri.html)

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## **Fellowship/Grant Opportunities**

### **Fall 2008 Hewlett International Grant Competition**

The University Center for International Studies (UCIS) is now accepting applications for the Fall 2008 Hewlett International Grant competition, intended to help University faculty in the development or completion of international projects. Funds typically range from \$500-2,500 with priority placed on research, curriculum development and conference travel. The deadline for applications is **September 15, 2008**.

For more information, please see <http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/cgi-bin/events/ucisextra.pl?jid=2643>

### **2009 BRASA Brazil Initiation Scholarships**

The Brazil Initiation Scholarship (BIS) is a key component of BRASA's agenda to expand Brazilian Studies in the United States.

BRASA invites applications from graduate and undergraduate students for a one-time \$1,500 travel scholarship to do exploratory research or language study in Brazil. This scholarship targets aspiring Brazilianists with relatively little or no experience in Brazil. It seeks to contribute to the student's initial trip (for a period from six weeks to three months), to heighten the student's interest in Brazil, and deepen his/her commitment to Brazilian studies in the United States.

Students are encouraged to combine this scholarship with other grants or awards. Recipients will be recognized during the awards ceremony of the next BRASA international congress in Brasília. Funding will be disbursed prior to travel. BRASA will award up to four fellowships in this competition.

Deadline for applications is **October 15, 2008**

**For more information, visit:** [www.brasa.org](http://www.brasa.org)

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## **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.

### **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](mailto:internships@thedialogue.org)

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

### **Action Research in the Andes: September Session**

The Center for Social Well Being is now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year offering our 3 week training program with courses in ethnographic field methods and languages – Spanish and Quechua – in the Peruvian Andes. Our intensive language courses are FLAS approved by the US Department of Education. Students will be housed at the center’s rural base, an adobe lodge on an ecological ranch in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range of the Callejón de Huaylas, 7 hours northeast of Lima. Coursework provides in-depth orientation to theory and practice in anthropological investigation that emphasizes methods in Participatory Action Research and Andean Ethnology centered on themes of Health, Ecology, Biodiversity and Community Organization. Students will have the opportunity to actively engage in ongoing investigations in local agricultural communities to develop effective field research techniques, and to acquire language skills. In addition, the program provides excursions to museums, archaeological sites, glacial lakes and hot springs; optional recreational activities including hiking, mountain biking, rafting, kayaking, rock climbing, and trekking.

Total cost is \$2,700 US dollars. This includes all in-country travel, food, and accommodations at the rural center, and course materials. The program is under the direction of Applied Medical Anthropologist, Patricia J. Hammer, Ph.D., and Ecologist, Flor de María Barreto Tosi.

### **Equinox Ritual and Seasonal Health Session**

**Dates:** September 17 - October 6, 2008

**For more information:** [phammer@wayna.rcp.net.pe](mailto:phammer@wayna.rcp.net.pe) or <http://www.socialwellbeing.org/index.htm>

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## **Employment Opportunities**

### **General Director, American School of Guatemala**

The American School of Guatemala, a grade K-12 bilingual school of 1,450 students in Guatemala City, founded in 1945, seeks to hire a new General Director (Head of School), beginning July 2009.

Also called Colegio Americano de Guatemala, the School seeks an academic leader with a record as an effective team-builder and communicator, proficient in both English and Spanish, with strong interpersonal skills and experience within both the American and the International school systems.

The deadline for applications is **September 10, 2008**

**For more information:** Jeffrey C. Bradley, [www.educatorscollaborative.com](http://www.educatorscollaborative.com)

### **Assistant Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz**

The Department of Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz, invites applicants for a position as tenure-track Assistant Professor with strong research experience in the field of **political economy in the Americas**. We seek candidates whose approach to political economy analyzes how economic structures enable and constrain different pathways of change. We are open as to sector or level of analysis—local, regional, national, hemispheric, or global—and prefer a comparative and/or transnational approach in the Americas. Proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese is expected. We are interested in candidates whose degrees are in the following fields: Economics, Sociology, Geography, Political Science, Public Policy, Urban Planning, Ethnic Studies, Environmental Studies, History, Anthropology, or Business Administration.

We are seeking candidates with strong research experience and teaching capacity in this field who will actively contribute to the development of a new interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. Assistant level - Ph.D. in a social science or closely related field, completed by July 1, 2009. The successful candidate must present strong evidence of research activity and university teaching experience or demonstrated potential for university teaching.

**Position Available:** July 1, 2009

For full consideration, applications should be received by **October 1, 2008**

**For more information, please go to:** [http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic\\_employment/jobs/408-09.pdf](http://apo.ucsc.edu/academic_employment/jobs/408-09.pdf)

### **Assistant or Associate Professor in Latin American History**

The Department of History at the University of Pittsburgh is seeking applicants for a tenure-stream Assistant Professor or tenured Associate Professor beginning fall 2009, pending budgetary approval. Ph.D. should be completed by September 1, 2009. We invite applications from candidates working on any country within the region, on any time period. We welcome applicants eager to participate in our dynamic program of graduate teaching and research, which is built around cross-regional thematic collaboration. We encourage applicants to demonstrate how their research and teaching will contribute to one or more of our thematic fields: Atlantic History; Empires in World History; Gender, Ethnicity, Race, Religion; and Texts and Contexts (see our website, <http://www.pitt.edu/~pitthist/graduate/transnational.html>). The appointee will join a department committed to excellence in teaching as well as research in a university with great strength in international and area studies. Send letter of application, summary of dissertation or book, CV, graduate transcript(s), and three letters of recommendation to Latin American Search Committee, Department of History, University of

Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Application must be postmarked by **October 15, 2008**. The University of Pittsburgh is an Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity employer.

**Editor, *Latin America Advisor***

The Editor is responsible for the content and production of the *Latin America Advisor*, the daily publication of the Inter-American Dialogue, a leading Washington think tank on Western Hemisphere issues. The *Latin America Advisor* covers Latin American politics, economics and business issues, and is primarily targeted to senior corporate executives with significant investments in Latin America. Specific responsibilities include:

- Plan editorial output for daily news and analysis service on business, politics and economics in the Western Hemisphere
- Interview senior-level business leaders, government officials, economists and policymakers in on-the-record interviews, as well as not-for-attribution discussions
- Write or assign features, articles, and supporting photos, graphs and data
- Build and maintain contact with diverse high-level sources
- Respond to subscriber feedback and queries to ensure substantive questions and areas of interest are being covered

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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.

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**Verna's Caribbean Vibes Steelband presents a 20<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration**

Schedule of events: 5:00 p.m. Hors D'oeuvres, view displays, costumes, flags, 6:00 p.m. Dinner and presentations, 7:00 p.m. Steelband performance, dancing, limbo contest

**Date:** Saturday, August 30, 2008

**Time:** 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.

**Location:** Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, 6300 Fifth Avenue, Shadyside

**Cost:** Dinner reservation - \$35, \$25 for students (All proceeds benefit Health Projects in Haiti and Tobago)

**For more information or to R.S.V.P.:** 412 241 4812 or [caribvibes@aol.com](mailto:caribvibes@aol.com)

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**Global Beats presents "Salsa from Around the World" Night**

Come dance to salsa from many different nations and in various languages, plus Afro-Cuban music and global beats with special guest DJ: Paul Mitchell

**Date:** Saturday, August 30, 2008

**Time:** 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

**Location:** AVA Lounge, 126 S. Highland Avenue, East Liberty

**Cost:** \$5.00

**For more information:** contact Carla Andrea Leininger, [www.globalbeatspitt.com](http://www.globalbeatspitt.com), 412 363 8277

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**American Shorts Reading Series: Un Incidente de Derechos Humanos**

Francisco Goldman leerá partes de *The Art of Political Murder*, Horacio Castellanos Moya leerá partes de su novela *Insensatez*, John Marcinizyn tocará su guitarra, y presentaremos la película *Dead Line*.

**Date:** Thursday, September 11, 2008

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Location:** New Hazlett Theater, Allegheny Square East, Pittsburgh

**Cost:** \$10 tickets

**For more information:** 412 622 8866, [www.pittsburghlectures.org](http://www.pittsburghlectures.org)

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**Concert featuring David Haro**

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Latin American Cultural Union (LACU), will present a concert by David Haro, renowned singer/songwriter from the Mexican state of Veracruz.

David Haro, a prolific writer of poetic songs from the El Sotavento region of Veracruz, Mexico, will bring his folkloric magic to Pittsburgh in a one-night only concert sponsored by the Latin American Cultural Union.

**Date:** Saturday, September 20, 2008

**Time:** 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Frick Fine Arts Auditorium, University of Pittsburgh

Tickets are available through the LACU website, [www.lacunet.org](http://www.lacunet.org) or for more information about the artist: <http://davidharo.voicesofpittsburgh.com/>

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**Pittsburgh Says No to Torture**

**“Talking About Torture” Conference: How can we learn to speak about the unspeakable?**

Morning panel and small groups, Nightwind: Featured afternoon presentation using Theatre of the Oppressed techniques. Hector Aristizábal re-enacts his own arrest and torture in Colombia and explores possible outcomes.

**Date:** Saturday, September 20, 2008

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** First Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood Avenue, Oakland

**Dynamic Experiential Workshop with Hector Aristizábal**

**Date:** Sunday, September 21, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Friends Meeting House, Oakland

*\*Space is limited, please RSVP to Pittsburgh Against Torture*

**For more information:** 412 371 3607, [info@pittsburghagainsttorture.org](mailto:info@pittsburghagainsttorture.org), [www.pittsburghagainsttorture.org](http://www.pittsburghagainsttorture.org)

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**Salud para Niños - Birmingham Clinic**

**Free Pediatric & Flu Shot Clinics**

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Care Mobile

**Dates:** Saturday, September 13 & October 11, 2008

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

**Location:** Salvation Army, 54 S. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Southside

**For more information:** 412 692 6000 option 8,  
Or visit [http://www.chp.edu/centers/spanish\\_clinic.php](http://www.chp.edu/centers/spanish_clinic.php)

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**Annual Hispanic/Latino Car Seat Check (Free Pediatric & Immunization Clinic)**

**Washington County**

Techs, CHP Injury Prevention Program, & AAP PA Chapter

**Date:** Sunday, September 21, 2008

**Time:** 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Holy Rosary Church, 1 Orchard Street, Muse PA 15350

**Oakland**

**Date:** Sunday, October 19, 2008

**Time:** 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Primary Care Center, 3414 Euler Way, Pittsburgh

**For more information on these two events:** 412 692 6000 option 8

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**Performance: The Clean House by Sarah Ruhl**

**Directed by Tommy Costello, Pulitzer Prize Finalist**

In Sarah Ruhl’s “metaphysical Connecticut”, no affluent household is complete without a Latin housekeeper. Matilde, a Brazilian cleaning lady, has no interest in cleaning. She prefers to devote her time to composing the world’s funniest—and, therefore, most lethal—joke. Anyone who hears it will die laughing—which might not be the worst way to go. Ruhl’s fantastical fable reminds us that the best homes, like the best jokes are not always clean.

**Dates:** October 15 - 26, 2008

**Location:** Henry Heymann Theatre, Stephen Foster Memorial, University of Pittsburgh

**For more information:** 412 624 PLAY (7529), [www.play.pitt.edu](http://www.play.pitt.edu)

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**Weekly Intercultural Events**

**Grupo Axé Capoeira Pittsburgh**

Capoeira classes (Brazilian martial arts) are offered on the Pitt campus for Pitt students on Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. and Fridays from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Baierl Student Recreation Center Aerobics Room. Additional classes meet Tuesday and Saturday afternoons in the South Side. **For more information:** [www.axecapoeirapittsburgh.com](http://www.axecapoeirapittsburgh.com) or email [capoeirapittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:capoeirapittsburgh@gmail.com)

**WRCT 88.3 FM - Revista Radial Latinoamericana/Latin American Radio Magazine**

News, sports, politics, local, social, cultural, recreational events, and the best Latin American music

**Dates:** Every Thursday

**Time:** 6:05 - 7:00 p.m.

**Send any special announcements that you would like aired to:**

Miguel Rojas Sotelo: [rojassotelo@hotmail.com](mailto:rojassotelo@hotmail.com),

Martha Mantilla: [martham@pitt.edu](mailto:martham@pitt.edu), or call 412 521 8651

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**Weekly Language Classes/Practice Sessions**

**Beginning Spanish I**

Spanish instruction for beginners, \$3.00 per class

**Dates:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 1:30 pm and 5:30 p.m. (separate sessions, please specify which when calling)

**Location:** Tango Cafe, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill

**Contact:** 412 421 1390, [www.TangoCafePgh.com](http://www.TangoCafePgh.com)

**Beginning Spanish III**

Intermediate grammar, reading and conversation, \$3.00 per class

**Dates:** Every Tuesday

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** Tango Cafe, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill

**Contact:** 412 421 1390, [www.TangoCafePgh.com](http://www.TangoCafePgh.com)

**Beginning Spanish II**

Basic grammar, vocabulary and conversation, \$3.00 per class

**Dates:** Every Wednesday  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Tango Cafe, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill  
**Contact:** 412 421 1390, [www.TangoCafePgh.com](http://www.TangoCafePgh.com)

**Spanish Course for Beginners (NEW!)**

**Date:** Every Thursday  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Tango Cafe, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill  
**Cost:** \$40 per month  
**Contact:** 412 421 1390, [www.TangoCafePgh.com](http://www.TangoCafePgh.com)

**English Conversation Practice (for non-native speakers)**

Practice English with native speakers  
**Dates:** Every Friday  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Tango Cafe, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill  
**Contact:** 412 421 1390, [www.TangoCafePgh.com](http://www.TangoCafePgh.com)

**Spanish Conversation "Tertulia"**

Open Spanish conversation group  
**Dates:** Every Saturday  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Tango Cafe, 5806 Forward Avenue, Squirrel Hill  
**Contact:** 412 421 1390, [www.TangoCafePgh.com](http://www.TangoCafePgh.com)

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**\*\*\*Deadline\*\*\***

If you have an announcement related to a **Latin American/Caribbean activity** taking place during **October 2007** that you would like to share with others interested in the region, please send details by **September 18<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:clas@pitt.edu)  
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