Shirley Day

As noted in the last issue of CLASicos (Summer 2008, Number 64), CLAS Associate Director for Academic Affairs Shirley Kregar retired on May 30, 2008. In order to give her some time to enjoy this new state of being, a day of events recognizing her contributions to the Center for Latin American Studies was deferred until September 17, 2008. The day included a scholarly panel discussion, CLAS’ Fall Welcoming Reception, and a fund-raising dinner.

Panel Discussion on The Caribbean and its Borderlands, Revolution and Aftermath

The panel started off the day at 1:00 p.m. and featured four CLAS and University of Pittsburgh alumni (for all of whom Shirley served as CLAS advisor) and a former director of CLAS (with whom Shirley worked for over 10 years). The panel participants and their presentations were:

Ricardo Córdova (Executive Director of Guillermo Manuel Ungo Foundation [Fundaungo], El Salvador): “From War to Peace: El Salvador in Transition”

Betsy Konefal (Assistant Professor of History, The College of William and Mary): “Speakable Truths? Maya Revolutionary Activism and the Politics of Forgetting in Guatemala”

Carmelo Mesa-Lago (Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh): “Cuba at the Crossroads: Debate on Socioeconomic Reforms, Raul Castro’s Policies and Potential for Relations with the USA”

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

CLAS Fall Welcoming Reception

The welcoming reception followed at 4:00 p.m. The reception is CLAS’ annual event to welcome its students and faculty (returning and new) to the upcoming academic year. The affair was made all the more special by having Shirley—as well as the many alumni and friends who came for Shirley Day—present.
Dinner with Shirley
The dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m., featured remarks by another CLAS and University of Pittsburgh alumnus, Mark Rosenberg (Chancellor of the State University System of Florida), on The Value of Study Abroad in Higher Education. A portion of the proceeds for the dinner (and additional contributions) was invested in a CLAS endowment account in honor of Shirley. Yield from the endowment will be used each year to award the Shirley Kregar Scholarships, which will support student research and study in Latin America and the Caribbean.

We encourage you to contribute to this very worthwhile endeavor. To make a tax-deductible donation to the Shirley Kregar Scholarship Fund, just send a check, made payable to the University of Pittsburgh and indicating the Shirley Kregar Scholarship Fund in the note section, to: Office of Institutional Advancement, 500 Craig Hall, 200 South Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15260
You can also send the check directly to: Center for Latin American Studies, Attn.: Shirley Kregar Scholarship Fund, 4200 W. W. Posvar Hall University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260
The Americas—In Concert

On October 21, 2008, Med Health Services and Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute, in collaboration with the Center for Latin American Studies, presented Pittsburgh’s first-ever “The Americas—In Concert.” “The Americas—In Concert” series is designed to promote the development of local and national professional musicians, while exposing Pittsburgh’s general public to the musical works of all of the Americas—from North to South. The concept for the concert series came from Dr. Oliver W. Caminos, Medical Director of Med Health Services and Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute.

The first concert featured CLAS faculty member and University of Pittsburgh Portuguese Instructor Lilly Abreu. Lilly was joined by Eric Susoeff on guitar, Dwayne Dolphin on bass, Alton Merrel on piano, David Throckmorton on drums, and George Jones on percussion in a concert of works by American composers—from Gershwin, Jobim, Velázquez, Barroso, Ginastera, Ellington, Gardel, and Bonfá to Pittsburgh’s own Billy Strayhorn. The concert took place in the University of Pittsburgh’s Frick Fine Arts Auditorium and was free and open to the public. The concert played to a standing room only audience.

Following the concert, Tangueros de Ley recreated the dance environment of Buenos Aires at the reception. Since 2002, Tangueros have presented a repertoire of the most loved tangos, milongas, and waltzes to audiences in Pittsburgh. The group consists of Julieta Ugartemendia (clarinet/voice), Maureen Conlon Gutierrez ( violin), Daniel Rectenwald (guitar), Ernesto Contenti (accordion/voice), and Tom Roberts (piano).

In conjunction with the first “The Americas—In Concert,” Lilly also recorded a CD, Lilly Abreu—Brasileira. The CD features songs by Brazilian composers, with Eric Susoeff (guitar), Dwayne Dolphin (bass), James Johnson III (drums), Eric DeFade (saxophone and flute), Alton Merrel (piano), Jay Ashby (percussion), and Lucas Ashby (pandeiro), providing the instrumental backup to Lilly’s voice. Support for the CD also came from Med Health Services, Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute, and the Center for Latin American Studies. To learn more about the CD and hear some of the songs, visit Lilly’s web site at: www.lillyabreu.com
The Fourteenth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 20 and 21, 2009. Carlos Torres delivered the Tenth Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture on “Education and Neoliberal Globalization in Latin America.” Jorge Vargas-Cullell (Program Sub-Coordinator, State of the Nation Program on Sustainable Human Development) also made a special presentation on “Democratization in Central America: Risks to Political Stability.”

The annual Latin American Social and Public Policy conference features presentations on social and public policy research in Latin America by graduate students from the University of Pittsburgh and other universities, with comments by University of Pittsburgh faculty. For the fourteenth conference, twenty-one students from six departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh and three non-Pitt students (from University of Florida, University of Kansas, and San Diego State University) presented papers and seven University of Pittsburgh faculty members provided discussion.

The 2009 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows Alejandra Boza (History), Nestor Castañeda-Angarita (Political Science), Jorge Enrique Delgado (Education), Chad Dorn (Education), Gabriela Núñez (Communication), María Amalia Pesantes (Anthropology), and Katie Warner (Public and International Affairs), with direction and support from Luis Bravo (Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships). The organizers and the Center would like to thank everyone involved in the conference.

The conference was sponsored by the Latin American Social and Public Policy Program of the Center for Latin American Studies, with supplementary support from a U.S. Department of Education (Title VI) grant to the University of Pittsburgh. A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

Friday, February 20, 2009
9:15 a.m.
Welcome: Kathleen M. DeWalt (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

9:30 a.m. Political Economy of Development in Latin America
Moderator: Nestor Castañeda-Angarita
Ted D. Serrant (University of Pittsburgh): “HIV/AIDS and Education in Nicaragua and Costa Rica”
Heather Imboden (University of Pittsburgh): “The Axis of Oil—The United States, Venezuela, and China”
Ian R. Carrillo (University of Kansas): “The Microfinance Movement in Oaxaca, Mexico: Revolutionary or Institutional?”
Shani E. Kruljac (University of Florida): “Public-Private Partnerships in Solid Waste Management: Sustainable Development Strategies for Brazil”
Discussant: Nita Rudra (Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)

11:00 a.m.
Special Presentation
Introduction: Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science)
Presentation: “Democratization in Central America: Risks to Political Stability” by Jorge Vargas-Cullell (Program Sub-Coordinator, State of the Nation Program on Sustainable Human Development)

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán and Jorge Vargas-Cullell.
1:00 p.m. Peruvian Development: The History of NGOs, Formation of the Organic Intellectual and Sustainability
Moderator: Jorge Enrique Delgado
Chad Dorn (University of Pittsburgh): “Symmetry, Organic Intellectuals, and Globalization”
Bridgett Himel (University of Pittsburgh): “Conflict, Post-Conflict, and Religious Organizations in Peru”

Discussant: Maureen Porter (Associate Professor, School of Education)

2:30 p.m. Gender, Race and Religion: Shaping Cultural Identity
Moderator: Gabriela Núñez
Linda Marie Rowe (University of Pittsburgh): “Gender Violence in the Media: A Critical Analysis of Three Brazilian Newspapers”
Yolanda Hernández-Albújar (University of Pittsburgh): “Motherhood in the Context of Migration: Latin American Migrant Mothers in Pittsburgh”
Discussant: Gonzalo Lamana (Assistant Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

4:00 p.m. 2009 Keynote Address
Introduction: Kathleen M. DeWalt (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)
Tenth Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture: “Education and Neoliberal Globalization in Latin America” by Carlos Torres (Professor of Social Sciences and Comparative Education and Director of the Paulo Freire Institute, University of California, Los Angeles)

Saturday February 21, 2009
9:00 a.m. Perspectives in Latin American Education
Moderator: Chad Dorn
Keith Trahan (University of Pittsburgh): “Using Socio-Historic Frameworks to Analyze Educational Issues: Positioning Proyecto Andino de Tecnologías Campesinas Against the Dominant Educational Paradigm”
Kimberlee Eberle (University of Pittsburgh): “Access to Higher Education in Brazilian Universities”
Robin Sweitzer (University of Pittsburgh): “The Financial Affordability of Higher Education for Poor Socio-Economic Classes in Brazil and Mexico”
Jorge Enrique Delgado (University of Pittsburgh): “Scholarship in Latin America: Obstacles and Trends in Journal Publication”
Discussant: W. James Jacob
(Visiting Assistant Professor and Acting Director of the Institute for International Studies in Education [IISE], School of Education)

10:30 a.m. Social Policy and Ethnic Minorities in Latin America
Moderator: Katie Warner
Dexter Hough-Snee (San Diego State University): “Indigenous Collaboration and Community Objectives: Creating Standards in Peru’s Educación Intercultural Bilingüe”
María Amalia Pesantes (University of Pittsburgh): “Intercultural Health Services in Peru: Understanding Indigenous People’s Demands”
Discussant: Elizabeth Monasterios (Associate Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

1:00 p.m. Transforming Tradition: Cuenca, Ecuador
Moderator: Chad Dorn
Chelsea Fitzgerald (University of Pittsburgh): “An Investigation into the Methods of Preferred Healing for Different Illnesses among Cuencanos and the Reasons Why”
Kate Lasky (University of Pittsburgh): “Labor and Autonomy in Cuenca, Ecuador: A Comparative Study Between Market Women in the Informal Economy and the Middle Class Women”
Angelina Zamary (University of Pittsburgh): “The Effect of Transnational Migration on Family Structure and Gender Roles in Cuenca, Ecuador” [paper presented by Kate Lasky]
Keely Carney (University of Pittsburgh) “Sociological Impact of Dollarization in Cuenca, Ecuador”
Discussant: María Auxiliadora Cordero (Research Associate, Department of Anthropology)

2:30 p.m. Social Concerns in the Consolidating Democracies of Latin America
Moderator: Nestor Castañeda-Angarita
John Hartman (University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown): “Redefining Populism: An Examination of Ideology and Identity in Contemporary Bolivian Populism”
Discussant: Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science)
Carlos Alberto Torres (Professor of Social Sciences and Comparative Education and Director of the Paulo Freire Institute, University of California, Los Angeles) is a political sociologist who pursued his undergraduate work in sociology in Argentina (B.A.—honors and teaching credential in Sociology, Universidad del Salvador), his graduate work in Mexico (M.A. Political Science, FLACSO) and the United States (M.A. and Ph.D. in International Development Education, Stanford University), and post-doctoral studies in educational foundations in Canada (University of Alberta). He is the Founding Director of the Paulo Freire Institutes in São Paulo and Buenos Aires and at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Torres has been a Visiting Professor in universities in North America, Latin America, Europe, Asia, and Africa. His major areas of inquiry include political economy, social change, and politics in Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico. He also has conducted research on educational reform and comparative education policy. His current policy research focuses on the impact of globalization in several regions of the world.

Dr. Torres has authored more than 60 books and more than 200 research articles, chapters in books, and entries in encyclopedias in several languages. His theoretical and empirical research has resulted in the development of a political sociology of education highlighted in his much-heralded book with Raymond Morrow, *Social Theory and Education* (State University of New York Press, 1995). He is considered one of the world’s leading authorities on Latin American Studies and the principal biographer of Brazilian philosopher and critical social theorist Paulo Freire. Among his recent publications are: *Globalizations and Education: Collected Essays on Class, Race, Gender, and the State* (Teachers College Press, 2008), *Education and Neoliberal Globalization* (New York and London: Routledge, 2008), and *Social Justice Education for Teachers: Paulo Freire and the Possible Dream* (Sense Publisher, 2008). In addition, he has participated and presented papers and has been a keynote speaker regularly for the last twenty-five years in national and world congresses of the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología (ALAS), Comparative International Educational Society (CIES), International Council of Comparative Education Societies, International Political Science Association (IPSA), International Sociological Association (ISA), and Latin American Studies Association (LASA). From 1995 until 2005, he served as Director of the University of California, Los Angeles Latin American Center.

Winds, Mountains, Oceans, Rivers: Ecologies and Their Social Impacts in the New World: A Symposium in Honor of James B. Richardson III

Coordinated by Joseph Alter and Donna Yurko (Department of Anthropology)

Building on the work of Dr. James B. Richardson III, this symposium—held on March 20, 2009—focused on recent and ongoing research dealing with questions about the relationship between ecology and society in the Caribbean and southern, central, and northern America. Professor Richardson has conducted extensive research in Peru on economic development, contact and interconnections between and among societies, geoarchaeology, and maritime and riverine adaptations. Bringing together a number of Dr. Richardson’s former students as well as other leading scholars in the field, the symposium addressed the impact that environmental factors have on the dynamics of economic, political, and social organization in different contexts.

James B. Richardson III came to the University of Pittsburgh as an assistant professor of anthropology in 1967 and received his PhD from the University of Illinois in 1969. In 1971, he was appointed a Core Faculty member of the Center for Latin American Studies. In 1978, he assumed the position of Chief Curator of the Section of Anthropology at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History (CMNH) and, in 1979, was appointed a full professor in the Department of Anthropology. His career has been distinguished by his dedication both to the University and CMNH. At the University, he has served as chair on over 20 PhD and 15 Master’s committees since 1978 and as a committee member on an additional 28 PhD and 10 Master’s committees. In 1988, along with Drs. Dick Drennan, Jeremy Sabloff, and Marc Bermann, Professor Richardson was instrumental in the establishment of the Latin American Archaeology Program.
The program provides fellowships (which have brought outstanding students from Latin America to the University to pursue the PhD) and publishes a series of bilingual volumes on archaeological research in Latin America (which are widely distributed throughout the region). These two activities have been critical in propelling the Latin American Archaeology Program at the University of Pittsburgh to the very forefront of the field.

James B. Richardson III was the first archaeologist to look at the impact of climatic change on the development of Peruvian culture. His interest in maritime adaptation spans decades and continents but that is only part of his many accomplishments as a scholar, researcher, and administrator. Dr. Richardson has expertise in prehistory, North American archaeology, New World Pleistocene/Holocene paleoecology, cultural ecology, agricultural origins, primitive art, New World ethnohistory, and New England whalers. He has conducted field research in Peru for four decades, excavated sites in Martha’s Vineyard, and directed historic and prehistoric research on the archaeology of the Upper Ohio Valley. For all of his impressive achievements and contributions to scholarly research, student mentoring, and teaching, this symposium was held in honor of Professor Richardson, who will retire in June 2009.

The symposium was sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies, the Office of the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, and the Department of Anthropology. A list of the panels and presenters follows.

Friday, March 20, 2009
8:45 a.m.
Welcome and Opening Remarks: John Frechione (Associate Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

9:00 a.m. Panel 1: Rivers and Settlement Patterns in North America
Chair: Richard Scaglion (Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)
Ellen R. Cowie (Director, Archaeology Research Center and Assistant Professor, Social Sciences and Business Department, University of Maine at Farmington): “Down by the River: Riverine Adaptations in Northern New England”
David Anderson (Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse): “Monongahela Culture Agriculture and Settlement Patterns: Using GIS to Examine Prehistoric Agriculture in Southwestern Pennsylvania”
Harry O. Holstein (Professor of Anthropology, Department of Physical and Earth Sciences and Director, Archaeological Resource Laboratory, Jacksonville State University): “In Search of the 16th Century Spanish Expedition Tristan de Luna’s Principal Town of Coosa within the Coosa River Drainage”

10:30 a.m. Panel 2: Environments, Ecology, and Social Complexity
Chair: Marc Bermann (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)
Alejandro Chu (PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh): “Searching for the Origins of North Central Coast Late Preceramic Period Monumental Architecture”
Denise Schaan (Associate Professor of Anthropology and Vice Coordinator of the Social Sciences Graduate Program, Federal University of Pará, Brazil): “Managing Water, Building Landscapes: The Ecology of Social Complexity in Ancient Amazonia”
Richardson Symposium (continued)

Michael Heckenberger (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida): “Bounty from the River Sea: Fishing, Wetland Management and the Rise of Complex Societies in Amazonia”

Michael E. Moseley (Distinguished Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Florida): “Andean Pearls of Wisdom: Shucking Shells, Pioneering Environmental Dynamics”

1:30 p.m. Panel 3: Oceanic Influences and Currents of Change
Chair: Mark Abbott (Associate Professor, Department of Geology and Planetary Science, University of Pittsburgh)
James M. Adovasio (Provost; Dean, The Zurn School of Natural Sciences & Mathematics and Director, Mercyhurst Archaeological Institute, Mercyhurst College): “Inner Continental Shelf Archaeology in the Northeast Gulf of Mexico”
Mark McConaughy (Field Investigator, Pennsylvania Bureau for Historical Preservation): “ENSO We Come to an End or How I Learned to Love Coastlines”
John G. Crock (Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Director, Consulting Archaeology Program, University of Vermont): “Pre-Columbian Maritime Adaptations in the Eastern Caribbean”
Dan Sandweiss (Dean and Associate Provost for Graduate Studies and Professor of Anthropology and Quaternary and Climate Studies, University of Maine): “Jim Richardson: Paleodisaster Pioneer for Peru”

3:00 p.m. 2009 Keynote Address
2009 Keynote Address
Introduction: Joseph Alter (Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)

“Global Climate Change: A Paleoclimate Perspective from the World's Highest Mountains” by Lonnie G. Thompson (Distinguished University Professor, School of Earth Sciences and Senior Research Scientist, Byrd Polar Research Center, The Ohio State University)

Lonnie Thompson.
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September 4, 2008
NOTES FROM A REVOLUTION - BOLIVIA—by Mark Goodale (Assistant Professor of Conflict Analysis and Anthropology, George Mason University)

September 12, 2008
CUBA: LA DESAPARICIÓN DE LA HOMOSEXUALIDAD—José Quiroga (Professor of Latin American Literature, Emory University)

September 18, 2008
A TALK—by Flor de Margarita Pérez Pérez (Tzotzil-Mayan Weaver and Zapatista Organizer, Chiapas, Mexico)

October 6, 2008
ARTES VISUALES Y POESÍA MODERNISTA—by Gwen Kirkpatrick (Professor of Latin American Literature and Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Georgetown University)

October 10, 2008
BORGES, BIOY Y EL LENGUAJE ‘EXQUISITO’—by Cristina Parodi (Founder, Borges Center)

October 10, 2008
THE TWO VERSIONS OF GENERAL SANTA ANNA’S LEG AND OTHER THINGS—by Luis Camnitzer (Professor Emeritus of Art, State University of New York, College of Old Wesbury) [Keynote Address for the Department of History of Art and Architecture Graduate Student Symposium: “Storytelling: Playful Interactions and Spaces of Imagination”]

October 15, 2008
MAKING A HEALTHY CONNECTION BETWEEN GUANAJUATO, MEXICO, AND PITTSBURGH: REFLECTIONS ON MIGRATION AND HEALTH—a panel discussion with Juan Muñoz (Dean of International Relations, University of Guanajuato, School of Medicine, Mexico), Andrea Fox (Associate Professor, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, and Director, Squirrel Hill Health Center), Alfonso Barquera (BA candidate, Universidad Autónoma de México), and Ken Thompson (Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, School of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh); chaired by Patricia Documét (Assistant Professor of Behavioral and Community Health Services and Coordinator, Doctoral Program, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh); with comments by Kathleen M. DeWalt (Director, Center for Latin American Studies and Professor of Anthropology and Public Health, University of Pittsburgh)

October 16, 2008
The Colombia Free Trade Agreement: Not Free, Not Trade, Not an Agreement—by Freddy Caicedo (Human Rights Investigator, Colombia)

October 17, 2008
THE TRANSNATIONAL DIFFUSION OF ANTI-COMMUNISM: CONSERVATIVE WOMEN IN BRAZIL AND CHILE IN THE 1960S AND 1970S—by Margaret Power (Associate Professor of History, Illinois Institute of Technology)

October 21, 2008
BRAZILIAN MEDIA AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS: GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP OR SPECTATORSHIP? SÃO PAULO RESIDENTS AND JOURNALISTS TALK ABOUT THE 2006 LEBANON CONFLICT—by Heloisa Pait (Universidade Estadual de São Paulo, Brazil)

October 24, 2008
POETRY RECITAL—by Pedro Lastra (Chilean Poet and Essayist and Professor Emeritus, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature, State University of New York, Stony Brook)

November 10, 2008
EDUCATION AND PUBLIC POLICY FOR BLACKS IN BRAZIL—by Gislene dos Santos (Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil)
Lecture/Symposium Series (continued)

November 11, 2008
RESPONDENT Driven Sampling for HIV Surveillance in Men Who Have Sex with Men in Fortaleza, Brazil: What Can Anthropology Tell Us About the Utility and Validity of the Current Global Surveillance Methodology for the Most Vulnerable Populations—by Carl Kendall (Professor of Medical Anthropology and International Health, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Tulane University)

November 14, 2008
Subject Construction, Linguistic Traps, and Religious Elements in Fernando Vallejo’s ‘Our Lady of the Assasins’ (La Virgen de los Sicarios)—by Hermann Herlinghaus (Professor of Latin American Literature and Cultural Studies, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh)

January 14, 2009
El Salvador: Next Presidential Elections and New Challenges—by Horacio Castellanos Moya (Pittsburgh’s City of Asylum’s Writer-in-Residence; Visiting Writer, Department of English, University of Pittsburgh)

January 23, 2009
The Art of Literary Biography: A Proposal of the Publication of Gerald Martin—a roundtable discussion on Gabriel García Márquez: A Life (United Kingdom: Bloomsbury, 2008; forthcoming in the United States in May 2009) by Gerald Martin with Gerald Martin (Distinguished Research Professor, London Metropolitan University; formerly Andrew W. Mellon Professor of Modern Languages, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh)

February 6, 2009
Una Obra en Borra-Dores: Principios y Orígenes en SA-ER—by Julio Premat (Professor of Latin American Literature, Université de Paris-VIII, St. Denis)

February 20, 2009
El Platón de Borges: Sobre la Hermenéutica Borgiana de Platón—by Hernán Martínez Millán (Universidad de Santo Tomás, Bogotá)

February 26, 2009
The Problem of Power: Literacy and Slave Narratives—by Lynn Casmier-Paz (Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Central Florida)

February 27, 2009
Signs of Sedition: The Mysterious Arabic Documents of Bahia, 1835—by Lynn Casmier-Paz (Associate Professor, Department of English, University of Central Florida)

March 20, 2009
Locas Barrocas, Indigencia Americana Maricona: The Queer Face of Poverty as Exposed in the Testimonial Baroque of Néstor Perlongher and Pedro Lembel—Rubén Ríos Ávila (Professor of Comparative Literature, Universidad de Puerto Rico)

March 25, 2009
Las Luchas Feministas y la Nueva Constitución Política en Bolivia—Juliceta Paredes (Aymara/Bolivian feminist, lesbian activist, poet, and founding member of Mujeres Creando and Asamblea Feminista)
Faculty Publications

[Please note: The following list does not represent a complete report of all of the publications produced by the Center’s 120+ associated faculty members over the past few years. The list fundamentally reflects information submitted by some of these faculty in response to a request from CLAS.]

Mark Bunker Abbott (Geology and Planetary Science)

Clementina Acedo (Education)

Joseph E. K. Adjaye (Africana Studies)

Barry Ames (Political Science)

Susan Z. Andrade (English)

George Reid Andrews (History)

Daniel Balderston (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)
• Editor. 2006. Las lecciones del maestro: Homenaje a José Bianco (Rosario: Beatriz Viterbo).

Germán Barrionuevo (Medicine)

Eric J. Beckman (Engineering)
Faculty Publications (continued)

John R. Beverley (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

Kathleen M. Blee (Sociology)

Jerome Branche (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)
• Editor. 2008. Race, Colonialism, and Social Transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean (Gainesville: UP Florida).

William J. Chase (History)

Diego Chaves-Gnecco (Medicine)

Louise K. Comfort (Public and International Affairs)

James A. Craft (Business)

Patricia I. Documét (Public Health)

Richard Donato (Education)

Robert D. Drennan (Anthropology)
• 2008. “Statistics in Archaeology,” and “Settlement System

Juan R. Duchesne-Winter (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)
• 2008. Del príncipe moderno al señor barroco: la república de la amistad en Paradiso, de José Lezama Lima (Cali, Colombia: Archivos del Índice)
• 2008. Gotcha (San Juan: Editorial Tal Cual)

Carys Evans-Corráles (Spanish)
• Translator. 2009. Selected Writings of José Miguel de Barandiarán: Basque Prehistory and Ethnography edited by Jesus Altuna (University of Nevada Press).

Lawrence Feick (Business)

Carl I. Fertman (Education)
• 2008. Student-Athlete Success: Meeting the Challenges of College Life (Sudbury, MA: Jones and Bartlett Publishers).

Frederick H. Fornoff (Spanish)
• Translator. 2009. Selected Writings of José Miguel de Barandiarán: Basque Prehistory and Ethnography edited by Jesús Altuna (University of Nevada Press).

Shanti Gamper-Rabindran (Public and International Affairs)

Carina Fernanda Gonzalez (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

Salomé C. Gutiérrez (Linguistics)

Hermann Herlinghaus (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)
• 2006. “En contra del dogma de la ‘méra vida’” Revista de Crítica Cultural 34.

Steven J. Hirsch (History)

W. James Jacob (Education)
Faculty Publications (continued)


Gonzalo Lamana (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

Joshua Lund (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

Juan José Manfredi (Mathematics)

John Markoff (Sociology)

Carmelo Mesa-Lago (Economics)

Ada Castillo Mezzich (Medicine)

Scott Morgenstern (Political Science)

Audrey J. Murrell (Business)

John P. Myers (Education)

Paul J. Nelson (Public and International Affairs)

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (Political Science)
Faculty Publications (continued)


Frits K. Pil (Business)


Shalini Puri (English)


Kuldeep Shastri (Business)


Carlos J. Ramírez (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)


Simón F. Reich (Public and International Affairs)


Michael Rosenmeier (Geology and Planetary Science)


Robert Ruck (History)

- Ronald D. Stall (Public Health)
- Nito Rudra (Public and International Affairs)
- Harry Sanabria (Anthropology)
- Kuldeep Shastri (Business)
- Carlos J. Ramírez (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)
- Simon F. Reich (Public and International Affairs)
- Michael Rosenmeier (Geology and Planetary Science)

Nuno S. Themudo (Public and International Affairs)

- Luis E. Vallejo (Engineering)


Luis G. Vargas (Business)


David R. Watters (Anthropology)


John C. Weidman II (Education)


Student and Alumni News by Julian Asenjo

¡Felicitaciones/Parabéns to the most recent CLAS graduates!

Related Concentration in Latin American Studies
December 2008
Kerri Ciminera—ARTSC: English Literature
Melissa Dukes—ARTSC: Africana Studies

Benjamin Hickling—ARTSC: English Writing
Jessica Mills-McLaughlin—ARTSC: English Writing/Political Science
Dennis Tuscic—ARTSC: Economics
**Student and Alumni News (continued)**

**April 2009**

Sara Balestra—ARTSC: Spanish  
Nicole Benedetto—ARTSC: Communication  
Susan Bodack—ARTSC: Spanish/Communication  
Melissa Demchak—SW: Social Work  
Jennifer Hagenbuch—ARTSC: Psychology  
Leatrice King—ARTSC: Political Science  
Trisha Kozlowski—ARTSC: Psychology  
Amy Shreckengost—ARTSC: Communication

**Undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies**  
December 2008  
Kathryn Armbrust—ARTSC: Sociology  
Matthew Eppley—ARTSC: Linguistics/Portuguese & Luso Brazilian Culture Minor  
MacKenzie Lawson—ARTSC: Environmental Studies  
Amy Nedley—ARTSC: Spanish/Portuguese & Luso Brazilian Culture Minor  
Lauren Otero—ARTSC: Anthropology/Spanish  
April 2009  
Monica Bhattacharjee—ARTSC: Chemistry/Spanish  
Tamara Braunstein—ARTSC: Spanish  
John Davis—ARTSC: Spanish  
Joseph Enten—ARTSC: Political Science  
Jessica Flamholz—ARTSC: Spanish/Italian  
Lori Frola—ARTSC: History of Art & Architecture  
Julie Gallagher—ARTSC: Spanish  
Katelyn Griffith—ARTSC: English Writing  
Adam Hill—ARTSC: Anthropology  
Katharine Hoffer—ARTSC: English  
Samantha Kuhlmeier—ARTSC: Chemistry  
Lewis Lehe—ARTSC: Spanish/Mathematics/Economic  
Emlyn Mandel—ARTSC: Political Science/Spanish  
Lindsay Mann—ARTSC: Mathematics  
Andrea Marcola—ARTSC: Sociology  
Angela Marcotte—SHRS: Rehabilitation Science  
Tiffany Matthews—ARTSC: Psychology  
Alicia Mathó—ARTSC: Political Science/Spanish  
Brian Mead—ARTSC: Molecular Biology  
Ryan Morrison—ARTSC: History/English Writing  
Kirk Myers—ARTSC: Political Science

**Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies**  
December 2008  
Magdalena Lopez—ARTSC: Hispanic Languages and Literatures  
Stefano Muneroni—ARTSC: Theatre Arts  
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Cecilia Lavena—GSPIA: Policy Research & Analysis  
Marcelo Leon Coto—GSPIA: NGOs and Civil Society  
Mauricio Murrillo—ARTSC: Anthropology  
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Eric Hartman—GSPIA: NGOs and Civil Society  
Amy Erica Smith—ARTSC: Political Science

**María José Álvarez** (MA 2004 Sociology) is pleased to announce that she is working as a full-time Assistant Professor of Sociology at the Universidad de Rosario in Bogotá. After six years of having Pitt and Pittsburgh as her home, residing in a much larger urban environment is an adjustment. María does plan to come back for a post-doc or a visiting position and will keep us posted.

**Norma Bazán-Arias** (BSE 1992 Civil Engineering) was installed as the at-large director of the American Society of Civil Engineers. She is the author of the society’s Geostrata magazine and a senior staff engineer with DiGioia, Gray & Associates in Pittsburgh where she specializes in geotechnical and structural engineering projects.
Jaclyn M. Belczyk (JD 2008 Law) is currently the Research Director for JURIST—a web-based legal news and real-time legal research service powered by a mostly volunteer team of more than 30 part-time law student reporters, editors and web developers at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. You can contact Jaclyn at: jbelczyk@gmail.com

Debbie Billings (BA 1987 Anthropology), in her Holiday card for 2008, tells us: “We continue to enjoy settling into our South Carolina home. Diego loves his new daycare at the university which means that husband Jim and I can ride him to school and pick him up in the bike trailer. He has his helmet and an old time honker so that people know that he’s coming. My shift to the consultant’s world has been pretty smooth. Jim’s work in Mexico has been intense and very rewarding.”

Carly Gordon (BA 2006 Spanish/Anthropology/Portuguese & Luso-Brazilian Culture) is now working for a company called Global Arena in downtown Philadelphia (her hometown!). “It is a language and cultural services company that provides services in translation, interpretation, intercultural training and language training. I work in the translation department as a Project Manager and primarily do Spanish into English translation and occasional Portuguese translating and editing, as well. All of the people I work with are world travelers who love learning foreign languages. It has been a great way to put my language skills and all that I learned with CLAS to use.”

Verónica Montecinos (PhD 1988 Sociology) is Professor of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University Greater Allegheny campus. Dr. Montecinos was honored by the university’s International Programs Department with a Spirit of Internationalization Award. Verónica was one of six women who were presented with this award in honor of International Women’s Day. The award was established to honor women with international interests who have shown extraordinary strength of character and commitment to the cause of internationalization.

María del Rosario Queirolo (PhD 2008; MA 2003 Political Science) was cited in the article, “22% de uruguayos fueron víctimas del delito durante el último año,” in El País (Montevideo, Uruguay), September 14, 2008 as follows: “La politóloga y docente Rosario Queirolo, responsable del Departamento de Opinión Pública de la Universidad de Montevideo, quien tuvo a su cargo el informe -realizado en Uruguay en base a una encuesta de Cifra, González, Raga y Asociados-, señaló a El País que esta postura mayoritaria de no denunciar está influída por diferentes factores. "Hay gente que sufre un robo menor y no se da cuenta en el momento, como el robo de una billetera o un celular, y considera que de nada va a servir la denuncia a los efectos de recuperar lo perdido", explicó. "Otros que sufren por ejemplo, un robo en su casa y no tienen esperanza en que las cosas aparezcan o se encuentre a los ladrones", agregó.

Queirolo señala que pese a este número de delitos no denunciados "la población tiene una imagen bastante favo-

Derek Reighard (BA 2007 Biology) writes: “I hope this email finds you well. I’m writing to let you know that the paper I wrote in fulfillment of my 2006 Ecuador field trip was accepted for publication, and appears in the spring 2009 edition of Indiana University’s Undergraduate Journal of International Studies (http://www.indiana.edu/~global/resources/undergrad.php). The electronic version of the most recent edition will be available shortly. Currently, I am working in a neuroscience lab (http://www.pitt.edu/~byates/) that specializes in balance disorder research. I am also in the process of preparing for the MCAT, the date of which is approaching frighteningly quickly: March 28. Following the test, I will be applying for admission to medical school for fall 2010.” Derek stopped by to visit the Center this spring and brought a copy of the Undergraduate Journal (see picture).

Rosario Rodríguez (PhD 2008 Hispanic Languages & Literatures) continues to teach in the Department of Languages at the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, in La Paz, Bolivia.

Ligia Díaz-Román (PhD 2001 Hispanic Languages & Literatures) and Manuel Román-Lacayo (MA 2006 Anthropology) send their warmest regards to everyone at CLAS.
Denise P. Schaan (PhD 2004 Anthropology) now resides in Belém, Brazil and is an editor of Amazônica, an international journal committed to encouraging debate and the construction of knowledge and the sharing of results of scientific research related to the Amazonian native populations in the four fields of Anthropology. Amazônica aims to be a forum for debates for bringing together scientists who work in the various Amazonian countries in order to diminish the national barriers that have maintained the isolation of scientific work on the subject and impaired the exchange of experiences.

Maria Victoria Whittingham Munevar (PhD 2006 GSPIA Public & International Affairs) writes from Madrid: “Dear friends, a brief message to share good news—I started a new job as Senior Investigator at CI-REM, a research center in which I hope to grow and learn. Please check our website and let me know if you believe there are possible collaborations to explore. My dream is to strengthen our relations with the Americas because I am a half of many things, as you know. I would love to work with any of you. Warmly, Maria Victoria mvictoria@cirem.org”

Jane Walsh, doctoral student in sociology, was awarded the Arts and Sciences Summer Fellowship in 2008 for pre-dissertation research. She presented her paper titled, “Migrant Mobilization: Tactics and Strategies Facilitating the Success of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers” at the 2008 Latin American Studies Social and Public Policy Conference. Jane was also selected as a co-recipient of the 2008 “Best ASEC Teaching Assistant” award in the Department of Statistics.

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The Alcoa Foundation/Maranhão, Brazil Fellowship Program in Engineering

Between September 2000 and August 2006, five students from the state of Maranhão, Brazil completed master’s degrees through CLAS’ Alcoa Foundation/Maranhão, Brazil Fellowship Program in Engineering. The program ended in 2006 due to lack of external funding. One of the students, Antonio Luiz Silva Ferreira, contributed the following memoir about his experience. Antonio Luiz is a graduate of the Universidade Federal do Maranhão in electrical engineering who came to Pittsburgh in May 2003 to study English at Pitt’s English Language Institute. He then pursued his master’s degree in the Department of Electrical Engineering at Pitt from August 2003 to August 2005.

“I always wanted to study abroad. Learning English, understanding another culture and interacting with new people from different backgrounds was a professional dream I felt compelled to pursue. The Alcoa Foundation/Maranhão, Brazil Fellowship Program in Engineering, funded by Alcoa Foundation, was a program that offered support to young engineers from Maranhão to come to U.S. to do their master’s. Given that Maranhão is one of the poorest states in Brazil, the program represented a unique opportunity to increase human capital in the region. In 2002, I was awarded the two-year fellowship in the school of engineering at the University of Pittsburgh.

The Silva Ferreira Family in Highland Park (Pittsburgh). Antonio Luiz and his wife Rosa, with their children Amanda and João.
Exploring different areas in Pittsburgh is a fascinating experience. The city’s postcard-worthy views—including the Duquesne Incline and Point State Park—make for some of the more beautiful sightseeing in America. The Carnegie Museum of Natural History, the History Center, and the Science Center are good options for leisure. In the summer, I like to go to Schenley Park with my family and spend the afternoons there just enjoying the weather. Between semesters we got to know Pittsburgh surroundings, like Seven Springs and Ohiopyle State Park.

Pittsburgh, however, is not only all about scenic views and museums. The city tradition in sports is remarkable. Yes, I am talking about the Pittsburgh Steelers football team. For Brazilians, football has another meaning. As I learned the rules of the game and watched the Steelers performances on weekends, I could understand this magic relationship between the city and its football team.

In the summer of 2007, I earned my PhD from Pitt. [Note: following the completion of his master’s, Antonio Luiz was invited to pursue the PhD, with funding from the School of Engineering.] My research focuses on artificial organs, more specifically, rotary ventricular assist devices. After graduating, my family and I went back to Brazil for about a year.

What is most compelling about Pittsburgh is the people. This is what makes this city a special place to live. They are welcoming and friendly and have this kind way of treating foreigners, trying to make them feel comfortable and part of their community. This city and the good friends we made here marked so profoundly my family’s heart that we could not just let it go. In July 2008, I was offered a pos-doc research position in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University. Of course, professionally, this is the opportunity of a lifetime. But for us, it was much more than that. It also represented the opportunity to live once more in Pittsburgh and revisit our old friend and make new ones. This is what Pittsburgh represents to me and my family: a place we have adopted as our second home; a place where friendship happens.”

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Parting Shot

In the Beginning
Left to right: Carmelo Mesa-Lago (joined CLAS in September 1967), June Belkin (joined CLAS in September 1968), Cole Blasier (founded CLAS in Fall 1964), and Shirley Kregar (joined CLAS in February 1968).
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