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The Second Biennial Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures Graduate Student Conference, \textit{(des)articulaciones in/with Latin American and Caribbean Cultural Processes: Memory and Transgression}, was held on October 9 and 10, 2009. Mayra Santos-Febres (Professor of Literature, Universidad de Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras) delivered the keynote address on “Forgetting ‘Race’: Race in Puerto Rican Culture.”

The biennial conference features presentations across disciplines that reflect on Latin American and Caribbean aesthetic production from alternate points of enunciation. The event provides graduate students with a forum in which they can gain valuable experience sharing their work, receiving feedback from colleagues, and expanding their research. For the second conference, eight students from the University of Pittsburgh and fourteen from other universities presented papers and seven University of Pittsburgh graduate students provided discussion.

The conference was co-organized by Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures graduate students \textbf{Emily Metz} and \textbf{Parker Shaw} with the assistance of a committee of their fellow graduate students: \textbf{Sarah Ohmer}, \textbf{Alessandra Chiriboga}, \textbf{Aarti Madan}, \textbf{Hannah Burdette}, \textbf{Roberto Ponce-Cordero}, \textbf{Betina González}, \textbf{Maricarmen León}, and \textbf{Koichi Hagimoto}. Special thanks from the organizers and committee are extended to: \textbf{Elizabeth Monasterios}, \textbf{Daniel Balderston}, \textbf{Connie Tomko}, \textbf{Deborah Truhan}, \textbf{George Palacios}, \textbf{Carolina Rueda}, \textbf{Nashieli Marcano}, \textbf{Carolina Gainza}, and \textbf{Fernando Toledo}.

The conference was sponsored by the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures and the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Arts and Sciences, Center for Latin American Studies, Graduate Program for Cultural Studies, and Women’s Studies Program.

A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

**FRIDAY, October 9, 2009**
9:30 a.m. Welcome: \textbf{Elizabeth Monasterios} (Chair, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

10:00 a.m. \textit{Embodying Memory: Reflections on Southern Cone Dictatorships}

\textbf{Mónica Barrientos} (Universidad de Chile): “Cuerpo Femenino y Transgresión en ‘El cuarto mundo’ de Diamela Eltit”

\textbf{Daniella Wittern} (Brown University): “Performing to Survive: A Theater of Memory in Diamela Eltit’s \textit{Por la patria}”

\textbf{Valentin González-Bohórquez} (California State University, Los Angeles) and \textbf{Marcela Rojas} (Azusa Pacific University, California): “Los artilugios de la memoria en el documental \textit{Chile, la memoria obstinada}, de Patricio Guzmán”

\textbf{Andrew Rajca} (University of Arizona): “Dynamic Memories and Meanings: The Production and Reception of Memory Narratives about Dictatorship in the Photography of Marcelo Brodsky”

Discussant: \textbf{Betina González} (University of Pittsburgh)
3:00 p.m. Urban Spaces: Migration and Transformation
Dario S. González (University of Massachusetts-Amherst): “Aburguesamiento 101: resistencia urbanística en Bodega Dreams y Chango’s Fire de Ernesto Quiñonez”
Discussant: Parker Shaw (University of Pittsburgh)

4:30 p.m. U.S. Latino Identity Formation and Negotiation
Eva Paris Huesca (University of Massachusetts-Amherst): “Filiación e identidad femenina en En el nombre de Salomé de Julia Álvarez”
Dolly R. Tittle (Wayne State University): “Spanglish en When I was Puerto Rican y Caramelo: Denigración e identidad en los cambios de código”
Anne Garland Mahler (Emory University): “The Writer as Superhero: Fighting the Colonial Curse in Junot Diaz’s The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao”
Luz Elena Rodríguez (Universidad de Puerto Rico): “Performance and identities. Diferenciando lo inevitable: Pedro Pietri, Tato Laviera, y Willie Perdomo”
Discussant: Roberto Ponce-Cordero (University of Pittsburgh)

7:00 P.M. Bilingual Performative Readings
Introduction: Jerome Branche (Associate Professor of Latin American Literature and Cultural Studies)
Mayra Santos-Febres (Professor of Literature, Universidad de Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras) reading from Our Lady of the Night (2006) and Fe en Disfraz (forthcoming)

SATURDAY, October 10, 2009
9:30 a.m. Indigenismo and the Rewriting of History
Andrea Babsky (City University of New York): “Hacia el hibridismo: una relectura de Nuevo Mundo y Conquista de Francisco de Terrazas”
Hannah Burdette (University of Pittsburgh): “La ensayística palimpsestuosa de Visión de Anáhuac: modernism y colonialidad”
Emily Metz (University of Pittsburgh): “Portrait of an Artist or an Illa? Ernesto in Los ríos profundos”
Discussant: Raquel Alfaro (University of Pittsburgh)

11:30 a.m. The Orient: A Transgressive Force in Latin America?
Timothy P. Gaster (University of Chicago): “Representaciones de Japan in the Writing of Oliveira Lima”
Koichi Hagimoto (University of Pittsburgh): “Poetic Sentimentalism as Anti-Colonial Discourse: Comparing José Martí’s Lucia Jérez (1885) and José Rizal’s El filibusterismo (1891)”
Claudia Echazarreta (University of Nebraska-Lincoln): “La disolución de las fronteras en el presente siglo: La unión del Occidente con el Orientalismo hispanoamericano en la ficción de Cesar Aira en su novela El pequeño monje budista”
Discussant: Koichi Hagimoto (University of Pittsburgh)

2:30 p.m. Reading Resistance: Subjectivity and Transgression in Guerrilla Narratives and Contemporary Cusco
Fernando Toledo (University of Pittsburgh): “Nada existe fuera del Partido: conversión de subjetividades en dos poemarios senderistas”
Maria del Carmen Saldarriaga (University of Pittsburgh): “Trochas y Fusiles de Alfredo Molano, recuperación de la memoria inauténtica de los moralmente irredimibles”
Maricarmen León (University of Pittsburgh): “¿Transgresión en el Capitalismo?”
Discussant: María Julia Rossi (University of Pittsburgh)

4:30 p.m. Keynote Address
Introduction: Daniel Balderston (Mellon Professor of Modern Languages, University of Pittsburgh)
“Forgetting ‘Race’: Race in Puerto Rican Culture” by Mayra Santos-Febres (Professor of Literature, Universidad de Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras)
The conference, **Drug Trafficking, Violence and Instability in Mexico, Colombia and the Caribbean: Implications for US National Security**, was held on October 29 and 30, 2009. The conference focused on a national security challenge which has thus far been contained but is taking dramatically new and dangerous forms. The emergence of “new criminal groups” in Colombia, increased violence in Mexico, and the possible spread of related threats to Cuba and other Caribbean islands create new instabilities which could result in one or more strategic shocks, in an area which is both the backyard and soft underbelly of the United States. Even if this does not occur, Mexico and the Caribbean will clearly demand greater attention in the future. Until now, Mexico has been seen as simply a border problem. However, as the trafficking organizations continue to defy authorities, undermine governance, and escalate the violence, Mexico has become much more of a national security challenge. Several Caribbean states could fall into the same category. This conference assessed these threats and considered what can be done to counter them.

The conference was cosponsored by the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs and University Center for International Studies), the Center for Latin American Studies, and the Office of the Provost of the University of Pittsburgh and The Strategic Studies Institute, U.S. Army War College.

A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

**THURSDAY, October 29, 2009**

Panel One: **Setting the Scene: Globalization, Transnational Threats and Borders**

Chair and Discussant: **Phil Williams** (Director, Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies)


**Nate Freier** (Senior Fellow in the International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Visiting Research Professor, United States Army’s Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute): “The Changing Strategic Environment and Strategic Shocks”

Panel Two: **Perspectives on Drugs, Violence and Stability in Colombia**

Chair and Discussant: **Steve Metz** (Research Professor and Chairman, Regional Strategy Department, Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College)

**Román Ortiz** (Director of Information and Analysis, Grupo Triarius, Colombia): “FARC: Insurgents, Drug Traffickers?”

**Gustavo Duncan** (PhD Candidate, Northwestern University): “The Paramilitaries in Colombia”

**Andrés Sáenz** (Head, International Modernization Area, Grupo Triarius, Colombia): “Drug Trafficking Organizations: Current Trends and Developments”

**Luncheon Keynote Address**

“**What Can the Mexican State Do to Combat Organized Crime?**” by **Bruce Bagley** (Professor and Chair, Department of International Studies, and Director, Center of Latin American Studies, University of Miami)

Panel Three: **Perspectives on Drug Trafficking and Stability in Mexico**

Chair and Discussant: **Kathleen DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies, and Professor of Anthropology and Public Health, University of Pittsburgh)

**Carlos Flores** (Associate Professor, Center for Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology [CIESAS]): “Drug Trafficking, Violence, Corruption and Democracy in Mexico”

**John Sullivan** (Senior Research Fellow, Center for Advanced Studies on Terrorism [CAST]; Lieutenant, Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department, Emergency Operations Bureau): “Post-Modern Social Banditry: Criminal Violence or Criminal Insurgency?”

Panel Four: Further Perspectives on Drug Trafficking and Stability in Mexico
Chair and Discussant: Dallas Owens (Chairman, Strategic Research and Analysis Department, Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College)
Luis Astorga (Researcher, Institute of Social Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico): “Mexico: Drug Trafficking, Violence and Political Change”
Paul Kan (Associate Professor of National Security Studies, US Army War College): “Why Mexico is not Colombia”
Louis Casale (Senior Intelligence Analyst, National Drug Intelligence Center, Special Projects Unit, US Department of Justice): “Mexican Drug Trafficking Organization Presence in the United States and Their Ties to U.S. Based Gangs”

Dinner Keynote Address
“The Drug War in Mexico: Dilemmas and Options” by Jorge Chabat (Professor/Investigator, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas [CIDE], Mexico)

FRIDAY, October 30, 2009
Panel Five: Perspectives on the Caribbean
Chair and Discussant: Taylor Seybolt (Director, Ford Institute for Human Security)
Lilian Bobea (Latin American Social Science Faculty, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic): “Private Vices, Without Public Benefit: The Dominican State versus Organized Crime”
Desmond Arias (Associate Professor of Political Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice): "The Structure of Criminal Organizations in Kingston, Jamaica, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil"

Panel Six: Assessment and Responses
Round-table of US officials offering their perspectives how the United States might respond more fully and effectively to the challenges of drugs, violence, and instability in Mexico, Colombia, and the Caribbean.
Chair and Discussant: William “Trey” G. Braun, III, (COL) (Deputy Director, Strategic Studies Institute, US Army War College)
Panelists: Rita Koch (Senior Intelligence Analyst, Western Hemisphere, Joint Military Information Support Command, US Special Forces Command), Agnes Schaefer (RAND Corporation), L. Bradley Hittle (Chief, Source Country Branch, Office of National Drug Control Policy), and Robert Mandel (Professor of International Affairs, Lewis and Clark College).
On November 21, 2009, Med Health Services and Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute, in collaboration with the Center for Latin American Studies, presented the second annual “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 concerts are free and open to the public. The concept for the concert series came from Dr. Oliver W. Caminos, Medical Director of Med Health Services and Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute.

The second concert featured The Octavio Brunetti Quintet. Created in 2004 by Tango pianist and arranger Octavio Brunetti, The Octavio Brunetti Quintet combines the traditional roots of Argentine Tango in its purest form with the style of the “Tango Nuevo”—the new, electrifying Tango representative of the 21st Century. The Octavio Brunetti Quintet transmits the mystery and magic of the Argentine Tango and the avant-garde music that is performed today in the heart of Buenos Aires. A few months after its creation, the group was performing in Argentina’s most important venues, including the famous Teatro Colón and Teatro San Martín in Buenos Aires, and the Teatro San Martin in Córdoba.

The Quintet features: 
Octavio Brunetti (piano and director), Héctor del Curto (bandoneón), Pedro Giraudo (double bass), Machiko Ozawa (violin), and Adam Tully (guitar). Joining the Quintet for the concert were dancers Diego and Carolina and singer Leonardo Granados. Last year’s “The Americas—In Concert” featured artist, Brazilian Soprano Lilly Abreu also performed with the group. The concert played to a standing room only audience and, in fact, many persons had to be turned away because of lack of space in the auditorium. A larger venue is now being sought to accommodate the significant number of people in the Pittsburgh region eager to experience the music of the Americas.
The Fifteenth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 19 and 20, 2010. David Gaus delivered the Eleventh Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture on “Accounting, Assassination and Healthcare Delivery in the Andes.” Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh) delivered the First Faculty Keynote Address on “Democracy and Dictatorship in Latin America: Emergence, Survival and Fall.”

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

The 2010 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows Nora Bridges (Anthropology), Alejandra Boza (History), Nestor Castañeda-Angarita (Political Science), Oscar de la Torre (History), Jorge Enrique Delgado (Education), Chad Dorn (Education), Gabriela Núñez (Communication), Laura Macia (Anthropology), Katie Muller (Public and International Affairs), María Amalia Pesantes (Anthropology), Orlando Rivero Valdes (History), and Christine Waller (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 19, 2010
9:30 a.m.
Welcome: Kathleen M. DeWalt (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

10:00 a.m. Human Security and Development Challenges
Moderator: Christine Waller
Carolina Forero and Sally Fishback (University of Pittsburgh): “Human Security in Colombia”
Heather Imboden (University of Pittsburgh): “The Globalization of Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations: Colombian Connections and Beyond”
Lisa DePaoli (University of Pittsburgh): “No Podemos Comer Billetes’: Sustainability, Climate Change and Development in Southern Ecuador”
Discussant: John Frechione (Research Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)
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1:45 p.m. Youth and Employment
Moderator: Orlando Rivero Valdes
María Cecilia B. Raíposo (University of Pittsburgh): “Youth Policy in Brazil to Increase Employment Rate”
Chad Dorn (University of Pittsburgh): “The Working Boy’s Center: Analysis of the External Impact Study Through an Asset Accumulation Lens”
Discussant: Fatma El-Hamidi (Adjunct Professor of Public and International Affairs and Economics, University of Pittsburgh)

3:15 p.m. Contemporary Policy Issues in Fortaleza, Brazil
Moderator: Jorge Delgado
Genevieve Redd (University of Pittsburgh): “The Social Movement to End Sexual Exploitation of Minors in Fortaleza (CE) Brazil”
Alexa Swailes (University of Pittsburgh): “Catholics vs. Condoms: Reconciliation of Conflicting Ideologies and Creation of Social Duty in Fortaleza, Brazil”
Discussant: Ana Paula Carvalho (Portuguese Language Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh)

4:45 p.m.
2010 Keynote Address
Introduction: Kathleen M. DeWalt (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)
Eleventh Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture: “Accounting, Assassination and Healthcare Delivery in the Andes” by David Gaus (M.D. Co-Founder and Executive Director of Andean Health & Development; Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin; Adjunct Professor, Tulane University Department of Tropical Medicine; Executive Director, Hospital Pedro Vicente Maldonado, Ecuador)

David Gaus, MD is the Co-Founder and Executive Director of Andean Health and Development in Ecuador and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Gaus received his BA in accounting from the University of Notre Dame in 1984. However, a trip to Quito, Ecuador after graduation convinced him that he was not to be an accountant and, after two years in Ecuador, he returned to Notre Dame to do pre-med studies. He earned his MD and a Master’s of Public Health and Tropical Medicine from Tulane University in 1992. In 1994, Dr. Gaus co-founded Andean Health and Development in Pedro Vicente Maldonado, Pichincha, Ecuador to attempt to deliver primary health care to rural Ecuadorians. Andean Health and Development came to realize that in order to serve the community in relation to rural health care delivery, they needed a hospital and, therefore, founded the Hospital Pedro Vicente Maldonado. Dr. Gaus has served as President of the hospital since 2000.

He received the Thomas Dooley Award (University of Notre Dame, 1999), was recognized as Social Entrepreneur of the Year by the University of Notre Dame School of Business (2009), and has been an advisor and consultant to the World Health Organization and the World Bank. He has published articles about his work in Ecuador in Health Affairs and the PanAmerican Journal of Public Health. Dr. Gaus’ lecture, “Accounting, Assassination and Healthcare Delivery in the Andes,” provided an invaluable, from-the-ground perspective by a practitioner working within the realm of social and public policy in Latin America.
SATURDAY, February 20, 2010
9:30 a.m. The Effects of Neoliberal Policy in Latin America
Moderator: Nestor Castañeda-Angarita
Garrett Strain (University of Washington) “Neoliberalism and Public Space in Buenos Aires”
Maria Cecilia B. Raposo (University of Pittsburgh); “Political Context and Investments in the Amazon Region”
Discussant: Scott Morgenstern (Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh)

11:00 a.m. Civil Society and Social Mobilization
Moderator: Katie Muller
Elizabeth Lyons (University of Washington): “Institutionalizing Local Civil Groups: Diverging Trends Based in Political and Cultural Histories”
Anne Marie Toccket (University of Pittsburgh): “Women’s Textile Associations in the Cusco Region of Peru: A Best-Practices Analysis”
Discussant: John Markoff (Professor of Sociology, History and Political Science, University of Pittsburgh)

1:45 p.m. Minorities and the State
Moderator: Laura Macia
Paula Lezama (University of South Florida): “Afro-Colombians’ Welfare and Amartya Sen’s Capability Approach”
Samantha Hosein (University of Pittsburgh): “Domestic Violence and Latinas: Cultural and Social Barriers to Seeking Help”
Discussant: Lara Putnam (Associate Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)
Social and Public Policy Conference (continued)

Left to right: Kimberlee Eberle-Sudre, Jorge Delgado, Maureen Porter, Laura Macia, and Chad Dorn.

3:15 p.m. Education and Access to Information
Moderator: Chad Dorn
Kimberlee Eberle-Sudre (University of Pittsburgh): “Conditional Cash Transfers in Mexico and Brazil: Development Through Education”
Laura Macia (University of Pittsburgh): “You Need to Educate Yourself: Education, Transnational Migration, and the Creation of Citizens”
Discussant: Maureen Porter (Associate Professor of Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh)

Latin American Lecture and Symposium Series

CLAS’ Latin American Lecture and Symposium Series features presentations on a broad range of topics from a variety of disciplines and professions. One goal of the series is to provide the opportunity for CLAS faculty, students, and the general public to be exposed to the great breadth of research approaches that contribute to knowledge of the Latin American and Caribbean region.

September 25, 2009
VOICES FROM LATIN AMERICA—a panel discussion on G-20 Policies and Alternative Models of Development with leaders of the Hemispheric Social Alliance and labor, indigenous, and environmental organizations from Mexico, Colombia, and Honduras, including Benedicto Martínez Orozco (Frente Autentico del Trabajo and Union Nacional de Trabajadores, Mexico), Alberto Arroyo (Red Mexicana Frente al Libre Comercio, México), Miriam Miranda (General Coordinator of the Fraternal Organization of Afro-Hondurans, Honduras), and Enrique Daza (Red Colombiana Frente al Libre Comercio and General Secretary, Hemispheric Social Alliance, Colombia)

October 1, 2009
AMERICAN EXCEPTIONALISM: REFLECTIONS ON THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF WILLIAM APPLEMAN WILLIAMS’ THE TRAGEDY OF AMERICAN DIPLOMACY—by Greg Grandin (Professor of History, New York University; Council on Hemispheric Affairs Senior Research Fellow)
October 2, 2009  
NARRACIONES DE LA MILITANCIA GUERRILLERA EN ARGENTINA: GIRO DE SUJETO—by Juan Duchesne-Winter (Professor of Latin American Literature, University of Pittsburgh)

October 16, 2009  
INTERREGIONAL INTERACTION IN THE ATACAMA DESERT, NORTHERN CHILE, RE-VISITED: AN UPDATED VIEW BASED ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL, GENETIC, PALEOPARASITOLOGICAL, AND CHEMICAL DATA—by Calogero M. Santoro (Professor of Archaeology, Instituto de Alta Investigación-Departamento de Antropología; Executive Director, Centro de Investigaciones del Hombre en el Desierto, Universidad de Tarapacá, Arica, Chile)

October 19, 2009  
WHY WE MIGRATE: STORIES OF MEXICO’S DISPLACED—by Paola Gutierrez Galindo (Human Rights Activist, Oaxaca, Mexico)

October 21, 2009  
O PROCESSO DE CRIAÇÃO LITERARIA/THE CREATIVE WRITING PROCESS—by Miriam Alves (Scholar of Afro-Brazilian Literature; Activist in the Quilombhoje Movement; Social Worker; Poet and Author, São Paolo, Brazil)

November 6, 2009  
THE RISE OF LATIN AMERICANISM: COLONIALISM, MANAGERIAL DISCOURSES, AND THE USES OF LITERATURE—by Fernando Degiovanni (Associate Professor of Spanish, Wesleyan University)

November 10, 2009  
CUBA: APUNTES PARA LA HISTORIA DE UN ESCENARIO ACTUAL—by Eduardo Torres Cuevas (Director of the José Martí National Library of Cuba)

November 11, 2009  
EL LUTO HUMANO: ARTE Y POLÍTICA DE LA MELANCOLÍA EN JOSÉ REVUELTA—by Maria del Pilar Melgarejo (Assistant Professor of Spanish, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

November 16, 2009  
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND LATIN AMERICA: PERSPECTIVES FROM PITTSBURGH NONPROFITS—a panel discussion with representatives from organizations in Pittsburgh that work with Latin American populations: Building New Hope, Global Links, United Steelworkers, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, and Welcome Center for Immigrations and Internationals

November 17, 2009  
COLOMBIA: ITS MUSIC AND PEOPLE—by Jorge Delgado Troncoso (PhD Candidate, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh)
February 1, 2010
SUBVERSIVE VERMIN: MARCOS'S ZAPATISMO, ANTI-NEOLIBERAL DISCOURSE, AND COLD WAR ANXIETY—by John Ochoa (Associate Professor, Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese, Penn State University)

February 2, 2010
GLOBAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES: HAITI'S ROAD TO RECOVERY—a panel discussion moderated by Donald Burke (Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Health, University of Pittsburgh) and panelists (including faculty and community members) who have worked in Haiti and have expertise in earthquakes, disaster response, long-term recovery, public health, health care delivery, and responsible philanthropy

February 18, 2010
LETRAS PROHIBIDAS Y ESCRITORES ESTIGMATIZADOS EN EL MUNDO LETRADO—by Mercedes Niño-Murcia (Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa)

February 18, 2010
WHERE NEOPLATONISM MEETS ETHNOLOGY: GARGILASO AND THE GODS OF HUAROCHIRÍ—by Frank Salomon (John V. Murra Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison)

February 19, 2010
DISCUSSION OF THE LETTERED MOUNTAIN—with Frank Salomon (John V. Murra Professor of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin-Madison) and Mercedes Niño-Murcia (Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Iowa)

February 23, 2010

March 3, 2010
TALKING WITH FIDEL: THE SECRET HISTORY OF US-CUBA RELATIONS—by Peter Kornbluh (Senior Analyst, National Security Archives)
March 24, 2010
SPACE AGE TROPICS: ALUMINUM DREAMS AND DIVERGENT MODERNITIES
IN THE CARIBBEAN—by Mimi Sheller (Professor of Sociology and Director of the
Mobilities Research and Policy Center, Drexel University)

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.]

Susan Andrade (English)
•Guest Editor. 2008. Special Issue on Comparative African Novels. NOVEL 41 2/3 (Spring/Summer).

Robert Barker (Law)

Alvaro A. Bernal (Spanish and Latin American Literature, Johnstown branch)

Jerome Branche (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)
•2009. Malunaje: Hacia una poética de la diáspora africana (Bogota: Ministry of Culture, Colombia).
•Editor. 2009. La Esclava Isaura by Bernardo Guimarães [Spanish translation of the Portuguese original, A escrava Isaura, 1875] Translated by Julia Calzadilla (Pittsburgh, PA: Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana, Serie Clásicos de América).

James Cassing (Economics)


Diego Chaves-Gnecco (Medicine)

Maria Auxiliadora Cordero (Anthropology)
•2009. El cacicazgo Cayambi: trayectoria hacia la complejidad social en los Andes septentrionales (Editorial Abya-Yala, Quito, Ecuador).

Alejandro de la Fuente (History)
Faculty Publications (continued)

Robert D. Drennan (Anthropology)

Joshua Lund (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)


Patrick Manning (History)


Paul J. Nelson (Public and International Affairs)


Hugo Nutini (Anthropology)

Erin O’Rourke (Linguistics)


•Coeditor. 2007. “Romance Linguistics 2007: Selected Papers from the 37th Linguistic Symposium on Romance Languages (LSRL).” *Current Issues in Linguistic Theory* 304 (Pittsburgh, PA, March 15-18).

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (Political Science)


Faculty Publications (continued)

Richard Scaglion (Anthropology)


David Watters (Anthropology)

Faculty—Noteworthy

Diego Chaves-Gnecco (Medicine) writes a column for the Health Section of LA JORNADA LATINA—Pittsburgh’s only Spanish-language newspaper (published monthly).

Laurence Glasco (History) was awarded several important distinctions this year: the International Association of Business Communicators 30th Annual Gold Triangle Award; the New Pittsburgh Courier Men of Excellence Award; and the YMCA Greater Pittsburgh Racial Justice Award for education.

Carmelo Mesa-Lago (Economics) served as Visiting Professor and Greenleaf Chair on Latin American Studies at Tulane University in fall 2009 and is Chairperson of the International Social Security Association Task Force to extend coverage to the world.

Aníbal Pérez-Liñán (Political Science) received a Thornburgh Academic Support Grant to utilize the Dick Thornburgh Papers (a source for significant public events in Pennsylvania and in United States’ history) for research that will be incorporated into his course “Comparative Politics.”

Scott Morgenstern (Political Science) received a $685,000 grant in fall 2009 from Higher Education for Development funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to update and evaluate USAID's work in supporting political party development worldwide.

Shalini Puri (English) was honored as a 2010 Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award winner. Her teaching focuses on postcolonial theory and cultural studies of the global south with an emphasis on the Caribbean, particularly researching the cultural practices, conflicts and solidarities that have arisen out of the overlapping diasporas set in motion by slavery and indentureship.
In Memoriam: Salomé Carhuaslla-Gutiérrez

Salomé Carhuaslla-Gutiérrez passed away at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh on December 12, 2009. She will be sincerely missed by countless persons, but her legacy will endure in the form of the happy memories of her life held by those fortunate enough to have known her. Salomé was an active, integral, and beloved member of the Center for Latin American Studies’ family for over 30 years.

In her Christmas letter (mailed late due to the unfortunate circumstances), Salomé’s sister-in-law Lisa Fedorka-Carhuaslla provides us with a glimpse into her extraordinary life.

“A shadow has been thrown across the Christmas and New Year holidays this year by the tragic death of Gualberto’s beloved older sister, Salomé Carhuaslla-Gutiérrez. Salomé was hit and run over by a careless driver on the South Side on the morning of November 19, 2009. Her pelvis was crushed, six ribs broken, and her left leg was fractured in three places.

Salomé fought for 24 days in the Trauma Unit of Mercy Hospital, enduring eight surgeries, before losing her battle for life on December 12, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Even though I am not a Roman Catholic, there is a sweet consolation in the imagery that the priest mentioned at the Funeral Mass: “Our Lady of Guadalupe came to lead Salome by the hand into Heaven.”

Salomé was an instructor of Quechua and Aymara—two native languages of the Andes of Peru, Ecuador, and Bolivia—at the University of Pittsburgh since 1978 and a guest lecturer and translator at many other universities. But her proudest achievement was being the mother of Sabrina, her only child. Sabrina and her husband Mark Matteo were at Salomé’s bedside day after day during her final struggle, encouraging her and expressing constant love and support.

Salomé was about eight years old and my husband was still a toddler when their mother unexpectedly died. There were five children under eight years of age. She tried hard to be their “little mother” by helping with cooking and other chores.

When their father was dying in 1989, Salomé promised him to look after her two teen-aged half-sisters, whose mother was in poor health. People who complain about illegal immigration often do not realize how hard it is to bring even close relatives here legally. It took twelve years and thousands of dollars in fees and guarantees to bring the two girls as permanent residents. By then, the older sister had a husband and two sons. Rather than ask her to sponsor her family and wait for their paper work, Salomé arranged for them to travel and stay together as a family.

Salomé’s death leaves a huge gap in our wider family, for she was the one who kept calling us all together, reminding us to express our love for one another.

Salomé was proud of her cultural heritage, especially of the music, dance and costumes of Apurimac and Cusco, Peru. She was a fixture at the Pittsburgh Folk Festival and the Latin American and Caribbean Festival at Pitt, and also at the Three Rivers Pow Wow. Over 25 years ago, Salomé was a Founding Member of Pittsburgh’s LACU, the Latin American Cultural Union, devoted to teaching children the cultural heritage of Latin America.

At the time of her death, Salomé was Treasurer of Quipuncet, a charity devoted to improving the education of rural children in Peru. Salomé was also a key member of the Latin American Classroom Committee for the Cathedral of Learning Nationality Classrooms.

Despite a terrible snowstorm that hit Pittsburgh on the day of her burial, there was a large and emotional turn-out for Salomé’s funeral on Saturday, December 19th. She will be missed very much by many people.”
New Pitt-CMU Course: BRAZIL TODAY—Ethnicity, Economy and Environment

Over the weekend of October 30 to November 1, 2009, the University of Pittsburgh (through its Center for Latin American Studies and Global Studies Program) and Carnegie Mellon University (through the efforts of Vice Provost for Education Indira Nair and her staff) presented the one-credit, intensive course “Brazil Today—Ethnicity, Economy and Environment.” The course is part of a series of weekend courses that explore the modern economies and societies of countries emerging as economic forces of the 21st century—Brazil, Russia, India, and China (also known as the BRICs). The goal of the series is to provide students, as global citizens, with a working knowledge of the countries that are important in shaping the corporate, social, and political world of today.

As a multidisciplinary course, Brazil Today brought together scholars from anthropology, biology, business, ecology, economics, education, engineering, history, and political science. The course program follows.

Friday, October 30
5:00 p.m.
Introduction and Welcome: Indira Nair (Vice Provost for Education, Carnegie Mellon University) and Larry Feick (Senior Director of International Programs and Director, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

5:30 p.m. Brazil’s African Heritage
Reid Andrews (Distinguished Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)

Saturday, October 31
8:30 a.m. Race in Brazil Today
Reid Andrews (Distinguished Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)

10:45 a.m. Brazil: Models of Success
Anne Nemer (Assistant Dean and Director of Executive MBA, Katz School of Business, University of Pittsburgh)

11:15 a.m. Panel Presentation: Geography, Colonization, Inequality and Economic Development
John Frechione (Research Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh)

3:15 p.m. Panel Presentation: Observations about Doing Business in Brazil
Stewart Sutin (Clinical Professor of Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education, University of Pittsburgh)
Lucio Soibelman (Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University)

4:30 p.m. Food and Health in Brazil
Kathleen DeWalt (Professor of Anthropology and Public Health, University of Pittsburgh)

Sunday, November 1
9:00 a.m. Deforestation and the Future of the Amazon
Daniel Munari (Amazonian Research Ecologist)
Student and Alumni News
by Julian Asenjo

10:00 a.m. Case Study: Environment, Ethanol & Sugar
Michael Griffin (Executive Director of the Green Design Institute, Carnegie Mellon University)

12:15 p.m. Emerging Issues: What is on Brazil’s Political Horizon?
Amy Erica Smith (Graduate Student in Political Science and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

João Carlos G. Barreto (MPIA 2000 Public and International Affairs—International Affairs) is Analista de Planejamento e Orçamento in the Coordenação-Geral de Gestão do Conhecimento, Secretaria de Planejamento e Investimentos Estratégicos, Ministério do Planejamento, Orçamento e Gestão in Brasília. We want to thank João for regularly sending us important publications from the ministry that represent significant contributions to the Latin American library collection.

Fabio Bertranou (PhD 1998 Economics) is coauthor of “Is Latin America Retreating from Individual Retirement Accounts?,” Center for Retirement Research at Boston College July 2009, Number 9-14.

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Ligia Diaz-Pentzke (MA 2006 Education and former Center staff person) has been instrumental in providing on-site support for the CLAS 2010 field trip to Leon, Nicaragua. In June, Ligia and the kids (Eduardo and Andres) will move to Guatemala where her husband, Manual Roman (MA 2006 Anthropology) is working as the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager for a US$120 million Health and Education project funded by USAID and the Guatemalan Private Sector. This private-public partnership is managed by

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Research Triangle Institute in North Carolina. In Nicaragua, Ligia coordinated a USAID/Private Sector Health and Education Project for three years in Villa El Carmen, a Nicaraguan Municipality (August 2006-August 2009). Since August last year, she has been doing consulting work for the Jacob Foundation and other education programs in Nicaragua. The Jacob Foundation has an education project in a farm in Jinotega (the department of coffee fincas). She has also been teaching Spanish.

Lucia Guerra (graduate student, Anthropology) and her husband Daniel are proud to report that: “Finally Adrian and Mateo—formerly known as ‘Baby A’ and ‘Baby B’—arrived kicking and screaming on their 40th week due date of September 24th. Adrian was born first weighing 7 lb. 6 oz. and measuring 20 inches; Mateo weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and also measured 20 inches.” The family is currently in Peru where Lucia is carrying out dissertation field research.

Koichi Hagimoto (PhD 2010 Hispanic Languages and Literatures) will assume the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Spanish at Wellesley College. CLAS faculty member Joshua Lund (Hispanic Languages and Literatures) writes to tell us that: “The Pitt-to-Massachusetts route continues [see entry for Aarti Madan, below]. I’m happy to report that our student and friend Koichi Hagimoto has accepted the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Spanish at Wellesley College. Located just outside of Boston, Wellesley is one of the ‘seven sisters,’ a group of prestigious women’s colleges founded in the 19th century. It consistently ranks among the top 10 liberal arts colleges in the country, and counts among its alumnae Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, to name just three. It has a strong commitment to international studies, with a cosmopolitan campus that attracts students from around the world. Along with advancing his research, Koichi will be teaching courses in Latin American and Caribbean literatures and Spanish language. This position is a significant achievement, and I hope that you will join me in congratulating Koichi the next time that you see him.”

Brooke Hammond-Pérez (MA 2009 GSPIA) now works at Hogar Immigrant Services (Hogar Hispano) in Northern Virginia. Hogar is a non-profit that works with immigrants to achieve self-sufficiency through a variety of educational, legal, and social services. Brooke is the Manager of Education Services at Hogar Immigrant Services, and coordinates ESL classes in the area so that immigrants can learn to advocate for themselves, enhance their education and employment opportunities, and become active citizens in their communities. Brooke also organizes a series of educational workshops for personal empowerment, which provide immigrants with the resources and skills they need to lead productive and healthy lives in the United States. She lives in Arlington, VA, with her husband, Iker, but dearly misses all of the staff and students at CLAS.

Aldo Isuani (PhD 1979 Political Science) nos escribe de Argentina, “Deseo hacerte saber que en el centro de formación de posgrado a través de internet que estoy dirigiendo, cuyo nombre es Campus Socialis, estamos presentando nuestra propuesta de cursos del primer semestre del año. Te invito a que visites la página www.campusocialis.com para que conozcas nuestras actividades y mucho te agradeceré que difundas esta información a todos tus conocidos que creas puedan estar interesados en este tipo de formación.”

Kristin Kleinjans (PhD 2003 Economics) writes: “I am happy to report that I started a new position as assistant professor of economics at Cal State - Fullerton this fall. To be closer to my new job, Anthony and I moved to Venice Beach. I really like my new job and we are enjoying beautiful Southern California.”
Sonia Lenk (PhD 2007 Hispanic Languages and Literatures) is Assistant Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Director of KIIS Summer Program in Ecuador at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green.

Rubén Lo Vuolo (MA 1986 Economics) nos escribe lo siguiente: “El Centro Interdisciplinario para el Estudio de Políticas Públicas (CIEPP) lleva dos décadas contribuyendo a la investigación y el análisis económico, político y social aplicado a la formulación e implementación de políticas públicas. Dirigida por Alberto Barbeito y Rubén Lo Vuolo, y publicada en forma conjunta con Miño y Dávila Editores, la colección “Políticas Públicas” es uno de sus aportes más importantes.

Para ampliar la difusión del material publicado en la colección, el CIEPP pone a disposición en forma digital el libro Contra la exclusion: La propuesta del ingreso ciudadano. Este libro, que incluye artículos de diversos autores compilados por Rubén M. Lo Vuolo, fue publicado originalmente en 1995 y sus dos ediciones se encuentran agotadas. Acceda a la versión completa del libro en: www.ciepp.org.ar”

Laura Macia-Vergara (PhD 2010 Anthropology) is President and Yolanda Hernandez-Albujar (graduate student, Sociology) is Vice-President of Nueve Lunas. Nueve Lunas provides holistic health education and skills development for the Latino community in and around Allegheny County related to pregnancy and parenting. Nueve Lunas was awarded the YWCA 2009 Racial Justice Award in the category of Community Engagement for its efforts to eliminate racism and promote equity.

Aarti Madan (PhD 2010, Hispanic Languages and Literatures) has accepted a tenure track position as Assistant Professor of Spanish in the Department of Humanities and Arts at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. WPI, as it is known, is a dynamic university located in Worcester, Massachusetts, which places it in the middle of one of the most intellectually active regions of the country, less than one hour from Boston, Providence, and Amherst/Northampton. It is renowned for its cutting edge education in engineering and technology and also has a robust liberal arts program. All of its 3,000 undergraduates (not just the BA students) must complete a project in the arts or humanities for graduation. It is a private university with a student-faculty ratio under 15:1. Along with advancing her research (a priority for WPI), Aarti will be responsible for teaching Latin American literature and culture and Spanish language. It promises to be a very engaging place to work, especially given Aarti’s research focus, which deals with aspects of the history of scientific disciplines in Latin America. After an exhausting month of campus visits and negotiations, WPI was very aggressive in pursuing Aarti for the position. [Thanks to Joshua Lund (Associate Professor, Hispanic Languages and Literatures) for passing along this information.]

Eva also wrote us the following: “I was recently awarded a grant from the LASA Mellon grant seminar series for the project “Can Latin America Escape from the Middle-Income Trap? Policy Lessons from a Trans-regional Comparison.” One of the most pressing questions facing Latin American governments today is how to escape from the middle income trap. Based on a comparative analysis of late developers in Latin America, Asia, Europe and the Middle East, the project aims to increase our understanding of the contingencies behind the successful expansion of capabilities to move up the value chain. We selected six countries that do not have the size advantage of a Brazil or China and whose governments have adopted pro-active policies for the diversification of the economy and the expansion of knowledge capabilities, at different points in time and with different degrees of success: Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Singapore, Ireland, and Jordan. Six economists are participating in the project, Latin Americans as well as non-Latin Americans, Latin Americanists as well as non-Latin Americanists.” Eva is Professor of Economics and Carol Hoffmann Collins Director of the McCulloch Center for Global Initiatives at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA.

Lauren Pucci (BA 2004 Political Science/Anthropology) is back in Pittsburgh, although briefly, after several years in Egypt, Yemen, and Afghanistan. Lauren is completing her MA in GSPIA. She also is currently sharing her international experience as the graduate student assistant in the Study Abroad Office.

Amy Erica Smith (graduate student, Political Science) sent along the following message on November 20, 2009: “I’m writing to announce the birth of our son, Oscar Daniel Chelcea, on Wednesday at 12:17 PM, about two and a half weeks early. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 21 inches. I went into labor around midnight Monday night, so we had a grueling 36 hours in the hospital, involving a number of the medical interventions I’d hoped to avoid by seeing a midwife and trying to learn natural childbirth techniques. But in the end, we got what we most wanted out of the labor: a healthy baby boy.” Congratulations Amy!

Kaley Walsh (BA 2010 Spanish, Linguistics, Portuguese minor) former CLAS teaching fellowship recipient for Portuguese, CLAS Ambassador, and CLAS Seminar and Field Trip participant, was recently awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant position in Brazil for 2011. Parabens e muita boa sorte, Kaley!

For the many persons who often ask us about Maria Emperatriz Ruiz-Merroth, we are pleased to report that she is doing well and, undoubtedly, enjoying life as she always has. She wrote us recently with the following update:

“I hope everybody is great. Thanks for CLASicos. We all are doing fantastic. The kids are excelling at school (Elsa is 16 and Charles, 14— WOW!). Elsa is planning to go to Pitt for a psychology/Spanish major. It is her dream and she is an A+ student. At the moment, Charles’ passion is science.

My private practice is blooming. I have 25 clients whose children are autistic. I work hand-on with the parents to manage the behavior of the children and to implement ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) techniques, social skills, language, etc. I love it.

Please send my regards to everyone, you all are always in my heart forever.

Maria Empera
Report from Veracruz

CLAS faculty member and alumna María Auxiliadora (Mariuxi) Cordero (PhD 1998 Anthropology) and CLAS faculty member Richard Scaglion (Anthropology) traveled to Veracruz, Mexico during spring break 2010 and managed to encounter a CLAS alumnus—Robert Kruger (PhD 1996 Anthropology)—and a current CLAS student—Roberto Lopez Bravo. We are happy to present Mariuxi’s report and photographs.

“We arrived in Veracruz on March 6, where Rob Kruger picked us up. The following day we toured the city and then he drove us to Xalapa (also spelled Jalapa), about an hour and a half away, where he lives. I’ll copy here Rob’s description of what he does: ‘I have been Resident Director for BCA’s study abroad program in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico for 10 years now! We offer language and culture learning opportunities through the University of Veracruz. Students take language and culture courses geared for foreign students at the School for Foreign Students, and students with a good level of Spanish can take courses in the regular university as well. Since BCA has a focus on issues of Peace and Social Justice, we also offer “Added Value” experiences, such as excursions and special courses, touching on these themes. Pitt now offers BCA programs as a study abroad option for Pitt students!’

My own comment: Xalapa is a fabulous place [it’s called the ‘Athens of Veracruz’]. The city seems very safe and fun. Several little towns are nearby, nice countryside, the beach is about an hour or so away. Rob knows all the authentic joints to eat really good local food—and Xalapa also has great coffee. Nearby is Coatepec, a gorgeous town and self-proclaimed the coffee capital of the world. By the end of the spring break week, Roberto Lopez Bravo, Mexican archaeologist and Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology at Pitt, picked us up in Xalapa [Roberto is the director at the regional museum in Orizaba in the state of Veracruz] and took us on a tour of several archaeological sites in the state. We went to Zempoala (also spelled Cempoala), Quiahuixtlán, and El Tajín.”
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