

Summer 2012 Calendar

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Have a safe and happy Summer break!

Graduating Students — Very Important Notice

In order to have the Latin American Studies certificate/related concentration recorded on the transcripts of students who finish the program, the University requires each student to complete a Certificate Graduation Application. This application is **separate from and in addition to the** form that you will complete for your departmental degree.

DEADLINE: Those of you who will be graduating in **August 2012** have a **deadline of Thursday, May 24, 2012** to complete a CLAS Certificate Graduation Application.

Late applications are accepted after the deadline but the University will impose a **late fee**. The amount of the fee increases with the delay in submission. Please see Devon Taliaferro or Julian Asenjo (4200 Posvar Hall) for an application or call 412-648-7392.

Latin American Studies Summer Course

"People and Environment in Amazonia" (ANTH 1751)

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the complexity of relationships among environment, indigenous populations, and western society—using the Amazonian region of South America as the setting. In the course, the past and present situation of the lowland neotropical region of South America (specifically Amazonia) is considered from historical and cultural ecological perspectives. The main subjects covered in the course are: (1) The Amazonian Environment; (2) Amazonian Prehistory; (3) "Traditional" Amerindians; (4) The Development/Destruction of Amazonia; and (5) Current Issues—Darkness in El Dorado. Some of the theoretical and practical implications of these topics for anthropology, ecology, and international relations are considered.

Dates: May 14 to June 20, 2012 (Mondays and Wednesdays only)

Time: 12:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Location: 1640 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh - Oakland Campus

Instructor: John Frechione (Senior Research Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology; Associate Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

10 Week - Introduction to Portuguese Workshops

University of Pittsburgh language instructor Lilly Abreu is offering 10-week Summer Brazilian Portuguese workshops from May through July 2012.

****These workshops are not University of Pittsburgh courses, and no University of Pittsburgh credits apply****

Beginners

Dates: Mondays, May 7 - July 16, 2012 (No class on May 28th – Memorial Day)

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: 208 A Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus

Fee: \$200 per person (10 weeks, non-refundable)

Intermediate

Dates: Wednesdays, May 9 - July 18, 2012 (No class on July 4th – Independence Day)

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: 208 A Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus

Fee: \$200 per person (10 weeks, non-refundable)

Advanced Conversation

Dates: Thursdays, May 10 - July 12, 2012

Time: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Location: 208 A Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Oakland campus

Fee: \$200 per person (10 weeks, non-refundable)

Book for all 3 levels: Brasil! Lingua e Cultura by Tom Lathrop and Eduardo M. Dias (Text and Exercise Book). Linguatext Ltd; Third Revised Updated edition (December 2004). ISBN-10: 9780942566437; ISBN-13: 978-0942566437 (available online at Amazon, Textbooks.com, etc.)

For more information or to register for the workshops, contact Prof. Lilly Abreu at lillyabreu1@gmail.com

The workshops are supported by the Center for Latin American Studies and the International Business Center at University of Pittsburgh

Workshop

Latin American Political Theory Workshop: La Primera Teoría de la Descolonización (The First Theory of Decolonization)

Open to University of Pittsburgh faculty and graduate students, this workshop will be offered by Bolivian philosopher **Rafael Bautista** as a post-LASA event organized by the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, with the sponsorship of the Center for Latin American Studies, the LASA-Bolivia section, and the *Bolivian Studies Journal*. The workshop will be conducted in Spanish, with English translation.

Rafael Bautista belongs to the youngest generation of Bolivian philosophers currently producing a theory of decolonization in dialogue with indigenous epistemologies. He is the author of *Octubre, el lado oscuro de la luna* (2006), and has published some of the most

important political writings in today's Bolivia: [El 18 Brumario del Kananchiri](#), [Las venas abiertas del Estado](#), [¿Qué significa el "vivir bien"?](#), [El terrorismo global](#), [Del estado colonial al estado plurinacional](#).

Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2012

Location: 1528 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

To join the Latin American Political Theory Workshop please contact the organizers at elm15@pitt.edu

Exhibits

"Factory Installed" Exhibition at the Mattress Factory

Curated by Barbara Luderowski, Michael Olijnyk and Katherine Talcott, *Factory Installed*, last presented in 2006, is our newest exhibition currently on view until May 27, 2012. From the nearly 600 artist submissions, six artists were chosen by co-directors Barbara Luderowski and Michael Olijnyk and independent curator Katherine Talcott to work in residence in September and October 2011. The artists, Pablo Valbuena (Spain), **Mariana Manhães (Brazil)**, **Natalia González (Bolivia)**, Nika Kupyrova (Ukraine), Than Htay Maung (Burma, USA), and Veronica Ryan (West Indies, USA), created new site-specific works for the Factory Installed exhibition.

Exhibition Dates: Now through May 27, 2012

Location: The Mattress Factory, 500 Sampsonia Way, North Side

For more information, please visit: <http://www.mattress.org/index.cfm?event=Exhibitions>

Queloides Exhibition at Harvard University in Cambridge

Queloides is an art exhibit on the persistence of racism and racial discrimination in contemporary Cuba and elsewhere in the world. Despite the social transformations implemented by the Cuban revolutionary government since the early 1960s, racism continues to be a deep wound in Cuban society, one that generates countless social and cultural scars.

The artists of Queloides offer a revisionist and critical reading of the history of Cuba, a reading that highlights the contributions of the Africans and their descendants to the formation of the Americas in general, and the Cuban nation in particular. Their Cuba is not the harmonious and fraternal Cuba portrayed in official national narratives, but a nation where colonial legacies remain alive, feeding discrimination and exclusion.

Exhibition Dates: Now through May 30, 2012

Location: Rudenstine Gallery, Du Bois Institute Floor, 3R, 104 Mount Auburn Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

For more information, please visit: <http://dubois.fas.harvard.edu/now-showing-rudenstine-gallery>

MAYA.2012: Lords of Time Exhibit at the Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia

The exhibit will be opening May 5, 2012 and running till January 13, 2013. The exhibition features more than 150 remarkable objects, some from our permanent collection, some from the Penn Museum excavation site from Copan, Honduras, and many on display in the U.S. for the very first time.

MAYA.2012 leads visitors on a journey through the Maya's time-ordered universe, expressed through their intricate calendar systems, and their regard for their divine kings as

astounding "lords of time." An interactive recreation of the city's ancient structures and original stone monuments from Copan, including several large steles, will allow visitors to experience the splendor and intricacy of ancient Mayan architecture.

This is an excellent opportunity for young students to explore a time and civilization long gone by. Timed group tickets for groups of 10 or more are available at a discount, and they include admission to the rest of the Museum.

For more information: contact Roxanne Baron, Group Tour Coordinator, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104; 215-746-8562; visitorservices@pennmuseum.org

Call for Papers

Eastern Regional National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies

Abstracts, not to exceed two (2) pages, should be submitted that relate to any aspect of the Hispanic and Latino experience. Subjects may include, but are not limited to: literature, demographics, history, politics, economics, education, health care, fine arts, religion, social sciences, business and many other subjects. Please indicate the time required for presentation of your paper (25 minutes **OR** 45 minutes).

Abstracts with title of paper, presenter's name, home and institution/organization address and e-mail should be postmarked by: **May 19, 2012**

Send abstracts to:

Dr. Lemuel Berry, Jr. (Executive Director, NAAAS & Affiliates)

PO Box 6670

Scarborough, ME 04070-6670

Phone: 207-839-8004; **Fax:** 207-839-3776; **Email:** naaasconference@earthlink.net

Dates: September 20 - 23, 2012

Location: Swan & Dolphin Hotel, Orlando FL

For more information, please visit: www.NAAAS.org

Grants & Scholarship Opportunities

The Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation Scholarship

The Metropolitan Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation is proud to offer students who are Hispanic/Latino or of Hispanic/Latino descent scholarships for the 2012-2013 scholastic year. In order to be eligible, a student must be attending or accepted into an accredited post-high school educational institution; be a resident of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Westmoreland, or Washington county; must demonstrate an unmet financial need of at least \$1,000, have at least one Hispanic grandparent; have a minimum of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; enroll as a full-time student.

Application deadline is **May 30, 2012**.

For more information: please visit www.pmahcc.org

Fulbright NEXUS Regional Scholar Program

Have you ever thought of applying for a Fulbright Scholar Award? This is an opportunity to work with 19 other scholars in the themes of Science, Technology and Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Energy.

Projects focusing on climate change adaptation strategies, and/or public policy focused research ventures that examine strategies to cope with climate variability, including extreme events, are particularly welcome.

Program Activities:

- Participate in three seminar meetings in Canada, Colombia and Washington, DC
- Complete a two to three-month research exchange in Latin America, Canada or the Caribbean
- Maintain intellectual collaboration with fellow Fulbright NEXUS grantees over the program year

Eligibility:

- Be a junior or mid-career academic, researcher and/or professional
- A Ph.D. or equivalent professional/terminal degree is preferred, but is not required. Candidates with a master's degree are required to have a minimum of five years research experience.
- Knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese preferred.

Payment: \$30,000 stipend to cover the costs of travel to the meetings and the research exchange visit.

Application deadline is June 15, 2012

For more information, please contact: Jake Silva at jsilva@iie.org, 202-686-4018 or visit <http://www.cies.org/NEXUS/>

The 2013-2014 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition

The 2013-2014 Fulbright U.S. Scholar Competition is underway and is currently welcoming applications from scholars interested in teaching or conducting research in Latin America and the Caribbean! Proposals will be considered from junior as well as senior scholars and opportunities abound in a wide variety of disciplines.

Deadline for applications: August 1, 2012

For more information, please visit: http://www.cies.org/us_scholars/us_awards/

Study Abroad Opportunities

Huaylas Quechua: 6 week Intensive Quechua Language course

The *Center for Social Well Being* offers a 6 week Intensive Quechua Language course in the north-central Peruvian Andes. The program is designed for students who require class instruction and Quechua immersion contexts to develop language proficiency. FLAS Foreign Language and Area Studies grantees are eligible to apply.

Course Content, Structure and Activities:

Beginning, intermediate and advanced courses are offered that provide concentrated class hours focused on grammar, vocabulary and the development of speaking skills and listening comprehension of Huaylas Quechua, native to the region. The Center for Social Well Being is affiliated with the Regional Academy of Ancash Quechua, an association composed of bilingual school teachers, historians, writers, folklorists, musicians, poets and other professionals

dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of the Quechua language. All university trained in intercultural education, our team of Quechua instructors offer an academically rigorous program, complemented with an orientation to Quechua creative expressions of local myths, legends, songs and poetry. The program is structured into 4 hour classroom sessions each morning, and a 2 hour workshop of conversation, songs and poetry every afternoon. The 6 week session provides 180 contact hours with native speakers, equivalent to 1 year of university study. Our teachers guide students to their home communities and the schools where they teach for in-context language practice and skills acquisition. A highlight of the program is student participation in fiestas and the revitalization of Andean rituals in honor of the spirits of the earth and cosmos. The Center for Social Well Being is located on an ecological ranch in the Quechua-speaking community of Cajamarquilla, nestled in the Cordillera Blanca mountain range of the Callejón de Huaylas, 7 hours northeast of Lima. Students lodge here for the duration of the program to fully engage in rural activities where there are plenty of opportunities to practice Quechua conversation. Excursions to archaeological sites, glacial lakes, hot springs and impressive mountain passes are available. The program is under the direction of Applied Medical Anthropologist Patricia J. Hammer, Ph.D., and Ecologist Flor de María Barreto Tosi.

Total Program Cost: \$6,000 US dollars that includes all program tuition and fees, food and accommodations at the rural center, and course materials.

Please contact us for 2012 program dates. Shorter 3 week programs may also be scheduled.

For an application: contact phammer@wayna.rcp.net.pe

For more information: visit www.socialwellbeing.org

OSEA 2012 Summer Programs in Yucatan

Summer 2012 Programs:

- Heritage Field Study & Ethnography
- Teach English Service Learning
- Maya Language Immersion
- Intensive Spanish Immersion

Yucatán, Mexico

OSEA Field School Programs are based in Pisté and Maya Communities surrounding Chichén Itzá, One of the New Seven Wonders of the World.

OSEA Field School Program Fees include:

Direct Enrollment with Accredited University Transcript, Food & Lodging, Homestays with Maya families in Pisté, Local Field Trips to Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Yaxuna, Cenote Dzitnup & jungle caves, and a Mid-Program Break (4-night/5 day) to allow participants free-time to explore Yucatán on their own (not included in program fees).

Program Requirements:

Open to Undergraduates in sophomore year and higher, with any social science & humanities major. Open to Graduate Students in any social science and humanities fields (send us an email to ask about grad rates) GPA of 2.5 or higher.

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

NOTICE

The following list of events is provided as a service to the community by the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Pittsburgh. CLAS neither recommends nor endorses these events and activities. Please address questions or comments about the events to the contact provided and not to the Center.

**Latin American Fiesta! Spring Concert featuring Coro Latino Americano
Pittsburgh & the Pittsburgh Youth Chamber Orchestra**

A concert of classical and popular Latin American music that will make you dance in your seat! Special guest artists include Lilly Abreu (Brazilian Soprano), Enrique Bernardo (Peruvian Tenor), Walter Morales (Guest conductor, Costa Rica), & Tango ensemble and dancers (Argentina).

Date: Sunday, May 6, 2012

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Carnegie Music Hall, 4400 Forbes Avenue, Oakland

Admission is free (Donations accepted)

For more information, please contact: 412-377-5850, corolapgh@gmail.com,
www.corolapgh.com

"Music with a Mission" Benefit Concert

Hosted for the Diocese of Pittsburgh Mission in Chimbote, Peru

Featuring members of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra & hosted by Peggy Finnegan, co-anchor for Channel 11 News

Hors d'oeuvre and Dessert Reception following. Free-will offerings will be accepted.

Tax-deductible contributions payable to: Chimbote Foundation, c/o Diocese of Pittsburgh.

All proceeds benefit the mission hospital, clinic and orphanage in Chimbote.

Date: Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: St. John Neumann Church, 2230 Rochester Road, Franklin Park

**Salud para Niños - Birmingham Clinic
Free Pediatric & Flu Immunization Clinics**

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Care Mobile

Date: Saturdays, May 12, June 9 & July 28, 2012

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

For more information: <http://www.chp.edu/spanishclinic>, 412-692-6000 (option 8),
<http://www.chp.edu/saludparaninos>

(Appointment and health insurance are NOT required)

2012 Pittsburgh Folk Festival: "Around the World in One Day"

Students can:

- Experience more than 30 different cultures
- Learn folk arts and crafts
- Taste delicious foods from around the world · Learn ethnic dances

- Collect international stamps

Teachers, fulfill these academic standards!

- Arts & Humanities
- Health, Safety, and Physical Education
- History
- Reading, Writing, Speaking, and Listening

Date: Friday, May 18, 2012

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: The Monroeville Convention Center

Cost: Student tuition - \$9, Teacher tuition is FREE

One chaperone/aide per 15 students is required and is free. Additional chaperones pay \$5/each.

Register today for your **free** teacher tuition: www.pghfolkfest.org/education or 412-278-1267

The Pittsburgh Folk Festival and the Around the World in One Day Program are educational programs presented by the World Cultures Education Consortium of Western PA, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to "cultural appreciation and understanding through education. **For more information, please visit:** www.worldcultureseducation.org

Salsa Events with Marlon Silva

Salsa Nights at South Aiken Bar & Grill, Shadyside

Dates: Every Tuesday

Times: 9:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. (lessons: 8:00 - 8:30 p.m. for beginners, 8:30 - 9:00 p.m. for Intermediate and Advanced Combinations)

Cost: No Cover Charge

For more information: contact 412-682-6878

For more information on upcoming events, please visit: www.MarlonSilva.com

Weekly Language Classes/Practice Sessions

Language Classes at Tango Café

All classes are held at **Tango Cafe**, 5806 Forward Ave, Squirrel Hill

**Please ask about monthly prices all level classes*

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

Spanish Level I

Spanish instruction for beginners

Dates & Times: Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. & Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Spanish Level II

Basic grammar, vocabulary and conversation

Dates & Times: Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Spanish Level III

Intermediate grammar, reading and conversation

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

Spanish Level IV

Conversation, reading, writing and expressions

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

English Practice (for non-native speakers)

Practice English with native speakers

**Minimum purchase of \$3.00 from the menu*

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

Spanish Conversation "Tertulia"

Open Spanish conversation group

**Minimum purchase of \$3.00 from the menu*

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

*****Deadline*****

If you have an announcement related to a **Latin American/Caribbean activity** taking place during **September 2012** that you would like to share with others interested in the region, please send details by **August 20th** to: Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 4200 W.W. Posvar Hall,

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

Sorry, information will not be accepted over the phone



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