

Caribbean Borderlands (continued)

1:00-2:30 p.m. —Afternoon Opening Papers

Matthew Smith (Lecturer, History and Archaeology, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica): “Footprints on the Sea: Reflections on the Haitian-Jamaican Migratory Circuit”



Mary Chamberlain (Professor of Caribbean History, Oxford Brookes University, London): “Culture, Migration and Nationhood: Barbados and Empire 1937-1967”

2:45-4:00 p.m.—**Panel: Sexed Bodies and the Politics of Racial Belonging**

Nicole Bourbonnais (graduate student, Department of History, University of Pittsburgh): “Why Not Clean Your Own House First?: Religion, Sexual Morality, and Nationalism in the Jamaican Birth Control Debate, 1938-1939”

Becky Klink (graduate student, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh): “When Bodies go Beyond the Skin: The Violent Tendencies of Engendering Race”

Discussants: Mary Chamberlain and Matthew Smith



4:00-5:00 p.m.—Closing Paper

Karen Fog Olwig (Professor of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen): “Relating to Others: On the Edge of the Caribbean ‘Continuum’”

5:00-5:30 p.m.—Closing Discussion

Chaired by: Lara Putnam (Associate Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)

13th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

The Thirteenth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 14 and 15, 2008.

Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón delivered the keynote address on “Human Rights in the Americas: An International Legal Perspective.”

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 thirteenth conference, eight students from five departments and schools at the University of Pittsburgh and six non-Pitt students (from American University, Ohio University, Princeton University, and the University of Texas at Austin) presented papers and seven University of Pittsburgh faculty members provided discussion.

The 2008 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **María José Alvarez** (Sociology), **Alejandra Boza** (History), **Oscar de la Torre** (History), **Jorge Enrique Delgado** (Education), **Adriana Dobrzycka** (Public Health), **Yolanda Hernández-Albújar** (Sociology), **Gabriela Núñez** (Communication), **María Amalia Pesantes** (Anthropology), **Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Raga** (Political Science), and **Juan Antonio Rodríguez-Zepeda** (Political Science), 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.

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Main Venue: Library, Pittsburgh Athletic Association
(4215 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213)

9:45 a.m.

Welcome: **Kathleen M. DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

10:00 a.m. *Inequality and Economy in Latin America*

Moderator: **Adriana Dobrzycka**

Brandon Tracy (American University):
“Identifying the Subtle Effects of Household Income on Housing Quality in Brazil”

Laura Spagnolo (University of Texas, Austin) and coauthors Alvaro Quesada-Hofflinger and Viviana Salinas (University of Texas, Austin): “Growth with Equity? Pay Inequality in Chile During the Democratic Era (1990-2006)”

Alvaro Quesada-Hofflinger (University of Texas, Austin): “School Choice and Equality: The Impact of Voucher Schools on Educational Inequality in the Chilean Case”

Discussant: **Marla Ripoll** (Associate Professor, Department of Economics)



Left to right: Brandon Tracy, Adriana Dobrzycka, Marla Ripoll, Alvaro Quesada-Hofflinger, and Laura Spagnolo.



Left to right: Yolanda Hernandez-Albujar, Alejandra Boza, Jane Walsh, Sian Miranda Singh ÓFaoláin, and Reid Andrews.

1:00 p.m. *U.S.-Latin American Relations*

Moderator: **Alejandra Boza**

Yolanda Hernandez-Albujar (University of Pittsburgh): “Democracy in Latin America: Accounting for Internal and External Factors”

Sian Miranda Singh ÓFaoláin (Princeton University): “International Child Support Policy between the U.S. and Mexico”

Jane Walsh (University of Pittsburgh): “Migrant Mobilization: Tactics and Strategies Facilitating the Success of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers”

Discussant: **G. Reid Andrews** (University Center for International Studies Research Professor, Department of History)



3:00 p.m. *Cultural Expressions and Social Activism in Latin America*

Moderator: **Yolanda Hernandez-Albujar**

Kavin Dayanandan Paulraj (University of Pittsburgh):
“Reggae Music and the Politics of Race and Inequality”

Film: *Para La Comunidad, Desde La Comunidad* by **Mark Kendall** (Vanderbilt University)

Discussant: **Elizabeth Monterios** (Associate Professor, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures)



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Kavin Dayanandan Paulraj and Yolanda Hernandez-Albujar.

Conferences/Workshops (continued)

Left to right: Paul Nelson, Maria Amalia Pesantes, Jose Rene Argueta, and Amy Erica Smith.

Friday, February 15, 2008

10:00 a.m. *Redistribution, Growth and Government Performance in Latin America*

Moderator: **Jorge Enrique Delgado**
Kathryn Lankester (Princeton University): “Maximizing Gains: Blending Financial Access and Conditional-Cash Transfer in Mexico”

Brandon Tracy (American University): “The Breaker Between GDP and Electricity Consumption in Brazil”

Discussant: **Stewart E. Sutin** (Clinical Professor, School of Education)

1:00 p.m. *Impact of Government Policies and Institutions in Latin America*

Moderator: **Juan Antonio Rodriguez-Zepeda**

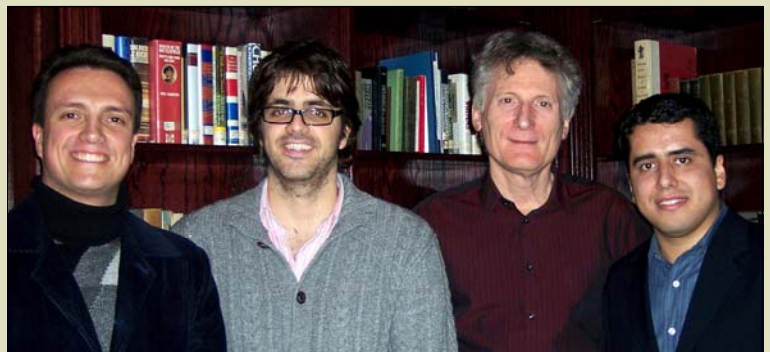
Jorge Enrique Delgado (University of Pittsburgh): “Scientific Journals Published by Colombian Universities Indexed by the National Bibliographic Index”

Juan Negri-Malbran (University of Pittsburgh): “Welfare Spending and Minorities in Brazil”

Discussant: **Barry Ames** (Andrew W. Mellon Professor, Department of Political Science)



Left to right: Brandon Tracy, Jorge Enrique Delgado, Stewart Sutin, and Kathryn Lankester.



Left to right: Jorge Enrique Delgado, Juan Negri-Malbran, Barry Ames, and Juan Antonio Rodriguez-Zepeda.



Left to right: Maria Amalia Pesantes, Julia Nogueira, and Patricia Documét.

2:30 p.m. *Public Health, Communication and Community Participation in Latin America*

Moderator: **Juan Antonio Rodriguez-Zepeda**

Julia Nogueira (Ohio University): “Centenary of Chagas Disease: Creating a Prevention Communication Strategy”

Maria Amalia Pesantes (University of Pittsburgh): “Cultural Differences, Community Participation and Health Program: The Challenges of Promoting Community Participation in Rural Peru”

Discussant: **Patricia Documét** (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public Health)

4:30 p.m.

2008 Keynote Address

Introduction: **Kahtleen M. DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)

Lecture: “Human Rights in the Americas: An International Legal Perspective” by

Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón



Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón (J.D., LL.M., S.J.D) is Professorial Lecturer in Residence and Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at American University, Washington College of Law, and teaches courses in the fields of international law and human rights law. His most recent books are *The Prohibition of Torture and Ill-Treatment in the Inter-American Human Rights System* (with Claudia Martin; 2006), published in three languages—English, Spanish, and Portuguese—and *Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos (International Human Rights Law)* (co-editor; 2004). He coauthored (with Claudio Grossman, Robert K. Goldman, and Claudia Martin) the casebook *The International Dimension of Human Rights: A Guide for Application in Domestic Law*, published by the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB 2001). He is also coauthor of the human rights casebook bestseller, *La Dimensión Internacional de los Derechos Humanos, Guía para la Aplicación de Normas Internacionales en el Derecho Interno* (with Claudia Martin and Tomas Ojea Quintana; IADB, 1999), as well as the *Repertorio de Jurisprudencia del Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, La Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos (Inter-American Human Rights Digest)* (with Claudio Grossman, Robert Goldman, and Claudia Martin; Vol. I and Vol. II, 1998). He was recently appointed *Ad Hoc* Judge to sit in the Inter-American Court on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. As correspondent for the British periodical *Butterworths Human Rights Cases*, Professor Rodríguez-Pinzón covers the Americas; he also reports on the inter-American system for the *Netherlands Human Rights Quarterly*. He has served as international legal consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) and the Organization of American States (OAS), among other institutions. He was also staff attorney at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS, Officer for Latin America at the International Human Rights Law Group (a Washington DC based non-governmental organization), and legal advisor for the Office of the President of Colombia.

Latin American Lecture and Symposium Series

CLAS' Latin American Lecture and Symposium Series primarily supports visits by scholars invited to the University of Pittsburgh by CLAS faculty members, as well as public lectures by faculty members themselves. As the list below indicates, this results in 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 about the Latin American and Caribbean region.



September 26, 2007

DISCUSSION OF STYLE AND THEME IN THE SILK SCREENS OF ELIO RODRIGUEZ—by **Elio Rodríguez** (Cuban Artist)

October 18, 2007

“AMERICAN VISA”: A BOOK AND FILM PRESENTATION—by **Juan Recacochea** (Author of *American Visa*) and **Adrian Althoff** (Translator of *American Visa*)

