



CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Spring 2025 Schedule of Events

Border to Border Series

Join us for a series exploring global issues surrounding borders and migration. We'll compare migration routes across regions, examine various types of borders (beyond just migration), and address misconceptions about who crosses them and why.

January 10: *Immigration, Activism, and the High Stakes of the 2024 Election - What Now?*
4130 Posvar Hall, 6-8 PM

April 2-6: *Beyond Borders: Reclaiming Indigenous Knowledge for Amazonian Healing*, with **Mayor Alfonso García Hernández**, indigenous healer, elder, and president of Ñatapai Jiyona (Healthy Life), Time and Location TBA

April 2-6: **Federico Ríos**, *The Life of a Photojournalist*, Time and Location TBA

CLAS Speaker Series

4:30 PM | 4130 Posvar Hall and Zoom (*Light dinner provided*)

January 29: **Andrea Peña Vazquez**, GSPIA/Pitt, *Toleration Instead of Refuge: The Proliferation of Temporary Protections in Latin America*

February 5: *Billie Lozano Scholar*

Alessandra Gasparotto, Universidade Federal de Pelotas, *Corporate Complicity and Human Rights Violations in Brazil's Dictatorship (1964–1985): Insights from Recent Amazon Research*

February 19: *Billie Lozano Scholar*

Mariana Muaze, Universidade Federal do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, *Stories of Rubber Plantations: Orality, Gender, and Labor in the Acre and Purus River Basin (1912–1997)*

March 27: **Lisa Ortiz**, School of Education/Pitt, *Puerto Rican Mothers Who Stay: Negotiating Gender, Labor and (non)Migration to Rural Midwest*

April 2: **Martha Abreu**, Universidade Federal Fluminense, *In Search of Slave Ship Camargo: the quilombo of Bracui and the fight for historical reparations for slavery in Brazil*

April 9: **Regina Horta Duarte**, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, *Activist Environmental History: On War Machines and Guerilla Strategies*

International Conference: *Authoritarianism, Memory and Human Rights in Latin America*

This conference unites scholars from Latin America and the U.S. to explore authoritarian governance, collective memory, and the fight for justice and human rights. Topics include political parties under authoritarian regimes, grassroots memory initiatives, transitional justice, and strengthening democratic resilience against rising authoritarianism, in partnership with the Global Studies Center and the Center for Civil Rights and Justice.

February 13: *Exploring the Legacies of Authoritarianism in Latin America: Archival Research and Collective Memory* in partnership with the World History Center
12:30-2 PM/Room 4130 Posvar Hall

February 13: Keynote 4:30 PM, 4130 Posvar Hall

February 14: Conference 9-5:00 PM, Center for Urban Education, 4th Floor Posvar Hall.

Outreach/Engagement Events, Lectures and Panels

February 22: Visit to the exhibit "In Slavery's Wake: Making Black Freedom in the World" at the National Museum of African American History and Culture

February 26: Slavery, Museums, and Public Engagement

Johanna Obenda, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Kilolo Luckett, Chief Curator, Alma | Lewis

Jason Hank, Beaver Area High School

12-2 PM, Room 4130 Posvar Hall

March 12: *Fugitive Decisions, Free Soil, and Antillean Geopolitics in the 1820s and 1830s*

In partnership with

the History Department

Gunvor Simonsen, University of Copenhagen

Sue Peabody, Washington State University

4:30 PM, History Department Lounge,

3rd Floor Posvar Hall

Clube do Livro

February 11 and April 8 | 4200 Posvar Hall

Afro-Latin American Studies at Pitt: Conference in Honor of George Reid Andrews

In collaboration with the History Department

April 18 | 2:30-8:30 PM | Provost Suites, 2nd Floor Posvar Hall

Charlemos!

A virtual series to discuss critical social and political challenges in Latin America today. Stay updated on upcoming discussions by visiting the CLAS website and social media.

Cultura Negra no Atlantico (CULTNA)

Cultura Negra no Atlantico (CULTNA) is an initiative that brings together the Laboratório de História Oral e Imagem (LABHOI) at the Universidade Federal Fluminense and Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora and the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Once a month, we discuss recent work with scholars and students interested in the topic. Discussions are held in Portuguese.

Workshops for K-16 and Community

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) offers a range of programming focused on the Americas and its people. If you have a specific topic in mind, CLAS can develop a custom workshop tailored to your organization's needs. Workshops are designed for various audiences, including the general public and K-16 educators.

CLAS Featured Event

Latin American and Caribbean Festival

April 5: Galleria- 1st Floor Wesley W. Posvar Hall

This year marks the 42nd edition of the festival. As the Latino and Hispanic population in Pittsburgh continues to grow, the festival has become one of the largest gatherings of Latinos in Western Pennsylvania.



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