

An aerial photograph of a coastal city, likely Rio de Janeiro, showing a dense cluster of buildings with red-tiled roofs nestled between a large body of water and a lush green forest. The water is a deep blue, and several small boats are visible. The foreground is dominated by the vibrant green leaves of a tree, partially obscuring the view of the city and forest.

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Honors Day



Larry Feick.

The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) held its annual reception to celebrate the achievements of students and faculty in Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh on April 10, 2013. The occasion recognizes fellowships, awards, and grants administered through CLAS as well as those from other units of the University and from organizations outside the University. A welcome and opening remarks were provided by **Larry Feick** (Director of the University Center for International Studies and Senior Director of International Programs), and CLAS/University of Pittsburgh alumnus **David Whitted** (Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State) delivered the feature address.

¡Felicitaciones/Parabéns to the most recent CLAS graduates!

Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies

August 2012

Yolanda Hernández-Albujar—Sociology

December 2012

Juan Hernández Aguilera—Global Political Economy (GSPIA)

April 2013

Laura Gamez Diaz—Anthropology

Monica Jacobo Suarez—Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)

Natalie Kimball—History

Lauren McChesney—Law

Andrew Reed—Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability (GSPIA)

Matthew Rhodes—Administrative and Policy Studies (Education)

Graduate Certificate in Latin American Social and Public Policy

April 2013

Alejandra Boza Villareal—History

Morgan Brown—Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)

Nestor Castañeda—Political Science

Maria Escorcia—Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability (GSPIA)

Laura Lucia Gamez Diaz—Anthropology

Edgard Largaespada—Human Security (GSPIA)

Emily Metz Cherne—Hispanic Languages and Literatures

Erin Morse—NGOs and Civil Society (GSPIA)

Kimberly Rak—Anthropology

Bernadette Vega Sanchez—Human Security (GSPIA)

Undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies

August 2012

Alexis Doroski—Spanish/Urban Studies

Richard Hill—History/Political Science

Meredith Kerrigan—Anthropology/Spanish

Edward Lach—Economics/Spanish minor

Justin Lauro—Psychology/Anthropology

Noelle Natalie—Marketing/Studio Arts minor

Nicola White—Business Administration/Political Science

December 2012

Emma Fitzgibbon—Biology

Laryssa Richards—Spanish

Chelsea Vecchiarelli—Spanish

Meghan Williams—Spanish/Portuguese minor

April 2013

Daniel Ament—Economics/Spanish/Sociology minor

Madeline Betlach—Finance/Economics minor/Spanish minor

Moria Black—Neuroscience

Anna Bondar—Pharmacy

Amanda Church—Spanish

Rachel Croitoru—Spanish/Sociology

Colleen Dieringer—English Literature

Mercedes Dollard—Spanish/Political Science minor/French minor

Abi Downing—Global Management

Chelsea Fitzgerald—Pharmacy

Kaitlin Folweiler—Neuroscience/Spanish minor/Chemistry minor

Rachel Gately—History/Spanish/Portuguese minor

Annie Gula—Molecular Biology/Chemistry minor/Spanish minor

Molly Hallowell—Spanish/Communication

John Herse—Anthropology/Spanish

Lauren Hogsett—Sociology

Nadia Johnson—Anthropology

Johanna Jones—English Writing/Political Science minor

Lorraine Keeler—Environmental Studies/Portuguese minor

Christopher Leiden—Environmental Studies

Laina Lockett—Ecology and Evolution/minors in Chemistry, Theatre, Music

Raymond Mazzocco—Political Science/Spanish/Portuguese minor

Evelyn McCoy—Spanish/Music
John McElhattan—Environmental Studies
Rose McKinley—Communication/History
Jeffrey Nelson—Economics/Portuguese minor
Brianna Norris—Ecology and Evolution/Spanish minor
Samantha Seltzer—Political Science/Spanish minor/Portuguese minor
Sarah Sleasman—Linguistics/Spanish/Chinese minor
Lara Sozansky—Political Science/Philosophy/Spanish minor
Brenna Sweetman—Environmental Studies
Michael Tantum—Political Science/History
Alexa Verink—Global Management/Economics minor/Spanish minor
Maria Vietz—Communication
Christina Villani—Spanish

Undergraduate Related Concentration in Latin American Studies

August 2012

Matthew Auger—Business/Spanish/Portuguese minor
Suzanne Cake—Biology
Jonathan Kolb—Economics

April 2013

Danielle Cameron—Communication/English Writing
Meredith Feldman—Applied Developmental Psychology
Tara Nair—Psychology/Linguistics/Spanish minor
Alicia Quebral—Political Science
Kelsi Shanley—Psychology/Administration of Justice minor

Congratulations to all!

CLAS Support to Faculty and Students for Study, Research, and Travel

Each year, CLAS conducts competitions to provide funding for its faculty and students to undertake study, research, and travel that will enhance their expertise on the Latin American/Caribbean region. During 2012-13, CLAS faculty and students were the recipients of 123 awards administered through the Center, and 72 students completed certificates/related concentrations. Funding for the awards came from a variety of sources, including: the Howard Heinz Latin American Archaeology Fund, The Andrew W. Mellon Latin American Archaeology Fund, the Howard Heinz Latin American Social and Public Policy Fund, the U.S. Department of Education, anonymous donors, Violeta F. Rodríguez, the Shirley Kregar Scholarship Fund, the Cole and Marty Blasier Scholarship Fund, the Research and Teaching Fund for Latin American Studies, the Student Endowment Fund for the Latin American Studies Program, the University Center for International Studies, and the University of Pittsburgh.

Numerous faculty members served on committees to select the recipients of these awards. The staff of CLAS extends their appreciation to these faculty for taking time from their busy schedules to accomplish this task:

Jorge Abad (Engineering), **Daniel Balderston** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **James Craft** (Business), **Alejandro de la Fuente** (History), **Jorge Delgado** (Education), **Kathleen M. DeWalt** (Anthropology), **Martha Mantilla** (Lozano Library Collection), **Scott Morgenstern** (Political Science), **Chiara Nardone** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Paul Nelson** (Public and International

Affairs), **Marta Ortega-Llebaria** (Linguistics), **Lara Putnam** (History), **Harry Sanabria** (Anthropology), and **Dorolyn Smith** (Linguistics).

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS (10)

Purpose: To help support small-scale research projects or provide seed money for larger projects by faculty members.
Awardees:

Elizabeth Arkush (Assistant Professor, Anthropology): “Archaeological Materials Analysis, Documentation, and Site Exhibit at Machu Llaqta, Puno, Peru”

Jerome Branche (Associate Professor, Hispanic Languages and Literatures): “Zapata Olivella, Race, and Transformational Culture in Colombia”

Daniel D. Budny (Associate Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering): “The Final Step in the Development of ENGR1098 – International Senior Design Experience: in Panama”

María Auxiliadora Cordero (Research Associate, Anthropology): “Collecting Samples of Sweet Potato for DNA Analysis: Diffusion of a New World Cultivar”

Juan Duchesne-Winter (Professor, Hispanic Languages and Literatures): “Literary Engagement with Oral Traditions as a Form of Agency among the Wiwa of Colombia”

Marcela González Rivas (Assistant Professor, Public and International Affairs): “Capstone Seminar International Project Planning: The Sustainable Rural Cities Program”

Laura E. Gotkowitz (Associate Professor, History): “Trials without End: Political Violence and Democracy in Bolivia after World War II”

Robert M. Hayden (Professor, Anthropology): “Finalize NSF Proposal with Enrique Lopez-Hurtado (Investigador, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, Lima) and Discuss Possible Cooperation with IEP and with the Ministerio de Cultura, Qhapaq Ñan Project”

Elizabeth Monasterios (Associate Professor, Hispanic Languages and Literatures): “The Titikaka Avant-Garde. An Andean Decolonizing Debate in The Midst of Modernity”

Luis E. Vallejo (Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering): “Field Trip to Acquire Engineering Data about Mayan Structures in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico”

Honors (continued)

GRADUATE STUDENT FIELD RESEARCH GRANTS (14)

Purpose: To help support short-term field research projects by graduate students.

Awardees:

Ronald Alfaro-Redondo

(Political Science): "Challenging Electoral Results in Democratic Regimes"

Gabriela Cervantes Quequezana

(Anthropology): "Social Organization in the Prehispanic North Coast of Peru (600-1300 AD)"

Rachel Chamberlin

(Anthropology/Public Health): "Building Citizens: Understanding the Relationship between State-Sponsored Healthcare Projects and Foreign Medical Initiatives"



Rachel Chamberlin.

Kristin Dauer (Civil and Environmental Engineering): "Morphodynamics of Amazonian Rivers"

Alana Nicole DeLoge (Linguistics): "Indigenous Language and Intercultural Health in Bolivia"

Andrea Juliana Enciso (Hispanic Languages and Literatures):

"Buddhist Thought in Contemporary Intellectual Production in Argentina"

Cary Aileen Garcia Yero (History): "A History of Masculinities and Musical Culture in Havana, 1940-1970"

Alana Nicole DeLoge.



US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (Academic Year 2012-13) (7)

Purpose: To support graduate students in their study of Latin American languages and the area.

Awardees:

John Galante (History), Portuguese

Rachael C. Greenwalt (Public and International Affairs/Public Health), Quechua

Jesse Horst (History), Portuguese

Caleb Pittman (Law), Quechua

Trisha Netsch (Anthropology), Quechua

Andrew R. Reed (Public and International Affairs), Portuguese

Kelly Urban (History), Portuguese

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (Summer 2011-12) (3)

Purpose: To support students in their study of Latin American languages.

Awardees:

Christopher Baldwin (Anthropology/Linguistics), Kichwa

Travis Fink (Economics), Portuguese

Trisha Netsch (Anthropology), Quechua

Diana Rocío Hoyos Gómez (Anthropology): "Grassroots Initiatives in the Context of the Colombian Transitional Justice Process: The Case of Montes de Maria and Eastern Antioquia"

Lizette Alda Muñoz (Anthropology): "Afro-Andean Foodways in Two Colonial Haciendas of Southern Peru"

Rodolfo Cesar Ortiz (Hispanic Languages and Literatures): "Collection, Organization and Study of Unpublished and Dispersed Work by Arturo Borda"

Maria Julia Rossi (Hispanic Languages and Literatures): "Writing in the Making: The Reconstruction of Silvina Ocampo and Clarice Lispector's Creative Processes"

Juan Carlos Vargas Ruiz (Anthropology): "Settlement Patterns and Agriculture Strategies in the Llanos of Casanare"



Juan Carlos surveying a possible Prehispanic causeway, Rio Chitamera, Tauramena, Casanare, Colombia.

Sofia Vera (Political Science): "The Consequences of Party Nationalization"

Yu Xiao (Political Science): "Cuban Economic and Political Reforms"

LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIPS (Academic Year 2012-13) (4)

Purpose: To assist Latin Americanist scholars interested in various dimensions of social policy to pursue advanced graduate studies.

Awardees:

Miguel Carreras (Political Science)

Diana Hoyos Gomez (Anthropology)

Orlando Rivero (History)

Katherine R. Watt (Public and International Affairs)

GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY—Department of Anthropology (2012-13) (8)

Purpose: To provide support for students (primarily from Latin America) to pursue studies in archaeology leading to the doctoral degree in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Awardees:

Gabriela Cervantes Quequezana (Peru)

Peiyu Chen (Taiwan)

Laura Lucia Gamez Diaz (Guatemala)

Patrick Mullins (United States)

Francisco Romano (Colombia)

Ana Luz Sejas Portillo (Bolivia)

Ricardo F. Sol Castillo (Costa Rica)

Juan Carlos Vargas Ruiz (Colombia)

TUITION REMISSION FELLOWSHIPS (Academic Year 2012-13) (16)

Purpose: To provide full or partial tuition remission fellowships for students in the Latin American Studies' programs.

Awardees:

Irene Cabrera Nossa from Colombia (Public and International Affairs)

Gabriel Chouhy Algorta from Uruguay (Sociology)

Rachel Chamberlain from U.S. (Anthropology/Public Health)

Alana Nicole DeLoge from U.S. (Linguistics)

Maria Golden from U.S. (English Literature/Classics)

José David Herazo Rivera from Colombia (Education)

Richard Hill from U.S. (Public and International Affairs)

Diana Rocío Hoyos Gómez from Colombia (Anthropology)

Sandor Lukacs de Pereny Martens from Peru (Public and International Affairs)

Maria Amalia Pesantes from Peru (Anthropology)

Lizette Ponce Fernandez from Ecuador (Public and International Affairs)

Candice Ruiz from U.S. (Public and International Affairs)

Hector Ruiz Sanchez from Colombia (Anthropology)

Amanda Sassa from U.S. (Spanish/Business)

Bernadette Vega Sanchez from Colombia (Public and International Affairs)

Peter Yehl from U.S. (Public and International Affairs)

TRAVEL TO PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (Academic Year 2012-13) (30)

Purpose: To provide faculty, students, and staff with travel funds to support their participation in conferences/meetings on Latin America.

Awardees:

FACULTY (13)

María Auxiliadora Cordero (Anthropology), **Jorge Delgado** (Education), **Armando Garcia** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Laura Gotkowitz** (History), **Yolanda Hernández-Albujar** (Sociology), **Lisa Jackson-Schebetta** (Theatre Arts), **Joshua Lund** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Martha Mantilla** (Library), **Elizabeth Monasterios** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Lara Putnam** (History), **James B. Richardson III** (Anthropology), **Rob Ruck** (History), **Nuno Themudo da Silva** (Public and International Affairs)

STUDENTS (17)

Ignacio Arana Araya (Political Science), **Maria Balladares** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Hannah Burdette** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Nestor Castañeda** (Political Science), **Gabriel Chouhy Algorta** (Sociology), **Emma Freeman** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Jairo Hoyos** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Monica Jacobo Suarez** (Public and International Affairs), **Elizabeth Molnar** (History), **Erin Morse** (Public and International Affairs), **Rodolfo Cesar Ortiz** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Kayla Paulk** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Arne Romanowski** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Maria del Carmen Saldarriaga** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Luis Trelles** (Political Science), **Yen-Pin Su** (Political Science), **Kelly Urban** (History)

Honor's Day Featured Speaker

David Whitted is a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State. Since joining the Foreign Service in 2005, David has served as vice consul at the U.S. Consulate Generals in Monterrey, Mexico, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In 2011, he served at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan, as the Fraud Prevention Manager in the Consular Section.



Currently, he is learning Thai at the Foreign Service Institute in preparation for his next assignment at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, where he will be the Assistant Information Officer. David also speaks Spanish and Portuguese.

Prior to the Foreign Service, David gained valuable international experience during several summers interning at the U.S. Embassies in Santiago, Chile; La Paz, Bolivia; and San Jose, Costa Rica; in addition to USAID in Washington, D.C.

Born of native Chicagoans, David was raised outside Atlanta, Georgia. In 2003, he graduated from Howard University in Washington, D.C. with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. During his final year of undergraduate studies, David was awarded the prestigious Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship and continued his studies at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2005, he obtained a master's degree in Security and Intelligence Studies at GSPIA (Graduate School of Public and International Affairs), while also earning a certificate from CLAS (Center of Latin American Studies).

He lives with his partner of four years, Felipe Soares, and seven-year-old Great Dane. He enjoys traveling, amateur DJ'ing, tennis, and playing cello.



2013 Seminar and Field Trip participants in Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina.

Back (left to right): Rebecca Wallace, Lindsey Shrefler, Robert Beecher, Amelia Townsend, Maria Golden, Alec Jachwak, and Matt Rhodes.

Front (left to right): Amanda Sassa, Amelia Thorne, Kaleen Hayes, Maria Barboza, Grace Kelly, and Kevin Kerr.

UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR/FIELD TRIP, ROSARIO, SANTA FE, ARGENTINA (2013)
Purpose: Each year CLAS subsidizes most of the cost of sending a group of undergraduates, selected on a competitive basis, to a Latin American country where each student conducts an individually designed research project.
Project Director: **Matthew Rhodes** (Education)
Undergraduate Participants in the 2013 Seminar and Field Trip (12):
Maria S. Barboza (Undeclared)
Robert E. Beecher (Political Science/Urban Studies)

Maria C. Golden (English Literature)
Kaleen N. Hayes (Undeclared)
Alec W. Jachwak (Political Science)
Grace A. Kelly (History/History of Art and Architecture)
Kevin A. Kerr, Jr. (Spanish)
Amanda L. Sassa (Business/Spanish)
Lindsey N. Shrefler (Spanish)
Amelia E. Thorne (Economics/Urban Studies)
Madeline E. Townsend (Spanish)
Rebecca L. Wallace (Undeclared)



The Panoramas Staff (left to right): Julian Asenjo (Editor), Sarah Sleasman, Javier Vázquez-D'Elia, Lauren Hogsett, Rachel Gately, Kimberly Bennett, and Luis Van Fossen Bravo (Webmaster and Operations Manager); not in picture, Meghan Williams.



PANORAMAS EDITORIAL COORDINATORS (2)
Kimberly Bennett (Law/Public and International Affairs)
Javier Vázquez-D'Elia (Political Science)

PANORAMAS PROJECT ASSISTANTS (4)
Purpose: To assist in the development, implementation, and maintenance of CLAS' web portal—Panoramas.
Rachel Gately (History/Spanish)
Lauren Hogsett (Sociology)
Sarah Sleasman (Spanish/Linguistics)
Meghan Williams (Spanish)

2011-12 EDUARDO LOZANO MEMORIAL DISSERTATION PRIZE
Purpose: The prize is awarded annually for the best doctoral dissertation at the University of Pittsburgh on a topic related to Latin America, the Caribbean, or Latin American communities in other countries.
Awardee: **Matthew Casey** (PhD 2012 History) for "*From Haiti to Cuba and Back: Haitians' Experiences of Migration, Labor, and Return, 1900-1940*"
Honorable Mention: **Laura Macia-Vergara** (PhD 2012 Anthropology) for "*Dealing with Grievances: The Latino Experience in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*"

Eduardo Lozano Memorial Dissertation Prize

The Eduardo Lozano Memorial Dissertation Prize was created to honor the life and work of Eduardo Lozano, who directed the Latin American collection at Hillman Library from 1967 until his death in August 2006 and developed it into one of the most outstanding collections of its kind in the world. Lozano was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in 1925. In addition to being a distinguished librarian, he was a renowned painter and poet. The prize is awarded annually for the best doctoral dissertation at the University of Pittsburgh on a topic related to Latin America, the Caribbean, or Latin American communities in other countries. The prize is funded by annual contributions from the Center for Latin American Studies, the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, and generous donations to the Eduardo Lozano Memorial Dissertation Prize Fund.

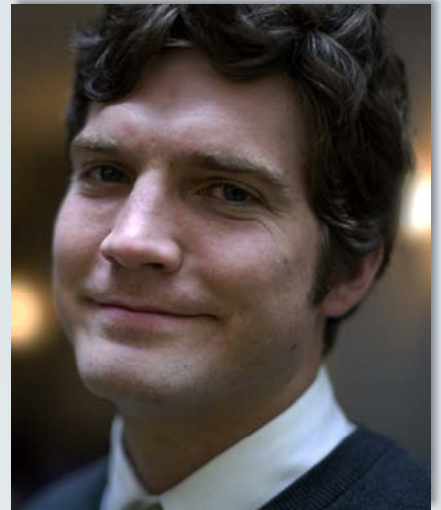
For 2011-12, the award was presented to **Matthew Casey** (History) for his dissertation "From Haiti to Cuba and Back: Haitians' Experiences of Migration, Labor, and Return, 1900-1940." The selection committee provided the following comments on the dissertation: "This study challenges the traditional perception of Haitian workers in Cuba as isolated cane-cutters in American sugar plantations. It shows that Haitian migration to Cuba started long before the US occupation of Haiti in 1915. Haitian migrants in Cuba were not only employed as cane-cutters; they also played an important role in coffee production and led mixed religious communities. The dissertation also provides an original study of the impact of return migrants in Haiti. Casey conducted research in seventeen different archives in Cuba, Haiti, and the United States. His use of Cuban nationalization records to reconstruct local migration networks is original and insightful. An article based on the dissertation was awarded a prize by the Association of Caribbean Historians, and his dissertation promises to become an important book."

Prior to coming to Pitt in 2004, Matt completed a Bachelor of Arts in History and Spanish at the University of Texas at Austin. He received the Master of Arts in History at Pitt in 2006. His 2011 article, "Haitians' Labor and Leisure on Cuban Sugar Plantations: The Limits of Company Control," *New West Indian Guide* 85(1-2):5-30, was awarded the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize by the Association of Caribbean Historians. He joined the faculty of the Department of History at the University of Southern Mississippi as an assistant professor in September 2012. The PDF version of the dissertation can be viewed at: <http://search.proquest.com/docview/1048255767?accountid=14709>.

The committee also awarded an Honorable Mention to **Laura Macia-Vergara** (Anthropology) for her dissertation, titled, "Dealing with Grievances: The Latino Experience in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania." The selection committee provided the following comments on the dissertation: "This dissertation expands current debates about legal pluralism by showing how migrant communities combine the legal system of the recipient society with their own norms to navigate social conflicts. The study adopts a broad understanding of grievances that transcends individual party disputes to incorporate diffuse offenses such as discrimination and bias. Macia-Vergara's work offers an excellent example of how to combine ethnographic work and quantitative analysis in order to understand hybrid normative systems."

Dr. Macia-Vergara currently serves as Project Coordinator in the Department of Behavioral and Community Health Sciences, Graduate School of Public Health, University of Pittsburgh. The PDF version of the dissertation can be viewed at: <http://search.proquest.com/docview/1071287564?accountid=14709>.

This year's nominated dissertations were evaluated by a selection committee consisting of G. Reid Andrews, Distinguished Professor, history; John Beverley, Distinguished Professor, Hispanic languages and literatures; and Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, Associate Professor, political science.



Honors (continued)

OUTREACH SCHOOL VISIT
PROGRAM ASSISTANT (1)
Mildred Lopez (Hispanic
Languages and Literatures)



Evelyn McCoy and Samantha Seltzer.

CLAS STUDENT AMBASSADORS (2)

Purpose: For outstanding students to assist the Center in disseminating information (principally to undergraduates) about training programs and other research and study opportunities. Student ambassadors may receive support in the form of full or partial tuition remission fellowships.

Awardees:

Evelyn McCoy (Music/Spanish)

Samantha Seltzer (Political Science/Spanish)

DAVID B. HOUSTON SCHOLARSHIP (2)

Purpose: To recognize a student whose academic work and career objectives are dedicated to issues of human rights and social justice in Latin America.

Awardee: **Alejandro Trelles** (Political Science)

Honorable Mentions: **Julia Radomski** (Anthropology) and

Samantha Seltzer (Political Science/Spanish)

THE COLE AND MARTY BLASIER AWARDS (2)

Purpose: For study/research in Latin America.

Awardees:

Rachel Gately (History/Spanish)

Edgard Largaespada (Public and International Affairs)



Mildred Lopez.



Rachel Gately.



Edgard Largaespada.

THE VIOLETA F. RODRÍGUEZ AWARDS (2)

Purpose: To provide an incentive for undergraduates to study abroad.

Awardees:

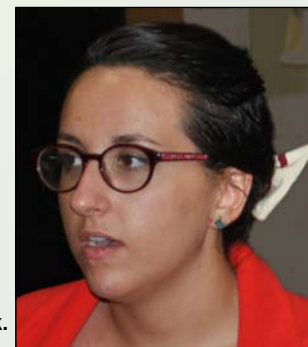
Kaitlyn Livingstone

(Spanish/Linguistics)

Annie Preaux

(Anthropology/Chemistry)

Annie Preaux.



Maria Golden.

SHIRLEY KREGAR SCHOLARSHIPS (2)

Purpose: To support study by undergraduate students in Latin America.

Awardees:

Maria Golden (English
Literature/Classics)

Patricia Morel (Nursing)

2012-13 University of Pittsburgh and External Fellowships and Awards

FACULTY

DIETRICH SCHOOL OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

American Council of Learned Societies Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, to: **Laura A. Gotkowitz** (History)

American Library Association Black Caucus Outstanding Contribution to Publishing Award, to: **Laurence A. Glasco** (History)

American Political Science Association Political Psychology Section Robert E. Lane Award, to: **Jonathan Hurwitz** (Political Science)



Laurence A. Glasco.



Jorge D. Abad.

American Society of Public Administration Fred Riggs Award, to: **B. Guy Peters** (Political Science)

Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action 2012 Virginia Hodgkinson Research Prize, to: **Kathleen Blee** (Sociology)

University of Pittsburgh Provost's Award for Excellence in Mentoring, to: **B. Guy Peters** (Political Science)

JOHN A. SWANSON SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

American Society for Engineering Education 2012 Sharon Keillor Award, to: **Mary Besterfield-Sacre** (Industrial Engineering)

American Society of Civil Engineers 2011 Wesley W. Horner Award, to: **Jorge D. Abad** (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

American Society of Civil Engineers Pittsburgh Section 2011 Professor of the Year, to: **Daniel D. Budny** (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

Distinguished Service Professor of Industrial Engineering, to: **Larry J. Shuman** (Industrial Engineering)

Engineers Without Borders USA Premier Project Award, to: **Daniel D. Budny** (Civil and Environmental Engineering)

William Kepler Whiteford Professorship, for outstanding productivity as a senior member of the faculty, to: **George E. Klinzing** (Chemical and Petroleum Engineering)

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Joan Boada and Merce Rovira Award, II Fundacio ACE, in recognition of the efforts of maintaining a productive scientific collaboration between the United States and Spain, to: **Oscar L. Lopez**

Universidad Renee Favaloro, Buenos Aires, Argentina, appointed Profesor Honoris Causa, in recognition of lifetime scientific and academic achievements, to: **Oscar L. Lopez**

GRADUATE STUDENTS

Association of Caribbean Historians Andres Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize, to: **Matthew Casey** (History)



Jesse Horst.

Elizabeth U. Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award, to: **Corinne Ogrodnik** (Sociology)

Cuban Heritage Collection Graduate Research Fellowship, to: **Jesse Horst** (History)

Fulbright Graduate Fellowship, for advanced study and/or research at the graduate level, to:

Irene Cabrera Nossa (Public and International Affairs)

Gabriel Chouhy Algorta (Sociology)

Francisco Garrido Escobar (Anthropology)

Sandor Lukacs de Pereny Martens (Public and International Affairs)

Lizette Ponce Fernandez (Public and International Affairs)

Hector Ruiz Sanchez (Anthropology)

Jorge Saldana (Political Science)

Bernadette Vega Sanchez (Public and International Affairs)

Bernadette Vega Sanchez.



George E. Klinzing.



Orlando Rivero-Valdes.



John Polga-Hecimovich.

Andrew Mellon Predoctoral Fellowships, for superior performance in the academic disciplines of arts and sciences at the graduate level, to:

Department of History European Studies Dissertation Research Grant, to: **Orlando Rivero-Valdes** (History)

Department of History European Studies Predissertation Summer Research Grant, to: **John Galante** (History)

Norman P. Hummon Memorial Research Award, for an outstanding research project in sociology, to: **Daniel Nuñez** (Sociology)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, to: **John Polga-Hecimovich** (Political Science)

Jorge Perez-Lopez Graduate Student Essay Prize, to: **Jesse Horst** (History)

Social Science Research Council: Drugs, Security, and Democracy Fellowship, to: **Reynaldo Rojo Mendoza** (Political Science)

Department of Statistics Applied Statistics Education Committee Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award to: **Corinne Ogrodnik** (Sociology)



Hannah Burdette.

Hannah Burdette (Hispanic Language and Literatures)

Sebastian Fajardo Bernal (Anthropology)

Arturo Matute-Castro (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

John Polga-Hecimovich (Political Science)

Maria Postigo Guzman (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

SCHOOL OF LAW

William H. Eckert Prize, to the students writing a superior paper in the upper division JD Program, to:

Kimberly L. Stains

School of Law Community Service Award, to graduating students who have demonstrated exceptional character and commitment to the community by providing significant voluntary service to the community while in law school, to: **Kimberly L. Stains**

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Alumni Doctoral Fellowship, to: **Jose Herazo**

K. Leroy Irvis Diversity Doctoral Fellowship, to: **Rashonda Ross**





Jose Herazo.

Paul H. Masoner International Education Graduate Fellowship, to: **Jose Herazo**

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
Coca-Cola Foundation Minority Fellowship Awards Program, for an outstanding student from a historically underrepresented population pursuing a career in international affairs and development, to: **Candice L. Ruiz**

Dean's Award, for the most distinguished record among all students in the graduating class in terms of academic achievement and service to the school, to: **Allison Marie Coffman**

Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, in recognition of outstanding scholars in the field of public affairs and administration, to: **Juan Nicolas Hernández Aguilera**

Carl Ware Fellowship, for an outstanding student from a historically underrepresented population who has overcome social adversity, to: **Odilia R. Coffta** (Education)

NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD (2012)
Italian Room Committee Scholarship, to conduct research on Italian immigration to Argentina in Rome, Italy, to: **John Galante** (History)



Andrew Reed.

Ivan Santa-Cruz Memorial Award, to study renewable energy initiatives in Chile, to: **Andrew Reed** (Public and International Affairs)

Ivan Santa-Cruz Memorial Grant, to study aesthetic elements of student protest in Santiago and regional social movement in Aisén as well as the mutual influences between movements in Chile, to: **Christopher Nielsen** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

University Scholars, for attaining the top two percent in cumulative undergraduate academic standing by school.

Seniors

Alexis M. Adams (Linguistics)

Sarah E. McFarland (Anthropology/Sociology)

Jeffrey O. Nelson (Economics)



Allison Marie Coffman.



Juan Nicolas Hernández.



Jeffrey O. Nelson.

Julia Radomski (Anthropology/Economics)

Sara Viragova (Molecular Biology)
Juniors

Alexa W. Stango (Psychology)

Phi Beta Kappa members, for superior scholastic achievement in undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences. Initiates for 2012:

Suzanne Cake (Economics)

Annie Gula (Chemistry)

John McElhattan (Environmental Studies)

Gregory McKee (Environmental Studies)

Brenna Sweetman (Environmental Studies)

Golden Key International Honour Society, for the top 15 percent of the junior and senior classes. Initiates for 2012-2013: **Arpan Prabhu** (Economics)

Phi Eta Sigma, for freshmen who have attained a 3.5 QPA during either of the first two terms. Initiates for 2012-2013: **Danielle M. Scalise** (Economics/Political Science)

Lambda Sigma, for sophomore scholarship, leadership, and service. Initiates for 2012-13: **Grace Kelly** (History/History of Art and Architecture)

Omicron Delta Kappa, for meritorious leadership in extracurricular activities, superior scholarship, and general campus citizenship, with emphasis on the development of the whole person, both as a member of the college community and as a prospective contributor to a better society. Initiates for 2012: **Laina S. Lockett** (Ecology and Evolution)

Julia Radomski (Anthropology/Economics)

Outside the Classroom Curriculum Honorary Society, for demonstrating the initiative to engage fully in the education of the whole student. Initiates for 2011-2012:

Emma Fitzgibbon (Biological Sciences)

Annie L. Gula (Chemistry)

Mary Mallampalli
(Philosophy/Political Science/Spanish)

Vivianne Oyefusi
(Biological Sciences/English Writing)

Arpan V. Prabhu
(Economics)

Mildred Miller Posvar Scholarship, to: **Evelyn McCoy** (Music/Spanish)



Grace Kelly.



Mary Mallampalli.



Richard J. Hill.

Gary J. Rathburn Undergraduate International Research Award, to: **Richard J. Hill** (Political Science/History)

2011 Jennifer and Eric Spiegel Book Award, to: **Rose McKinley** (Communication/History)

NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDY ABROAD (2012) Women's International Club Grant, to: **Annie Preaux** (Anthropology/Chemistry)

UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE Boren Awards for International Study, to: **Devani Whitehead** (Communication)

Fulbright US Student Program, to: **Lindsay Kramer** (Spanish/Anthropology)
Alek Suni (Economics)

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, to: **Sophia Hinkle** (Linguistics)

Devani N. Whitehead.



Rose McKinley.

G. Alec Stewart Student Achievement Award, to: **Julia Radomski** (Anthropology/Economics)

University Honors College Off-Campus Research Award, to: **Jeffrey O. Nelson** (Economics)

Evelyn McCoy (Music/Spanish)

U.K. Fulbright Commission Summer Institutes for U.S. Undergraduates, to: **Sarah McFarland** (Anthropology/Sociology)

Fall Brackenridge Research Fellowship, to: **Kaitlin Folweiler** (Neuroscience/Spanish)

Chancellor's Scholarship, to:
Seniors: **John McElhattan** (Environmental Studies)
Juniors: **Sarah McFarland** (Anthropology)



Lindsay Kramer.

Brazilian Studies Program

Provost's Trip to Brazil

In May 2013, a University of Pittsburgh delegation traveled to Brazil to visit corporate and academic partners and meet with alumni to discuss collaborations, student and faculty exchanges, and fundraising. The delegation consisted of Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor **Patricia E. Beeson**, Senior Director of International Programs and Director of the University Center for International Studies (UCIS) **Lawrence Feick**, Director of the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) **Kathleen M. DeWalt**, Dean of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs **John T.S. Keeler**, Senior Associate Dean of the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business **Laurie J. Kirsch**, UCIS Director of International Advancement **Elise Moersch**, and CLAS Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships **Luis Bravo**. They made stops in São Paulo, Araxá, Brasília, and Rio de Janeiro.



Left to right: Laurie J. Kirsch, Lawrence Feick, Tadeu Carneiro, Patricia E. Beeson, Kathleen M. DeWalt, John T.S. Keeler, and Elise Moersch.



CLAS alumna Tania Guimaraes (MPA 2002 GSPIA) and Luis Bravo at the São Paulo reception.

In São Paulo, the Pitt team attended a meeting hosted by **Tadeu Carneiro** (CEO of Companhia Brasileira de Metalurgia e Mineração [CBMM]). Tadeu is an alumnus (MBA 1998) of the University's Katz Graduate School of Business and served as President of CBMM's North American Subsidiary (Reference Metals) in Pittsburgh from 2002 to 2005, at which time he supported and participated in a number of events coordinated through the Brazilian Studies Program. Members of the delegation also visited the Katz Executive MBA (EMBA) Worldwide in São Paulo to meet with the EMBA Brasil Board. Established in 1999, EMBA Worldwide in São Paulo is the only American Executive MBA in the country. The program currently has over 400 alumni. In addition, the Pitt team met with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Trade Representative Fabio Yamada, Universidade de São Paulo Rector José Cardoso, Instituto de Pesquisa Tecnologia CEO Fernando José

Gomes Landgraf, Alcoa Vice President and Regional Chief Executive Officer of Latin America and Caribbean Franklin L. Feder, and officials from Brasken S.A. (which has an office in Pittsburgh). Over 80 Pitt alumni (the majority from the Katz EMBA Worldwide in São Paulo) and friends joined the delegation for a reception at the São Paulo home of alumna **Beatriz Feitosa**. Provost Beeson delivered a



Provost Beeson (left) and UCIS Director Feick (right) present Tadeu Carneiro with the Pitt Legacy Laureate.

presentation about Pitt and the attendees shared stories of Pittsburgh and São Paulo and discussed the effectiveness of Pitt's programs in Brazil. At the reception, Tadeu Carneiro was named a Pitt Legacy

Laureate. He was originally to have been named a Laureate in October 2012, but illness prevented him from traveling to Pittsburgh at the time.



Beatriz Feitosa displays the honorary certificate in Brazilian Studies presented to her by the Pitt delegation.



In Araxá, Minas Gerais, members of the delegation visited CBMM's niobium mines. Niobium is a metal used in the manufacture of some types of steel. CBMM supplies the greatest portion of the niobium used in the world. The Pitt group also continued discussions with Tadeu about possible internships at CBMM, a scholarship for a Brazilian student to attend Pitt, and fundraising. In Brasília, meetings were held with personnel from Fulbright-Brazil, Itamaraty (Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and CAPES/CNPq (funding agencies of the

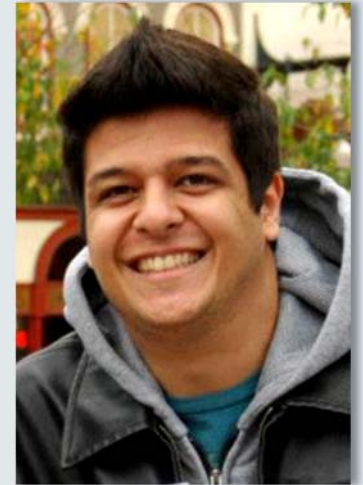
Provost Beeson surveys CBMM's niobium mining operations in Araxá.

Brazilian Ministry of Education). Finally, in Rio de Janeiro, the Pitt team had meetings at the Universidade Federal Fluminense, the Museu de Arte Contemporânea de Niterói, and two CLAS alumni who were working in Rio.

This trip proved to be productive and enjoyable, and the Center for Latin American Studies is grateful to Provost Beeson and to the Brazilian friends and alumni of the University of Pittsburgh who made the trip a success. Special thanks are extended to alumni Tadeu Carneiro and Beatriz Feitosa. Provost Beeson's trip to Brazil is a tangible manifestation of the very strong support that CLAS and UCIS receive from the highest levels of administration at the University of Pittsburgh and to the support we receive from our corporate and academic partners and alumni in Brazil.

Brazilian Foreign Language Teaching Assistant

During academic year 2012-13, the Center for Latin American Studies, in collaboration with the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, hosted a Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) from Brazil. **Glauber Rosa**, who teaches English at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, was selected as the Center's first FLTA. The FLTA program enables young educators from all over the globe to spend a year at a U.S. college or university where they refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the cultures and customs of the United States while engaging in non-degree studies at accredited post-secondary U.S. educational institutions. Along with their studies, FLTAs serve as cultural ambassadors and may engage in a number of language-training support activities—such as teaching language courses, supervising language labs and cultural organizations, and leading language roundtable discussions.



Glauber Rosa.

Glauber contributed significantly to the Brazilian Portuguese language program at Pitt by organizing language roundtables in Portuguese (or *bate-papos*), tutoring students in speaking and writing Portuguese, and teaching a class in Portuguese through the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures. He was an enthusiastic and lively addition to the Portuguese program and will be sorely missed by students, faculty, and staff. In addition to these duties, Glauber also managed to take four classes at the University—in anthropology, French, and Italian (2)—and to travel rather widely throughout the U.S. (including Hawaii) in his role as cultural ambassador.

This first experience on the part of CLAS with the FLTA program proved to be truly mutually beneficial. Consequently, CLAS successfully requested another Brazilian Portuguese FLTA for 2013-14. The new FLTA is **Luana Moreira Reis**, a graduate student at the Federal University of Bahia. The Center and the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures look forward to working with Luana and to enhancing further the Brazilian Portuguese language program at the University of Pittsburgh.

Portuguese: Language of the Future

This past summer, a group of six Pittsburgh-area teachers spent two weeks in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on a study and research trip sponsored by CLAS' "Portuguese: Language of the Future" Outreach Program. The six teachers—Isabel Espino de Valdivia, Michelle Geary, Kathleen Gensure, Emelina Gielata, Mina Levenson, and Joanna Sideris—



Left to right: Kathleen Gensure, Michelle Geary, Joanna Sideris, Lilly Abreu, Emelina Gielata, Isabel Espino de Valdivia, Mina Levenson, and Sally Reis.

have been studying Portuguese language and Brazilian culture for the past two years with Pitt instructor **Lilly Abreu**, who led the study-research trip. Lilly's mother, Sally Reis, who lives in Rio, provided invaluable logistical support—especially given that the first part of the group's stay in Rio coincided with Pope Francis' visit to the city. The members of the group continued their language study in Brazil and conducted research focusing on various aspects of Brazilian life and society. Each participant has created a curriculum unit to share with other teachers through the CLAS Outreach web page. The teachers also will continue their Portuguese language and Brazilian culture studies in academic year 2013-14 with FLTA Luana Moreira Reis.

The "Portuguese: Language of the Future" Outreach Program began with an intensive Portuguese language course at the University of Pittsburgh during summer 2011 and has continued, uninterrupted, since then. The long-term objective of the program is to enable the participants to offer introductory Portuguese in their classrooms. In fall 2013, CLAS will offer beginning Portuguese to a new cohort of K-12 teachers.

Focus Brasil Pittsburgh 2013

Since 2006, Focus Brasil has been conducted annually in South Florida and, more recently, in London and Tokyo. The program seeks to promote an appreciation and understanding of Brazilian culture and the importance of teaching the Portuguese language to audiences worldwide. On April 12 and 13, 2013, Focus Brasil Pittsburgh was held at the University of Pittsburgh. The event was the inaugural edition of the Focus Brasil U-Circuit—an itinerant seminar that will travel to universities in the U.S. At the Pittsburgh seminar, scholars and Brazilian events producers from across the country led panel discussions of interest to the business community, language teachers, students, and the general public.



Kenia Ashby.

Focus Brasil Pittsburgh 2013 was coordinated by **Kenia Ashby** (CEO Mooka Entertainment) and presented by Mooka Entertainment, Plus Media Marketing and the Focus-Brasil Foundation, and partially sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Latin American Studies and Brazil Nuts Luso-Brazilian Association, and PNC Bank.

On April 12, the opening reception featured typical Brazilian cuisine, followed by a performance of Brazilian jazz and bossa nova by Brazilian native and Pittsburgh resident **Kenia and her Trio**. The evening also included a special screening of the film *A Tenda dos Milagres* (Tent of Miracles), based on the book by famed author Jorge Amado and directed by Nelson Pereira dos Santos.

On April 13, there were panel discussions in the morning and afternoon. The first panel on "Promotion of the Portuguese Language in the U.S." was moderated by **Ana Paula Carvalho** (Portuguese Language Coordinator, University of Pittsburgh) and included **Anete Arslanian** (American Organization of Teachers of Portuguese), **Clémence Joliet-Pastré** (Senior Preceptor in Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University), and **Bobby J. Chamberlain** (Associate Professor of Brazilian Culture and Literature, University of Pittsburgh). The afternoon panel on "Brazilian Culture: Traditional and Modern" was moderated by **Luis Bravo** (Assistant Director, Brazilian Studies Program, University of Pittsburgh) and included **Carlos Borges** (CEO, Focus Brasil Foundation); **Flavio Chamis** (Pittsburgh-based Conductor and Composer), and **Gene de Souza** (Café Brasil Radio Show/Rhythm Foundation).



Gene de Souza and Flavio Chamis.

Latín 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. Because of the scheduling of CLASícos, lectures and symposia that occur after February in any year do not appear in the series' listings in the Winter issue of the newsletter. The following important presentations occurred in March and April 2013 and we are pleased to note them here.

March 29, 2013

"Martian Alluvial Fans: Morphology, Sedimentology, Hydrology and an Atacama Desert Analog," by **Alan D. Howard** (Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, University of Virginia)



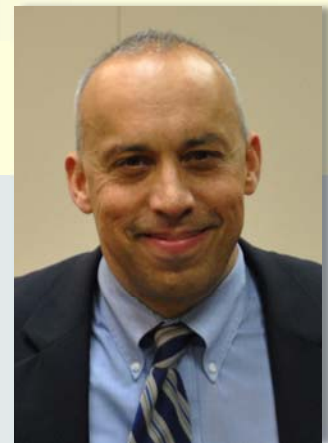
Marcelo Paixão.

April 1, 2013

"Racial Inequality in the Brazilian Labor Market during the Lula Years, 2003-2010," by **Marcelo Paixão** (Professor of Economics and founding director of the Laboratório de Análises Econômicas, Históricas, Sociais e Estatísticas das Relações Raciais, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro)

April 1, 2013

"After Chavez: What's Next for Venezuela?," by **Miguel Diaz** (Intelligence Community Associate, U.S. Department of State)



Miguel Diaz.

April 1, 2013

"'Los holandeses atacan desde afuera, los gobernantes nos roban desde adentro': Informe de Lugo y Dávila a Felipe IV en defensa y conservación de la plaza de la isla de Puerto Rico," by **Carmen Rita Rabell** (Profesora, Departamento de Literatura Comparada, Universidad de Puerto Rico)

April 11, 2013

Cultural Nationalisms in Ecuador and Mexico: Mestizaje, Intellectuals, Indigenous Education, and Public Art in Benjamín Carrión and José Vasconcelos, a symposium organized by CLAS alumnus **Juan Carlos Grijalva** (Assumption College)

The symposium presentations explored the common and distinctive visions on *mestizaje*, the role of intellectuals, indigenous education, and public art in the social thought and practice of José Vasconcelos and Benjamín Carrión. Vasconcelos and Carrión were two major intellectual figures in the modern construc-



Left to right: Rocío Fuentes, Michael Handelsman, Carlos Jáuregui, and Juan Carlos Grijalva.

tion of a national culture during the first half of the 20th century in Mexico and Ecuador. The presentations form part of a new book titled *De Atahualpa a Cuauhtémoc. Los Nacionalismos Culturales de Benjamín Carrión y José Vasconcelos*, which will be co-published by the Instituto Internacional de Literatura Iberoamericana at the University of Pittsburgh, the Museo de la Ciudad de Quito in Ecuador, and the Instituto Cultural de Mexico in Paris, France. The book is coedited by Juan Carlos Grijalva and Michael Handelsman.

Program

12:30-1:00 p.m. **Michael Handelsman** (Professor of Spanish, University of Tennessee): "Visiones del mestizaje en Indología de José Vasconcelos y Atahualpa de Benjamín Carrión"

1:00–1:30 p.m. **Rocío Fuentes** (CLAS Alumna/Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, Central Connecticut State University): “José Vasconcelos y las políticas del mestizaje en la educación”

1:30–2:30 p.m. **Juan Carlos Grijalva** (CLAS Alumnus/Associate Professor of Spanish, Assumption College): “A caballo, por la ruta de los libertadores: La misión mesiánica y elitista de José Vasconcelos y Benjamín Carrión”

2:30–3:00 p.m. **Carlos Jáuregui** (CLAS Alumnus/Associate Professor of Spanish, University of Notre Dame): “Benjamín Carrión, Oswaldo Guayasamín y el conjuro de la historia”

3:00–3:30 p.m. **Discussion**

Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh’s Center for Latin American Studies, Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures, Humanities Center, Program in Cultural Studies, and Department of Theatre Arts.



Paul S. Goldstein.

April 12, 2013

“Many Houses: A Reinterpretation of the Tiwanaku Temple at Omo, Moquegua, Peru,” by **Paul S. Goldstein** (Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of California, San Diego; Pre-Columbian Fellow 2012–2013, Dumbarton Oaks)

April 18, 2013

“Working with Displaced Communities,” by **Ramón Martínez** (Director, Foro para el Desarrollo Sustentable, Chiapas, Mexico)

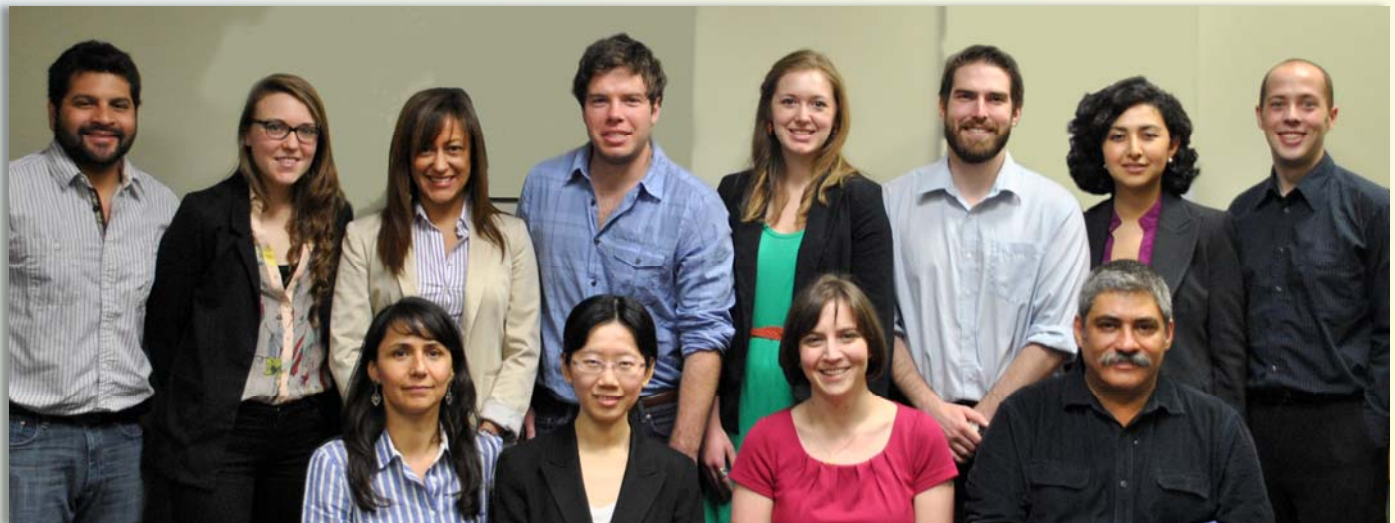


Ramón Martínez.

April 18, 2013

Public and International Affairs Capstone Seminar: Food Security in Chiapas

In Spring 2013, CLAS faculty member **Marcela González Rivas** (Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs) offered the course “Capstone Seminar: International Project Planning in Developing Countries.” A major focus of the course was to analyze and evaluate the Sustainable Rural Cities program (SRC), a recent initiative designed and implemented by the government of the Mexican state of Chiapas. SRC aims at reducing poverty by generating



Forum participants—Back (left to right): Edgard Largaespada, Kate Lasky, Maria Escorcia, Curt Thomas, Ellie King, Morgan Brown, Bernadette Vega Sanchez, and Andrew Stark.

Front (left to right): Marcela González Rivas, Yuefan Chen, Sarah Phillips, and Ramón Martínez.

population density, involving policies of housing, infrastructure and public space, community planning, and the creation of jobs, among others. The course included a field research trip to Chiapas by Dr. González Rivas and nine students who visited seven communities and conducted semi-structured interviews with project participants and directors, organized and participated in focus groups, and attended a training session held by the State Secretary for Social Development and

Participation. The students wrote a report outlining their findings and recommendations. On April 18, 2013, they presented the report in a public forum that was attended by **Ramón Martínez**, the director of the organization (Foro para el Desarrollo Sustentable) with which the Pitt group partnered in Chiapas. Mr. Martínez provided feedback on the report.

Sponsored by the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), the Center for Latin American Studies, the International Development Studies Association, the Ford Institute for Human Security, and GSPIA's Politics of Development Colloquium.

April 19, 2013

"Elusive Affects: The Aesthetics and Politics of Mario Levrero and Eduardo Lalo (Afectos esquivos: una estética para una política)," by **Ana María Amar Sánchez** (Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California-Irvine)

At LASA 2013

The Latin American Studies Association (LASA) celebrated its XXXI International Congress in Washington, DC from May 30 to June 1, 2013. The congress was attended by over 4,000 persons. CLAS students, faculty, alumni, and friends were a major presence at the meetings once again—chairing panels, presenting papers, or acting as discussants. CLAS Academic Affairs and Outreach Assistant **Luz Amanda Hank**, with the assistance of CLAS alumna **Justine Cortez** (BSW 2010 Social Work), organized a reception for CLAS-affiliated congress participants and friends at a restaurant in downtown DC. We wish to thank all of those who attended. A selection of photographs from the reception follows.



Justine Cortez, Luz Amanda Hank, and Beth Perry (Justine's mom).



Eva Paus and Kathleen Musante.



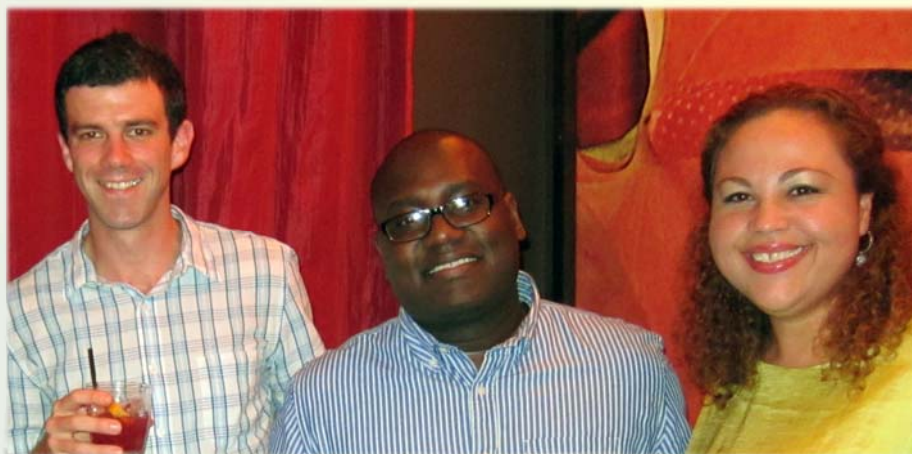
Kelly Urban and Elizabeth Molnar.



Kimberly Bennett and David Whitted.



Luz Amanda Hank and Asha Williams.



Jesse Horst, George Palacios, and Rebecca Carrero.



Monica Jacobo, Jorge Papadopoulos, Javier Vázquez-D'Elia,
Yolanda Hernández-Albujar, and Nuty Cardenas.



Scott Morgenstern.



Luis Abugattas.



Maria del Carmen Saldarriaga and John Frechione.



Rubén Sánchez-Godoy.



Maria Julia Rossi, David Mckenzie, and John Polga-Hecimovich.



Manuel Figallo.



Jerome Branche.



Daniel Manrique-Vallier and Lucia Guerra.



Michael White.



Koichi Hagimoto and Luz Rodriguez Hernandez.



Sarah Ohmer and Hannah Burdette.

Student and Alumni News by Julian Asenjo

While the summer is a tranquil time for many, CLAS has been drafting and compiling data for our 2014 grant proposal with the goal of renewing our status as a US Department of Education (DE) National Resource Center (a distinction we have held since 1979.) One component of this proposal involves the quality of the students participating in our Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLASF) program and the strength of our offerings in less/least commonly taught languages. CLAS has a very long record of awarding FLASFs only for DE-designated priority languages—Portuguese (a less commonly taught language) and Quechua (a least commonly taught language) in particular. This summer CLAS once again made awards solely for these less/least commonly taught languages (LCTLs), funding eight for Quechua and one for Portuguese. Notably, for the upcoming academic year, five of our seven fellows are enrolling at the advanced level of Portuguese or Quechua; facts that might seem insignificant, but which further reflect the strength of CLAS' students, faculty, and resources to our program officers in Washington, DC. CLAS is also currently exploring the possibility of adding a Caribbean Creole language to its LCTL offerings.



A group of students from the 2013 Seminar and Field Trip participants in Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina on an excursion.
A photograph of all of the participants (with names) appears on page 6.

Twelve energetic undergraduates from a variety of disciplines participated in the 2013 CLAS Seminar/Field trip to Rosario, Argentina (home to Che Guevara and Lionel Messi) and conducted field projects during a six-week home stay experience. Their final papers were recently turned in and we look forward to reading the wide range of topics. Applications are being solicited for the 2014 program that will be led by Quechua instructor, **Alana Nicole DeLoge**, to Cochabamba, Bolivia.

The spring Pitt in Cuba is now in its fifth year and continues to make a strong impression as an intensive Caribbean immersion experience offered in cooperation with the University of Havana. Two students from neighboring Carnegie Mellon University and one from Earlham College in Indiana have participated recently. One student from Boston College has already applied for the upcoming spring program.

Two new student ambassadors have joined CLAS, **Mark Bladel** (Urban Studies/Spanish) and **Chris Esposito** (Spanish/Portuguese minor). Both spent the past spring and much of the summer in São Paulo, Brazil and bring strong language skills and cultural experiences to share with the classes that they will be visiting. They succeed ambassadors, **Evelyn McCoy** (Music/Spanish) and **Samantha Seltzer** (Political Science/Spanish, Portuguese minors) who just graduated in the spring of 2013. They joined more than 70 other CLAS graduate last spring. It is always sad to see such high caliber students move on, but exciting to hear about their future progress through CLASicos.

Alumni News

Alberto Arenas de Mesa (PhD 1997 Economics) has become the top adviser of Chile's presidential candidate Michelle Bachelet. An article in the best known newspaper of that country, *El Mercurio*, published in March 2013 begins with the heading: *ESTUDIÓ SU DOCTORADO EN ECONOMÍA EN LA UNIVERSIDAD DE PITTSBURGH, DONDE SE ESPECIALIZÓ EN SEGURIDAD SOCIAL* [HE STUDIED ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, WHERE HE SPECIALIZED IN SOCIAL SECURITY]. Bachelet was President of Chile from 2006 to 2010 and is a candidate for a new period authorized by the Constitution. Alberto is her economic adviser, and the article in *El Mercurio* suggests that, if elected president, she will appoint him as Minister of Finance. *El Mercurio* notes that **Carmelo Mesa-Lago** (Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh) brought Alberto to Pittsburgh with a graduate research assistantship, and quotes Professor Mesa-Lago as indicating that he was one of his best students and finished the PhD in a shorter period than most students. Alberto's dissertation, directed by Dr. Mesa-Lago, dealt with pension reform in Chile, and he subsequently played the key role in the approval of such reforms by the Chilean Congress in 2008. Currently, Alberto is Professor of Economics at the University of Chile, Director of TV Channel 13, and an international consultant on pensions.

Kathryn Azzara (BA 2012 Spanish/Communications) was accepted with a graduate assistantship to the program in Speech-Language Pathology at Loyola University in Baltimore.

Kimberly Bennett (BA 2010 Political Science/Spanish) was the recipient of the prestigious Peggy Browning Fellowship. Kimberly is now a second-year student at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She spent the fellowship working at Community Justice Project in Pittsburgh, PA. The application process is highly competitive, and the award was based on her outstanding qualifications. Peggy Browning Fellows are distinguished students who have not only excelled in law school but who have also demonstrated their commitment to workers' rights through their previous educational, work, volunteer, and personal experiences.



Justine Cortez (BSW 2010 Social Work) writes: "I am currently working as a Community and Parent Outreach Coordinator for three [Washington] DC Public Schools, working specifically with Early Childhood (Preschool and PreK classes). DC has recently implemented a Head Start model into their schools so there is this major focus on Early Childhood Education and its importance in children's lives as they progress through their educational years/experiences. I am enjoying my time back in DC with family and friends. I still work with ESNA Village Network—I am working on recruiting groups, providing all orientation necessary for those who are scheduled to travel to El Salvador, fundraising and have been working on some marketing materials (videos, brochures etc.)."



Jerome and Adriana Maguiña-Ugarte.

Edison Cárate (PhD 2009 Sociology) is now Subsecretario de Planificación Nacional Territorial y Políticas Públicas in Ecuador. ecarate@senplades.gob.ec



Victoria (sister), Andrea and Natalia (nieces), Justine, and Laura (sister) in El Salvador.

Jerome Crowder (PhD 1998 Anthropology) visited CLAS in October 2012. He has authored a new book, *Visual Research: A Concise Introduction to Thinking Visually* (Bloomsbury 2013), which he wrote with a colleague who teaches a workshop with him at the American Anthropological Association meetings on the use of cameras in

the field and digital workflow. The book is designed with social science researchers in mind, from students to professors. It presents the material in an easily accessible

Alumni News (continued)

language and helps the reader ask the right questions before thinking about how/when to use a camera. The book cover features a photograph taken by Jerome in Peru in 2005. He also has a review essay forthcoming: "Becoming Luis: A Photo Essay on Growing up in Bolivia," *Visual Anthropology Review* 29(2), 2013. Jerome is currently an assistant professor and the Associate Director of the Institute for Medical Humanities at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.



Chelsea at the Cliffs of Moher, Ireland.

After completing her last rotation in Dublin, Ireland, **Chelsea Fitzgerald** (PharmD 2013) graduated from the School of Pharmacy and moved to Danville, PA to do a one-year pharmacy residency at Geisinger Medical Center. Throughout the year, she will rotate to different areas of the hospital, spending time in internal medicine, cardiology, oncology, nephrology, and the ICU among others. In April 2014, she plans to participate in a medical mission trip to either Haiti or the Dominican Republic. After the residency, she will continue on to a second year of residency to specialize in an area of pharmacy or seek a job as a clinical pharmacist.



After graduating, **Laura Fleischer Proaño** (BA 2000 Business/Interdisciplinary Studies) spent more than 10 years as a nonprofit consultant with specialties in international microfinance, non-formal education, and product development. She completed her MA in International Development along the way and, in August 2013, returned to CLAS as the School Visit Program Coordinator. She is also completing her MA in teaching through the School of Education at Pitt.

Anne Garland Neel

(Mahler) (BA 2006 Spanish) is currently finishing her PhD at Emory and has accepted a tenure-track position in Latin American Cultural Studies at the University of Arizona. Her article, "The Writer as Superhero: Fighting the Colonial Curse in Junot Díaz's *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*," in the *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies* (19[2]:119-140) currently stands as the journal's "most read" essay. Anne also has a forthcoming article in the *Latin American Research Review*.



Allison (left) with fellow CLAS Ambassadors Laura Watts and Jenna Tenenbaum in 2010.

Allison Guess (BA 2011 Political Science/Spanish) is now working for the Zoll Corporation in Pittsburgh. Allie says: "I am currently the Bilingual Account Coordinator for the South Florida and Puerto Rican regions. I am happy because I will get a chance to re-polish my Spanish. I swear it has been getting rusty. Before I start, I will need to brush up on some medical terminology."

After working as a program officer for the World Affairs Council, **Marissa Germain** (MA 2012 GSPIA) is transitioning to community development in the Caribbean. Specifically, she says, "I currently have my sights on moving to Haiti and hopefully finding an opportunity there (something I have always wanted to do). I am also going to pursue developing a website geared towards millennials to showcase those who are positively impacting their communities."



Luz Amanda Hank (BA 2006 Spanish), currently CLAS Academic Affairs and Outreach Assistant, reports on an exciting opportunity she had in February 2013: “I had the pleasure to travel to Panama with a group of engineering student under the direction of CLAS faculty member

Dan Budny (Associate Professor, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineer-

ing) for a project abroad. The project included collecting information for the design of a community center as well as the study of the water distribution system for the community of Kuna Nega—located on the outskirts of Panama City. I went as a translator for Dr. Budny, but I ended up coordinating and implementing the surveys involving the water distribution system. We surveyed around 4,000 individuals. I loved this project because I got to see the students apply the knowledge that they are acquiring at school into a real-life situation. I saw the passion and commitment of the students and the faculty member. One great thing was that, by doing the surveys, I got to meet a lot members of the community. This enabled me to provide insight on how to best approach the projects. Administering the surveys also allowed me to learn a lot about the Kuna Nega culture. I was a very small part of this project, but I am glad I had this opportunity—THANK YOU CLAS (Kathleen and John).

Last, I am proud to say that the Dr. Budny and the engineering students have continued working on these projects with the help of universities and organizations in Panama. As of now, they have completed part of the community Center and started the process of building and updating the water system in the community. If you are interested in this project go to: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/EWB-PFootprint-Possibilities-Inc/335687419776810> or contact Dr. Budny at budny@pitt.edu. Plus, I am very lucky to have a wonderful husband (Jason Hank) who took care of our toddler so mommy could go without any worries.” Following the trip, Dr. Budny wrote to CLAS: “...please tell whoever is in charge that Luz was great on the trip to Panama. I could not of done the trip without her.”



Luz Amanda (standing) with Kuna woman.

Juan Nicolás Hernández-Aguilera (MA 2012 GSPIA) is now a doctoral candidate in the department of developmental economics and management at Cornell University. He is currently working on impact evaluation of sustainable programs that involve small and medium rural coffee producers in Colombia and Latin America. In addition, he is part of a project team to establish a year round Eastern broccoli industry. Specifically, he is designing a model for optimal post-harvest location and networking between producers. He is interested in the promotion of rural markets, and environmental and economic sustainability, as a strategy for conflict resolution and development.



Kayla Hunter (BA 2011 English Writing) is now a Latino Outreach Specialist at the Consumer Health Coalition, an advocacy group in Pittsburgh. Kayla is a bilingual educator and administrator in the fields of teaching English as a second language (ESL) and providing social services to recent Latino immigrants in the United States.



Aarti Madan (PhD 2009 Hispanic Languages and Literatures) was awarded the Romeo L. Moruzzi Young Faculty Award at her institution, Worcester Polytechnic Institute. She was recognized as follows: “Aarti Madan has become known for her tireless efforts at curricular revision and for her success in developing students’ cultural understanding alongside linguistic competence.”

Juliana Martínez Franzoni (PhD 1998, Sociology) is coauthor (with Diego Sánchez-Ancochea) of *Good Jobs and Social Services: How Costa Rica Achieved the Elusive Double Incorporation* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).



Former CLAS Ambassador **Evelyn McCoy** (BA 2013 Music/Spanish) is currently working as a Huntington Fellow in the Hispanic Division at the Library of Congress.

Charlotte (Rosa) McGill (BA 2012 Linguistics/Portuguese minor) has moved from working in hospital-ity management and is now working for BMO Harris Bank in Madison, WI.



Julian and Moriah.

Moriah Mock (BA 2012 Spanish) updated us this summer: "I wanted to let you know that I took a GSA position through the Pitt Study Abroad Office and will be working in the College of Business Administration helping to build new programs while I work towards an MBA. I'm really excited to be making career moves again and to help get students abroad. I can't wait to catch up. Thank you, again, for all of your help. You've been so willing to write recommendations for me and give me advice, and I can't thank you enough. Hope all's well, and see you soon! Moriah."



Oriana Muriel Guzman (MA 2011 GSPIA) nos escribe desde Colombia: "Estoy súper feliz porque ya tengo trabajo. Ahora mismo te escribo desde el correo de la empresa. Estoy trabajando en la Fundación EPSA. EPSA es la Empresa de Energía del Pacífico y bueno aquí estoy como Coordinadora de Proyectos de Desarrollo de Comunidades. Valió la pena esperar un año para estar aquí. Estoy feliz y es lo que quería hacer en este momento de mi vida!"



Suzanna Publicker Mettham (BA 2006 Spanish and Political Science) graduated from NYU Law School in 2009 and now works in the public sector as an attorney for the New York City Law Department. On June 9, 2013 in Brooklyn, New York, she married fellow University of Pittsburgh graduate **James P. Mettham** (BA 2006 History/Political Science/Urban Studies), who also earned his Master's in Urban Planning from New York University and is the Assistant Commissioner for the New York City Department of Small Business Services. Suzanna notes: "We both loved our experiences at Pitt, but I especially loved those with CLAS,

the Hispanic Languages and Literatures Department, the Brazil Nuts and all the wonderful staff and professors who offered their knowledge and support, and of whom I find myself frequently thinking and thanking for the perspectives they shared!"

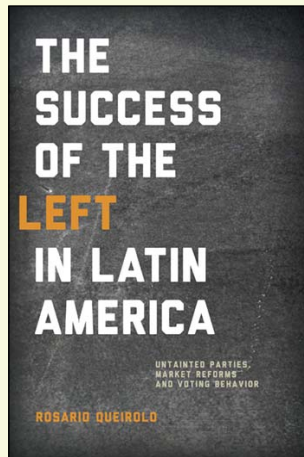
Lauren Pucci (BA 2004 Political Science/Anthropology) writes: "I accepted a position in January as a humanitarian assistance officer working with CHF International, an international development and humanitarian aid organization. I've been told my focus will be to get operations going in Syria and am scheduled to travel to Turkey next week to begin assessments and meeting with the UN crowd over there. So excited!"

Rosario Queirolo (PhD 2008 Political Science) sends the following update: "I'm writing to keep you updated on my life... First, I've just (last month [August 2013]) moved from the University of Montevideo to the Universidad Católica, and I'm really happy with the change. I'm working as an Associate Professor at the Department of Social and Political Science and also coordi-

nating the Office of Research and Academic Production. A lot of work, but I like it... Second, I have a new son, well... he's already 5 months old. His name is Juan Pedro. So now we are a big family, he is the fourth child!.. Third and final, the book based on my dissertation thesis is going to be published next month (October [2013]) by University of Notre Dame Press. The title is *The Success of the Left in Latin America: Untainted Parties, Market Reforms and Voting Behavior*. You might imagine, this is almost like my fifth child."

Recent CLAS Ambassador **Samantha Seltzer** (BS 2013 Political Science/Spanish and Portuguese minors) writes us from Washington, DC: "I have been working at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) as a Project Assistant on the Political Parties team. I am thoroughly enjoying my experience on Political Parties as it has helped me realize my passion and dedication to development work. I particularly enjoy going to various regional team meetings to learn about the projects they are working on and to better understand how political parties work around the world (especially the Latin America and Caribbean team meeting on Mondays). I also have learned a tremendous amount about foreign political parties' internal operations while working on case studies for our policy development paper, which has enlightened me to the vast amount of improvements there are to be made. The paper I am contributing to is called "Political Parties and Democracy in Theoretical and Practical Perspectives: Developing Party Policies" and I am excited to help with our next publication on coalition building. While my contract originally ended in September, I am excited to say it has been extended until December."

Alek Suni (BA 2011 Economics) is pursuing research in Florianópolis, Santa Catarina in Brazil on a Fulbright scholarship from March through November 2013. His research will focus on quantifying constraints to solar investment in the Florianópolis area, where he looks to compare incentive schemes for encouraging renewable energy sector diversity throughout Brazil. Florianópolis being where he studied abroad previously, he is excited to re-



turn to Brazil, this time with different objectives. He enjoys being in touch with the CLAS/Pitt community and can be reached at suni.alek@gmail.com.

Anne Marie Toccket (MA 2011, GSPIA) was recently recognized by ImaginePittsburgh for her international and community engagement: "I've been to 40 countries and I chose Pittsburgh. It's a place where you can create institutions." Anne Marie is one of those rare individuals who seem to engage people in meaningful opportunities wherever she goes. While hiking in Peru, she saw Inca villages that were

isolated from the cash economy. With her family background in the international textiles trade, and her compassion for human need, she helped to develop a textile-purchasing program, which grew into AWAMAKI, an organization of indigenous women and families who handcraft textiles. The proceeds help to support

access to healthcare, community education and sustainable tourism in Ollantaytambo and the surrounding high Andean communities. Today, AWAMAKI employs 15 staff in Peru, and partners with more than 100 female artisans, while Anne Marie oversees fundraising operations from a row house in Bloomfield, Pittsburgh's "Little Italy." Her community engagement continues locally. She co-founded the Big Idea Bookstore, a cooperative bookstore and café, and she is active on the Bloomfield Citizens Council and Community Development Council. In the South Side, Anne Marie is opening a hostel targeted to traveling artists in hopes of better connecting Pittsburgh and the outside world. See more at: <http://imaginepittsburgh.com/neighbors/anne-marie-toccket#sthash.5lzLE6y6.dpuf>.



Anne Marie in Hong Kong.

Brandon Tracy (MPIA 2002 GSPIA), who is currently an economist with the Millennium Challenge Corporation in Washington DC, attended the CLAS reception at LASA 2013 (see page 17). Unfortunately, the only photograph of Brandon from the event was a bit blurry. Therefore, we are including an older photo of Brandon from our archives. "Brandon, it was great to see you. Thanks very much for coming. jf"



Kaley Walsh (BA 2010 Spanish/Linguistics) sends this update: “Greetings CLAS! After a wonderful and intense two and a half years, I am returning from Rio de Janeiro. After the Fulbright ETA scholarship ended, I was hired by EducationUSA/Fulbright Brasil. I thoroughly enjoyed my job as I advised Brazilian students who were going through the application process to U.S. universities. I also coordinated a U.S. college fair that went through 11 cities in nine countries in South America. Despite my love of Rio and its people, my time to move on came this June and now I am transitioning back into Spanish, as I will be pursuing a Master’s in Multicultural and Bilingual Education at the Universidad de Alcalá in Spain. Pitt and CLAS did a great job preparing me to pursue my two loves and I look forward to see how I will be able to stay connected with both South America and the Iberian Peninsula. Beijos! Kaley”



At the Center



New Financial Administrator

As noted in CLASícos 72, CLAS suffered a major setback when Financial Administrator Deborah Wertz took early retirement in June 2012. From then until December 2012, the Center’s financial management was in a state of disarray. In December, **Karen J. Morris** came to our rescue as the new, permanent financial administrator. We are extremely pleased to welcome Karen, who has done an outstanding job of putting things back in order—much to the relief of the staff and, especially, the Associate Director. Karen has a BA in Financial Administration and Management from California University of Pennsylvania and considerable experience—including 15 years as Program Manager in the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Disability Services, in Montgomery County, Maryland. In that position, she developed programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism as well as the homeless and served as contract and budget administrator. In her present position, Karen also manages the finances for the Asian Studies Program.

Summer Intern

CLAS was fortunate to have Allerdice High School senior **Mia Kazman** as an intern during this past summer session. Mia has a strong interest in International studies, especially Asia and Latin America. She was involved in a number of tasks this summer: she inventoried and updated our Latin American School Visit resource Center, edited and updated Latin American curriculum units for the Center’s K-12 teacher development programs; she researched and developed resources for upcoming teacher seminars. In addition, Mia assisted the *Panoramas* staff by collecting information on current events and political developments in Latin America for the web portal’s front page and wrote several month’s worth of entries for the section entitled “This Day in Latin American History.” Good Job, Mia!



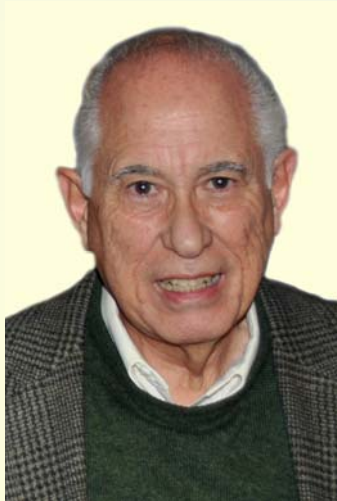
Faculty News

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of **Hugo G. Nutini** (Distinguished Service Professor of Latin American Studies, Department of Anthropology) on April 19, 2013 after a lengthy illness. We direct the reader to the last issue of CLASicos (Number 73, Winter 2013, pp. 2-5), where Dr. Nutini's distinguished career was highlighted in celebration of his 50 years of research and teaching as a faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh. The staff of the Center for Latin American Studies is truly saddened by this loss.



Elizabeth Arkush (Associate Professor, Anthropology) received the Scholarly Category Book Award from the Society for American Archaeology at its annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii (April 3-7, 2013) for her book *Hillforts of the Ancient Andes: Colla Warfare, Society, and Landscape* (University Press of Florida, 2011). The award announcement notes that *Hillforts* "...is the ideal combination of new data and relevant theory with connections and implications for larger anthropological issues of statecraft and warfare....The use of cutting-edge technologies in aerial survey and GPS mapping complement traditional archaeological techniques and analyses to investigate the placement, building, and motivations for building hillforts....Dr. Arkush generates significant insights into the role of violence in shaping political organization and regional landscapes for regional specialists and those working beyond the Andes."

Jorge Delgado (Instructor, Department of Administrative and Policy Studies, School of Education) is a member of an inter-institutional research team that received a FLACSO Brazil/International Development Research Center (Canada) grant to conduct a survey about the prestige of scientific journals among social science researchers who work in Ibero-America.



Carmelo Mesa-Lago (Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of Economics and Latin American Studies) is the coauthor (with Jorge Pérez-López) of *Cuba Under Raúl Castro: Assessing the Reforms* (Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2013). The book deals with the dramatic social and economic reforms introduced by Cuba's president Raúl Castro. Comments by leading scholars include: "Serious, profound, and realistic, despite being controversial and in some parts differing from my position.... It is indispensable reading" (Omar Everleny Pérez Villanueva, University of Havana); "An excellent analysis, extremely useful for all those interested in Cuba" (Victor Bulmer-Thomas, University College, London); and "The best study on Cuba's economy and social welfare in the past twenty years, the most complete and objective" (Kanako Yamaoka, Institute of Developing Economies). The Spanish version appeared in 2012 as *Cuba en la Era de Raúl Castro: Reformas Económico-Sociales y sus Efectos* (Madrid, Editorial Colibrí). Dr. Mesa-Lago also recently published *Re-Reforms of Privatized Pensions in the World: A Comparative Study of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Hungary* (editor and author, Munich, Zeitschrift

für ausländisches und internationales Arbeits- und Sozialrecht, 2012; Spanish version: *Re-reformas de Pensiones Privatizadas en el Mundo: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile y Hungría*, Ginebra, Revista Trabajo, 2013).

Of Interest

From Our Roving Correspondent

Our roving correspondent, CLAS faculty member **María Auxiliadora (Mariuxi) Cordero**, continues to keep us up-to-date on alumni and students that she encounters in her travels. At the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii (April 3-7, 2013), Mariuxi organized a panel (with CLAS alumnus **Florencio Delgado Espinoza** [PhD 2002 Anthropology]) on “Multidisciplinary Research and Current Technologies in National Approaches to the Ecuadorian Past.” Mariuxi and Florencio were joined on the panel by CLAS graduate student **Josefina Vasquez** (Anthropology). In the summer, Mariuxi traveled to Ecuador on a CLAS Faculty Research grant. At the urging of her ‘traveling companion,’ CLAS faculty member **Richard Scaglion** (Anthropology), she ventured into the lowland tropical forests of the Ecuadorian *oriente*. [She does not like the lowlands, preferring to stay higher up in the Andes.] One of their stops was in Tena, a small town in Napo Province. While exploring ‘downtown’ Tena one morning, they saw someone across the street who looked familiar. To their surprise, it was **Nora Bridges** (a Pitt graduate student in anthropology and CLAS). Nora is currently carrying out her dissertation research not far from Tena. The Pittsburghers chatted on the sidewalk for a few minutes and then decided to continue the conversation over some ‘refreshments.’ While sitting at a restaurant by the Napo River, another familiar figure walked by. It was **Alana DeLoge** (a Pitt graduate student in linguistics and CLAS). Alana joined the group for the unexpected, but enjoyable, reunion. As Mariuxi notes: “What are the chances that several Pitt/CLAS people meet in the middle of a town in Amazonian Ecuador, without any planning? Actually, if we had tried to plan it, it would have been more difficult.” After returning to Pittsburgh, Mariuxi and Rich were married at a small ceremony on September 26, 2013. **Congratulations to Mariuxi and Rich** and thanks to Mariuxi for the informative updates.



Left to right: María Auxiliadora Cordero, Florencio Delgado Espinoza, and Josefina Vasquez.



Left to right: Alana DeLoge, Nora Bridges, Mariuxi, and Richard Scaglion.



Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) Fellows Update

In *CLASicos* 74 (pp. 2-4), the activities of the University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering involving Brazil were featured. CLAS has collaborated with Engineering and, especially, the School's Mascaro Center for Sustainable Innovation (MCSI) in these endeavors since shortly after MCSI was founded in 2003. In particular, CLAS partnered with MCSI on the National Science Foundation-funded Integrative Graduate Education and Research Training (IGERT) program which included sending IGERT Fellows to Brazil for international research rotations. In order for IGERT Fellows to more effectively study, do research, and live in Brazil for an extended period, CLAS arranged for language instruction in Portuguese for the fellows and also designed and taught a one-semester IGERT seminar that introduced fellows to the economic, political, social, and cultural aspects of Brazil. The MCSI Fall 2013 Newsletter provided an update on two of the IGERT Fellows as follows.



Alexander Dale entered the MCSI IGERT program in 2009, immediately following a BS in Engineering Physics (also from Pitt). His interest in sustainability grew out of latent ideas from his mother, sparked by involvement with Pitt's chapter of Engineers for a Sustainable World (ESW). He has always been an avid communicator and synthesist, giving tours and training guides for Pitt's Nationality Rooms, and coming to his research on energy policy after realizing that, unlike metallic alloys, people were interested in discussing nuclear power. In choosing a graduate program, MCSI's IGERT offered the opportunity to combine several disciplines, spend time abroad, and directly engage with sustainability.

Alex's research, with the Sustainability & Green Design group, focused on choosing regional energy and water sources based on environmental impacts. In 2011, a need for LCA data on aspects of the Marcellus Shale landed him in a position to discuss the potential use of shale gas with both companies and environmental activists. His dissertation, published in July 2013, examined scenarios for Pennsylvania around use or avoidance of shale gas, and potential tradeoffs for reducing groundwater dependence in Arizona. As a result of this work, he is deeply concerned about shale gas, but not for many of the standard reasons!

MCSI's IGERTs all spent 4-6 months in Brazil, and Alex spent the first half of 2013 in Rio de Janeiro. Alex was hosted by researchers within the Energy Planning Program at the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. In addition to exploring the city and country, Alex developed a simplified version of his model to look at environmental impacts for Brazilian electricity scenarios. This work, with three Brazilian collaborators, was recently published in the open-access journal *Energies*, and highlights potential risks to Brazil's greenhouse gas emissions goals from additional electricity requirements.

Throughout his four years of PhD work, Alex was involved with ESW at a national level. As a result of this work, he accepted the position of Executive Director with ESW-National upon his graduation in April. As ED, he's working to expand ESW's network, increase educational efforts, and build new partnerships with companies and organizations. He is also teaching an MCSI-developed course titled Social Entrepreneurship: Engineering for Humanity, as part of a new ESW initiative around wicked problems in sustainable engineering (WPSE). His love of talking to (or at) people was nurtured throughout his PhD career by MCSI's outreach efforts both within Pitt and with community groups and local schools, and he is eternally grateful for the balanced set of research and organizational management skills that his IGERT experience has provided.

Bhavna Sharma was also a MCSI IGERT Fellow who completed her M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2006. Bhavna was accepted into the IGERT program and received her Ph.D. in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh in 2010. Bhavna's research focus is on the sustainability of infrastructure, from use of non-conventional materials to ways to reduce the energy consumption of existing buildings. After completing her PhD, Bhavna was hired as a Post Doctoral Fellow and later as a Visiting Assistant Professor within MCSI where she focused on outreach programs with K-12 schools and mentored undergraduate students as part of the International Research Experience for Students (IRES) [which took her back to Brazil on a number of occasions.] Bhavna also created a new course, Social Entrepreneurship and taught ENGR 715.

Dr. Bhavna Sharma started a new position in July 2013 at the University of Cambridge in the UK. Bhavna is a research associate and part of a research team exploring structural bamboo products for construction. The grant is part of a collaboration between the University of Cambridge, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the University of British Columbia. The team will investigate the use of engineered bamboo composites for construction at a micro, macro and global scale. In addition to conducting structural testing, the research will explore the environmental impact and life cycle of the products.



CLAS Bulletin Board

The Carnegie Museum of Natural History (CMNH) hosted an exhibition on “Empowering Women: Artisan Cooperatives that Transform Communities” from October 6, 2012 to May 12, 2013. The exhibit brought female artisans—who are creating grassroots cooperatives to reach new markets, raise income, and transform lives—from around the world to the museum. Among these artisans were two Quechua women from the Center for Traditional Weaving in Cusco, Peru. The visit by the Cusqueño weavers was of special interest and delight to former CLAS Associate Director for Academic Affairs **Shirley Kregar**, who lived for a number of years in Cusco as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Shirley spent many happy hours with the weavers at the museum and provided this photograph. CLAS Director **Kathleen M. DeWalt** also participated in a colloquium about the exhibit, called “Engendering Development Colloquium: Gender and Global Economics,” on April 13, 2013.



Maria Amalia Pesantes (graduate student, Anthropology) and her husband, Deb Ranjan Sinha, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Manu Sinha, born on August 22, 2013 in Lima, Peru. Manu weighed in at 3.23 kilograms and measured 50 centimeters. Amalia is working in Lima and finishing her dissertation—both ‘jobs’ have suffered a bit of a ‘disruption’ with the birth of Manu.

CLAS graduate student (Political Science) and Panoramas Editorial Coordinator **Javier Vázquez-D’Elia** and his wife Candy are the proud parents of Isabel, whom they adopted in January 2012. At the time, Isabel was three months old. Javier says “She is beautiful and has just turned 2 years old. Her parents and brother Colton are incredibly happy with this addition to the family.”



CLAS staff members with **Maria Cristina Carrillo**, director of the film *La Churona*, which was shown on October 13, 2012 as part of the Amigos del Cine Latinoamericano Fall 2012 Film Series.

Left to right: Martha Mantilla, John Frechione, Maria Cristina Carrillo, and Karen Goldman.



CLAS alumna **Brooke Hammond Perez** (MA 2009 GSPIA) and her husband, Iker, welcomed twin daughters on January 23, 2013. The girls, Ariane and Amaia, are now a little over 8 months old and are doing wonderfully according to mom.



Carmen Rita Rabell
and CLAS Faculty Member **Alicia Covarrubias**.

The editor wishes to apologize for overlooking the photograph of Dr. **Carmen Rita Rabell** that was hidden in our archives and should have appeared with her lecture listing on page 15 of this issue of *CLASicos*. To redress this oversight, the picture is included above.



School Visit Program Intern Kevin Kerr does a presentation on Soccer in Latin America to a middle school class via Skype. The 'virtual school visit program' began in fall 2012 through the initiative of Jason Hank (Spanish teacher at Beaver Area High School).



Cooperation between Area Studies Centers: CLAS and the European Union Center of Excellence/European Studies Center (EUCE/ESC) cosponsored the lecture on "Brazil and Turkey: Emerging Nations in the New Global Order," by Lillian Duarte (Cultural Attaché, Brazilian Embassy in Turkey) in October 2012. Pictured left to right: Adriana Maguiña-Ugarte, Ronald Linden (Director, EUCE/ESC), Karen Goldman, Kathleen M. DeWalt, Devon Taliaferro, Lillian Duarte, John Frechione, Luz Amanda Hank, Luis Bravo, and Julian Asenjo.



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