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Indigenous Community on the Napo River, Napo Province, Ecuador.

### CLAS and Arizona State University Embark on Collaborative Journey

In July 2005, CLAS Director **Kathleen Musante DeWalt** participated in the Amazon and the Andes Field School in Napo Province, Ecuador. The field school is organized by the Latin American Studies Program at Arizona State University (ASU). CLAS became involved in the field school as a co-sponsor this year. In addition to Quichua language training, the field school also offers courses in Quichua culture, Neotropical Plant Biology, and Amazonian Ethnobotany. The school is located on the banks of the Napo River within several Quichua-speaking communities.

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### CLAS/ASU Collaboration (continued)

Dr. DeWalt presented workshops on Amazonian diets and field methods to the students. Moreover, she spent two weeks conducting preliminary field work designed to further develop a program in issues related to the health and nutrition of indigenous populations of the Upper Napo River region. This program, which will be implemented next year, will enable students from a broad range of disciplines (including medical anthropology, medical sociology, medicine, nursing, and public health) to gain a first-hand understanding of the health issues facing indigenous peoples. The proposed program would include a core course in Quichua ethnomedicine, ethnobotany, and ethnopharmacology, the epidemiology of disease on the upper



Tod Swanson

Napo, and issues in health care delivery to indigenous peoples as well as language training. In fact, a principal goal of the program is to provide Pitt and other students with the opportunity to study Quichua (which is designated as a “least commonly taught language” by the U.S. Department of Education). Students will also be able to learn about Quichua ethnomedical practices and local health knowledge from shamans and healers; participate in health related events; engage in clinical practice in local health clinics; and plan and conduct health, nutrition, and population-related research. Professor **Tod Swanson** (Director of the Center for Latin American Studies at Arizona State University) visited the University of Pittsburgh from August 30 to September 1, 2005 to discuss plans for the program. During the time he was here, Professor Swanson met with a number of deans and faculty members as part of the planning process and presented a lecture on “Migration, Domestic Violence, and the Aging Earth in Andean Quichua Religion.”



Quichua Language Class in Cotococha, Napo Province.



Tod Swanson in Cassava Garden with Quichua Woman.

## Honoring Student and Faculty Achievements

On April 19, 2004, 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. 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. **William I. Brustein** (Director of the University Center for International Studies) provided a gracious welcome and opening remarks to those attending, and CLAS Board of Advisors member **Stewart E. Sutin** delivered the feature address. The Center was pleased that Board of Advisors chair **Glenn Flickinger** and member **Todd Hunt** also joined the festivities.



At Honors Day (left to right): Todd Hunt, William Brustein, Shirley Kregar, Stewart Sutin, Kathleen Musante DeWalt, and Glenn Flickinger.

#### 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 2004-05, CLAS faculty and students were the recipients of 125 awards administered through the Center. Funding for the awards came from a variety of sources, including: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Alcoa Foundation, Howard Heinz Endowment, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Estate of Fabiola Aguirre, the U.S. Department of Education, anonymous donors, V. F. Rodriguez, the Research and Development Fund for Latin American Studies, the University of Pittsburgh's 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 undertake this task:

**Reid Andrews** (History), **John Beverley** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Bobby Chamberlain** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Louise Comfort** (Public and International Affairs), **Cecilia Green** (Sociology), **Pascual Masullo** (Linguistics), **John Myers** (Education), **Paul Nelson** (Public and International Affairs), **Josephine Olson** (Business), **Aníbal Pérez-Liñán** (Political Science), **María Cristina Saavedra** (Spanish, Johnstown Campus), **Richard Scaglione** (Anthropology), **Sarah Williams** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), and **Erin Graff Zivin** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures).

As the seventh president of the Community College of Allegheny County, Dr. **Stewart E. Sutin** brings with him a unique mix of international banking experience and a dedication to the field of higher education. Formerly senior vice president and international department head for Mellon Financial Corporation, Dr. Sutin has been a lecturer, an advisory board member, and a trustee of various institutions of higher education.

Dr. Sutin is a member of Carnegie Mellon University's Research Advisory Committee and serves on a number of advisory boards at the University of Pittsburgh, including the Center for International Studies, the International Business Center, and the Center for Latin American Studies. He is also a member of the board of governors for the Pennsylvania Economy League - Western Division. Prior to accepting the presidency of CCAC, Dr. Sutin was vice chairman of the board of trustees of the International Fine Arts College of St. Thomas University in Miami. He was an adjunct lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh's Katz Graduate School of Business and has lectured at various institutions of higher education, including Brandeis University, Georgetown University, Tufts University, Tulane University, and the University of Virginia. While at Mellon Financial Corporation, he was responsible for the organization's global strategy, identifying strategic partners, negotiating joint ventures, and marketing its products and services to financial institutions around the world. He previously held the positions of president of Bank of Boston International and assistant manager for the Latin American division of J.P. Morgan Chase.

Dr. Sutin earned his doctorate in Latin American history from the University of Texas at Austin in 1975, a master's degree in Latin American studies from Georgetown University in 1969, and a bachelor of science in history from the Pennsylvania State University in 1966.





## Honoring Student and Faculty Achievements (continued)

### FACULTY RESEARCH GRANTS

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

Awardees:

**Mark Abbott** (Assistant Professor, Geology and Planetary Sciences): "Reconstruction of Pre-Incan Metallurgy using Lake Sediments from Southern Peru"

**Joseph K. Adjaye** (Professor, Africana Studies): "Mediated Lives: Memory and the Construction of History in the Caribbean Diaspora"

**Max H. Brandt** (Adjunct Associate Professor, Music/Institute of Shipboard Education): "Afro-Venezuelan Drumming Traditions: A Thirty-Year Perspective"

**María Auxiliadora Cordero** (Research Associate, Anthropology): "Reinas, Ñustas and Cholas: Women, Agency and Identity in Ecuador"

**Blenda Femenías** (Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology): "The Culture of Women's Organizing in Two South American Nations"

**Joshua Lund** (Assistant Professor, Hispanic Languages & Literatures): "Writing the Citizen: Race, Nation and Violence in Modern Mexico"

**Hugo G. Nutini** (University Professor, Anthropology): "Socio-Cultural Change in the Tlaxcala-Pueblan Valley (1958-2005-7)"

**Marcus Rediker** (Professor, History): "The Slave Ship: A Human History"

### GRADUATE STUDENT FIELD RESEARCH GRANTS

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

Awardees:

**Cecilia Carrizo** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures): "Ethnic Politics: Indigenous Autonomy in the Management of Intercultural Education: Amauta Project as a Role Model of Agency"

**Robyn Cutright** (Anthropology): "Rural Households in the Jequetepeque Valley, Peru"

**Rebecca Englert** (Anthropology): "Gender and Religious Conversion to Protestantism in Chiapas, Mexico"

**Miguel Garcia** (Political Science): "Electoral Turnout and War in Colombia"

**Agustin Grijalva** (Political Science): "Andean Constitutional Courts in Comparative Perspective: The Cases of Colombia and Ecuador"

**Lauren Herckis** (Anthropology): "Ethnic Diversity in a Maya Polity"



**Lucia Herrera** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures): "Recognition and Reinterpretation of Indigenous Nations of Body and the Sacred in Urban Intellectual Discourse in Quito Ecuador"

**Veronica Lifrieri** (Linguistics): "Social Influences on Language Motivation: Learning English and Portuguese in Argentina"



Hirokazu Kikuchi

**Hirokazu Kikuchi** (Political Science): "Provincial Interest and Legislative Politics in Argentina"

**Carolina Maldonado** (Education): "Consistency and Inconsistency in Perceived Student-Teacher Relationship Quality in Colombian First-Graders"

**Alexander J. Martin** (Anthropology): "Applying World Systems Theory to Precapitalist Peripheries: The Coast of Ecuador During the Precolumbian and Colonial Times"

**María del Pilar Melgarejo** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures): "Language Regeneration: Nation and Purification in Colombia and Mexico"

**Adam Clayton Menzies** (Anthropology): "Household and Community Integration in the Development of Chiefdom Politics in Central Pacific Panama"

**Mauricio Murillo-Herrera** (Anthropology): "Social Change in Pre-Columbian San Ramón de Alajuela, Costa Rica: Identifying Social Inequality at the Community Level"

**Scott Daniel Palumbo** (Anthropology): "Archaeology at the Edges: Tiwanaku Collapse Along the Andean Frontier"

**Ignacio M. Sánchez-Prado** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures): "Constitution of the Intellectual Field in 1930s Mexico: The Question of Literary Publications"

**Javier Vazquez D'Elia** (Political Science): "Patronage-Based Politics and Legislative Policy-Making: The Uruguayan Case"

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (Academic Year 2004-05)  
Purpose: To support graduate students in their study of Latin American languages and the area.

Awardees:

**Jamie Burchianti** (Law), Portuguese

**Erica Burgess** (Law), Portuguese

**Nicole Garcia** (Linguistics), Portuguese

**Kavin Paulraj** (History), Portuguese

**Penelope Robertson**

(Anthropology), Portuguese

**Patricia Skillin** (Public and International Affairs), Portuguese



Kavin Paulraj

US DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS (Summer 2005)

Purpose: To support graduate students (U.S. citizens or permanent residents) to study a language of Latin America in a summer intensive language training program.

Awardee: **Kavin Paulraj** (History)

**LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWSHIPS (Academic Year 2004-05)**

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

Awardees:

**Stuart Easterling** from the United States (History)

**Laura Macía Vergara** from Colombia (Anthropology)

**Marilia Mochel** from Brazil (Political Science)

**GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY—DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY (2004-05)**

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:

**Leigh Hartmann** (United States)

**Enrique López Hurtado** (Peru)

**Giancarlo Marcone** (Peru)

**Alexander Martín** (Ecuador)

**Mauricio Murillo** (Costa Rica)

**Manuel Román-Lacayo** (Nicaragua)

**ALCOA FOUNDATION/MARANHÃO BRAZIL FELLOWSHIPS IN ENGINEERING (2004-05)**

Purpose: To provide support for students from the state of Maranhão, Brazil, to pursue master's degrees in the School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh

Awardees:

**Brenno Beserra Coelho** (graduate of the Universidade Federal do Maranhão) for Electrical Engineering

**Antonio Luiz Silva Ferreira** (graduate of the Universidade Federal do Maranhão) for Electrical Engineering

**FABIOLA AGUIRRE FELLOWSHIP (2003-04)**

Purpose: To support full or partial scholarships (through the Department of Biological Sciences) at the University of Pittsburgh, with a preference for female students living in Latin America, who demonstrate financial need and express interest in working as a public school teacher or in environmental science

Awardee: **Andrea Quesada** (Biological Sciences)

**TUITION REMISSION FELLOWSHIPS (Academic Year 2004-05)**

Purpose: To provide support for students (primarily those from Latin America) in the form of full or partial tuition remission fellowships.

Awardees:

**Pedro Aponte** from Venezuela (Music)

**Marcelo Auday** from Argentina (Public and International Affairs)

**Alexandra Barahona** from Honduras (Public and International Affairs)

**Javier Coronado-Aliegro** from Colombia (Education)

**Jaime Andrés Garrón** from Bolivia (Public and International Affairs)

**Lindsey Jones** from U.S. (Public and International Affairs)

**Patricia Kanashiro** from Brazil (Public and International Affairs)

**Laura Macía Vergara** from Colombia (Anthropology)

**Carolina Maldonado** from Colombia (Education)

**Luiz Martin del Campo** from Mexico (Public and International Affairs)

**Jorge Rodríguez** from Colombia (Public and International Affairs)

**Willys Santos** from Brazil (Public and International Affairs)

**María Victoria Whittingham** from Colombia (Public and International Affairs)

**Yonca Özdemir** (Public and International Affairs)

**Felipe Zuluaga** from Colombia (Public and International Affairs)



Willys Santos

**CLAS STUDENT AMBASSADORS**

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

Awardees:

**Jaclyn Belczyk** (Anthropology)

**Andrea Gault** (Psychology)

**Laura Ripo** (Finance)

**TRAVEL TO PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (Academic Year 2004-05)**

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

Awardees:

**FACULTY**

**Ligia Aldana** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **John**

**Beverley** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Jerome**

**Branche** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Blenda**

**Femenias** (Anthropology), **Patricia Documét** (Public

Health), **Cecilia Green** (Sociology), **Steven Hirsch**

(History, Greensburg campus), **Joshua Lund** (Hispanic Lan-

guages and Literatures), **Martha Mantilla** (Library),

**Pascual José Masullo** (Linguistics), **Mabel Moraña**

(Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **John Myers**

(Education), **Hugo Nutini** (Anthropology), **Aníbal Pérez-**

**Liñán** (Political Science), **Maureen Porter** (Education),

**Shalini Puri** (English), **Lara Putnam** (History), **James B.**

**Richardson III** (Anthropology), **Nita Rudra** (Public and

International Affairs), **María Cristina Saavedra** (Spanish,

Johnstown campus), **Sarah Williams** (Hispanic Languages

and Literatures), **Erin Graff Zivin** (Hispanic Languages and

Literatures)

## Honoring Student and Faculty Achievements (continued)

### STUDENTS

**María José Alvarez** (Sociology), **Cecilia I. Carrizo** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Shakira Crawford** (History), **Robyn Cutright** (Anthropology), **Jason Fox** (Anthropology), **Miguel García** (Political Science), **Veronica Garibotto** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Antonio Gómez** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Lauren Herckis** (Anthropology), **Lucía Herrera** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Taeko Hiroi** (Political Science), **Ileana Jara-Yupanqui** (Linguistics), **Betsy Konefal** (History), **Ignacio López** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Luciano Martínez** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Carolina Maldonado** (Education), **María del Pilar Melgarejo** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Claudia Muñoz-Campos** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Manuel Román-Lacayo** (Anthropology), **Susana Rosano** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures), **Ignacio Sánchez-Prado** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

### UNDERGRADUATE SEMINAR/FIELD TRIP, FORTALEZA, BRAZIL (2005)

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. Completion of the field study is one requirement for the Undergraduate Certificate in Latin American Studies.



Patricia Kanashiro

Project Director: **Ana Paula Carvalho** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)  
Project Assistant: **Patricia Kanashiro** (graduate student, Public and International Affairs)

Undergraduate Participants in the 2005 Seminar and Field Trip:

**Kathryn Charlton** (Undeclared)  
**Leah Crutcher** (Spanish)  
**Melissa Dougherty** (Linguistics)  
**Christina Gavin** (Spanish)  
**Courtney Hill** (Spanish)  
**Charis Jones** (Spanish)

**Rebecca Labancz** (Administration of Justice)  
**Sean McCarthy** (Linguistics/Spanish)  
**Edward McColly** (Spanish)  
**Susana Publicker** (Spanish/Political Science)  
**Laura Ripo** (Finance/Spanish)  
**Kasey Sharretts** (Anthropology/Spanish)  
**Katherine Yaw** (Anthropology/Spanish)

### GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT FOR EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH

Purpose: To provide support for a graduate student in Latin American Studies.

Awardee: **Ligia Díaz-Román** (Education: Administrative and Policy Studies)

### UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWSHIP IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

Purpose: Award made to an outstanding undergraduate in the Latin American Studies program to assist a professor in teaching a Latin American course.

Awardee: **Suzanna Publicker** (Spanish/Political Science) with **Dr. Erin Graff Zivin** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures) for Spanish 1700 (Fall 2005)—“Comparative Hispanic Topics: Imagining Jewishness”



Suzanna Publicker and Erin Graff Zivin.

### THE COLE AND MARTY BLASIER AWARDS

Purpose: For meritorious effort as a volunteer in support of the programs of Latin American Studies.

Awardees:

Graduate Student: **Luciano Martínez** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

Undergraduate Student: **Jaclyn M. Belczyk** (Anthropology/Philosophy)

### V. F. RODRIGUEZ AWARDS

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



Bridgett F. Himel (Spanish)



Jessica M. Rathbone (Anthropology)



CLAS STUDENT ASSISTANT  
**Jillian Matlock**



## 2004-05 UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AND EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

### FACULTY

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, elected member:

**Robert D. Drennan** (Anthropology)

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, particle technology Forum - Lifetime Achievement Award, in recognition of his distinguished career and contributions to particle technology research and scholarship as well as his outstanding leadership to the particle technology community worldwide, to: **George E. Klinzing** (Engineering)

CHANCELLOR'S DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD, for excellence in teaching as evidenced by students, colleagues and department chairs or deans, to: **Linda A. Winkler** (Anthropology and Biology, University of Pittsburgh at Titusville)

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (GOVERNING) COUNCIL, elected member: **Kathleen Blee** (Sociology)

TINA AND DAVID BELLET ARTS AND SCIENCES TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD, to: **Marla P. Ripoll** (Economics)

YWCA OF GREATER PITTSBURGH RACIAL JUSTICE AWARD 2004, to: **Kathleen Blee** (Sociology)

FREEMAN AWARD, NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ON FOREIGN LANGUAGE TEACHING, presented this year for the best 2002 published article on foreign language teaching, to: **Richard Donato** (Education)

EDOUARD MOROT-SIR PEDAGOGICAL PRIZE, INSTITUT FRANÇAIS DE WASHINGTON, presented this year for the best 2002 article on the teaching of French language, literature, or culture published in the *French Review*, to: **Richard Donato** (Education)

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT ASSOCIATION'S OUTSTANDING YOUNG SCHOLAR AWARD, to: **Frits Pil** (Business)

STUDENT'S CHOICE AWARD, to faculty/staff who go beyond the "call of duty" to help students in a variety of ways, to: **Ana Paula Carvalho** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

K. LEROY IRVIS FELLOWSHIP, to graduate students of outstanding academic achievement from groups under-represented in the national pool of earned doctoral degrees as well as within the professoriate at the University of Pittsburgh, to:

**Marcela J. Esqueda** (Anthropology)  
**Bayete Henderson** (History)

LILLIAN B. LAWLER PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, for dissertation-level students with an outstanding career in teaching and research, to:

**Ignacio López-Vicuña** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

**Ellen Walsh** (History)

NATIONAL SECURITY EDUCATION PROGRAM DAVID L. BOREN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP, to: **Christine Hippert** (Anthropology)

UMBERGER GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP, for doctoral studies, to: **Agustín Grijalva** (Political Science)

WILKINSON TRAVEL GRANT, for research by graduate students in art history, to: **Miguel Rojas** (History of Art and Architecture)

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (doctoral Fellowship), to: **Ana Carolina Garriga** (Political Science)

ANDREW MELLON PREDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS, to outstanding graduate students who have demonstrated superior performance in the academic disciplines of Arts and Sciences:

**Robyn E. Cutright** (Anthropology)

**Leonel Delgado-Aburto** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

**Lauren R. Herckis** (Anthropology)

**Taeko Hiroi** (Political Science)

**Megan McLean** (History)

**Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Raga** (Political Science)

**Timothy D. Sullivan** (Anthropology)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION'S ALUMNI DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP, to: **Esteban Anzoise** (Education: Administration and Policy Studies)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION'S MASONER INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP, to: **Simona M. Popa** (Education: Administration and Policy Studies)

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION'S DAVID WEINBERGER FELLOWSHIP, to: **Gabriela J. Silvestre** (Education: Administration and Policy Studies)

SCHOOL OF LAW'S WILLIAM ECKERD PRIZE, to the students who, in the judgment of the faculty, have written superior papers in the upper-division JD Legal Writing Program, to: **Scott R. Jablonski** (Law/Public and International Affairs)

## Honoring Student and Faculty Achievements (continued)

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FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP, Institute for International Education, to:

**Alexandra Barahona Posada** (Public and International Affairs)

**María Andrea Castagnola** (Political Science)

**Luis Martín Del Campo Fierro** (Public and International Affairs)

**Ana Carolina Garriga** (Political Science)

**Jaime Garrón** (Public and International Affairs)

FULBRIGHT GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP, LASPAU, to:

**Marcelo Auday** (Public and International Affairs)

**Patricia Kanashiro** (Public and International Affairs)

**Carolina Maldonado** (Education: Psychology in Education)

**Jorge Rodríguez** (Public and International Affairs)

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP, to: **David Whitted** (Public and International Affairs)

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA INTERNATIONAL (an Honor Society): **Ana Carolina Garriga** (Political Science)

2005 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, IVAN SANTA-CRUZ MEMORIAL AWARD, to conduct research on the formal and informal uses of the form "you" in Santiago, Chile, to: **Robert J. Mucklo, Jr.** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

ELIZABETH BARANGER EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD to recognize and reward outstanding teaching by graduate students at Pitt, and to contribute to or spark discussions about what constitutes good teaching by graduate students on campus: **Luciano Martínez** (Hispanic Languages and Literatures)

2005 LEWIS A. TYLER TRUSTEES' FUND AWARD, from LASPAU for her project "Consistency and Inconsistency in Perceived Student-Teacher Relationship Quality in Colombian First-Graders," to: **Carolina Maldonado** (Education: Psychology in Education)

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

ARTS AND SCIENCE UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP, for outstanding academic achievement, to:

**Christine Elzer** (Sociology/Spanish)

**Kevin Funk** (Political Science)

PHI BETA KAPPA, for superior scholastic achievement in undergraduate programs in the arts and sciences. Initiate for 2003 is: **Elliot Fontela** (Politics and Philosophy)

PHI ETA SIGMA, an honor society promoting academic excellence in which students of high ideals find companionship and fellowship. Open to any freshman that has attained a 3.5 QPA during either of the first two terms:

**Jennifer A. Armstrong** (Political Science/Urban Studies)

**Melissa L. Dougherty** (Linguistics)

**Emily Haimowitz** (Spanish)

**Valentina L. Khoury** (Spanish)

**Melissa A. Mistretta** (History/Political Science/Spanish)

**Derek A. Reighard** (Biological Sciences)

**Mahogany R. Thaxton** (Communication)

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS, for attaining the top two percent in cumulative undergraduate academic standing by school.

### *College of Arts & Sciences*

#### *Seniors*

**Christine T. Elzer** (Sociology/Spanish)

**Kevin B. Funk** (Political Science)

**Gerald P. Hunter II** (Business/Economics)

**Beth A. May** (Spanish)

**Quinn M. McIntosh** (Communication)

**Anne Garland Neel** (Spanish)

**Benjamin J. Pilcher** (Urban Studies)

**Kasey A. Sharretts** (Anthropology/Spanish)

#### *Juniors*

**Debra L. Lytle** (English Writing)

**Christine L. Waller** (English Writing/Communication)

### *College of Business Administration*

#### *Senior*

**Laura J. Ripo** (Finance/Spanish)

UNIVERSITY HONORS COLLEGE BRACKENRIDGE SUMMER FELLOWS, for two or three months of summer support for undergraduate research and independent scholarship, to: **Gerald P. Hunter II** (Business/Economics)

GOLDEN KEY NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, for the top fifteen percent of the junior and senior classes. Initiates for 2004-2005 are:

**Alyssa Burkhart** (Psychology/Spanish)

**Alicia Conti** (Spanish)

**Julia Cussick** (Political Science)

**Andrea Gault** (Psychology)

**Carly Gordon** (Spanish)

**Tiffani Johnson** (Business/Communication)

**Rebecca Labancz** (Administration of Justice)

**Rachel Muzika** (English Literature)

**Suzanna Publicker** (Political Science/Spanish)

**Kasey Sharretts** (Anthropology/Spanish)

**Julie Starek** (Psychology)

**Lamoy Stephens** (Communication)

**Katherine Yaw** (Anthropology/Spanish)



JOSEPH C. JOHNSON JR. SCHOLARSHIP, for students who are residents of Washington County, to: **Kathryn Charlton** (Undecided)

MAURICE L. GOLLADAY QUASI-ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP, for outstanding academic achievement, to: **Anne Garland Neel** (Spanish)

ROBERT W. AVERY AWARD, for excellence in sociology, to: **Christine T. Elzer** (Sociology/Spanish)

VIRGINIA HELEN NEUBECK SCHOLARSHIP, for outstanding academic achievement, to: **Leah Crutcher** (Spanish)

WILMA BINDER ZEDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, for outstanding academic achievement, to:  
**Quinn McIntosh** (Communication)  
**Laura Ripo** (Finance)  
**Joshua Sullivan** (Mathematics/Physics)  
**Christine Waller** (Communication/English Writing)

CHANCELLOR'S SCHOLARS, four-year academic scholarships awarded on the basis of merit to provide undergraduate educational opportunity for students of talent, attainment, scope, drive imagination, and curiosity:

*Seniors*

**Jaclyn Belczyk** (Anthropology/Philosophy)

*Freshmen*

**Benjamin Mericli** (Engineering)

CHANCELLOR'S UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWS, for proposing and implementing an innovative project in collaboration with a sponsoring faculty member, to:

*Fall 2004*

**Zachary Repanshek** (Spanish/Chemistry) with Amy Wagner

CHANCELLOR'S UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWS, for proposing and implementing an innovative teaching project in collaboration with a sponsoring faculty member.

*Fall 2004*

**Grzegorz Miaskiewicz** (Politics and Philosophy/History) with Clark Muenzer

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA, for meritorious leadership in extracurricular activities, superior scholarship, and cam-

pus citizenship with an 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, initiate: **Alyssa V. Burkhart** (Spanish/Psychology)

OMICRON DELTA KAPPA SENIOR OF THE YEAR AWARD, for 2005, presented to a senior student who has attained a high standard of leadership in collegiate activities. Nominee: **Rebecca M. Labancz** (Administration of Justice)

2004 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, POLISH ROOM COMMITTEE/KOSCIUSZKO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP, to study the Polish language and conduct independent research in Krakow, Poland, to: **Grzegorz Miaskiewicz** (Politics and Philosophy/History)

2004 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, IVAN SANTA-CRUZ MEMORIAL AWARD, to research the eating and overall health habits of Chileans in Valparaíso, Chile, to: **Carly P. Gordon** (Spanish)

2004 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, SAVINA S. SKEWIS AWARD, to study Castilian dialect and Spanish culture in Alcala de Henares, Spain, to: **Kasey A. Sharretts** (Spanish/Anthropology)

2005 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, RACHEL MCMASTERS MILLER HUNT AWARD, to study Latin American literature and civics and volunteer as an English as a Second Language teacher in Guanajuato, Mexico, to: **Benjamin J. Pilcher** (Urban Studies)

2005 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL CLUB GRANT (In Memory of Artemis Manos and Eleni Contis), to research reasons behind the higher use of C-sections vs. natural births in Fortaleza, Brazil, to: **Courtney A. Hill** (Spanish)

2005 NATIONALITY ROOMS SCHOLARSHIP FOR STUDY ABROAD, SAVINA S. SKEWIS AWARD, to study Spanish language and the sociological impact of the educational system on social movements, and a classroom practicum in Santiago, Chile, to: **Analena B. Bruce** (Sociology)

## Visiting Scholars

CLAS was pleased to host a number of visiting scholars during spring and summer 2005. These scholars came to the University of Pittsburgh to access the world-renowned resources of the Eduardo Lozano Latin American Library Collection.



Albert Manke

**Albert Manke** (PhD student in Iberian and Latin American History, University of Cologne, Germany) and Dr. **Christine Hatzky** (Assistant Professor, Department of Non-European History, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany) met CLAS faculty member **Alejandro de la Fuente** (History) in Germany. Dr. de la Fuente has visited the University of Cologne on a number of occasions to meet with the Latin America history group there (and particularly with Professor Michael Zeuske) in relation to a common research agenda on slavery, rights, and freedom in the Atlantic. Group members Albert and Christine are working on Cuba, and Alejandro told them about the rich resources on this country in the Pitt library collection. This prompted their visits to Pittsburgh—Albert was here from March 15 to April 18 to undertake research on the “National Militia in Cuba from 1959 to 1961,” and Christine from July 21 to August 15 for her research project on “Cuban Civil Internationalists in Angola.”



Christine Hatzky

In addition, Dr. **Wilfredo Hernandez** (Assistant Professor of Spanish, Allegheny College) and Dr. **Katherine Gatto** (Professor of Classical and Modern Languages and Cultures, John Carroll University) came to the University of Pittsburgh as CLAS Summer Library Research Fellows. Funded through the Center’s U.S. Department of Education National Resource Center grant, summer library research fellowships are awarded annually to faculty members from two- and four-year institutions in the U.S. who do not have access to extensive Latin American library resources. The grants enable the fellows to come to the University of Pittsburgh for a month to utilize the outstanding research materials housed in the Eduardo Lozano Latin American Library Collection. Dr. Hernandez was in Pittsburgh during June to conduct research on “Democracy, Subculture and Representation: The Creation of the Venezuelan Gay Literature” for a book he is preparing for publication; and Dr. Gatto visited during July to work on her project “Solo Tango: The Feminist Cinema of María Luisa Bemberg.”

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## Brazil Business Briefing Becomes Annual Event

On May 8, 2003, CLAS hosted the first Brazil Business Briefing—designed for companies in the Western Pennsylvania region who were interested in understanding Brazil and doing business in the country. The briefing consisted of panels of experts (corporate executives as well as University faculty) who discussed the Brazilian political environment, the Brazilian economy and business environment, and business experiences in Brazil. Because of rapid and on-going changes in Brazil, another briefing was held on July 21, 2004 in conjunction with the World Affairs Council (WAC) of Pittsburgh and Pitt’s International Business Center (IBC). This Global Business Dialogue on “Politics, Economics and Business in Brazil: Views from the Inside” featured presentations by several middle- to upper-level managers of multinational and Brazilian companies. These businesspersons also happened to be students in the University of Pittsburgh Katz Graduate School of Business International Executive MBA (IEMBA) Program in São Paulo, Brazil. The success of this event led CLAS, WAC, and the IBC to decide to tap the IEMBA resources again for 2005. Consequently, the third briefing took place on July 26, 2005 and featured IEMBA/ São Paulo students **Fabio Boucinhas** (Relationship Marketing Manager, SKY Brazil), **Alexandre de Godoy** (Fiscal Representative, Financial Secretariat of the State of São Paulo), and **Andrea Salzano** (Low Income Consumers Unit Latin America Manager, Unilever of Brazil). CLAS Faculty member and Professor of Business **James A. Craft** made introductory remarks and served as moderator. The Center plans to continue employing this format on an annual basis in cooperation with the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh and the International Business Center.



## Shirley K's Korner

¡*Felicitaciones/Parabéns* to the most recent CLAS graduates!

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

*April 2005*

**Jamie Lee Burchianti**—Law (JD)

**Agustín Grijalva**—Political Science

**Ignacio López-Vicuña**—Hispanic Languages and Literatures (PhD)

**Luciano Hernán Martínez**—Hispanic Languages and Literatures

**Jorge A. Rodríguez**—Public and International Affairs (GSPIA)

*August 2005*

**Zachary J. Beus**—Security and Intelligence Studies (GSPIA)

**Cecilia I. Carrizo**—Hispanic Languages and Literatures

**Nicole Marie García**—Hispanic Linguistics

**Jaime Andrés Garrón Bozo**—Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability (GSPIA)

**Sonia E. Lenk**—Hispanic Languages and Literatures

**Alejandro Antonio Royo DeSedas**—Biological Sciences (PhD)

**David Wayne Whitted**—Security and Intelligence Studies (GSPIA)

### GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN SOCIAL AND PUBLIC POLICY

*April 2005*

**María José Alvarez**—Sociology

**Marcelo Auday**—Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability (GSPIA)

*August 2005*

**Taeko Hiroi**—Political Science (PhD)

**Patrícia Tinen Kanashiro**—Development Planning and Environmental Sustainability (GSPIA)

**Betsy Ogburn Konefal**—History (PhD)

**Luciano S. Lima**—Global Political Economy (GSPIA)

### UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

*April 2005*

**Guilherme Barbone**—Finance and Marketing (CBA)

**Jaclyn M. Belczyk**—Anthropology/Philosophy

**Alysia B. Clauhs**—Linguistics/Spanish

**Alicia N. Conti**—Spanish

**Elwin M. Cotman**—English Writing

**Christine T. Elzer**—Sociology/Spanish

**Kevin B. Funk**—English Writing/Political Science

**Daniel J. Heryer**—Urban Studies

**Gerald P. Hunter II**—Political Science (BA)/Economics and Business (BS)

**Kristen A. Hussar**—Neuroscience

**Geraldine M. Loveless**—Biological Sciences

**Quinn M. McIntosh**—Communication: Rhetoric and Communication

**Jessica L. Olson**—Spanish/Anthropology

**Ashley Ruszkowski**—Political Science

**William A. Vauter**—Political Science

*August 2005*

**Leah Danielle Crutcher**—Spanish

**James R. Flemming, Jr.**—Electrical Engineering

**Charis D. Jones**—Africana Studies/Spanish

**Edward Bales McColly**—Spanish/Sociology

**Tracy T. Tilghman**—Communication

**Katherine Elizabeth Yaw**—Spanish/Anthropology

### UNDERGRADUATE RELATED CONCENTRATION IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

*April 2005*

**Philip J. Gerhardt**—Political Science/History

**Kristina M. Groover**—Neuroscience

**Kristen L. Mackel**—Psychology

**Julie A. Ruck**—Spanish

**Matthew J. Sherrill**—Interdisciplinary Studies

**Lamoy A. Stephens**—Communication Science and Disorders (SHRS)

**Darrell E. Stewart**—Film Studies

**Joshua T. Sullivan**—Physics and Applied Mathematics

**Lora G. Woodward**—English Writing

*August 2005*

**Sarah L. Cvammen**—Spanish

Shirley K's Korner (continued)**Student and Alumni News**

**Victoria Abel Shearer** (BA Spanish 2002) completed certification and the MAT for foreign language at Pitt. After graduating, she decided to join Teach For America to obtain additional certification and to learn more about teaching in the inner city. In May 2005, Torey spent three weeks in Oaxaca, Mexico working on a service project with ProMexico, a new branch of ProWorld. "They connected me with a rural primary school and I substitute taught/observed there. It was an amazing way to kick off the next two years teaching bilingual ed here in the states." In the fall 2005, Torey began her teaching career as a fifth grade bilingual educator in PS 152 in Washington Heights. The school is 98 percent Dominican so Torey will be able to use her language skills and knowledge of Latin America.



**María José Alvarez** completed the master's degree in Sociology in December 2004 by presenting her research paper on "Moving to a Golden Ghetto." Dr. **John Markoff** will continue to serve as her advisor for the doctoral program.

**Ariel Armony's** book, *Repression, Resistance, and Democratic Transition in Central America*, coauthored with Thomas W. Walker (Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 2000) is reviewed in an article by David Carey, "Shades of Peace and Democracy: Social Discontent and Reconciliation in Central America," *Latin American Research Review* 40(1):251-267. The CLAS Nashville correspondent (thanks Mitchell!) reports that in May 2005 Ariel was in Bellagio at the Rockefeller Center. Ariel was having "an extraordinary time" as a fellow. Mirna, Ariel's wife, and their sons were to join Ariel for a trip through Italy. Ariel completed the PhD in Political Science at Pitt in 1998 with the guidance of Professor **Mitchell Seligson**.

**João Barroso** (doctoral candidate, Sociology) has two new articles in print: "Liderança e Globalização" and "A Reeleição de Bush e as Teorias de Liderança," *Revista Estudos em Liderança* (São Paulo, 2005).

**Tara Beech**, a political science major, is currently studying in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Tara has bipolar disorder and was featured in a recent article by Leigh Ann Wojciechowski in *Pitt Chronicle* (August 2005)

that highlighted the efforts of the Study Abroad Office staff in enabling students with disabilities to study abroad.

"I worked very hard with Leslie Smedley, my study-abroad advisor, Noreen Mazzocca, my disability counselor, and on my own in order to create a [study-abroad] experience free from problems and challenges," Beech said....Beech began by carefully selecting...a program that best accommodated her needs. 'I chose a structured program, which included an onsite resident director, a student advisory center that provided assistance in English, and accommodations with Argentine families,' Beech explained. Before leaving for Argentina, she compiled a list of questions and doubts regarding medications, therapy, funding, academic procedures, and cultural differences, and then discussed those concerns with the staff of Pitt's Study Abroad Office, the AIFS admissions department, and her doctors. Despite her careful planning, Beech ran into unexpected problems in Buenos Aires, largely having to do with the language barrier. 'The key is to reduce these occurrences to solely uncontrollable factors,' .... 'I have increased my Spanish language skills by a tremendous amount, [and]...I have met many people from Buenos Aires, other parts of Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, and Brazil. It is an enlightening experience to speak with each one of them, and I have enriched my own life by learning so much about their cultures, customs, and traditions.'" Thanks to **Luciano Martinez**, doctoral candidate in Hispanic Languages and Literatures and Tara's Spanish teacher, who brought this article to our attention. We congratulate Tara on her perseverance and accomplishments!!!!

**Jaclyn M. Belczyk** (BA Anthropology/Philosophy 2005) entered the University of Pittsburgh's School of Law in the fall. Many thanks to Jaclyn for her service as a volunteer in CLAS during 2004-05! She worked many hours to promote the programs of the Center to undergraduates who otherwise might not have heard of the opportunities available to them. Mil gracias, Jaclyn!



Pitt senior Tara Beech—pictured here in Colonia, Uruguay, overlooking the Rio de la Plata, which separates Argentina from Uruguay to the south.



**David Bergad** (BA Self-Designed 1978) has been an enthusiastic supporter of CLAS since he participated in the first Brazilian Seminar/Field Trip in 1976. "I'm always interested in hearing [about CLAS]...how thrilling that the field trip went to Brazil. I'm still so honored to be part of the...first trip there! I'm now working full time with Saul Zaentz, the producer. He's in Spain, making another film with Milos Forman, based on the Spanish Inquisition. It stars Javier Bardem and Natalie Portman. The title is *Goya's Ghosts*."

**Fabio Bertranou** (PhD Economics 1998) has two recent publications. *International Social Security Review* 58:2-3(July 2005) includes chapters coauthored by

Fabio M. Bertranou and Octavio Jiménez Durán, "Social Protection in Latin America: The Challenges of Heterogeneity and Inequity"; "Social Protection and the Labour Market in Latin America: What can be Learned from Household Surveys?" by Leonardo Gasparini and Fabio M. Bertranou; and a chapter on "Assessing the World Bank Report *Keeping the Promise*" by **Carmelo**

**Mesa-Lago**. Fabio also contributed to the new OIT book, *Uruguay: Empleo y protección social. De la crisis al crecimiento* (Organización Internacional del Trabajo, 2005): "La edición y supervisión técnica de los trabajos incluidos en este libro estuvieron a cargo de Fabio Bertranou, Andrés Marinakis y Gerhard Reinecke....La OIT publica este libro con el objeto de contribuir al debate sobre cómo enfrentar los desafíos de adaptación de las políticas de empleo y protección social en el nuevo contexto político uruguayo. En estos debates entre los actores sociales y los técnicos a cargo del diseño y la aplicación de políticas esperamos que surjan las nuevas soluciones para un Uruguay en crecimiento." [Daniel Martínez, Director, Oficina Subregional de la OIT Santiago, Santiago, febrero de 2005] Fabio was the author of chapter IV, "Protección social, mercado laboral e institucionalidad de la seguridad social." He and **Alberto Arenas de Mesa** (PhD Economics 1997) contributed chapter ten, "Previsión social: ¿Reformular o consolidar el modelo mixto?"

Fabio, his wife **Lucia Dammert** (MURP GSPIA—Urban & Regional Planning 1997), and their children (Camila and Matias) visited Pittsburgh in mid-September 2005 on their way to Toronto where Fabio participated in the Marathon on September 25. Lucia is



Left to right: Fabio, Matias, Camila, and Lucia.

the coeditor of *Public Security and Police Reform in the Americas*, which is being published by the University of Pittsburgh Press and will be available later this year.

**Zachary Beus** (MPIA GSPIA—Security and Intelligence Studies 2005) is an Imagery Analyst with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) in Washington, DC. His current focus is cross-border drug smuggling and small arms trade routes. Zach completed an internship in summer 2004 with Plan Estratégico de Juárez where he worked on a number of security and public works projects.



Deborah and Jim.

**Deborah Billings** (BA Anthropology 1987) and Jim Thrasher celebrated their marriage at their lovely farmhouse in Carrboro, North Carolina on September 9 and 10, 2005. The celebration had touches of Latin America (both Debbie and Jim work in Mexico) with beautifully hand-made paper invitations featuring Mayan glyphs and Mexican food and drink at the wedding celebration. Debbie was an undergraduate at Pitt, completing a BA in Anthropology in 1987. The wonderful photograph was taken at The Basilica, Virgin of Guadalupe's Shrine in Mexico City "moments after we got engaged."

It is **John F. Bishop, PhD!** CLAS congratulates Jack (BA Music 1997) whose support of CLAS has been unflagging for nearly a decade. In mid-June, Jack received the doctorate from UCLA in ethnomusicology. His dissertation, "Who are the Pirates? Power Relationships in a Globalized Music Market, Ethnomusicological Perspectives," is of interest to all in tech/music so part of the abstract follows: "This dissertation provides an analysis of the phenomenon of music piracy during

**Shirley K's Korner (continued)**

the age of consumer digital audio technology, or roughly 1998-2004. The main focus falls on the socio-economic factors surrounding the proliferation of 'commercial piracy,' the making and selling of pirated CDs, and to a lesser extent, so-called 'Internet piracy,' or the trading of electronically encoded music files via the

Internet. This study considers CD piracy as part of the underground, or informal economies of the world, which serve very real social needs for a majority of the population that, due to economic reasons, has no access to the formal markets. Close attention is paid to the concerted efforts by the recording industry and other protective agencies to eradicate piracy on a global level. The war on piracy has resulted in complex power relationships between industrialized nations like the United States, the European Community, and Japan and developing and least-developed nations. Since the formation of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the Trade Related Intellectual Properties (TRIPs) Agreement in 1995, protecting the intellectual properties of the industrialized world became linked to trade policies. TRIPs meant that economic sanctions and trade restrictions could be used to retaliate against non-complying nations. In the pursuit of a piracy-free world, the recording industry has used an iron fist with non-compliant nations of the WTO. Through a special ethnographic case study of Brazil, the complex international relationships and the effects of the TRIPs Agreement on local culture are analyzed, focusing on the impact of the global 'war on piracy' on the creators, protectors, purveyors and consumers of music. Numerous interviews and conversations conducted in Brazil, and to a lesser extent, the U.S., with musicians, attorneys, pirates, consumers, educators, and journalists add 'living' data to the vast archival resources." Jack's next goal?; to transform the dissertation into a publication, as encouraged by his dissertation committee. Jack was recently hired as



Left to right: Lucas, Mônica, and Jack Bishop.

a Lecturer at UCLA and is co-teaching "Development of Jazz" with the legendary arranger Gerald Wilson. He also will teach a course he designed called "Global Pop: World Beat, World Music and Global Markets." Additionally, Jack designed a course on the "Music of the Portuguese Diaspora" which he hopes to teach in the near future.

**Herbert "Tico" Braun's** book *Our Guerrillas, Our Sidewalks: A Journey into the Violence of Colombia* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) (New York: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2003) is reviewed by W. John Green in an essay entitled, "Guerrillas, Soldiers, Paramilitaries, Assassins, Narcos, and Gringos: The Unhappy Prospects for Peace and Democracy in Colombia," *Latin American Research Review* 40(2):137-149. "Tico" received the BA in Political Science at Pitt in 1969. He is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies at the University of Virginia.

**Ernesto Cabrera** (PhD Political Science 1998) and Vicky are the happy parents of Anahí—born October 12, 2004. Anahí is becoming a popular name in Central America, which (as Ernesto explains) "...goes against the geographical origin of the name. Anahí means Flor de Ceibo in Guarani and is the national flower of Argentina, a beautiful bright red flower." Anahí, Vicky, and Ernesto are happily living in New York City. Vicky teaches at Columbia University, is finishing another book; her edited volume on Argentina is in press. Vicky just won the American Political Science Association's comparative political section award for the best journal article. Ernesto continues to work in Marketing Research as Director of Analytics of the PM Group. The PM Group recently won the Ogilvy Award of the Advertising Research Foundation.

**José Castro-Urioste** (PhD Hispanic Languages and Literatures 1993; MA 1990) is an Associate Professor of Spanish in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures at Purdue University Calumet. He received tenure at Purdue Calumet in 2003 where his research focuses on 20<sup>th</sup> century Latin American narrative (*novela regional, narrativa indigenista, nueva narrativa*), contemporary Latin American and U.S Latino theater; 19<sup>th</sup> century Latin American prose, and Latin American film. José has taught courses in oral interpretation, qualitative research methods, ethnicity and communication, and film. "Ceviche en Pittsburgh" with origins in Peru, written in Pittsburgh during the last years he spent here, was produced in Chicago in 2001. His farcical comedy, "Persiones," ran from January through February 2005 in Chicago. José is coeditor (with José Güich Rodríguez) of the journal,



*Pie de página.* The journal has as its goal: “dar cuenta crítica de la producción intelectual en Latinoamérica y en las comunidades latinas de los Estados Unidos.” Number 2 (2004) includes an article by José: “Más allá del último acto: reflexiones sobre el teatro latino de Chicago.” Also included is an article by Armando Romero, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, University of Cincinnati (PhD Pitt’s Hispanic Languages and Literatures 1983): “De la revolución sin patas al postmodernismo: La poesía colombiana, retrocediendo.” Poems, articles on sexuality in the Mexican Revolution, and reviews of various literary forms also appear in this edition. For further information about the journal, write: [piedepagina2002@yahoo.com](mailto:piedepagina2002@yahoo.com).

**Alicia Conti** (BA Spanish 2005) worked for a short time with Merck in the vaccine department. She then began her current position with the Social Security Administration in Philadelphia, PA. “...because of my Spanish language skills and my knowledge of diversity [obtained through CLAS’ courses]...I will be helping people from countries such as Cuba, Haiti, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic receive survivor, retirement and disability benefits. I am very proud to be a representative of the Federal Government and the University of Pittsburgh based on...skills I...obtained over the past four years.” Thank you, Alicia, for your kind words about CLAS/Pitt!

**María Auxiliadora Cordero** (PhD Anthropology 1998) was in Ecuador during the summer continuing her research on indigenous beauty pageants. She was interviewed by Manuela Botero, a reporter for the national paper, *El Universo*, whose column entitled “Yolanda es la nueva Ñusta de Cayambe” appeared on July 3: “Yolanda Kumandá, joven indígena de la comunidad de San Pablohurco, fue electa Ñusta Kayambi el miércoles pasado en el marco de las fiestas de San Pedro y San Pablo que se celebran en el cantón Cayambe, provincia de Pichincha, después de que por cerca de tres horas una población de aproximadamente 40 pueblos indígenas de las siete parroquias del cantón protagonizó la toma de la plaza la mañana de ese día. Ñusta es una palabra inca que, según algunas personas de la tarima que se montó en el lugar del festejo de Cayambe, quiere decir Vírgenes del Sol....Mariuxi Cordero, una antropóloga guayaquileña que trabaja como investigadora en la Universidad de

Pittsburg [sic], Estados Unidos, y que precisamente estaba en la zona haciendo una investigación comparativa entre los reinados de la Ñusta Kayambi—evento que se realiza hace apenas quince años en diferentes comunidades indígenas del Ecuador—y la elección de la Reina de Cayambe, en cambio dijo que Ñusta significaba Princesa para los incas y además explicó que en este caso, los parámetros de selección son totalmente diferentes de los tradicionales. No importa la belleza en términos occidentales, lo que evalúan los jueces es su discurso, en dos sentidos: por una parte, que sea capaz de responder en forma coherente a la serie de preguntas que le planteaban algunas personalidades indígenas que disfrutaron del festejo y que hacían parte del jurado como: ¿Qué piensa de la interculturalidad bilingüe? o ¿Qué significado tiene para usted el pueblo Kayambi? La respuesta debía ser en quichua, demostrando con ello así como con su vestimenta, que debe ser lo más tradicional posible, su compromiso con la salvaguardia de las tradiciones ancestrales de los pueblos indígenas que tiene el Ecuador. Cuando el jurado calificador dio su veredicto, Yolanda no lloró y tampoco sonrió, sobria simplemente sin pose se paró para la foto del recuerdo...y luego volvió a entrar en el trance de las coplas y a bailar a saltitos con las otras cuatro finalistas: Killa Ñusti (Reina de la Luna), Pacha Ñusti (Reina de la Tierra), Sara Ñusti (Reina del Maíz) e Inti Raimi Ñusti (Reina del Sol). Después de su elección, más de una persona abordó a Yolanda para pedirle unas palabras, pero una vez que terminó el baile más ágil que una liebre se brincó los dos metros de la tarima y se marchó con los de su comunidad. Prácticamente “huyó”, no quiso dar entrevistas a los medios que estuvieron en su ‘chalinización’ (porque en vez de corona le pusieron una chalina), que se tuvieron que marchar sin ni si-

quiera verla sonreír, aunque se mostraba feliz.”

‘Mariuxi’ and **Richard Scaglione** (Anthropology) will present a poster paper at the American Anthropological Association meetings in December 2005 about the *reinas* and *ñustas* of the indigenous beauty queen pageants of Ecuador.



Mariuxi Cordero and Rich Scaglione.

## Shirley K's Korner (continued)

**Sharika Crawford** (doctoral student, History) was awarded an Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship for academic year 2005-06. Sharika's dissertation will examine the Colombian state's efforts to incorporate the Afro-Caribbean islands of San Andrés and Providencia between 1880 and 1930.



**Christine Elzer** (BA Sociology/Spanish 2005) was presented with the Robert W. Avery Award at a reception in the Department of Sociology on February 28, 2005. The award was presented to Christine for her "superior accomplishments in the Bachelor's Program in Sociology...

honorees received a monetary gift from the Avery Fund, a one-year membership in the American Sociological Association, a choice of journals from ASA, and a certificate from the Department to commemorate the award...." [*Pitt Sociology News*, No. 10, Spring Term 2005] Christine has decided to attend Law School at Pitt, beginning in the fall 2005.

**Candice Feldman** (BS Biological Sciences; Minor in Chemistry 2004) is a Laboratory Technician with Sanofi-Pasteur in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania. Thanks, Candice, for responding to our questionnaire!

**Manuel Figallo** (BA Political Science 1992) is working abroad once again as a volunteer. "This time it's going to be Portugal, and it'll be building houses with Habitat International. I'm trying to organize a fundraiser and would like to raise \$3000 by the end of the month. I have a website set up to announce this: <http://www.sabiotechconsulting.com/habitat>." When not traveling, Manuel enjoys living in the DC area where he recently bought a home.

**T. Kenn Gaither** (MFA English 2000; BA English Writing 1992) was named as this year's outstanding doctoral student in the School of Journalism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Kenn is an Assistant Professor of Communications at Elon University in North Carolina. Prior to his academic career and doctoral studies, Kenn worked at William J. Green & Associates and Burson-Marsteller for six years and as director of public relations and marketing at Elan Communications in Pittsburgh for two years. He has published articles in the *Public Relations Review* and is co-author of a book on international public relations being published by Sage. The School of Communications' faculty at Elon includes 29 full-time faculty members. Since his studies in Pittsburgh, Kenn has been a regular staff member of the Institute for Ship-

board Education's Semester at Sea program whose academic home has been the University of Pittsburgh since 1980. [Info from Elon University's web site: [www.elon.edu](http://www.elon.edu)]

After completing the master's in GSPIA and returning to Bolivia, **Jaime Garrón** took a three-month vacation to enjoy some time with friends and family. Reinvigorated, in September he began a new job at the Ministry of Economic Development of Bolivia. "Among other things, my job involves the analysis of a possible Free Trade Agreement between Bolivia and the US, so I am quite excited because I got interested in this issue while I was studying at Pitt..." and during the semester that he spent in Washington, DC. Jaime took full advantage of the opportunities available to him during his two years in Pittsburgh. In fall 2004, he participated in GSPIA's Washington Semester—GSPIA partners with Syracuse University and the University of Denver to give students the opportunity to attend classes in DC. In spring 2005, Jaime took advantage of CLAS' partnership with Latin American Studies at Cornell University to spend the term studying in Ithaca.

**Carly Gordon** (undergraduate, Spanish/Anthropology) held an internship during the summer of 2005 with the U.S. Commercial Service (part of the U.S. Department of Commerce) in Pittsburgh. Carly assisted trade specialists in exporting various goods overseas (especially to Latin America). Although most of the work involved computer research, Carly also had the opportunity to utilize her language skills to translate (both in Spanish and Portuguese).

**Jane Hartline** (BS Nursing 1982) resides in Tucson, Arizona, where she is a physician as well as an Assistant Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Arizona and the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center. Jane completed a second bachelor's degree in Spanish at Arizona State University, an MD at the University of Arizona, and a master's in Public Health at Tulane University. She focuses her work on family and occupational medicine. She has various publications and has made presentations on occupational medicine, US-Mexico border health, lymphatic filariasis, and health/wellness in the Mexican-American population. She notes the application of her training in Spanish and Latin American Studies at Pitt: "I have worked in a variety of health care programs along both sides of the US-Mexico border in Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. I am very interested in developing programs for wellness in these populations ie obesity and DM prevention." She is interested in CLAS' expansion into health care and social services education/research in

Latin America. Congratulations, Dr. Hartline! We were delighted to hear from you and to know of your humanitarian accomplishments!

**Erick Hess** (PhD; MA Political Science 1989) is a tenured professor in Political Science at the University of Costa Rica. Erick enjoys teaching both undergrads and grads as well as being a cognitive scientist. He has worked for some time in the development of models related to decision-making processes. Erick's brother, **Hermann** (PhD Economics 1999) was appointed Vicerector of Administration at the University of Costa Rica; this is the highest position within the administration. Erick sends his best regards to faculty and colleagues at Pitt.

**Taeko Hiroi** completed the dissertation for the doctorate in Political Science. Taeko came to Pittsburgh in 1999 as a recipient of the Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellowship. She has since perfected Portuguese, spent over a year in Brazil completing field research, and is now on her way to Texas. Taeko has accepted a tenure track position in Political Science at the University of Texas at El Paso. She will teach a graduate course on "Comparative Political Institutions" and an undergraduate course on "Democracy and Democratization" in the fall and "Introduction to Politics" in the spring term. We wish you well, Taeko!!!

**Jonathan Hiskey** (PhD Political Science 1999) has moved from California to Tennessee where he joined the faculty of political science as an Associate Professor in fall 2005. Jonathan's 2005 publications include: "The Political Economy of Subnational Economic Recovery in Mexico," *Latin American Research Review* 40(1):30-55; "Local Context and Democratization in Mexico," *American Journal of Political Science* 49(1):57-71 (with Shaun Bowler); "The Demise of One-Party Politics in Mexican Municipal Elections," *British Journal of Political Science* 35 (2):257-284 (with **Damaris Canache**, PhD Political Science 1999).

**Gerald P. Hunter II** (BA Political Science/BS Economics and Business 2005) has an Internship with the Department of Justice in the summer of 2005. "Casey" is working in the anti-trust division where he collects data for analysis. While at Pitt, he worked as a research assistant for Distinguished Professor Emeritus **Carmelo Mesa-Lago**.

**Melissa Kelly** (BA Spanish 2002) was once again traveling—this time in England, Spain and Portugal. "It was so nice to...see firsthand the places I learned about in my language classes." In September, Melissa

moved to New York City to attend the Teachers College at Columbia University. She is enrolled in the Master's program in International Education Development. Her goal is to combine her language skills in Spanish and Portuguese with graduate training to enable her to work with international organizations.

**Betsy Ogburn Konefal** (PhD History 2005) completed her dissertation, "*May All Rise Up*": *Highland Mobilization in Post-1954 Guatemala*. Betsy and her family are happily settling into their new home in Williamsburg, Virginia, where she is an Assistant Professor at William and Mary College.

**Rachael Lilienthal** (BA Anthropology 2000) has been accepted for graduate study at Florida State University. Rachael was awarded a teaching assistantship in Modern Languages and Linguistics.

**Ignacio López-Vicuña** is an Assistant Professor (tenure track) of Latin American literature at the University of Vermont. "On a hill overlooking the shores of Lake Champlain, at the foot of the Green Mountains, the University of Vermont combines faculty-student relationships most commonly found in a small liberal arts college with the resources of a major research university. The university is home to 8,000 undergraduates, 1,273 graduate students, 402 medical students and more than 1,185 full- and part-time faculty." [University of Vermont web site] Prior to beginning his professional career in New England, Ignacio completed the doctorate in Hispanic Languages and Literatures in the summer of 2005. His dissertation was a true interdisciplinary study: "New Urban Cartographies: Space and Subjectivity in Contemporary Latin American Culture." We extend our heartiest congratulations to a gracious individual.

**Geraldine M. Loveless** (BS Biology 2005) is an eighth grade Physical Science teacher in the Los Angeles Unified School District. She is a volunteer in the Teach For America program. Geraldine is also working towards the Master's in Teaching. Congratulations! Geraldine, and thank you for responding to our email!

**Mary Malone** (PhD Political Science 2004) is a Mom! Sascha and Mary are thrilled to announce the arrival of their first baby. Sonia Stephanie Barth-Malone was born on June 26, 2005 at 4:49am. Warmest regards from CLAS!!!



Sonia Stephanie



### Shirley K's Korner (continued)



María del Pilar

Two CLAS/Hispanic Languages and Literatures doctoral students participated in the University of Pittsburgh's Cultural Studies Program Common Seminar. Held in late April 2005, the "Graduate Student Colloquium on Empire" included presentations by eighteen students.

**María del Pilar Melgarejo** presented "Between Imperialism and Nationalism" and **Luciano Martinez** delivered a paper on "Reading Practices of Empire: Notes on the Washington Consensus and Latin America."

**Juliana Martinez** (PhD Sociology 1998) received a one-year grant from the Fundación Carolina, a Spanish agency. The grant will support Juliana's research on welfare regimes in Latin America, providing funding for field work in 2006. "It is...an honor since competition for external funding is very tough. In this case more than a hundred people submitted proposals, they reviewed 82, and allocated only 6 grants, 4 to people in Spain and 2 to projects in Latin American. That the[y] chose the project means something about the relevance of the subject." Juliana's position as a tenure track visiting professor at the Universidad de Costa Rica was approved in August; she will be up for tenure early in 2007. Juliana will be traveling north in October to join **Professor Mitchell Seligson** (PhD Political Science 1974 and former CLAS Director) at Notre Dame where they will be presenting a paper on Costa Rica at the conference, "The Politics of Democratic Governability in Latin America: Clues and Lessons." With luck, Juliana will be able to visit Pitt, her alma mater, in October.

**Heather Michael Callahan** (BA Spanish 1997): "The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International awarded Heather (Michael) Callahan a grant to participate in its Group Study Exchange program to Argentina. Led by a Rotarian, Heather and three other young professionals spent four full weeks in April 2005 traveling through Argentina. The team visited the capital of Buenos Aires as well as the provinces of Salta, Jujuy, Catamarca, Santiago del Estero and Tucumán. The team lived with host families, toured factories and farms, visited cultural and tourist attractions, appeared on television, radio and in the printed media; met with local officials and dignitaries, and were treated as goodwill ambassadors everywhere they went. Heather, who is a compliance specialist for the United States Department of Labor in Hartford, Connecticut, met with her professional

counterparts at the Argentine Labor Ministry in several provinces. It was the experience of a lifetime! The Argentines are extremely kind and generous people."



Heather with School Children in Perico, Jujuy, Argentina.

"The Group Study Exchange Program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 in the initial years of their professional life. The program provides travel grants for teams of young participants to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members study the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships and exchange ideas." For more information about Group Study Exchange: <http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse>

**Orlando Perez** (PhD Political Science 1996) edited the book, *Post-Invasion Panama: The Challenges of Democratization in the New World Order* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2000). A review of this and others can be found in "Democracy and Development in Latin America," *Latin American Research Review* 40(2): 207-220.

**Kristy Pilbeam** (BA Political Science/Pre-Medicine 2004) is a Research Technician in Immunology at UPMC. In Spring 2006, Kristy will begin graduate study in medicine.

**Michelle Reilly** (BA Environmental Studies 2004) has been putting her academic studies to practical use. "I have entered the final stretch of my NCC contract. The summer has begun and I have 5 new sawyers on my crew....I am leading a chainsaw crew for the next 3 months. Mostly we are doing fuel reduction projects....I

have been toning my skills and am now officially USFS certified as a Class B sawyer. So for the next 3 months I will be working near Reno and Tahoe, mostly in Alpine county and Heavenly.”

**Amanda Rider** (BA Communication Science & Disorders 2004) will enter the Master’s of Health Science program in International Health at Johns Hopkins University in August 2005. Amanda was in Ecuador when its President, Lucio Gutierrez, was removed from office. “As far as the effect that this has on my community and me, the answer is, so far not much. The protests were almost all in Quito, and here in Durán/Guayaquil, you wouldn’t even know that there’s been a change....”

**Andrew Roche** (BPhil Economics 1989) is still (after 16 years!) living in France and plans to stay in Paris for many more years. Andy headed the sovereign debt advisory department for ING (formerly ING Barings) until 2004. The company focused on external debt issues for emerging markets, primarily in Africa. For the past 11 years, this work took Andy all over Africa and was “very gratifying.” “I decided late last year with a former ING colleague to take the plunge and to create an advisory firm (www.finexem.com) focusing on investment and financial engineering issues for the developing markets. Most of all we do is in Africa. We are very involved in Angola now (great for my Portuguese) and Cameroon. We are very much at the beginning...but are very pleased to be promoting new projects in these countries. I am even looking at bilateral projects between Brazil and Angola, which makes for very stimulating work.” Andy and his wife, Stephanie, have two children, Thomas (nearly 5) and Isabelle (almost 2½). Andy will be visiting the US over the next months to try to promote investment in Angola—“a country with so much promise after decades of civil war”—and we are hoping that he has the opportunity to visit his alma mater.

**Danielle Romanetti** (MID GSPIA-NGOs and Civil Society 2003) left the Inter-American Dialogue in June 2005. She is now the Development Manager with Equal Justice Works (formerly the National Association for Public Interest Law) in the DC area. Danielle manages the special event fundraising program.

**Brent Rondon** and Viviane Dos Santos Costa were married on August 6, 2005. Viviane’s

family from Brazil and Brent’s family from Peru attended the ceremony. The happy couple is being assisted by family and friends in updating a home the new couple recently purchased south of Pittsburgh. Congratulations!!! Brent received the master’s degree from GSPIA in 1995.

**Susana Rosano** completed the doctorate in Hispanic Languages and Literatures in spring 2005. In April, she successfully defended her dissertation, “Rostros y Máscaras de Eva Perón: Imaginario populista y representación (Argentina, 1951-2003).” Susana returned to Rosario, Argentina where she is a professor of Latin American literature at the Universidad Nacional de Rosario. She stopped by the Center before her departure to express her appreciation for the resources and assistance of the Center. She related that she had come to Pittsburgh because of its excellent Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures; however, she soon became aware of the Center, its interdisciplinary certificate program and its faculty and library resources. Susana completed the graduate certificate in Latin American Studies in December 2004 by taking courses in her own field as well as in History, Music, and Sociology.

**Stephanie Roth** (BA Spanish/Political Science 1992) has a new job in the media office at FHWA where she works with reporters and producers who need information from FHWA for their stories; she also plans special events and does public relations, etc. Stephanie has been in DC for eight years and is enjoying her new job very much. Last year, she had the opportunity to work on an assignment at the Smithsonian and with Maryland Public TV; she also served as a volunteer at WETA.



Viviane and Brent.

**Ashley A. Ruszkowski** (BA Political Science 2005) is a Curriculum Writer for the non-profit Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center in San Antonio, Texas. Hola, Ashley!

**Matthew Sherrill** (BA Interdisciplinary Studies 2005) is a culinary student in the Natural Gourmet School in New York City.



### Shirley K's Korner (continued)

**Linda Stevenson** (PhD Political Science 2000) is the very happy mother of Miguel James Romero-Stevenson who “came into this world like a thunderstorm that ends a drought (in a surprising, fast, and yet natural way!) on Friday May 27, at 5:34am....we were on our way to Chester County hospital...when Miguel arrived in my Mom's car! My mom was driving, Esteban ‘coaching’ from the front seat, and I was in the back. Camilo was at home under the care of his Tia Daniela. Frankly it was an absolutely amazing, powerful experience....I was in awe that a birth could happen so fast (from the first ‘real’ contraction to the birth was about an hour), and that he was so beautiful, and finally in my arms....Even though it was not in my plans to have the baby this way, I also felt in solidarity—in a strange kind of way—with the millions of women around the globe who have children every day outside of hospitals—generally not by their choice/plan.” The other wonderful news for the Romero Stevensons is that Esteban defended his dissertation in Mexico City in late June 20. Our warmest congratulations to Linda and Esteban.



Mariuxi Cordero and Debbie Truhan in Cuenca, Ecuador.

**Deborah Truhan** (MA Foundations of Education 1970) maintains residences in Cuenca, Ecuador, and Pittsburgh, PA. Deborah spends summers in Cuenca where she continues her own archival research and often serves as a consultant for various faculty from the U.S. and abroad. In the fall/winter, Debbie works in the Department of Hispanic Languages and Literatures at her alma mater.

**Mark VanderVen** (BA History 1991) completed the master's degree in Geography at Western Washington University. His field of specialization is Avian Biogeography. “I've traveled extensively in Latin America since I left Pitt, including an 8 month, 13,000 kilometer bicycle trip from Vancouver BC to Puerto Montt, Chile in 1995. I just returned from my first trip to South America in nearly 10 years—a 3 week ecological trip through Venezuela. I am looking for opportunities to study avian biogeography in Latin America after I finish my current degree.”



Left to right: Mirisa Nia, Vladimir, Shawn, Rob Krueger, and Tiago.

**Shawn Alfonso Wells** (PhD Anthropology 2004) is the proud mother of Tiago Gabriel who was born on April 12, weighing in at 7lbs, 5oz. Tiago was welcomed to the family by older sister, Mirisa Nia (who is not only adorable but very bright) and proud papa, Vladimir Alfonso Pillot. Shawn's precise plans were apparent. She had lined up a substitute teacher for the day of Tiago's birth. She missed one class but made the final exam—a truly dedicated teacher!

**David Whitted** (Master's GSPIA—Security and Intelligence Studies 2005) is a Pickering Fellow with the United States Embassy in San José, Costa Rica. David began his work with the U.S. Diplomatic Corps in the fall 2005.

**Lora Woodward** (BA English Writing 2005) is a Crew Leader for Student Conservation Association Nationwide which has its main office in Charlestown, New Hampshire.



**Hirotooshi Yoshioka** (doctoral student, Sociology) presented the paper "Social Structural Change and Educational Attainment in Chiapas, Mexico: Q-Analysis of Census Data" at the Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference held at Pitt in February, at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate Expo, and at the International Symposium on Sociology, Universidad de Zaragoza, Zaragoza, Spain.

**Matilde Zimmermann's** book, *Sandinista: Carlos Foneca and the Nicaraguan Revolution* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2000) is part of a review article by David Carey, "Shades of Peace and Democracy: Social Discontent and Reconciliation in Central America," *Latin American Research Review* 40(1):251-267. Matilde received the doctorate in history at Pitt in 1998.

## Friends of the Center

CLAS Alumni and Friends: Thank you for responding to our request for information about what you are doing! This is especially helpful in preparing our U.S. Department of Education proposal. We thank each of you and encourage you to keep in touch. You are important to us!!! Gracias. Obrigada. Ari.



Jennifer and John.

**Jennifer Ashley** has completed the coursework for a Master's in Social Anthropology and Development at the Universidad de Chile. Jennifer visited CLAS in August, having just returned from five years in Chile. Jennifer worked with the School for International Training in Santiago where she directed the program on Economic Development and Globalization. Prior to that, she assisted John Frechione in CLAS during 1999-2000 as a staff member. Jennifer returned to the United States to begin graduate study in anthropology at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. She received a full three-year fellowship for her doctoral studies. Good go, Jenn!!!!

**Stephanie Eagger** (BA Anthropology/Classics 2005) is attending law school in the U.S..

In 2005, **Steven M. Fake** completed the bachelor's degree in Political Science and English Writing, a concentration in journalism, and took a number of courses in Spanish. Steven is working as a campus organizer at Tufts University with the Massachusetts Community Water Watch in Boston.

**Ben Finkelstein** (BA Political Science 2005) is currently in Thailand. He is teaching English at various schools in Asia.

**Angela Pessina** (BA Spanish 2005) is in the graduate program of Elementary/Secondary Education at Kutztown University where her specialization is Spanish.

**Constantine Peter Polites** (BA Communications and Spanish 2005) is a Middle School Reading Teacher at the Roma Middle School in Roma, Texas which is part of Teach for America.

**Bethany Rickard** (BSBA Business Marketing 2005) is the Staffing Assistant for Talent Tree Crystal Inc. in Phoenix, Arizona.

### Shirley K's Korner (continued)

**Madlyn Wohlman** was a GSPIA student at Pitt in the 1990s. After finishing the master's, she worked with Plan International in Colombia, married Jorge Rodriguez, and had a daughter, Laura, was born. (Laura will be thirteen in October.) "As the situation in Colombia began to get a bit tense...we decided to move on. Peace Corps was a great opportunity. We were in Nicaragua for almost five years and Samuel was born in 1997. Working as the Deputy Director was a very challenging and re-

warding responsibility. Peace Corps has a five year rule so when HUD appeared after Hurricane Mitch it seemed like a good time for us to transition to life in the United States. I worked initially with the Office of International Affairs coordinating a Central America and Caribbean Reconstruction program until it ended in 2002." Madlyn Wohlman-Rodriguez has been working in DC for three years in the Office of University Partnerships, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.



### New Staff Member

Back in **CLASicos** 53 (Winter 2003), we brought our readers up to date on staff changes at the Center. Since then, we have continued to experience some transitions in the secretary/receptionist position. Julie Downs, who started in October 2002, left in January 2004 to be replaced by Ashley Faust in February 2004. Ashley left in August 2004, and we were fortunate to have **Devon L. Taliaferro** available to assume the job as a temporary employee. On May 1, 2005, Devon became the full-time secretary/receptionist for the Center.

A little about Devon, according to Devon: "After graduating from high school, I began my college career at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where I majored in Business Management. In spring 2006, I intend to continue my undergraduate degree, this time in Social Work at the University of Pittsburgh. Upon completion of the degree, I hope to pursue a career as a social worker in middle and high schools. I enjoy working at

CLAS and, through my job, have developed an interest in learning Spanish. I hope that both working at CLAS and learning Spanish will give me the opportunity to travel in Latin America in the future. In the interim, I manage to stay busy with my hobbies, which include writing, music, poetry, singing, theatre arts, and working with the teen ministry at my church."

The rest of the staff of the Center is pleased to welcome Devon officially to the crew and look forward to continuing to work with her.

### Pitt PhD Slain in Brazil

Although University of Pittsburgh alumnus **James B. Petersen** (PhD Anthropology 1983) did not specialize in Latin America while he was a student in the Department of Anthropology, he worked closely with two CLAS faculty members (**James B. Richardson III** and **David R. Watters**) and later became a leading expert in Amazonian archaeology through his close association with Pitt/CLAS alumnus **Michael J. Heckenberger** (PhD Anthropology 1996). We are sad to report that Dr. Petersen was murdered on August 13, 2005 while visiting Brazil in relation to his research project there. The following article appeared in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* (August 17, 2005).

"A Vermont Professor, Slain in the Amazon, Is Mourned by Colleagues"  
by Mike Ceaser (Caracas, Venezuela)

The shooting death of James B. Petersen, the chairman of the University of Vermont's department of anthropology, during a research trip to Brazil is a big loss for anthropology in the Amazon and beyond, his colleagues said.

Mr. Petersen was in a restaurant on Saturday [August 13, 2005] in the town of Iranduba in the Amazon rain forest when several armed men entered and robbed the patrons. As the thieves were leaving, one turned and unaccountably shot Mr. Petersen in the stomach, according to two of Mr. Petersen's colleagues who have been following the case. He died on his way to a hospital.

On Monday afternoon, the police arrested three suspects in the case, and one of them confessed to the killing, the Associated Press reported.

Mr. Petersen, 51, had done anthropological and archaeological research throughout the Eastern and Midwestern United States and the Caribbean, but will be remembered particularly for his research in the Brazilian Amazon, to which he had traveled frequently since 1994, said several colleagues who collaborated with him on his research.



James B. Petersen

Mr. Petersen had spent the past decade studying central Amazon regions in which dark, fertile soils called terra preta do Indio, or Indian dark earth, and other evidence led him and others to conclude that large populations and complex agricultural societies had thrived in the region in pre-Columbian times. But some researchers disputed those conclusions, which contradicted the traditional view of the Amazon jungle as a thinly populated region that were [sic] inhabited primarily by nomadic peoples before the arrival of Europeans.

"The research that is being done is changing the way we view" history, indigenous economic strategies, and contemporary conservation, said Michael Heckenberger, an associate professor in anthropology at the University of Florida. It was Mr. Heckenberger who, in 1994, introduced Mr. Petersen to the Amazon.

Mr. Petersen published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters, as well as 45 non-peer-reviewed works, according to the University of Vermont.

In addition to his research work, Mr. Petersen led student groups on archaeology expeditions to the Caribbean and other areas.

Mr. Petersen's colleagues in Vermont emphasized his dedication to helping students and his department. That dedication also went beyond the campus. Mr. Petersen gave public lectures on topics such as Vermont's Native Americans that drew standing-room-only crowds.

Luis Vivanco, an associate professor of anthropology, recalled Mr. Peterson as a popular professor who always made time for students and worked for the interests of the anthropology department.

Mr. Petersen had been in Brazil for about a week visiting archaeological sites in the jungle with American and Brazilian colleagues, Mr. Vivanco said. He said Mr. Petersen "was doing things which most scholars don't even dream of in their careers, which was to master multiple areas" of scholarship. "He got done in half a lifetime what most of us couldn't get done in three lifetimes."

John G. Crock, who is also an assistant professor at Vermont and director of the university's Consulting Archaeology Program, was one of Mr. Petersen's closest associates. The two had worked together since 1987, when Mr. Crock was a graduate student.

"The fieldwork was where he really developed a passion in students," Mr. Crock said on Tuesday, adding that Mr. Petersen "was really amazing" at teaching theory and methodology.

Before moving to Vermont, Mr. Petersen had been on the faculty of the University of Maine. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Brennan.





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