



LAS NOTICIAS

A NEWSLETTER FOR K-12 TEACHERS

CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

September 2013

Dear Educators:

I hope you have had a relaxing and productive summer! I want to report on some CLAS programs and bring you up to date on some that are upcoming in the Pittsburgh area. This past summer, a group of 6 Pittsburgh-area teachers travelled to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, sponsored by the CLAS "Portuguese: Language of the Future" Program. The six, including Isabel Espino de Valdivia, Michelle Geary, Kathleen Gensure, Emelina Gielata, Mina Levenson and Joanna Sideris, have been studying Portuguese language and Brazilian culture for two years with Pitt instructor Lilly Abreu, who led the study-travel trip (see photo below). The members of the group continued their language study in Brazil and conducted research focusing on various aspects of Brazilian life and society.



**Are you interested in joining a new beginners class in Portuguese?
Come join the Center for Latin American Studies in fall 2013 for the
"PORTUGUESE-- LANGUAGE OF THE FUTURE!" Program!**

We will offer an introductory Portuguese class beginning in late September, 2013. Classes will meet at the Center for Latin American Studies on the Pitt Oakland campus on Mondays from 4:30 until 6:00 pm. THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS CLASS to K-12 teachers. All participants will receive 19.5 Act 48 credits.

Also, CLAS will once again offer opportunities for your K-12 students to "explore" Latin America right from the classroom. CLAS undergraduate interns will be available from September 23 until December 13, 2013, to make classroom presentations on Latin America and Latin American topics. The classroom visits are available to schools within 10 miles of our Oakland Campus. For schools that are farther away we will offer virtual school visits using Skype videoconferencing technology. The Latin American School Visit Program is a wonderful opportunity for your students to learn about Latin American cross-cultural issues from Pitt students with knowledge and experience in the region.

Finally, On Wednesday, October 23, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm in 4130 Posvar Hall, CLAS will be hosting a Teacher's Workshop/Roundtable on Using Technology in Teaching about Latin America. Our focus will be on using CLAS' web-based portal *Panoramas*, which presents news, opinion, commentary and research on Latin American topics in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Act 48 credits will be available. Please see the Panoramas web site <http://www.panoramas.pitt.edu/#sthash.hzEJPRIM.dpbs>

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THESE OPPORTUNITIES, PLEASE RESPOND TO: Karen Goldman at kgoldman@pitt.edu See you at the Center!

Karen S. Goldman

1st Annual Latino Day at

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Saturday, September 14, 2013



Join us for a day of fun
for the whole family.

**Music, Dancing & Cultural
Performances**, pavilion 5
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12:00-7:00pm.

Ticket Info:

All Day Fun Day - \$26.00 ea.

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For more information/Para más info. : 412-689-0611



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Save the Date!

La Feria Pittsburgh "Al Servicio de la Comunidad" ("Serving the Community") is a great information fair and community event with booths and talks about health, social service, financial, cultural and employment organizations and much more...We also have Latino food, music and children's activities. Sunday Sep. 22, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—
William Pitt Union, Oakland.

Look for us at www.laferiapgh.com

Sixth Annual

THE AMERICAS IN CONCERT

Mr. Tom Roberts and his "Rag Time Pittsburgh Orchestra"

will perform on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Hillman Center,
Shady Side Academy in Fox Chapel at 7:30 PM.

*Sponsored by: Med Health Services & Pittsburgh Cardiovascular Institute,
The Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS) at the University of Pittsburgh,
and Shady Side Academy. Check CLAS web site for more information.*

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An Open Invitation to:
Jorge Fernández Torres
Director, *Havana Biennial*

Tuesday, September 17, 5pm
Kresge Theater, Carnegie Mellon University
Co-presented by The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh,
The Art Institute of Pittsburgh and CMU School of Art.

Jorge A. Fernandez Torres, curator and Director of the Wifredo Lam Center of Contemporary Art and the *Havana Biennial*, is a former member of the Commission for Cuban Cultural Development of UNESCO, Vice Rector of the Higher Institute of Arts in Havana and served on the Advisory Council for the Arts on the National Library of Cuba. He has curated and authored catalogue essays for numerous exhibitions, including: "Art Practices and Social Imageries" for the 2012 *Havana Biennial*, "Polaridad Complementaria: Recent Works from Cuba" (Havana), and "El Lugar Construido" (Spain). Of great interest to artists, Latin American scholars, educators, and general audiences, Jorge will be speaking about the experiences of the 2012 XI *Havana Biennial*, the work of the Wifredo Lam Center of Contemporary Art, the Cuban participation in the 2013 *Venice Biennale* and about contemporary Cuban art in general.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 34th Latin American
& Caribbean Festival
Saturday, March 29, 2014
First Floor of
Posvar Hall--Galleria

For more information please contact:
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<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/festival>

You can find us on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/93718644616/>

Sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS)

17th Annual Pitt Model United Nations Simulation For High Schools

Friday, November 8, 2013

8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

William Pitt Union—University of Pittsburgh

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