



January 2010 Calendar

Center for Latin American Studies
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Happy New Year
Welcome Back CLAS Students and Faculty!!

Attention CLAS spring graduates

*** Graduating in April? ***

If you are planning to graduate in April 2010, we encourage you to stop by the office and complete an application for graduation form if you have not already done so. *The deadline is **January 22, 2010***. Late fees will be incurred after that date.
For more information, please contact Julian Asenjo at juasenjo@pitt.edu

Lectures

“Keys to Success? The Potentials of Perennial Agriculture in Andean Complex Societies” a lecture by **David Goldstein** (Visiting Scholar, Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina)

In considering the rise of social complexity in the Neotropics, the importance of agroecology among the peoples of Lowland South America and the Yucatán Peninsula has received a great deal of attention. Agroecology examines the complementary role of trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants in agriculture, and is a primary component of modern global initiatives for sustainable agriculture. Existing models for the development of domestication, however, focus largely on monocultures or solely herbaceous vegetation. Recent work along the Peruvian coast demonstrates the presence of multitiered and biodiverse agricultural systems, including a variety of herbaceous plants and tree species, from the Cotton Preceramic to the Late Intermediate Period (B.C.E. 3500-1350 C.E.). Many of the stable elements of these agroecosystems are long-lived plants, whose life span extends across several human generations and continue to play important roles in modern agriculture. The presented data suggest that an agroecological approach can contribute significantly to understanding the development and maintenance of social complexity on the Andean Coast.

Date: Friday, January 8, 2010

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Location: Anthropology Lounge, 3106 Wesley W. Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh

“The Politics of a Fortified Landscape: Peru's Lake Titicaca Basin in Late

Prehistory” a lecture by **Elizabeth Arkush** (Assistant Professor, University of Virginia)

Warfare is often considered to facilitate the emergence of large-scale complex polities, both by enabling conquest and expansion over outside groups, and by underpinning political leadership within societies.

However, intense warfare also frays social bonds, topples leaders, and entrenches regional political fragmentation. This contradiction is exemplified in the late pre-Columbian history of the northern Lake Titicaca Basin of Peru. While contact period ethnohistories state the region was politically unified under a powerful dynasty of warlords, archaeologically it appears to have remained politically and socially fragmented until the Inca conquest, and even afterward was subject to secession and internal conflict. I argue that this fragmentation was due in part to the inherent defensive strengths of hillforts in the terrain of the high Andes. The political trajectory of the northern basin, which contrasts with the contemporaneous emergence of the Inca state 250 km away, illustrates the critical role fortified landscapes may play in shaping regional histories.

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CLAS Conference

2010 Student Conference on Latin American Social and Public Policy

The purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students to present papers, works-in-progress (including term papers, dissertations, and conference papers, etc.), and other academic work with relevance to Latin American social and public policy.

Conference dates: February 19-20, 2010

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/clas/events/laspp/lasppform.html>

Brazilian Portuguese Language Workshops - Spring 2010

University of Pittsburgh language instructor Lilly Abreu is offering a number of 8-week Brazilian Portuguese workshops (non-credit) starting the second week of January 2010 (schedules below). **For more information:** contact Lilly Abreu, lillyabreu1@gmail.com

Introduction to Portuguese Workshop – MONDAYS

Dates: January 11 - March 8, 2010

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Fee: non-refundable \$160 per person (for the 8 weeks)

Intermediate Portuguese Workshop – TUESDAYS

Dates: January 12 - March 2, 2010

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: non-refundable \$175 per person (for the 8 weeks)

Advanced Conversational Portuguese Workshop – WEDNESDAYS

Dates: January 13 - March 3, 2010

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Fee: non-refundable \$175 per person (for the 8 weeks)

Call for Conference Papers

V Transatlantic Conference, “Futuros (Transiciones, Agencias, Traducciones)”

The Transatlantic Project at Brown welcomes abstracts on new trends, topics, agents, and cultural artifacts that are configuring the immediacy of the future. Proposals on new ideas, debates and scenarios are expected. Also welcome are sessions on narratives of the new, young film and music, as well as sessions on blogs and electronic literature. Papers, in Spanish or English, may document a sense of the future as a process of translation, a state of bilingualism, and the rise of networks of communication.

The conference is especially interested in, but not limited to, the perspectives of Cuban reforms and discussions on modernity in Peru. Proposals on ethical issues, political discourses, and class and cultural representations are also welcome.

We will celebrate the writers Luis Goytisolo (Spain), Sergio Ramirez (Nicaragua) and Reina María Rodríguez (Cuba). The centenaries of Emilio Adolfo Westphalen and José María Arguedas as well as 40 years of Alfredo Bryce Echenique’s *Un mundo para Julius* convoke special sessions .

Mail abstract by **January 15, 2010** to: Hispanic Studies, Box 1961, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912 or email María_Pizarro_Prada@Brown.edu

Conference Dates: April 7-10, 2010

Location: Brown University

Registration: students (\$75), professors (\$100)

Sponsored by Brown’s Department of Hispanic Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, the Office of the President, and the Dean of the Faculty, with support from the Instituto Cervantes, New York, Universidad de Guadalajara, TEC de Monterrey, and CONACULTA, Mexico.

Conferences

XXX Annual ILASSA Student Conference

The Student Conference on Latin America, organized by the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association (ILASSA) at The University of Texas at Austin, is an interdisciplinary forum for students involved in Latin American research topics. The conference provides students with the opportunity to present research activities, develop presentational skills, exchange ideas and information, and meet other scholars from around the world. The conference, now in its 30th year, is the oldest and largest student conference in the field of Latin American Studies.

Conference Dates: February 4-6, 2010

For more information, please visit: <http://www.utexas.edu/cola/insts/Ililas/conferences/>

National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies

Conference dates: February 8-13, 2010

Location: Crowne Plaza Executive Center – Baton Rouge, Louisiana

For more information: go to the NAAAS website, www.naaas.org, or contact the conference organizers, naaasconference@earthlink.net or 207-839-8004

The II International Conference on Caribbean Studies (ICCS)

The main theme emphasizes, but is not thematically limited to, the interdisciplinary character of the conference. We suggest additionally the following topics:

- Theory-critic production from the Caribbean.
- Regional Caribbean integration and with Latin America.
- Studies about art, including music and painting.
- Cultural and literary studies: A Caribbean transnational perspective.
- Transatlantic Studies: Caribbean /Europe/Africa.
- Articulate dynamics between the Caribbean, the Pacific and Brazil.
- Andean/Caribbean socio-cultural dynamics in Colombia.
- Race, gender and subalternity epistemology.
- Higher education and Caribbean pedagogies in view of globalization.
- Caribbean Diasporas.
- Environmental and cultural sustainability of the Caribbean.

Conference dates: March 15-19, 2010

Location: Cartagena de Indias, Colombia

19th Annual Columbia/NYU Graduate Student Conference on Hispanic and Lusophone Literatures and Cultures

Title of Conference: "Rooms for Discussion"

Rooms for Discussion will experiment with a change from the traditional format of the conference to that of the workshop. To that end, we ask graduate students to submit proposals related to the issues they are researching and concerned about in order to discuss them broadly among peers from different critical backgrounds. We believe this format will allow the participants an active role and will fulfill a basic goal of graduate student conferences: the discussion of our research. We look forward to receiving proposals for topics in Hispanic and Lusophone cultures that articulate various problems in our areas of study.

The workshops will be structured around brief presentations (three pages) that describe the central issues of a research project in progress; these texts will be accessible ahead of time on the conference website. Each presentation will be complemented by dialogue with a pre-assigned respondent who will open the discussion. Participants and attendees will arrange themselves in a circle and there will be plenty of time for exchange. The dynamic of questions, discussion, and suggestions will permit a fluid, open interaction that will give participants the opportunity to present their work more freely.

Conference Dates: April 2-3, 2010

For more information, please visit: www.roomsfordiscussion.blogspot.com

Fellowship/Grant Opportunities

2010-2011 LASC Visiting Scholars Program

Pending final approval of funding, the Latin American Studies Center at the University of Maryland, College Park, is pleased to announce the competition for residential fellowships for the 2010-2011 academic year. We welcome proposals on any topic related to Latin America and the Caribbean.

LASC will consider applications for one semester from junior or senior scholars. Stipends will be between \$20,000 and \$30,000 depending on available funding and scholars' qualifications. Senior scholars may be eligible for a one-semester appointment as Distinguished Scholar, which carries a stipend equal to half the scholar's yearly salary, up to \$55,000. Scholars from Latin America may be reimbursed up to \$3,000 for relocation expenses.

Visiting Scholars must hold a PhD or equivalent. Scholars from any country are eligible. Applicants are not required to be affiliated with an academic institution.

Applications must include:

- 1) the application form
- 2) a description of the proposed research to be carried out while in residence (2,500 words maximum)
- 3) a writing sample of 20-40 pages (non-returnable)
- 4) a curriculum vitae
- 5) three letters of reference

Complete applications are due **March 1, 2010**

Announcement of awards will be made April 30, 2010

Application form available at:

<http://www.lasc.umd.edu/fellowship/Post-Doc/applicationnew.htm>

For further information and applications contact: The Latin American Studies Center, 3107 Taliaferro Hall, University of Maryland College Park, MD 20742.

Phone: 301-405-6459, Fax: 301-405-3665, E-mail: lasc@umd.edu

The William Zitzmann Visiting Scholar Fellowship in Latin American Studies

The Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS) at Johns Hopkins University invites applications for the William Zitzmann Visiting Scholar Fellowship for the academic year 2010-11. The Fellowship is for one semester in residence at Johns Hopkins University (August 20- December 20, 2010 or January 5 - June 1, 2011). The competition is open to Latin American scholars who work and live in Latin America, and who hold a Masters degree or higher in the fields of social sciences, humanities and history.

The fellow will teach one undergraduate course, present a paper on his or her research for PLAS faculty and students, participate in the PLAS colloquia series and annual conference, and otherwise engage in the intellectual life of the Program. Because courses are taught in English, proficiency in both written and spoken English is required of all Visiting Scholars.

The Fellowship offers a \$20,000 stipend, health insurance for the Fellow, \$1500 travel allowance, and a \$1000 research fund.

Eligibility Requirements: Fluency in English; at least three years university level teaching experience as main instructor in the fields mentioned above; and an ongoing research commitment in Latin America.

Applications should include:

- (1) a cover letter briefly describing the Fellow's research and teaching experience, the reasons s/he is applying for the PLAS Fellowship, and what the Fellow hopes to accomplish while in residence at Johns Hopkins University;
- (2) A 3-5 page description of a well-defined current research project to be carried out during the Fellow's residency at Johns Hopkins University (other than manuscript revisions projects);
- (3) a 1-2 page course description;
- (4) a full updated curriculum vitae;
- (5) two letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's research and teaching experience.

Completed applications may be sent electronically to: PLAS@jhu.edu, or by regular mail to: John Russell-Wood, Director, Program in Latin American Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Macaulay Hall 404, 3400 N. Charles St., Baltimore, MD 21218, USA.

Deadline for receipts of applications is **March 1, 2010**
 Fellowship will be announced by May 1, 2010.

For more information, please visit: <http://anthropology.jhu.edu/plas/zitzmann.html>

Study Abroad/Research/Internship Opportunities

Viva Nicaragua! Internships

Looking for an internship? Want to gain international experience? Viva Nicaragua! offers academic internships for students in their field of study.

Viva Nicaragua! offers you:

- Internship based around your interests
- Extensive support before, during, and after your internship
- Cultural activities and events
- Lectures on history, economy, politics, and culture
- Flexible start and end dates to fit your schedule
- Bilingual staff
- Homestays
- Optional Spanish classes
- College credit available

For more information: info@nicaraguainternships.org or visit our website

<http://www.nicaraguainternships.org/>

Costa Rica Study Abroad

Gap Year: International Study for Students & Teachers

Gap years, a common tradition in most parts of Europe, are becoming more and more popular in the United States and Canada. Students are feeling more comfortable taking a year off before starting or in the midst of university to get focused, and to gain some international exposure.

Strategic Decisions & Partnerships (SDPUS) offers distinctive "gap year" semester courses, all of which have been given academic credit in the United States and Canada. They are courses which couple adventure travel with basic humanity projects such as helping a disadvantaged Costa Rican school or by working with an ecological organization, such as "SAVE THE SEA TURTLES" in Las Baulas National Park.

This is a considerable advantage to your gap year or study abroad semester, because not only do you get to experience the most amazing parts of Central America, you also come out ahead scholastically and culturally.

For more information: contact PFiorentino43@msn.com, via phone at US number: (585)-295-1614, Costa Rican number: (011-506) 2653-0765, or visit www.sdpus.com

Internships Available

The Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) is looking for qualified interns to join our team in Washington, D.C. for the fall term. Founded in 1975, COHA is a major tax-exempt, nonprofit and nonpartisan national research and information organization established to encourage the formulation of rational and constructive U.S. policies towards Latin America. These internships provide valuable entry level practical experience in dealing with a variety of hemispheric political, economic, diplomatic and trade issues. They also provide young scholars with an excellent opportunity to be exposed to the policymaking process. COHA is seeking highly qualified undergraduate and graduate students, and those who already have earned degrees. Intern candidates should have some knowledge and/or interest in U.S.-Latin American affairs or international relations, and should display impressive research and writing skills. Preference will be given to full-time applicants and to those skilled with computer technology and web design. The position is available immediately.

For more information on COHA and the application process, visit our intern page here: www.coha.org/about-internships/

OSEA 2010 - Heritage Ethnography Field School

Dates: May 23 - July 10, 2010 (7 WEEK PROGRAM)

Location: Yucatán, Mexico

Based in Pisté and Maya Communities surrounding Chichén Itzá, One of the New Seven Wonders of the World

Students do research on an issue they select according to their interests. Possible areas of work include: Art & Intangible Cultural Heritage, Archaeological Heritage, Ethnography of Archaeology, Tourism Development & Urbanism, Community Strategies of Tourism, Social History through Life Histories, Applied and Action Research, Art Exhibitions and Ethnographic Installation, Maya Forms of Health & Healing, Environmental Heritage.

Students enroll in two courses and receive 8 credits in Anthropology: "Anthropology Seminar in Heritage Issues" and "Ethnographic Research & Field Work Practicum".

Program includes intensive training in spoken Yucatec Maya language for ethnographic field work.

OSEA Program Fees include:

Direct Enrollment with Accredited University Transcript, Food & Lodging, Homestays with Maya families in Pisté, Local Field Trips to Chichén Itzá, Ek Balam, Yaxuna, Cenote Dzitnup, & jungle caves, Mid-Program Break (4-night/5 day) to allow participants free-time to explore Yucatán on their own (not included in program fees). Students can use their state and federal financial aid for OSEA Programs

Program requirements:

Open to Undergraduates in sophomore year and higher, with any social science & humanities major
Open to Graduate Students in any social science and humanities fields.

~Minimum 1-year college-level Spanish

~GPA of 2.5 or higher

For more information: email contact@osea-cite.org or visit http://www.osea-cite.org/resources/re_materials.php

Join OSEA, Heritage Field School on Facebook Groups. See openschoolethnograph Videos on You Tube

Employment Opportunities

Full-time Archaeologist Position, Universidad de Tarapaca, Chile

The Universidad de Tarapaca, Chile is seeking a PhD in Archaeology or Anthropology for a full-time position in the Anthropology Department, with a starting date of March 1, 2010. The candidate should be able to demonstrate teaching experience at the undergraduate level as well as academic or applied research experience, and a solid publication record.

Application deadline: January 12, 2010

Results by: January 29, 2010

Full position details (in Spanish) can be found at:

http://www.uta.cl/prontus_uta/archivos/Llamado_concurso_arqueologo.pdf

NOTICE

The following list of events is provided as a service to the community by the Center for Latin American Studies (CLAS), University of Pittsburgh. CLAS neither recommends nor endorses these events and activities. Please address questions or comments about the events to the contact provided and not to the Center.

Salud para Niños - Birmingham Clinic

Free Pediatric & Flu Immunization Clinics

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Care Mobile

Date: Saturday, January 9, February 13 & March 13, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Location: Salvation Army, 54 S. 9th Street, Southside

For more information: <http://www.chp.edu/spanishclinic>, 412-692-6000 (option 8),

<http://www.chp.edu/saludparaninos>

*****Other Services Offered*****

Birmingham Free Clinic – New location, More Services

The Birmingham Free Clinic now has a new location, just half of a block from the old building next to the Thrift Store of the Salvation Army.

New Services Include:

- Free Adult Clinics (no health insurance or appointment is needed)
 - Mondays, 5:00 p.m. (In English)
 - Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. (In English)
 - Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. (except Saturdays of holiday weekends). (In Spanish)
- Salud Para Niños' Free Pediatric and Immunizations Clinics in Spanish

- Second Saturday of each month 10:00 a.m. (no health insurance or appointment is needed)
- Psychiatric Clinic (In English)
 - Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m. (no health insurance or appointment is needed)

Other services include: Free Pharmacy, Cardiology, Dermatology, Ophthalmology, ENT, and Spanish Interpreters depending on availability.

(Please arrive half hour before the time of the clinic to be seen)

For more information: Birmingham Clinic, call 412-692-4706

Gynecological Care at the Birmingham Clinic

Beginning **November 19th** Adagio Health will offer women's gynecological care at the Birmingham clinic every Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. To make an appointment people should call 412-288-2140.

Hours for our Bilingual-Bicultural Clinics at the CHP Primary Care Center

Bilingual-bicultural clinics at the CHP Primary Care Center are offered every Tuesday morning, every Thursday after 5:00 p.m. and every Friday morning. **(appointment and health insurance are required)**, 3420 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Walk-in Flu Immunization Clinic at the CHP Primary Care Center

During the following weeks we will have walk-in flu immunization clinics at the CHP Primary Care Center 3420 Euler Way Pittsburgh, PA 15213. No appointment is required. ***Health Insurance is required in addition to being a patient of Salud Para Ninos and the CHP Primary Care Center.***

Monday: 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday 9:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For More information on these services: contact 412-692-6000 (option 8),

<http://www.chp.edu/spanishclinic>

Weekly Intercultural Events

Brazilian Radio Hour

The Brazilian Radio Hour brings you news, music, local events, special interviews, and chances to win tickets to special events. Internships and volunteer opportunities are also available! Help with news analysis, on-air talent, ideas, production, music, etc.

Date: Every Friday

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Radio Station: 88.3 FM

For more information: 412-621-9728, carlapitt@aol.com

Student Club Activities

Spanish Club

Conversation Tables/Mesas de Conversación

The Spanish Club holds Conversation Tables every Monday from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Panera Bread on Forbes Avenue. It's a great way to practice Spanish with native speakers and students alike - and you can have a coffee or tea on us!

Brazil Nuts Portuguese Club

Bate-Papo

Join the weekly Portuguese Conversation Tables where you can practice your language skills by meeting people with similar interests who are also learning Portuguese. Any level of Portuguese can join the fun and you do NOT have to be a member of the Brazil Nuts to participate.

Date: Every Wednesday

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Location: 1st Floor Lounge, William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh

Grupo de Dança

Dance Group is the heart of the Brazil Nuts Club. Learn Axé, Samba and other types of Brazilian dance. Open to people at every level.

Date: Every Thursday

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Location: Galleria, 1st Floor, Posvar Hall, University of Pittsburgh

Grupo de MPB (Musica Popular Brasileira)

The "Grupo de MPB da Pitt" is directed by singer and voice and Portuguese teacher, Lilly Abreu. The singing group meets weekly to learn different Brazilian music styles and to practice Portuguese in an informal and fun atmosphere. Musicians are welcomed too!

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: 13th floor lobby, Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh

Weekly Language Classes/Practice Sessions

Language Classes at Tango Café

All classes are held at **Tango Cafe**, 5806 Forward Ave, Squirrel Hill, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

*Minimum purchase of \$3.00 from the menu

For more information: call 412-421-1390, www.TangoCafePgh.com

Spanish Level I

Spanish instruction for beginners

Dates & Times: Every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Every Thursday, 6:00 p.m.

Spanish Level II

Basic grammar, vocabulary and conversation

Dates & Times: Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m.

Spanish Level III

Intermediate grammar, reading and conversation

Dates & Times: Every Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Level IV

Conversation, reading, writing and expressions

Dates & Times: Every Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

English Practice (for non-native speakers)

Practice English with native speakers

Dates & Times: Every Friday, 7:00 p.m.

Spanish Conversation "Tertulia"

Open Spanish conversation group

Dates & Times: Every Saturday, 3:30 p.m.

*****Deadline*****

If you have an announcement related to a **Latin American/Caribbean activity** taking place during **February 2010** that you would like to share with others interested in the region, please send details by **January 25th** to: Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 4200 W.W. Posvar Hall, Pittsburgh, PA 15260; Fax: 412 648 2199; E-mail: clas@pitt.edu
Sorry, information will not be accepted over the telephone