

Andes, Colombia)—and the Keynote Address was delivered by Latin Americanist/Caribbeanist **Sidney W. Mintz** (Research Professor, Johns Hopkins University). A seminal review of the founding of the department was given by UCIS Research Professor and CLAS faculty member **Richard Scaglion**, a graduate of Pitt's program. A number of students and alumni (**Charles Adam Berrey**, **Roberto Campbell**, and **Alex Martin**) of the Latin American Archaeology Program made presentations in the panel on "New Directions in Comparative Archaeology," chaired by CLAS alumnus and current faculty member **Maria Auxiliadora Cordero** (Research Associate, Department of Anthropology, and Managing Editor of Publications, Center for Comparative Archaeology). The Center was pleased to be one of the sponsors of the anniversary celebration.

17th Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference

The Seventeenth Latin American Social and Public Policy Conference was held on February 24 and 25, 2012. **Janet Ballantyne** delivered the Thirteenth Carmelo Mesa-Lago Distinguished Latin American Social and Public Policy Lecture on "Latin America: Where Next?"

The annual Latin American Social and Public Policy conference features presentations on social and public policy research in Latin America by students from the University of Pittsburgh, with comments by University of Pittsburgh faculty and local experts. For the seventeenth conference, twenty-three students from the University of Pittsburgh four students from other universities (University of Florida, George Washington University, and Indiana University) presented papers and seven experts provided discussion.

The 2012 conference was organized by Latin American Social and Public Policy Fellows **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita** (Political Science), **Maria Escorcía** (Public and International Affairs), **Edgar Largaespada** (Public and International Affairs), **Daniel Munari** (Public & International Affairs), and **Sofia Vera** (Political Science) with direction and support from **Luis Bravo** (Coordinator of International Relations and Fellowships). The organizers and the Center would like to thank everyone involved in the conference.

The conference was sponsored by the Latin American Social and Public Policy Program of the Center for Latin American Studies (a US Department of Education-designated Title VI National Resource Center). A list of the conference panels, presenters, and discussants follows.

Friday, February 24, 2012

8:30 a.m.

Welcome: **Kathleen M. DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies)



Left to right: Marla Ripoll, David Burns, Nicholas Bryner, Olivia Jaras, and Nestor Castañeda-Angarita.

8:45 a.m. *Economic Development in Latin America*

Moderator: **Nestor Castañeda-Angarita**

Nicholas Bryner (George Washington University): "The Brazilian Sugar Boom: Ethanol as Climate Policy"

Olivia Jaras (George Washington University): "Alternative Energy Policies in Argentina, Brazil, and Chile"

David Burns (University of Pittsburgh): "Colombian Minimum Wage"

Discussant: **Marla Ripoll** (Economics, University of Pittsburgh)



Left to right: Van Evans, Bernadette Vega, Lindsay Lanteri, Justin Fisch, Shena Cavallo, Sofia Vera, and Barry Ames.

10:30 a.m. *Democracy and Social Capital in Latin America: Historical and Current Perspectives*

Moderator: **Sofia Vera**

Justin Fisch (University of Florida): “Nicaraguan Struggle for Democratic Consolidation”

Shena Cavallo (University of Pittsburgh): “Collective Action in Argentina for Show or Substantial Gains?”

Lindsay Lanteri (University of Pittsburgh): “A New Culture of Poverty in the Streets of Buenos Aires, Argentina”

Van Evans (Indiana University): “Did the Sixteenth Century Spanish Conquests Influence Voluntarism and Donating in Latin America Today?”

Bernadette Vega (University of Pittsburgh): “Aid Effectiveness through the Lenses of Middle Income Countries as Development Cooperation Partners: The Latin American Perspective”

Discussant: **Barry Ames** (Political Science, University of Pittsburgh)



1:00 p.m.

University of Pittsburgh Latin American Social and Public Policy Faculty Lecture:

“The Puzzle of Civil Society Weakness in Mexico: A Comparative Perspective” by **Nuno S. Themudo** (Assistant Professor of International Affairs, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs)

Nuno S. Themudo is Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh. Previously, he taught at the London School of Economics, where he earned his PhD. His research has been published in several prestigious scholarly outlets including *Governance*, *World Development*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, and the *Global Civil Society Yearbook*. In 2010, Nuno’s article, “Gender and the Nonprofit Sector,” received the award for Best Article in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*. He has also written reports for agencies such as Amnesty International and The World Bank. Nuno is the current Secretary of the Association of Researchers in Nonprofit Organization and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA).

2:15 p.m. *Infrastructure and Inclusion*

Moderator: **Sofia Vera**

Allison Coffman (University of Pittsburgh): “Gender Equity and Rural Roads Rehabilitation in Bolivia”

Daniel P. Munari (University of Pittsburgh): “Democracy and Infrastructure in Brazil: The Case of the Belo Monte Dam”

Nicolas Hernandez-Aguilera (University of Pittsburgh): “Bogota and Curitiba: Lesson from Non-Global Cities the Case of Bus Rapid Transit Systems”

Discussant: **Paul Nelson** (Public and International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh)

4:00 p.m.

2012 Keynote Address

“Latin America: Where Next?” by **Janet Ballantyne** (Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development)

Left to right:
Paul Nelson,
Allison Coffman,
Daniel Munari,
Nicolas Hernandez-
Aguilera,
and
Sofia Vera.



Janet Ballantyne is a Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). She is a Career Minister in the Senior Foreign Service, with over 30 years of USAID experience. Currently she is serving as Senior USAID Advisor to the Foreign Service Institute of the Department of State. From 2009 to late 2010, she was USAID Acting Assistant Administrator for Latin America and the Caribbean. She served as USAID Mission Director in Nicaragua (1990-1994), Russia (1996-2000), and the Central Asia Republics (2008-09). She also served as Deputy Director for USAID missions in Morocco and Nepal.

Dr. Ballantyne holds a BA from Cornell University, an MPA from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and a PhD in International Development from Cornell University's School of Management. She is an adjunct faculty member of Syracuse University (Washington D.C. campus), where she teaches a graduate seminar on Development Theory and Practice to students from the universities of Syracuse, Denver, and Pittsburgh.

She is a devout Pittsburgh Steelers football fan, and was present when Pittsburgh Steelers' fullback Franco Harris made the famous 'Immaculate Reception' in the AFC divisional playoff game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Oakland Raiders at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on December 23, 1972.

Saturday, February 25, 2012

9:30 a.m. *Drugs and Violence in Latin America*

Moderator: **Maria Escorcia**

Liliana Devia and **Andrew Moss**

(University of Pittsburgh): "The FARC and Sendero Luminoso as Hybrid Threads"

Paul Mincarelli

(University of Pittsburgh): "Urban Violence Reduction in Latin America: The Medellin Miracle"

Gustavo Makanaky (University of Pittsburgh): "Too Big to Fail: The Paradox of the War on Drugs"

Guillermo Vasquez del Mercado (University of Pittsburgh): "Five Ps for a Violence Reduction Strategy in Mexico"

Discussant: **Paul Kan** (U.S. Army War College)



Left to right: Maria Escorcia, Paul Kan, Liliana Devia, Andrew Moss, Gustavo Makanaky, Guillermo Vasquez del Mercado, and Paul Mincarelli.



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Maria Escorcía,
Matt Rhodes,
Lauren Hogsett,
Sarah Sieasman,
Moriah Mock,
and
Evelyn McCoy.

1:15 a.m. *Perspectives on Argentina*

Moderator: **Maria Escorcía**

Lauren Hogsett (University of Pittsburgh): “Females and Futbol: Gender Identity Construction and Sports in Argentina”

Moriah Mock (University of Pittsburgh): “The Generation Gap: Women’s Perception of the Female Role in Romantic Relationships in Rosario, Argentina”

Sarah Sieasman (University of Pittsburgh): “Como Dijiste?: Discovering Language Attitude Through Dialectal Differences in Argentine Spanish”

Evelyn McCoy (University of Pittsburgh): “Perceptions of Anti-Semitism within the Jewish Community of Rosario, Santafe, Argentina”

Discussant: **Matt Rhodes** (Education, University of Pittsburgh)



Left to right: Maria Venegas, Jorge Delgado, Anna Bondar, Edgar Largaespada, and Nora Bridges.

1:30 p.m. *Public Health and Inter-Cultural Policies*

Moderator: **Edgar Largaespada**

Maria Venegas (University of Pittsburgh): “Intercultural Health Policy in the RAAN: Possibilities and Challenges”

Nora Bridges (University of Pittsburgh): “Interculturality in Health Among Kichwa in the Alto Napo”

Anna Bondar (University of Pittsburgh): “Tuberculosis and Medication Control Policies in Peru: Confronting Self-Medication”

Discussant: **Jorge Delgado** (Education, University of Pittsburgh)



Left to right: Daniel Munari, Patricia Documét, Rebecca C. Englert, Paul Ricci, Peter Cahill, and Jose-David Herazo.

3:15 p.m. *Identity Issues at Home and Abroad*

Moderator: **Daniel Munari**

Jose-David Herazo (University of Pittsburgh): “Will Colombia’s Plan on Bilinguismo achieve Its Goal?”

Rebecca C. Englert (University of Pittsburgh): “Striving to be Modern: Non-indigenous Subjectives and the Nation-State in Contemporary Chiapas”

Paul Ricci (University of Pittsburgh): “Ethnic Differences in Pennsylvania’s Uninsured”

Peter Cahill (University of Pittsburgh): “Husted es haragan pero vos sos lazy: Contact Phenomena in Honduran Sign Language”

Discussant: **Patricia Documét** (Public Health, University of Pittsburgh)

Pitt-CMU Course: BRAZIL TODAY—Economy, Technology, People

Over the weekend of September 30 to October 2, 2011, the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University presented the second edition (the first one was held in 2009) of “Brazil Today,” which focused on Economy, Technology, People. The one-credit, intensive course is part of a series of weekend courses that explore the modern economies and societies of countries emerging as economic forces of the 21st century—Brazil, Russia, India, and China (also known as the BRICs). The goal of the series is to provide students, as global citizens, with a working knowledge of the countries that are important in shaping the corporate, social, and political world of today.

As a multidisciplinary course, Brazil Today brought together scholars from a variety of disciplines to explore:

- How does Brazil's multi-ethnic composition affect educational opportunity and career advancement?
- How does the history of education in Brazil affect moves from technological supplier to technological innovator?
- Who are the Brazilians, and what are the social, economic, and cultural factors that make Brazil a major player on the world stage today?

The course program follows.

Friday, September 30

5:00 p.m. *Introduction and Welcome:*

Amy Burkert (Vice Provost for Education, Carnegie Mellon University) and **Kathleen M. DeWalt** (Director, Center for Latin American Studies, University Center for International Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

5:30 p.m. *Introduction to Brazil: Over the Last Decade*

Reid Andrews (Distinguished Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh)



7:00 p.m. *Economy, Industry, Labor Markets*

Brian Kovak (Assistant Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Heinz College, Carnegie Mellon University)

Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. *Afro-Brazilian Literature*

Jerome Branche (Associate Professor of Latin American and Cultural Studies, University of Pittsburgh)

