Previous Visiting Scholars

Alberto Acosta
Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar
Alberto Acosta is the Spring 2018 Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar, where he will teach the course Buen Vivir and Other Post-Development Pathways at the Center for Latin American Studies. He is one of the world’s leading theorists on the concept and implementation of Buen Vivir. Acosta served as President of the assembly charged with drawing up Ecuador's new constitution that guarantees the Rights of Nature (2007-2008), was Ecuador's Minister for energy and mining (2007), and candidate for president (2013). He worked as professor and researcher at FLACSO-Ecuador, and was actively involved in the Yasuní initiative to leave the oil in the soil.

Dr. Miguel Ayarza
Researcher
Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria (CORPOICA)
Dr. Ayarza will be visiting UF from March 13 - 24, 2017. The main purpose of his visit is to establish collaborative linkages between CORPOICA and researchers at the University of Florida. CORPOICA is interested in strengthening its research capacity in several areas, including assessment of climate change risks and evaluation of technological and socioeconomic adaptation strategies, and to analyze impacts of agricultural intensification on soil and water resources at different spatial and temporal scales. During his stay, he would like to meet with faculty to get to know their research activities in these areas, and to identify other potential topics of collaboration.

Dr. Antonio Braga
Professor
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), Brazil
Dr. Braga is conducting a study on religion and Brazilian immigrant youth in the United States.
Dr. Ernane Correa Rabelo
Professor
Universidade Federal de Viçosa, Brazil
Dr. Rabelo is conducting research on Brazilian media in the US, especially the influence of new communication technologies on Brazilian immigrants in the US.

Dr. Mimi Urbanc and Dr. Mateja Smid Hribar
Researchers
Anton Melik Geographical Institute of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts
In collaboration with the UF Department of Anthropology
Dr. Mimi Urbanc and Dr. Mateja Smid Hribar are working with Dr. Catherine Tucker on a project to assess how theoretical approaches to the study of the commons and common-pool resources are interacting with research on ecosystem services. These realms of research have important overlaps and synergies that merit assessment especially given the importance of common-pool resources (forests, savannahs, water sources, the atmosphere, etc.) and ecosystem services for global sustainability and adaptation to social-ecological and climate change processes. With a larger team of researchers in Europe and Latin America, they are carrying out a broad review of the current state of knowledge, trends, and future directions on research at the intersection of commons and ecosystem services.