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One of the highlights of the semester for me was the Center's annual conference, "Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics," organized by the Tropical

Conservation and Development (TCD) Program (p. 3). Besides the high quality and diverse range of speakers, panels, and poster presentations, the participation of so many accomplished TCD alumni was especially noteworthy. It's rewarding to see how, after leaving UF, so many of our alumni have gone on to become leaders in the conservation and development fields. The Center's TCD program is a pioneer in interdisciplinary research and training that bridges the natural and social sciences, as well as theory and practice. Moreover, it's one of the few programs on campus that instills an uncommon loyalty, a unique sense of community and identity that is so rare at such a large public research university. This year's conference built on that sense of community and interdisciplinary collaboration to generate a dynamic and spirited interchange regarding the alternatives and solutions to deal with the complexity of sustainability and environmental and human well-being in the tropics.

The other highlight was my trip to Colombia as part of the Center's USAID/HED-funded Human Rights Law School Partnership program.

I joined an HED monitoring team to conduct interviews and focus groups in Barranquilla and Santa Marta, Colombia with key stakeholders who have benefitted from the project. One of the most important accomplishments of the partnership has been the establishment of the Centro de Derechos Humanos del Caribe with offices at both the Universidad del Magdalena and the Universidad del Norte. Together with our colleagues at the Center for Governmental Responsibility at the Levin College of Law, we have worked with the law programs at both universities to develop plans for the long-term sustainability of the Centro. Especially rewarding for me was to hear how the project has impacted students at the two universities. It was clear to the monitoring team that many of the students who have participated in partnership-sponsored activities have undergone a profound personal transformation, including several who emphasized their newfound commitment to pursuing careers in the area of human rights.

Finally, this past February the Center organized its first alumni reception in Miami (p. 10). It's part of our ongoing efforts to reconnect with alumni, update them on new Center initiatives, and develop new forms of alumni engagement going forward. We hope to make the Miami reception an annual event and to organize similar activities in other locations where we have a strong alumni presence.

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Center's Annual Conference Addresses Sustainability in the Tropics

The Center's 64th Annual Conference "Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics" addressed the challenges and opportunities facing society over the next decades as we work to provide for growing populations and improve human well-being while conserving biodiversity and using our natural resources wisely. The speakers and discussions covered topics from environmental and human health, market incentives for conservation, climate change, property rights, water management, energy, and capacity-building for adaptive governance. This year's conference was organized by students and faculty in the Center's Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) program. The conference took place at Emerson Alumni Hall on the UF campus from March 25-27, 2015 and featured 28 speakers from 10 countries. The conference also attracted submissions of 67 posters and 7 short videos. Highlights included a keynote address from Dr. Vecita Chicchón, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; and plenary talks from Dr. Miguel Pinedo-Vasquez, Columbia University and Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) in Indonesia; Dr. Julie Kunen, Wildlife Conservation Society; Dr. Claudia Stickler, Earth Innovation Institute; Dr. Philip Fearnside, National Institute of Amazon Research (INPA), Brazil; Dr. Citlalli López Binnquist, Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico;



Conference speakers and organizers with UF's Albert and Alberta.

Top row from left: Claudio Padua, Robert Buschbacher, Connie Campbell, Elena Bastidas
Bottom row: Peter Cronkleton, Luis Suarez, Jon Dain (kneeling), Vecita Chicchón, Suzana Padua, Franklin Paniagua, Santiago Espinosa.

and Drs. Claudio and Suzana Padua, Institute for Ecological Research (IPÊ) in Brazil. The program also included case studies from Suriname, Kenya, Colombia, Honduras, Ecuador, Argentina, Brazil, India, and Peru. A special closing panel featured comments and reflections on the pathways to a sustainable future from several distinguished UF alumni including Dr. Connie Campbell, US Agency for International Development; Dr. Santiago Espinosa, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Ecuador; Dr. Claudio Padua, IPÊ; Dr. Luis Suarez, Conservation International;

Dr. Vecita Chicchón, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation; and Dr. Noemi Porro, Federal University of Pará, Brazil. The panel was facilitated by Franklin Paniagua, UF, and Dr. Elena Bastidas, Nova Southeastern University. The conference highlighted UF's partnerships and alumni working on conservation and sustainable development issues around the world. More than 40 alumni of UF's TCD and related programs returned to UF providing opportunities to strengthen existing networks and build new partnerships.

Title VI Funded Speakers

February 12

A Greener Future for Caribbean Constitutions?

Lisa Benjamin, Faculty of Law, College of the Bahamas

March 20

Sométicos, Cuilonis, Locas, and Mayates: A Brief History of Gay Culture in Mexico

Michael Schussler, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico

March 25

Adventures in Science Journalism in Brazil: Challenges and Opportunities in a Digital Age of Low Budgets and Short Attention Spans

Herton Escobar, O Estado de São Paulo, Brazil

April 6

Total Latin American Architecture: Libretto of Modern Reflections and Contemporary Work

Ana de Brea, Ball State University, Indiana

2015 Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar Lecture Series

ENVISIONING A SUSTAINABLE TROPICS

Organized by the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program

JANUARY 15

The Agroecological Revolution in Latin America

Miguel Altieri, University of California-Berkeley

JANUARY 22

Certification of Goat & Sheep Fibers as a Tool for Conservation in the Patagonian Steppe

Susan Walker, WCS Argentina
Co-sponsor: Southern Cone Leadership Initiative

JANUARY 27

Using Science to Set Targets & Implement Actions for Conservation in Temperate South America

Andres Novaro, CONICET Argentina
Co-sponsor: Southern Cone Leadership Initiative

JANUARY 29

Innovation & Sustainability: Leveraging the Power of Business to Support People, Planet & Profit

Kristin Joos, UF Innovative Sustainability & Social Impact Initiative, Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

FEBRUARY 12

Unraveling the Complexity of Landscape Management in a Water-Subsidized Watershed in NW Costa Rica

Carolina Murcía, Organization for Tropical Studies
Co-sponsor: UF Dept. Agricultural & Biological Engineering

FEBRUARY 26

Landscape Changes in the Sierra de Zongolica: Significance & Management of Timber Trees by Nahua Campesinos

Citlalli López Binnqüist, Center for Tropical Research, Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico

MARCH 12

25 Years of Conservation & Development in Brazil: IPE's Research Experiences and Integrated Programs

Claudio Padua, Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas, Brazil

MARCH 19

Education and Conservation: Why is it Essential for People to be Involved? Two decades of IPE's Experience in Brazil

Suzana Padua, Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas, Brazil

APRIL 2

Jurisdictional Low-Emission Rural Development in Brazil & Indonesia

Claudia Stickler, Earth Innovation Institute

APRIL 3

Amazonian Dams as Sources of Greenhouse Gases: The Myth of Hydropower as "Clean" Energy

Dr. Philip Fearnside, National Institute for Research in the Amazon (INPA), Brazil

APRIL 9

Sustainability and the Ecology of Politics

Leslie Paul Thiele, UF Department of Political Science



Welcome New Center Faculty, Affiliates, and Visitors!

CENTER FACULTY



Rosana Resende

The Center for Latin American Studies is pleased to welcome Rosana Resende as a lecturer beginning Fall 2015. Resende received her PhD in Anthropology from UF in 2009 and is an urban anthropologist whose teaching interests include courses on race, gender, and social class in Latin America, as well as a specific focus on Brazil. Her interest in how globalization impacts Latin America's vertical relations led to a 2014 Fulbright-funded study on the shifting dynamics between middle class women and their domestic servants in Brazil. She has previously taught for the Center and is looking forward to taking her teaching in new directions through content (with new courses); teaching sites (by leading study abroad programs); course delivery (teaching online or hybrid courses); and new pedagogical approaches (implementing service learning and undergraduate research.) Resende will also play an active role in the Florida-Brazil Linkage Institute and continue her work advising and mentoring students who are passionate about Latin American Studies.



Nicholas Vargas

Nicholas Vargas comes to UF from the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences at The University of Texas at Dallas. Vargas earned a PhD in sociology at Purdue University, M.A. from the University of Florida, and B.A. from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania. His research agenda is interdisciplinary and primarily driven by questions about heterogeneity and common experiences among Latina/os in the United States. He is currently studying how different groups of Latina/os are perceived racially and how these distinct experiences of race are associated with Latina/os' racial ideologies, attitudes regarding immigration policy, and the racial/ethnic and socioeconomic makeup of Latina/os' close personal networks. Vargas is also researching issues related to racial contestation, the experience whereby one's personal racial identity does not match how they are perceived racially by others. Vargas will join UF this fall as an Assistant Professor with a joint appointment in the Center for Latin American Studies and the Department of Sociology.

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FACULTY NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Thomas T. Ankersen (Law) presented “Defending the Polygon: The Emerging Human Right to Communal Property” at the Fulbright Conference on Sustainable Development at Universidad del Norte in Barranquilla, Colombia in September 2014. He published *Turtles without Borders: The International and Domestic Law Basis for the Shared Conservation, Management, and Use of Sea Turtles in Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama* (with G. Stocks, F. Paniagua and S. Grant). *Journal of International Wildlife Law & Policy*, 18(1) 2015: 1-62.

Simone Athayde (LAS/TCD) published Introduction: Indigenous Peoples, Dams and Resistance. *Tipiti: Journal of the Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*, 12(2): 80-92. <http://digitalcommons.trinity.edu/tipiti/>. She co-authored The Risk Interpretation and Action Fellows Seminar on Decision Making under Conditions of Uncertainty (with the Risk Interpretation and Action World Social Science Fellows). *Aus. J. Disaster & Trauma Studies*, 18(1):27-37, and was invited to contribute as an indigenous knowledge expert to the “Global Dialogue on Indigenous and Scientific Knowledge of Pollinators and Food Production. Intergovernmental Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services – IPBES” organized by UNESCO, FAO, UNPD and USGS in Panama City, Panama in December 2014 where she presented “Indigenous and Academic Perspectives on the Relationship between the Honey bee and Stingless Bee Species in the Amazon.”

Emilio M. Bruna (LAS/WEC) published Effect of Mutualist Partner Identity on Plant Demography (with T. J. Izzo, B. D. Inouye, and H. L. Vasconcelos). *Ecology*, 95 2014: 3237-3243; The Scientific Impact of Nations: Journal Placement and Citation Performance (with M. J. Smith, C. Weinberger, and S. Allesina). *PLoS ONE*, 9(10) 2014: e109195; The Role of Roadsides in Conserving Cerrado Plant Diversity (with P. Braunger Vasconcelos and G. Monteiro de Araújo). *Biodiversity & Conservation*, 23 2014:3035-3050; and Women are Underrepresented on Editorial Boards in Environmental Biology and Natural Resource Management (with A. H. Cho, S. A. Johnson, C. E. Schuman, J. M. Adler, O. Gonzalez, S. J. Graves, J. R. Huebner, D. B. Marchant, S. W. Rifai, and I. Skinner). *PeerJ*, 2 2014: e542 which was named the 2015 *PeerJ* Picks Collection: 20 articles of the 471 published in 2014 selected as the year’s most interesting by the *PeerJ* Editors.

Amy Jo Coffey (TEL) organized and presented on the panel “Language, Culture, and their Role in Social Media” at the 2015 Hispanic/Latino Media & Marketing International Conference at Florida State University in Tallahassee on February 19-21, 2015.

Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE) presented the paper “Gender, Asset Accumulation and Wealth in Ecuador: Implications for Women’s Bargaining Power,” at the Stone Center for Latin American Studies in Tulane University in March. She published *Women’s Wealth and Intimate Partner Violence: Insights from Ecuador and Ghana* (with A. Oduro and Z. Catanzarite). *Feminist Economics*, 21(2) 2015: 1-29.

Glenn Galloway (MDP) moderated the side event *Enhancing Forest-Related Development: Community and Smallholder Forestry in the Nexus of Markets, Policy, and Implementation* of the IUFRO World Forests, Society, and Environment Special Project (IUFRO-WFSE) in the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF11) in New York City on May 4. The event included presentations by representatives from the International Union of Forest Research Organizations; the Natural Resources Institute, Finland; Kyoto University; the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR); and the University of Florida.

David Geggus (History) was a guest instructor and invited public lecturer on the Haitian Revolution in February at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He published *La Revolución de Santo Domingo*, (trans. Linda Rupert). In Antonino de Francesco, Luigi Mascilli Migliorini, Raffaele Nocera, eds., *Entre Mediterráneo y Atlántico: Circulaciones, Conexiones y Miradas, 1756-1867*. Santiago, Chile: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2014.

Brian Gendreau (FIN) presented “The Latin American Business Outlook for 2015” at the Florida Chamber of Commerce’s International Days Conference in Tallahassee in April 2015.

Marta Hartmann (Agricultural Education & Communication) presented “Gender in Latin America” at the Cátedra Europa 2015, an international event held by the Universidad del Norte (UN) in Barranquilla, Colombia. As PI of the USAID-HED “Women’s Leadership Program in Paraguay,” she discussed programmatic initiatives and sustainability with faculty participating in the USAID-HED “Building Human-Rights Capacity among Law Schools in the Colombian Caribbean,” a project managed by the Center for Latin American Studies.

Ieva Jusionyte (LAS/Anthropology) presented the paper “Aerial Battles: Radios Clandestinas, Statecraft and (In)security on the Argentina-Brazil Border” at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Washington D.C. in December 2014 and “Criminal Moves” at the American Ethnological Society Conference in San Diego in March 2015. She gave an invited presentation “Human Trafficking in Latin America” at the 2015 Florida International Summit, sponsored by The Florida Network for Global Studies (FNGS) in Orlando in February 2015. Jusionyte published *States of Camouflage*. *Cultural Anthropology*, 30(1) 2015: 113-138.

Karen Kainer (LAS/SFRC) published *Smallholder Specialization Strategies along the Forest Transition Curve in Southwestern Amazonia* (with A.E. Duchelle, A.M. Almeyda Zambrano, S. Wunder, and J. Börner). *World Development*, 64(2014): S149-S158. DOI: 10.1016/j.worlddev.2014.03.001

Richard Kernaghan (Anthropology) was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend to conduct ethnographic research on law and territorial transformation in postwar Peru.

Martha Kohen (DCP) organized the book presentation and public lecture by Hector Vigliecca from Brazil, “Housing and the City” at the School of Architecture City Lab Orlando UF on March 26. She organized Ana de Brea’s (Ball State University) book presentation “Total Latin American Architecture Libretto of Modern Reflections and Contemporary Works” at the School of Architecture, sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies.

Joseli Macedo (URP) was awarded the 2015 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the students in the Department of Urban & Regional Planning. She presented the paper “Multidimensional Planning for Sustainable Cities: Urban Metabolism as a Potential Framework” at the 54th Annual Conference of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) in Philadelphia, PA in November 2014. She published *Cidades Espalhadas: porque o modelo americano deve ser evitado no Brasil* [Sprawling Cities: Avoiding American Urban Form in Brazil]. In Rachel Coutinho Marques da Silva, ed., *Desafios Urbanos: Para a Sustentabilidade Ambiental nas Cidades Brasileiras*. Rio de Janeiro: ProUrb/UFRJ.

Maxine L. Margolis (Anthropology - Emerita) was awarded the Brazilian Studies Association's Lifetime Contribution Award at BRASA's meeting in London in August 2014. She also published *Goodbye Brazil: Emigrés from the Land of Soccer and Samba*. University of Wisconsin Press. The Portuguese edition was published as *Goodbye Brazil: Emigrantes Brasileiros no Mundo*. São Paulo: Editora Contexto, 2013.

Susan Milbrath (FLMNH) published *Astronomical Deities in Ancient Mesoamerica*. In Clive Ruggles, ed., *Handbook on Archaeoastronomy and Ethnoastronomy*. Springer: New York, 2014; *The Many Faces of Venus in Mesoamerica*. In Ed Barnhart and Geraldo Aldana, eds., *Archaeoastronomy and the Maya*. Oxford and Philadelphia: Oxbow Books, 2014; *Maya Images of the Smoking Mirror Deity*. In Elizabeth Bacquedano, ed., *Tezcatlipoca: Trickster and Supreme Aztec Deity*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado 2014; *Cosmology, Calendars, and Horizon-based Astronomy in Ancient Mesoamerica* (with A. S. Dowd). Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2015. *A Seasonal Calendar in the Codex Borgia*. In Anne S. Dowd and Susan Milbrath, eds., *Cosmology, Calendars, and Horizon-based Astronomy in Ancient Mesoamerica*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2015. She presented "Decoding the Astronomical Narrative in the Codex Borgia," at Florida State University in March 2015 and "Deity Transformations in the Narrative Section of the Codex Borgia," at College Art Association in February 2015.

Gerald Murray (Anthropology – Emeritus) published *The Markets along the Haitian - Dominican Border*. In Peter Mörtenböck and Helge Mooshammer, eds., *Informal Market Worlds: The Architecture of Economic Pressure*. Rotterdam: nai010 Publishers, 2015. He evaluated a Haitian agriculture program for UF's International Center and has authored three academic book reviews on Haiti. He lectured on "Vodou and Santería" and "Pelo Bueno/ Pelo Malo: Race, Skin Color, and Hair among Afro-Caribbean Latinos" at other Florida colleges for UF's Center for Latin American Studies' outreach program.

Susan Paulson (LAS) published *Los factores exógenos y los procesos territoriales en la transformación del panorama ocupacional en Yucatán* (with J. M. Navarro). *Eutopia: Revista de Desarrollo Económico Territorial*, 5 2014: 37-50; *Seeds of Change - NERICA Upland Rice as a New Commercial Opportunity for Female-Headed Households in Hoima District, Uganda* (with J. Bergman). *CAFÉ: The Journal of Culture, Agriculture, Food and Environment*, 36(2) 2014: 129-141; *Political Ecology Perspectives on Degrowth*. In Giacomo D'Alisa, Federico Demaria and Giorgos Kallis, eds., *Degrowth: Vocabulary for a New Era*. London: Routledge/Earthscan, 2014: 45-59. She presented the keynote speech "Cambio territorial y género" at XIII Seminario Internacional sobre Territorio y Cultura in Salamina, Colombia.

Charles A. Perrone (SPS) published *Não olhe para trás: mitos, concepções e recepções de Orfeu Negro*. In André Rocha Haudenschild and Claudio Alano da Cruz, ed., *Orfeu do Vinicius & Cia*. Florianópolis, BR: UFSC, 2015: 61-95. He was an invited panelist at "Literatura Brasileira no Exterior: Mercado, Ensino e Mídia" Instituto Itaú Cultural in São Paulo on November 2014. He convened the seminar "Crônicas Brasileiras as Pedagogical Tool" at Boston University in March 2015, marking the launch of the book's third edition. He was a guest speaker in seminars on Brazilian music at the University of Alberta and Stanford in April.

Stephen Perz (Sociology and Criminology & Law) published *Sustainable Development: The Promise and Perils of Roads*. *Nature*, 513 2014: 178-179. He also received a UF Foundation Preeminence Term Professorship for the academic year 2014-2015.

Rosana Resende (LAS) received the 2015 UF LGBT Community Impact Award for "Outstanding Faculty." Impact Awards "were established to recognize individuals, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, who have made significant positive contributions to the LGBT community at the University of Florida." She presented "Prata da Casa (Household Silver): Domestic Work and Social Change in Brazil's Black Rome" at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh in March.

Mary Risner (LAS) co-edited an online handbook for foreign language teachers entitled "Connecting World Language Curriculum to Workplace Skills" <http://nble.org/ebook>. Her work with K-12 foreign language teachers was featured in the article *Making the Connection Between Language and Careers: K-12 LSP in Intercom*, the University of Oregon's weekly newsletter for language professionals <http://caslsintercom.uoregon.edu/content/19313>

Marianne Schmink (LAS – Emerita) published *Under the Canopy: Gender and Forests in Amazonia* (with M. Garcia). *Occasional Paper*, Bogor, Indonesia: CIFOR, 121; and *Charles Wagley's Legacy of Interdisciplinary Graduate Research and Training Programs at the University of Florida*. *Boletim do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi, Ciências Humanas* 9(3): 661-674. She presented "Forest Citizenship in Acre, Brazil," at the XXIV World Congress of IUFRO in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 5-11, 2014, and gave the Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture, "Environmental Governance and the New Amazonian Frontier in São Felix do Xingu (SFX), at the University of Wisconsin on March 13, 2015.

Maya Stanfield-Mazzi (SAAH) published *Weaving and Tailoring the Andean Church: Textile Ornaments and their Makers in Colonial Peru*. *The Americas*, 72(1) 2015: 77-102; *El complemento artístico a las misas para difuntos en el Perú colonial*. *Allpanchis*, 77/78 2014: 49-81; and *Dalmatic for Funeral Mass, Two Altar Frontals, and Mantle for a Sculpture of the Virgin Mary*. In Annick Benavides, ed., *Pedro de Osma Museum*. Lima: Pedro and Angélica de Osma Gildemeister Foundation, 2015.

Rick Stepp (LAS/Anthropology) published *Defining Biocultural Approaches to Conservation* (with M.C. Gavin, J. McCarter, A. Mead, F. Berkes, D. Peterson, and R. Tang). *Trends in Ecology and Evolution*, 30(3) 2015:140-145 and *Rapoport's Rule Revisited: Geographical Distributions of Human Languages* (with M.C. Gavin). *PLoS ONE*, 9(9): 8, e107623. He presented the paper "Highland Maya Indigenous Management and Implications for Biodiversity" at the Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Sacramento, CA.

Margarita Vargas-Betancourt (LACC) presented the paper "El Cabildo indígena de Santiago Tlatelolco en conflictos sobre tierra y agua, siglos XVI y XVII" at the XIV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México organized by the Katz Center for Mexican Studies at The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois in September 2014.

Robert Walker (LAS/Geography) published *Spatially Complex Land Change: The Indirect Effect of Brazil's Agricultural Sector on Land Use in Amazonia* (with P. Richards and E. Arima). *Global Environmental Change*, 29(1-9) 2014; and *Saving Land for Nature in the Brazilian Amazon: Implications from Location Rent Theory*. *Geographical Analysis*, 46(1) 2014: 18-36.

Philip Williams (LAS) was awarded the 2015 Jon Mills Award for Significant Contributions to Relations between Florida and the Americas by the University of Florida Levin College of Law in recognition of his efforts as PI for the USAID-HED grant Building Human Rights Capacity in the Colombian Caribbean to "develop and maintain collaborations between the University of Florida and judicial, legal, political, business, environmental, and educational institutions throughout the Americas."

Latin America's Premier Science Journalist visits UF

From March 22-29th the Florida-Brazil Linkage Institute (FBLI) hosted Herton Escobar, one of Latin America's leading science and environmental journalists. Since 2000, Escobar has been the Science Reporter at the O Estado de S. Paulo newspaper – regarded by many as the most prestigious publication in the country – where he has published more than 1,800 articles, including the ones that earned him the José Reis Prize for the Dissemination of Science and Technology, Brazil's most prestigious award for science journalism, in 2014. During his visit, Escobar participated in classes taught by Professors Ted Spiker, Ieva Jusionyte, and Terry Anderson; interviewed TCD faculty and alumni about their research; participated in the Center's annual conference Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics; met with UF's Science Without Borders exchange students from Brazil; and presented a seminar entitled "Adventures in Science Journalism in Brazil: Challenges and Opportunities in a Digital Age of Low Budgets and Short Attention Spans."

Escobar's visit was supported by the Center for Latin American Studies, UF's Office of Research, the College of Journalism and Communications, and the Tropical Conservation & Development Program.



Left to Right: Yves Bovolenta, Fabiane Mundim, Ernane Vieira Neto, Diego Rodriguez, FBLI Director Emilio Bruna, Herton Escobar, and Adriano Darosci enjoy the Center's annual conference opening reception.



New Labe Director

The Center is happy to introduce Brian Gendreau, Clinical Professor of Finance at the Warrington College of Business Administration, as the new director of the Center's Latin American Business Environment (Labe) Program. Previously, Brian was a market strategist at ING Investment Management, Heckman Global Advisors, and Salomon Smith Barney and an economist at J.P. Morgan. Before that, he served as a staff economist with the Federal Reserve. Brian has a PhD from the Wharton School and an M.A from the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University. He has taught in the MBA programs at Wharton and New York University. While at J.P. Morgan, he was named Number One in Latin American economics in Institutional Investors rankings. Brian has appeared frequently on CNBC, Fox Business television, and Bloomberg Radio.



New Grants from the Carnegie Corporation of NY and the National Science Foundation

Program for Immigration, Religion, and Social Change

The Center for Latin American Studies Program for Immigration, Religion, and Social Change (PIRSC) received a \$50,000 grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York to support a project entitled “Recovering the Human Face of Immigration: Faith-Communities and the Moral Dilemmas of Immigration Reform.” The project will explore more closely the contributions that faith-based organizations and religious congregations can make as incubators of a more civil and humane discourse on immigration and as networks that enable immigrants to gain voice, social capital, and civic skills. Project co-directors, Manuel Vásquez (Religion) and Philip Williams (Latin American Studies), together with the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University, New Orleans, will lead a series of guided conversations with religious leaders who have intentionally sought to create multi-racial congregations that welcome immigrants. The conversations will help to identify and systematize the best practices of inter-cultural exchange, as well as the challenges, obstacles, and shortcomings that they have faced. The project will also develop materials to help faith communities engage in immigrant integration and advocacy issues.

Tropical Conservation and Development Program

The Center’s Tropical Conservation and Development Program received a \$499,901 Research Coordination Network (RCN) grant from the National Science Foundation to support a project entitled “RCN: Enabling comparative studies of the process and products of sexual selection in a genomic context”. This RCN will facilitate new interdisciplinary research collaborations that will advance our understanding of the genomic underpinnings of evolutionary processes important in shaping the ecology, behavior and diversification of organisms. Project director Bette Loiselle (Latin American Studies & Wildlife Ecology and Conservation) will lead the effort with collaborators from East Carolina University, Kansas State University, Smithsonian Institution, Florida State University, University of Mississippi, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP), UCLA, and Cornell University. The network brings together pioneers in the application of genomic approaches, field researchers that have gathered long-term ecological and behavioral data, software developers and information management specialists to enrich, share, and connect large-scale data sets that provide the foundation to tackle fundamental questions of how traits of organisms evolve.

For Your Information: UF ACRONYMS

CAS	Center for African Studies
CIBER	Center for International Business Education & Research
CWSGR	Center for Women’s Studies and Gender Research
FBLI	Florida-Brazil Linkage Institute
FMNH	Florida Museum of Natural History
FRE	Food and Resource Economics
LABE	Latin American Business Environment
LAC	Latin American Collection (UF Libraries)
LAS	Latin American Studies
LLC	Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

MIB	MA in International Business
MALAS	MA in Latin American Studies
MDP	Master of Sustainable Development Practice
SAAH	School of Art and Art History
SFRC	School of Forest Resources and Conservation
SNRE	School of Natural Resources and Environment
SPS	Spanish & Portuguese Studies
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WEC	Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

Beyond MALAS: Leveraging Your Degree

On March 17th, the Center for Latin American Studies hosted its first annual “UnSeminar” targeting soon-to-be graduates of the Master of Arts in Latin American Studies (MALAS) program. Ten students participated in the interactive Beyond MALAS: Leveraging Your Degree workshop designed to start them thinking about the variety of career options.

After recognizing their academic and professional strengths through an engaging ice breaker, students were guided through an exercise focusing on how to benefit from online networking opportunities to connect with MALAS alumni, mainly via the Center’s LinkedIn group. The students then considered revisions to their resumes that would highlight their experiences at UF. The second half of the UnSeminar brought a virtual guest alumnus, Jacob Schultz (see Alumni Profile on p. 14), who spoke about his current post with the Foreign Service in Quito, Ecuador and answered questions from students. A final brainstorming session focused on potential resources that would better prepare students as they transition out of their graduate degree program.

A few of the students’ ideas are being implemented already. For example, the celebration of student successes on social media helps to foster solidarity amongst students and can be seen on the UF Center for Latin American Studies Facebook page. The well-attended workshop and positive evaluations suggest that the Center successfully opened a space for innovative thinking that will lead current students into the world beyond their master’s degrees.

*Contributed by Mandy Monroe,
MALAS student*

ALUMNI RECEPTION

On February 26th, the Center sponsored a happy hour to reconnect with Gators in the south Florida area. The event was held at Boteco in Miami and brought together approximately 35 alumni from a variety of colleges and graduation years. In conjunction with the happy hour, the Cuba Program Advisory Board also met to discuss progress of current initiatives. A good time was had by all and the Center hopes to continue to organize more South Florida alumni events in the future to strengthen relationships with our LAS alumni.



From left to right: Benjamin Goodman, Daniela Abad, Carlos Iñiguez, Greg Bates, and Dave Harmel

Language Learning Across Borders

Promoting collaboration across disciplines, departments, and the globe, the March Teletandem workshop was a success. Co-sponsored by UF’s Center for Latin American Studies Outreach Program; Spanish and Portuguese Studies; the College of Education’s School of Teaching and Learning; and the Department of Languages, Literatures & Cultures, the workshop captured the interest of a wide range of participants. High school teachers from around Florida, along with UF and Santa Fe instructors, participated in this interactive, hands-on experience. Foreign language learning in-tandem involves pairs of native (or competent) speakers of different languages working collaboratively through online sessions in order to learn the language of their partner. Co-facilitated by Dr. João Telles from the Universidade Estadual Paulista, Brazil and Dr. Michael Ferreira from Georgetown University, participants learned how to implement online linguistic and intercultural interactions through voice, text and webcam images. To practice these concepts, individual, one-on-one Skype sessions were arranged involving Teletandem users from Italy, Brazil and France. Key workshop highlights were the American Sign Language session via virtual participation from Brazil and the K-12 Skype session. Participants practiced the language with their session pairs via a virtual context in an innovative way to learn a language.

From start to finish, the Teletandem workshop involved the inter-institutional cooperation and participation of multidisciplinary actors. The Center’s Outreach Program hopes this is the first of many events that expands its services and extends its reach to impact a wider audience locally, globally and, of course, in-tandem.

Contributed by Brigitte Pfluger, MALAS Student

SPRING '15 GRADUATIONS

Undergraduate LAS Minors & Certificates

Sabrina Álvarez (*Journalism*)

Kenneth Bain (*History/Spanish*)

Samora Bazil (*International Studies*)

Robert Brito (*Political Science/
International Relations*)

Andrea Calidonio (*International Studies*)

Kevin Casamayor (*International Food &
Resource Economics*)

Monica Compte (*Political Science*)

Michael Dingeses (*Political Science*)

Cristina Flores (*English/Anthropology*)

Andy García (*Political Science*)

Liana Guerra (*Economics*)

Rodrigo Xavier Heredia (*Finance*)

Toshana Joseph
(*Political Science/Criminology*)

April Lanuza (*Telecommunications*)

Laura Molinares (*History*)

John Planas (*Political Science*)

Ana Paula Ramos (*English*)

Karen Restrepo (*Finance*)

David Rinehart (*Spanish*)

Helen Roldán (*Political Science*)

Samantha Stein (*Political Science*)

Juan Diego Tibaduiza
(*Political Science/Economics*)

Hector Toranzos (*Psychology*)

Francis Urroz (*English/Spanish*)

Graduate LAS Certificates

Casey Fansworth, MA (*History*)

Jeremy Lambeth, MDP

Antonio Lopez, PhD (*Spanish*)

MALAS Degrees

Rafael Cruzado

Specialization: Latino Studies

Advisor: Ieva Jusionyte (LAS/Anthropology)

Thesis: A Study of Why Dominicans Send Remittances

Elizabeth Getman

Specialization: Development Studies

Advisor: Carmen Diana Deere (LAS)

Internship Final Research Paper: A

Comparative Analysis of the Spiritual

Foundations of Traditional Japanese Reiki

and Mayan Healing: Evidence from Quiché,

Guatemala

Amber Jennings

Specialization: Brazilian Studies

Advisor: Susan Paulson (LAS)

Thesis: Public Health Worker Motivation and Health Reform in Rural Brazil

Amanda Monroe

Specialization: TCD

Advisor: Rick Stepp (LAS/Anthropology)

Thesis: Tsapajkx & Ocote (Peach & Pine):

Bilingual Ecology Education in the Mixe Region of Oaxaca, Mexico

Anna Porter

Specialization: Development Studies

Advisor: Carmen Diana Deere (LAS)

Thesis: Mobilizing for Voice: The Bartolinas in Bolivia

Ana Cecilia Silva

Specialization: Brazilian Studies

Advisor: Emilio Bruna (LAS/WEC)

Thesis: Extensive Executive Powers and Support for Affirmative Action in Brazil

MDP Degrees

Maria Checa

Specialization: Conservation (joint MDP/PhD Entomology degree)

Advisor: Marianne Schmink (LAS)

Capstone Field Practicum: Feasibility of a Butterfly Farming Initiative in Western Ecuador as a Viable Tool for Sustainable Development

Samantha Davis

Specialization: Maternal and child health and gender

Advisor: Rick Rheingans (CAS/Environment and Global Health)

Capstone Field Practicum: Diversity and Availability of Foods in the Tiendas of Two Guatemalan Communities

Antonieta Eguren

Specialization: TCD/Community conservation

Advisor: Brian Child (CAS/Geography)

Capstone Field Practicum: Attitudes Toward Wildlife and Kruger National Park in the Makuleke Community, South Africa

Hans Goertz

Specialization: Agroforestry

Advisor: Marianne Schmink (LAS)

Capstone Field Practicum: Comparative Tree Planting Strategies: Impact and Application in Haiti

Jeremy Lambeth

Specialization: Nonprofit

organizational leadership

Advisor: Muthusami Kumaran

(Family, Youth, and Community Sciences)

Capstone Field Practicum: Assessing

International Scholarly Exchange in Haiti

Liz Poulsen

Specialization: Monitoring and

evaluation/family planning

Advisor: Rick Rheingans (CAS/
Environment and Global Health)

Capstone Field Practicum: Adolescent

Pregnancy in Cumbayá, Ecuador

Christa Roberts

Specialization: Business

Advisor: Holly Donohoe (Tourism, Recreation, and Sport Management)

Capstone Field Practicum: Monitoring and

Evaluation of Sustainability Indicators at Hotels

and Eco-Lodges in Costa Rica and Nicaragua

Alexandra Sprague

Specialization: Program design

and project management

Advisor: Brian Child (CAS/Geography)

Capstone Field Practicum: Household

Livelihood Surveys: Training Practitioners and

the Case of Makuleke, South Africa

Sheldon Wardwell

Specialization: Governance/African Studies

Advisor: Leonardo Villalón

(Political Science/UFIC)

Capstone Field Practicum South Sudan's

New Periphery

Graduate Sustainable Development Practice Certificate

Therese Kennely Okraku

(*Anthropology*)

2015 Summer Research Grant Recipients

Each year, the Center for Latin American Studies and the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) program award funding to UF students to conduct summer research. This year, 24 students from 10 different departments received funding to carry out their field research in Latin America and in Latino communities in Spain. These awards are made possible by the Boonstra Family Research Fellowship, Carol French Doughty Memorial Fund, Center for Latin American Studies grant overhead funds, Wagley/Carter Endowed Fellowship, Hugh Popenoe Mesoamerican Research Fund, TCD Ford Foundation Endowment, Vivian Nolan Graduate Fellowship, and the Wilgus Graduate Fellowship. The Center would like to congratulate the following students on their 2015 field research awards:

Ian Ausprey (PhD Biology) Peru

Myrian Barboza (PhD Anthropology) Brazil

Maria Bedoya (PhD SNRE) Colombia

Todd Bertwell (MS SFRC) Brazil

Kerri Blumenthal (PhD Religion) Peru

Macarena Deij Prado (MA Art History) Peru

Johanna Espin (PhD Sociology) Peru

Daniel Fernández (PhD History) Spain

María Gelin Spessot (MS SNRE) Argentina

Carlos Hernández (PhD History) Mexico

Felipe Infante (PhD Anthropology) Chile

Antonio Juarez-Sánchez (MS WEC) Guatemala

Crisne Lebron (MALAS) Brazil

Macarena Moraga (MALAS) Chile & Brazil

Felicity Newell (PhD Biology) Peru

Cristina Nuñez Godoy (MS SNRE) Argentina

Brigitte Pfluger (MALAS) Colombia

Paul Pluta (PhD Anthropology) Peru

Cristina Ramos (PhD Sociology) Spain

Leslie Todd (PhD Art History) Ecuador

Laura Van Voorhis (PhD Anthropology) Ecuador

Iliana Villegas (PhD Anthropology) Mexico & Guatemala

Gage Ziehm (MALAS) Dominican Republic

Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Recipients

Congratulations to the following UF students who received U.S. Department of Education Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships to study Portuguese from the Center for Latin American Studies:

Heather Bergseth (PhD Music)

Rebekah Dain (BA)

Kevin Funk (PhD Political Science)

Jandy Gu (PhD Anthropology)

Crisne Lebron (MALAS)

Macarena Moraga (MALAS)

Michael Waylen (MALAS)

MALAS Student Awards

We are especially proud of the three MALAS students who won awards in recognition of their work presented at conferences during the spring 2015 semester:

Elizabeth (Liz) Getman was awarded the Turner Award from the Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies for her paper "Speaking of the Unspeakable: Discussions and Perceptions of Intimate Partner Violence and Femicide in El Quiché, Guatemala" presented in Ithaca, NY.

Amanda (Mandy) Monroe's poster "Tsapajkx & Ocote (Peach & Pine): Bilingual Ecology Education in the Mixe Region of Oaxaca, Mexico" won Honorable Mention at the LAS/TCD Annual Conference Envisioning a Sustainable Tropics in Gainesville, FL in March 2015.

Macarena Moraga was awarded the Edward E. Moseley Award for best graduate student paper at the annual SECOLAS meeting in Charleston, SC for her paper "Who Am I to Forget? Los 80 as an Arena for Collective Memory in the Chilean Post-Dictatorship Generation."

Field Research Clinic & Poster Session 2015

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program awarded 25 field research grants for UF graduate students to carry out master's thesis and pre-dissertation fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2014. Held at the newly renovated Latin American and Caribbean Collection (LACC) on February 13, the 13th annual Field Research Clinic (FRC)



Grand prize winner Christa Roberts

and to disseminate the results of their research to a wide audience of students and faculty members.

The second half of the clinic was devoted to the research poster competition. Posters were evaluated by Glenn Galloway (MDP), Susan Paulson (LAS), and Ignacio Rodeño (University of Alabama, Languages).

The FRC is one of several graduate student support activities sponsored by the Center over the course of the academic year. These events serve to enhance the learning and professional preparation of LAS students.

gave students the chance to learn about the various research projects sponsored by the Center and TCD, and to stimulate debate with students from a broad range of disciplines. The clinic also provided an opportunity for grant recipients to showcase their work



Center director Phil Williams (left) with FRC poster session winners Lara Lookabaugh, Ashley Sharpe, Lily Maynard, Crista Roberts, and Mauricio Nunez-Regueiro (back)

2015 POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE

Monitoring and Evaluation of Sustainability Initiatives at Eight Hotels and Eco-Lodges in Costa Rica and Nicaragua
Christa Roberts, MDP

1ST PRIZE MASTER'S LEVEL

Talking about the Weather in Chiapas, Mexico: Women Farmers' Perceptions of and Adaptations to Climate Change
Lara Lookabaugh, MALAS

1ST PRIZE PHD LEVEL

The Role of Animals in the Development of the First Maya States
Ashley Sharpe, Anthropology

1ST PRIZE MDP

Monitoring and Evaluation of Sustainability Initiatives at Eight Hotels and Eco-Lodges in Costa Rica and Nicaragua
Christa Roberts, MDP

2ND PRIZE MASTER'S LEVEL

Collaboration in Management: Evaluating Community Conservancies in Kenya
Lily Maynard, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

2ND PRIZE PHD LEVEL

Getting Your Money's Worth? Possible Adverse Selection in Payment for Ecosystem Service Scheme in the Endangered Chaco Forest of Argentina
Mauricio M. Nuñez-Rigueiro, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation



ALUMNI CAREER PROFILE:

Jacob Schultz (MALAS 2007)



Jacob Schultz is a career member of the United States Foreign Service. He currently serves as an economic officer in the U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador where he covers issues such as extractive resources, banking and finance, civil aviation, sanctions, and multilateral lending. Prior to his posting to Ecuador, Jacob was the Environment, Science, Technology, and Health officer in the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand. He also served as a consular officer in Hermosillo, Mexico. Jacob earned a bachelor's degree in International Relations from Florida State University in Panama and a master's degree in Latin American Studies from the University of Florida. Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Jacob worked for an NGO, for the United Nations Development Program, and as an interpreter/translator. Jacob speaks fluent Spanish and is proficient in Portuguese. Jacob is married and has two daughters.

Can you tell us more about your current position?

I am a career member of the United States Foreign Service with a focus on economic issues. Foreign Service Officers like myself spend the majority of their careers overseas, but usually return to Washington, DC periodically. Currently I am an economic officer in the U.S. Embassy in Quito where I cover issues related to extractive resources, banking and finance, civil aviation, sanctions, and multilateral lending.

How did your MALAS degree help prepare you for a career with the State Department?

While Foreign Service Officers are expected to be available for worldwide service, we often spend a significant portion of our careers focused on a particular region. My time as a MALAS student gave me a deep understanding of Latin American language, culture, history, and economics. This background

has enabled me to be more effective in my current position and in my first position in Mexico. Additionally, my coursework in the LBE concentration really helped prepare me for work as an Economic Officer, especially the courses in law, economics, and finance.

What advice would you give graduating MALAS students who are interested in pursuing a career with the government?

It is important to acquire experience and knowledge that makes you uniquely qualified for the position that interests you. In my case, having a combination of work experience and an academic background in the field of economics made me competitive for a position as an economic officer. Additionally, as a Foreign Service Officer, one must be willing to support the policies of the President, regardless of your own political philosophy.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Bertrhude Albert (MALAS 2014) is one of 26 student leaders to join the UF Hall of Fame. This is the highest recognition given to student leaders at the University of Florida.

Devin Dotson (MALAS 2009) works at the U.S. Botanic Gardens as the Public Affairs and Exhibits Specialist.

Ericka Gheri (Paola) (MALAS 2006) is a professor of Latin American Humanities and Languages at Santa Fe College. Before working at Santa Fe College, Ericka taught at Stetson University for the Department of Modern Languages and Literature.

Jeffrey Hoelle (PhD Anthropology 2011) is an assistant professor of Anthropology at UC Santa Barbara. He recently published the book *Rainforest Cowboys: The Rise of Ranching and Cattle Culture in Western Amazonia*.

Sarah Martin (BA Economics/English 2008) is an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice. Sarah was selected by the U.S. Attorney General's Honors Program as an attorney at the Board of Immigration Appeals in Virginia.

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