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DIRECTOR'S Corner



This has been a busy semester at the Center. Our Bacardi Family Lecture Series brought to campus a top flight group of experts to speak on crime, violence and

policing in the Americas. In addition to their public lectures, our Bacardi visiting scholars also had the opportunity to meet with faculty and students to discuss their research projects. The lecture series was a great way to build momentum and interest leading up to our very successful annual conference, "Crimescapes: Space, Law, and the Making of Illegality in the Americas."

Over the course of the semester the Center hosted a number of other speakers and our Outreach Program organized a range of exciting activities. The Center was also very well represented at the SECOLAS conference in Cartagena, Colombia in March. In addition to Center faculty, several of our MALAS students presented papers at the conference.

As part of UF's strategic planning process, the Center developed a new five year strategic plan to advance the Center's nationally and internationally recognized preeminence in Latin American Studies. We held a retreat in January, bringing together Center-based and affiliate faculty, as well as student and staff representatives to develop the new plan.

Also, for the first time, we partnered with the Association of Hispanic Alumni, the Gator Club of Miami, and the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce to organize a Miami launch for the Center's 2016 Latin American Business Environment Report. The event featured a keynote presentation by Professor Brian Gendreau, Director of the Center's Latin American Business Environment Program.

Finally, I'd like to express my heartfelt gratitude to Professor Richmond Brown, who is stepping down as Associate Director for Academic Programs and returning to the regular faculty after ten years of extraordinary service. Under his leadership, the MA program in Latin American Studies (MALAS) has become a nationally-ranked program in terms of the quality of students, the coherence of the curriculum, and the support services for our students. During his tenure, Richmond oversaw an exhaustive review of the MALAS program and instituted a number of changes, including the consolidation of the degree specializations and the introduction of the new internship option. He also helped to promote and grow significantly our certificate and minor programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. I am confident that Professor Susan Paulson, who will take over from Richmond in September, will continue to build on this success and help take our academic programs to new heights.

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CRIMESCAPES: SPACE, LAW, AND THE MAKING OF ILLEGALITY IN THE AMERICAS

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Crimescapes: Space, Law, and the Making of Illegality in the Americas

Contributed by Akemi Inamoto, MALAS student

The Center for Latin American Studies' 65th Annual Conference "Crimescapes: Space, Law, and the Making of Illegality in the Americas" addressed how legal and criminal acts are variously constituted across distinct geographical and social spaces throughout the Americas. The panels covered a plethora of topics including construction of spaces, territories and territoriality, contested states, anxieties about insecurity, spatial dimensions of law, international regimes of law, and transgressions of said laws, among others. The conference took place from March 24 to March 26, 2016 at Emerson Hall and the Latin American and Caribbean Collection at the University of Florida (UF), as well as The Woolly in Downtown Gainesville, and featured 26 presenters from 11 countries. Panels were facilitated and moderated by UF faculty and graduate students from different disciplines. Highlights included keynote addresses from novelist, journalist, and literature professor at Trinity College Francisco Goldman, Chair of the

Department of Urban Planning and Design at Harvard University Diane E. Davis, and senior researcher at the Danish Institute for International Studies Finn Stepputat. A special evening panel featured Stephen Ferry's photography presentation *Violentology: A Manual of the Colombian Conflict* and Pennsylvania State University's Alexander Fattal's film screening *Dreams from the Concrete Mountain*. The various panels featured case studies from multiple countries, including Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Jamaica, El Salvador, Honduras, Colombia, Brazil, and Venezuela. Particularly interesting were the various ways in which the different concepts of space, identity, territories, law, and crime were defined and applied by each presenter. The conference also served to highlight the Center for Latin American Studies' program of Crime, Law, and Governance in the Americas, which seeks



Francisco Goldman speaking at the opening keynote.

to train students in the interdisciplinary, comparative study of law and crime in Latin America and the United States. More than 150 guests attended the conference, some of whom were able to strengthen existing ties as well as build new ones.

Title VI Funded Speakers

January 14

The Jews of Mexico: History, Culture, and Libraries

Enrique Chmelnik Lubinsky, Centro de Documentación e Investigación Judío de México

January 16

Earth: Living Organism (on the emergence of the Brazilian Indian movement, its alliance with environmentalist movements, and reflections on models of development)

Ailton Krenak, Nucleus for Indigenous Culture, Brazil

January 24

El último aleteo de Andrea/ The Last Flutter of Andrea

Marisol Salinas, Instituto Superior de Bellas Artes, Paraguay

February 24

Early Twentieth Century Samba in Rio de Janeiro and its Golden Age

Carlos Sandroni, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Brazil

2016 Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar Lecture Series

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JANUARY 13, 2016

Do Police CCTV Systems Prevent Crime? Evidence from Mexico City

Carlos Vilalta, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico

FEBRUARY 10, 2016

Criminal Governance in Latin America: The Consequences of 'New Violence' for Power and Territoriality

Kees Koonings, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

FEBRUARY 24, 2016

The Social Accumulation of Violence in Brazil: Some Remarks

Michel Misse, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

MARCH 9, 2016

Uncertain Forms: Political Aspiration and Legal Norm in the Peruvian Neoliberal State

Deborah Poole, Johns Hopkins University, U.S.

MARCH 24, 2016

Reporting on the Bishop Gerardi, Heavens and Ayozinapa Cases in Guatemala and Mexico, and Some of the Lessons Taken

Keynote Address, CRIMESCAPES: Space, Law and the Making of Illegality in the Americas 65th Annual Conference
Francisco Goldman, Mexico/U.S.

MARCH 25, 2016

The Power to Define a Criminal: Police and the Social Construction of Law in Mexico

Keynote Address, CRIMESCAPES: Space, Law and the Making of Illegality in the Americas 65th Annual Conference
Diane Davis, Harvard University, U.S.

MARCH 26, 2016

Crimescapes. Shifting Geographies of Law and Sovereignty

Keynote Address, CRIMESCAPES: Space, Law and the Making of Illegality in the Americas 65th Annual Conference
Finn Stepputat, Danish Institute for International Studies, Denmark



Center and the Latin American Business Environment Report featured at Coral Gables Chamber Event

By Aimee Green

On April 14th the Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce 9th Annual International Business Forum featured a presentation on the 2016 Latin American Business Environment (LABE) Report by Dr. Brian Gendreau. At the fulcrum of business in Latin America and home to many UF Alumni, Miami is an important location for the Center to serve as a resource.

Dr. Phillip Williams' introduction provided the attendees with an overview of the prominence of the Center and the history of the LABE Report. Dr. Gendreau's presentation featured a regional overview as well as country profiles and the changes taking place in Cuba that make its economy more market focused. His presentation was well received and inspired thoughtful questions, comments and debate. Dr. Gendreau aspires to adapt and reshape the report frequently to meet the needs of the business community. The Center hopes to continue to engage the south Florida alumni and business community through an annual presentation of this report.



The Center coordinated this event in conjunction with the Coral Gables Chamber with the assistance of numerous other sponsors and partners.

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CAS Center for African Studies
CWSGR Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research
FBLI Florida-Brazil Linkage Institute
FLMNH 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
TCD Tropical Conservation and Development
WEC Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

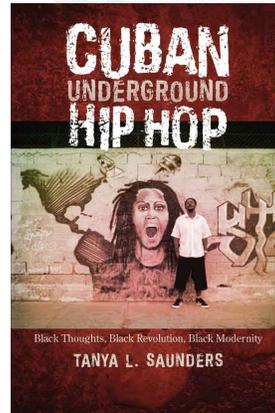


NEW FACULTY MEMBER TANYA SAUNDERS

Dr. Tanya L. Saunders holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and a Master of International Development Policy from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Most recently she was a faculty member in the Department of African American and African Studies at Ohio State University. Dr. Saunders' academic interests are in the areas of identity formation, Coloniality Studies/ Postcolonial theory, Cultural Studies, Sociology of Knowledge, Afro-Latino Studies, arts-based social movements, race, gender and sexuality. She is interested in the ways in which the African Diaspora, throughout the

Americas use the arts as a central tool for social change. She has published in journals such as *Latin American Perspectives*, *The Caribbean Review of Gender and Studies*, *Black Women, Gender and the Family*, *Feminist Media Studies*, *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society* and has published articles both in Cuba and in Brazil.

Dr. Saunders also co-edited an issue of the *Black Diaspora Review* (2015) on the future of African Diaspora Studies in post-embargo Cuba. As a 2011-2012



Fulbright scholar to Brazil she began work on her current project which analyzes urban arts-based social movements in Brazil, with a focus on their influence in both political mobilization among socially marginalized communities, and grassroots-based urban alternative education movements. Her current book *Cuban Underground Hip Hop: Black Thoughts,*

Black Revolution and Black Modernity (2015), is available from the University of Texas Press. Saunders will join UF for the upcoming fall semester as Associate Professor in the Center for Latin American Studies.

WELCOME New Center Staff, Affiliates, and Visitors!

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Coco Fusco
Art & Art History

Sadie Ryan
Geography/EPI

Héctor Sandoval
Economics

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GLOBAL CLASSROOM INITIATIVE

In an effort to globalize the curriculum of future classrooms, Mary Risner (LAS) and Swapna Kumar (COE) received a grant from the Longview Foundation to work with pre-service teachers at our College of Education to integrate LAS and global content. Key activities were having students connect to teachers in Bolivia and Japan through telecollaboration and presenting their experiences at educational technology conferences.



LEFT-TO-RIGHT: Morgan Wendland- Elementary Ed Undergraduate, Andie Anderson- Elementary Ed Undergraduate, Krista Ruggles- Doctoral Candidate Curriculum, Teaching, & Teacher Education, Owen Roberts- Superintendent of Alachua County Schools, Emma Redd- Elementary Ed Undergraduate, Jennifer Manise- Executive Director of the Longview Foundation, Mary Risner- Associate Director of Outreach at the Center for Latin American Studies.



Schools in South Florida learning about Brazilian Music



The Center Brings Brazilian Music and Culture to Florida

Contributed by Brigitte Pfluger, MALAS student

In spring 2016, the Center for Latin American Studies co-sponsored a number of events to extend knowledge of Brazilian culture and music to populations within and beyond the University of Florida. In April, Jacaré Brazil & UF Jazz Band performed with César Camargo Mariano (piano) and Renato Martins (percussion) at the University Auditorium. The infused jazz and Brazilian musical performance was a hit and attendance was high. The

15th annual Brazilian Music Institute in May involved an intensive week of Brazilian musical instruction and training. The Center not only supported the artists and clinicians through USDOE TVI funding, but also offered scholarships for up-and-coming musicians, students, and community members to be able to participate in the event. Additionally, throughout the spring LAS affiliate faculty from the College of Music visited three

schools in South Florida as part of the Knight Foundation award. Combined, over 200 students participated in workshops and performances where they learned about and experienced traditions from Latin America's largest country. These are just a few of the many events that were held in spring 2016 which increased awareness and visibility of Brazilian culture.

Outreach Launches New Virtual Guest Visit Program

This semester CLAS' Outreach team launched a new Virtual Guest Visit program. The program offers teachers the opportunity to incorporate a virtual guest from anywhere into their classroom to provide context and answer student questions on topics surrounding Latin America, its culture, and its people. So far, guests organized by the Virtual Guest Visit program have supplemented high school-level classes on diverse and interdisciplinary topics including: Afro-Latin American religions, business, Latino identity, U.S.-Mexico border issues, and free trade in the coffee market. Guest speakers have included LAS faculty Ieva Jusionyte, Catherine Tucker, and Brian Gendreau; Diana

Moreno, a MALAS graduate student; and Gerald Murray, professor emeritus. The program reached over 250 students in this semester alone. Furthermore, this program enhances the existing Traveling Suitcase Program by providing teachers with both expertise and materials for a unique learning experience that engages students with diverse learning styles. Since the launch of the Virtual Guest Visit program, teachers have responded enthusiastically saying that it was a positive experience for their classes and that they would recommend the program to other teachers. One teacher commented, "I hope to find another way to use [this program] in my classroom and I hope we can do this again next school year."

Contributed by Kerry White, MALAS student

FACULTY NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Grenville Barnes (SFRC) presented two conferences papers at the IX Congress on Geomatics in Havana, Cuba between 14-18 March 2016. One was with W. Volkman “Evolution of Land Tenure and Cadastral Surveying Technology in Developing Countries” and the other with B. Wilkinson called “Teaching Unmanned Aerial Systems for Mapping at the University of Florida”. He presented these with the help of a travel grant from the Center.

Robert Buschbacher (SFRC), **Wendy-Lin Bartels** (ABE) and **Camila Rodriguez** (SNRE) organized Family Agriculture Week for the Center’s TCD program, with a group of visitors from Brazilian NGOs Instituto Ouro Verde and Instituto Centro da Vida and Brazilian universities UNEMAT, UFSCar and USP/ESALQ. Events included a Conservation and Development Forum on “How Global Economic, Social and Environmental Trends Are Affecting the Role of Family Agriculture in Rural Development” and an all-day workshop on “Integrating Research and Practice to Promote More Resilient Family Agriculture.” The group produced and presented to TCD students and faculty a research framework to guide future collaborations.

Kaira M. Cabañas (Art History) gave a lecture “A Strategic Universalist” at The Museum of Modern Art New York on account of the publication of *Mário Pedrosa, an Anthology: Primary Documents* (New York: The Museum of Modern Art, 2015), in which her essay appears. She also published “Epiphany-Exegesis,” on Contemporary Brazilian artist Matheus Rocha Pitta in the catalogue *Matheus Rocha Pitta: no hay pan* (Milan: Gluck 50/ Mousse, 2016).

Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE - Emerita) published (with Z. Catanzarite) “Measuring the Intra-Household Distribution of Wealth in Ecuador: Qualitative Insights and Quantitative Outcomes,” in F. Lee and B. Conin, eds., *Handbook of Research Methods and Applications in Heterodox Economics* (Edward Elgar, 2016), pp. 512-534. She was an invited participant at the Latin American Regional Dialogue on Women’s Economic Empowerment held by UN Women in Panama City in December 2015.

Berta Esperanza Hernandez-Truyol (Law) presented “Glocalizing Women’s Health and Safety: Migration, Work, and Labor” at the Global Justice for Women Advancing Equality Conference at the Santa Clara University School of Law in February 2016 and “Flujos Migratorios y Control de Fronteras: Historia de los EEUU at the Migraciones Internacionales y Sostenibilidad Social Conference at the Universidad Internacional de Andalucía (Baeza)” at the Universidad de Jaen (Jaen) in Spain.

Glenn Galloway (MDP) moderated and presented in the international seminar “Forests and Development: From Development Discourses to Providing Data for Decision Making” organized by the IUFRO Special Project World Forests, Society and Environment and FAO-Finland Forestry Program and supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Helsinki, Finland in March 2016.

David Geggus (History) gave the Nathan I. Huggins lectures at Harvard University in February – a series of three presentations on the theme “The Saint Domingue Slave Revolt and the Rise of Toussaint Louverture.” He also published *The Louisiana Purchase and the Haitian Revolution In The Haitian Revolution and the Early U.S.: Histories, Textualities, Geographies*, ed. Elizabeth Dillon, Michael Drexler. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016. pp. 178-202.

Brian Gendreau (LBE and Finance) and Timothy E. McLendon (Law) published the *Latin American Business Environment Report*, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida in January 2016. Gendreau also published “As Obama makes historic visit, is Cuba ready for change?” with William A. Messina (FRE), The Conversation.com, March 21, 2016. <http://theconversation.com/as-obama-makes-historic-visit-is-cuba-ready-for-change-56399>.

Emily Hind (SPS) published “Ageism, the Environment, and the Specter: The Broad Predicament in Carlos Fuentes’s *Aura* and Carmen Boullosa’s *Antes*.” *Chasqui* 44.2 (2015): 164-174; “The Disability Twist in Stranger Novels by Mario Bellatin and Carmen Boullosa.” *Libre Acceso: Latin American Literature and Film through Disability Studies*. Eds. Susan Antebi and Beth Jörgensen. Albany NY: SUNY Press, 2016. 229-243; and “The Rise of Reading Campaigns in Post-Nafta Mexico.” In *The Middle Class in Emerging Societies: Consumers, Lifestyles, and Markets*. Eds. Leslie L. Marsh and Hongmei Li. New York: Routledge, Taylor & Francis, 2016. 33-57. In March, she organized a panel on “Lawlessness, Legal Studies, and Grief: Comparative Readings (Harvard).

Ieva Jusionyte (LAS/Anthropology) was awarded a Wenner-Gren Foundation Post Ph.D. Research Grant for the project “We Walk Where the Devil Dances: Rescue and Security on the U.S.-Mexico Border” in November 2015. She also presented the papers “Injured by the Border: Security Buildup, Migrant Bodies and Emergency Response in Southern Arizona” at the American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting in Washington D.C. in April 2016, and “Called to ‘Ankle Alley’: Traumatic Injury as Evidence of Crime on the U.S.-Mexico Border” at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Denver in November 2015.

Karen Kainer (SFRC) published three articles: Martins, K., Kimura, R.K., Francisconi, A.F., Gezan, S., Kainer, K., and Christianini, A.V. 2015. The Role of Very Small Fragments in Conserving Genetic Diversity of a Common Tree in a Hyper Fragmented Brazilian Atlantic Forest Landscape. *Conservation Genetics*; Ellis, E.A., K.A. Kainer, J.A. Sierra-Huelsz, P. Negreros-Castillo, D. Rodriguez-Ward and M. DiGiano. 2015. Endurance and Adaptation of Community Forest Management in Quintana Roo, Mexico. *Forests* 6:4295-4327; and Rockwell, C.A. and K.A. Kainer. 2015. Local and Scientific Perspectives on the Bamboo-Dominated Forest in Acre, Brazil: A Complementary Knowledge Base for Multiple use Forest Management. *International Forestry Review* 17(S1)51-64.

Bette Loiselle (LAS/WEC) and **John Blake** (WEC) published (with Diego Mosquera, Jaime Guerra, David Romod Kelly Swing) “Spatial and temporal activity patterns of ocelots *Leopardus pardalis* in lowland forest of eastern Ecuador.” *Journal of Mammalogy* doi: 10.1093/jmammal/gyv190. She also presented “Importance of conserving ecological interactions in tropical forests”, a plenary lecture at the International Congress: Andes Amazon Biodiversity Conservation in Lima, Peru in October 2015.

Susan Milbrath (FLMNH) published *La Evidencia de la Agro-astronomía entre los Antguos Mayas. Estudios de Cultura Maya*. XLVII: 11-29, 2016. She also presented papers at four different symposiums: “Seasonality in Central Mexican Painted Images of Tlaloc: From Classic to Postclassic” which she chaired with Gabrielle Vail (Orlando, April 2016); “Tlaloc and the Tlaloque: Changing Seasonal Aspects of the Rain God in the Borgia Group

Codices” (Queen’s University Belfast, October 2015); “Hybrid Artistic Traditions in the Postclassic Murals of Mayapan” (The World Museum, Liverpool, England, July 2015) and “Postclassic Murals of Mayapan as a mirror of Cultural Transformation (San Francisco, April 2015).

Gregory Moreland (SPS), gave a presentation entitled “How Foreign Languages and Study Abroad Changed My Life: A Sycamore’s (Unexpected) Journey,” for the Department of Languages, Literatures and Linguistics at Indiana State University in February 2016.

Gerald Murray (Anthropology - Emeritus) published an article Europe on the Dominican/Haitian border. In Peter Mörtenböck and Helge Mooshammer, eds., *Informal Market Worlds - Atlas: The Architecture of Economic Pressure* (Rotterdam: NA1010 Publishers, pp. 136-141). He was an invited lecturer in several Florida colleges on Vodou and Santeria.

Susan Paulson (LAS) organized and presented a paper in an invited double session on Culture, Power and Degrowth at the 2015 American Anthropology Meetings. Susan’s chapter “Toward a broader scope and more critical frame for intersectional analysis” was published in *Palgrave Handbook of Gender and Development: Critical Engagements in Feminist Theory and Practice*, edited by Wendy Harcourt. Palgrave Macmillan UK, 2016. In March 2016, Susan taught an intensive course on Género y Territorialidad at FLASCO Ecuador, and delivered a public lecture at FLACSO on “Violencias de género a debate (laboral, doméstica, militar, narco, pandillas y otras)”

Charles A. Perrone (SPS) published Sobre a recepção da obra de Oswald de Andrade nos Estados Unidos In (Des)conexões Brasil-EUA p. 35-53 Brasil and a review for the book *Brazilian jive: From Samba to Bossa and Rap*. Vol. 17. Abingdon: Routledge Journals, Taylor & Francis LTD. He delivered the Global Studies Distinguished Lecture at Temple University, “OUTRO: Another Arc of the Inter-Art Poetics of Augusto de Campos (March 18). He also presented “Des-Const-Ruído: Noise in Noigandres and Beyond” at Brazilian Studies Association XIII. Brown University (April 2, 2016), and “Fred Ellison and Inter-American Imperatives.” Modern Language Association. Austin, TX (Jan. 8, 2016).

Jack Putz (Biology) and Ph.D. candidate Anand Roopsind (Biology) worked with a group of Belizean researchers in a logged forest in the Gallon Jug region. The first of two studies that emerged from collaboration were published in *Forest Ecology and Management*, the second is due out soon in the *Journal of Tropical Forest Science*. Both papers focus on the biodiversity impacts of selective logging, as practiced by a Forest Stewardship Council certified company. The researchers discovered that in the 7% of the forest directly affected by there were only minor impacts on populations and communities of palms and lianas.

Rosana Resende (LAS) was awarded the inaugural Wise Latina Award for faculty by Hispanic Latino Affairs (UF). She presented “Characterization of Hazardous Working Conditions for Female Farmworkers of Childbearing Age” (with Linda McCulley, Emory University) at the Research to Action Grantee Meeting in Research Triangle Park, NC (January 2016). She also gave two invited lectures: “Undue Burdens: Gender, Migration, and Farmwork”, at the Santa Fe College (Gainesville, FL) Farmworker Awareness Week program (March 2016), and “Heads of Households, Heads of States: Rethinking Latin American Womanhood, at Seminole State College”, Oviedo, FL (April 2016).

Mary Risner (LAS) received the 2016 AOTP Brazilian Press Award as post-secondary faculty promoting the Portuguese language. She was awarded a grant from the Longview Foundation to initiate a project to globalize pre-service teacher curriculum using telecollaboration (in collaboration with College of Education faculty member, Swapna Kumar). Risner was voted president-elect of the Florida Foreign Language Association and will be serving as president from fall 2016-2017. She and Carolina Egúsqiza (Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences) published “Preparing Students for the Global Workplace: The Relevance of Languages for Specific Purposes”. In *Dimension*, 2016: 22-34.

Leah Rosenberg (English) published “The Novel in English in the Caribbean to 1950” in *The Oxford History of the Novel in English: the World Novel to 1950* vol. 9, eds. Jane Stafford et al. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016): 115-136.

Hector H. Sandoval (Economics/BEER) presented the paper “Social Interactions in Rural Mexico” at the Eastern Economic Association 42nd Annual Conference in Washington D.C. in February 2016.

Silvio J. dos Santos (Music) presented the paper “‘Mata cacique’ (Kill the Indian chief): The Crossroad between Musical Activism and Imagined Indigeneity in Brazilian Music” at the Intercultural Music Conference at the University of California, San Diego in February 2016. He also presented the paper “‘The Girl from Ipanema’: Cultural Identity and International Politics” at the Musicology Colloquium, Brandeis University in March 2016. Daniel Sokol (LAW) published the book chapter, D. Daniel Sokol, *The Second Wave of Latin American Competition Law and Policy in Competition Law in Latin America: A Practical Guide*, edited by Peña, Julián and Marcelo Calliari. Wolters Kluwer, 2016.

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Rick Stepp (LAS/Anthropology) presented the paper “Why Unimportant Plants are Important: Further Thoughts on Ethnobotanical ‘Canaries in the Coal Mine’” at the Society of Ethnobiology annual meeting in Tucson, AZ in March 2016. He also edited four books that were published this year by Springer Nature in the Ethnobiology book series, including *Ethnobotany of Mexico*.

Laurie N. Taylor (George A. Smathers Libraries) is P.I. on the Andrew W. Mellon/NEH Open Book Program grant for 2016-2017: “Books about Florida and the Caribbean: from The University Press of Florida to the World.”

Catherine Tucker (LAS/Anthropology) presented the paper “Empty Promises or Pathways to Resilience? Environmental Certifications for Sustainable Coffee Production in Latin America” at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Denver in November 2015. She also presented the paper, “Seeking Resilience in Contexts of Risk: Smallholder coffee producers and adaptation to global change in Central America” at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting in San Francisco in March.

2016 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, 21 students from eight different departments across campus received funding to carry out their field research in Latin America and in Latino communities in the U.S. These awards are made possible by the following funding sources:

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Boonstra Family Research Fellowship

Carol French Doughty Memorial Fund

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TCD Ford Foundation Endowment

Vivian G. Nolan Graduate Fellowship

Wagley/Carter Research Fund

Wilgus Research Fellowship

The Center would like to congratulate the following students on their 2016 field research awards. Each student, their degree program, and country where they will conduct their field research is listed below.

Anmari Álvarez Alemán (PhD SNRE) Cuba

Andrea Baudoin (PhD SNRE) Bolivia

Christina Callicott (PhD Anthropology) Peru

Karen Cardona (MALAS) Colombia

Carissa Cullum (MALAS) U.S.A.

Maja Jeranko (MALAS) Ecuador

Juanita Duque (MALAS) Colombia

Michael Esbach (PhD SNRE) Ecuador

Cacey Farnsworth (PhD History) Portugal

Ana Carolina Fiorini (PhD SNRE) Brazil

Jazmín Gonzales Tovar (PhD SNRE) Brazil

Jandy Gu (PhD Anthropology) Brazil

Gissella Guerra (PhD Civil & Coastal Engineering) Panama

Akemi Inamoto (MALAS) Colombia

Christopher Lomelin (MALAS) Mexico

Felipe Pinheiro (PhD SNRE) Brazil

Percy Peralta (PhD SNRE) Peru

Mary Puckett (PhD Religion) Mexico

Camila Rodrigues (MS SNRE) Brazil

Alexandra Sabo (PhD Geography) Brazil

Kerry White (MALAS) Cuba

2016 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Recipients

The Center for Latin American Studies awarded the following UF students a U.S. Department of Education Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship to study Portuguese with UF's Language & Culture Program in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Olga Chamberlain (BA, Nutritional Science)

Trey Crouch (PhD, Environmental Engineering)

Carissa Cullum (MALAS)*

Jacy Hyde (PhD, Forest Resources & Conservation)

May Lehmensiek (PhD, Interdisciplinary Ecology)

Mirelis Martinez (MALAS)

Ana McIntosh (BA, Architecture)

Tyeshia Redden (PhD, Urban & Regional Planning)

Vanessa Reigosa (BA, International Studies)

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Field Research Clinic & Poster Session 2016

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program awarded 23 field research grants for UF graduate students to carry out master's thesis and pre-dissertation fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2015. Held at the Latin American and Caribbean Collection (LACC) on February 26, the 14th annual Field Research Clinic (FRC) gave

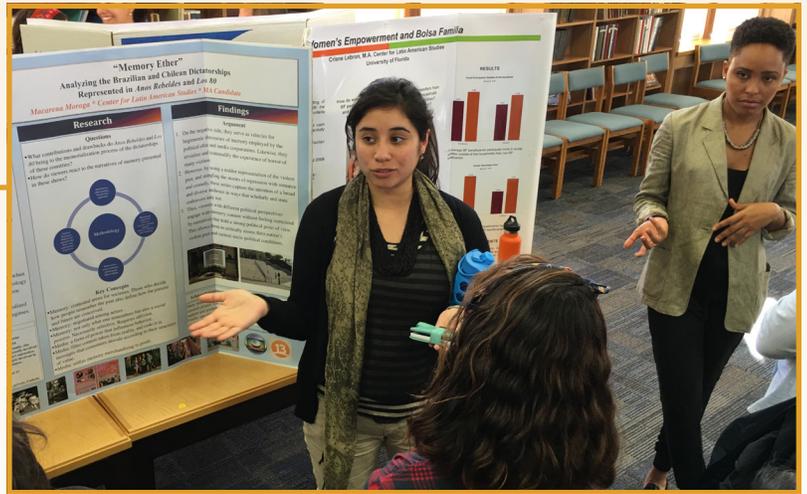


FRC Judges Dr. Nicolas Vargas (LAS) and Dr. Peter Frederick (WEC)

students the chance to learn about the various research projects sponsored last summer 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 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 Peter Fredericks (WEC), Andy Noss (MDP), and Nick Vargas (LAS/Sociology).

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.



MALAS students Macarena Moraga and Crisne Lebron

2016 POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

GRAND PRIZE

The Albertine Rift of Central Africa; Anthropogenic Threats and Chimpanzees
Jennifer Moore, Wildlife Ecology and Conservation

1ST PRIZE PRE-DISSERTATION LEVEL

Do Private Protected Areas Aid in Biodiversity Conservation?
Maria Juliana Bedoya-Durán, School of Natural Resources & Environment

1ST PRIZE MASTER'S LEVEL

The Response of Pumas to the Migration of Guanacos
Maria Lauren Gelin Spessot, School of Natural Resources & Environment

1ST PRIZE MDP

Monitoring Progress on CCAFS and GFCS Trainings of Extension Workers in Longido, Tanzania
Whitney Turentine, MDP

2ND PRIZE PRE-DISSERTATION LEVEL

The Effects of Monoculture Tree Plantations on Small Farmer Livelihoods
Felipe Infante, Anthropology

2ND PRIZE MASTER'S LEVEL

Wildlife Friendly Certification: A Case Study of Patagonian Cashmere Producers and Buyers
Cristina Godoy, School of Natural Resources & Environment

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Undergraduate LAS Minors & Certificates

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Michelle Marquez (*International Studies*)

Stephanie McComber (*International Studies*)

Brittney Mejia (*History*)

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Paloma Mendez (*Spanish*)

Yareliz Mendez-Zamora (*English/History*)

Nicholas Regueiro (*Advertising*)

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Sofia Rogner (*English/Political Science*)

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Catalina Angeli (*International Business/MA*)

Todd Bertwell (*Forest Resources & Conservation/MS*)

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Cristina Nunez Godoy (*SNRE/MS*)

Tonyaa Weathersbee (*Journalism/Mass Communications/MA*)

MALAS Degrees

Crisne Lebron

Specialization: Development Studies

Advisor: Marianne Schmink

Thesis: Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and Women's Empowerment in Brazil

Gage Ziehm

Specialization: Development Studies

Advisor: Susan Paulson

Thesis: Street Dogs and Cats in Dominican Urban Life

Brigitte Pfluger

Specialization: Development Studies

Advisor: Pilar Useche

Thesis: Advancing Women's Economic Autonomy and Climate Change Adaptation Through Collective Action in Agriculture: The Case of Colombian Coffee Farmers

Macarena Moraga

Specialization: Anthropology

Advisor: Ieva Jusionyte

Thesis: Memory Ether: An Analysis of the Brazilian and Chilean Dictatorships Represented in Años Rebeldes and Los 80

Chloe Anderson

Specialization: TCD

Advisor: Susan Jacobson

Thesis: Influences on teacher perceptions of barriers to environmental education in Ecuador

Diana Moreno

Specialization: Political Science

Advisor: Nicholas Vargas

Final Report: "Se Ve, Se Siente: How the Organizational Structure of Make the Road New York Promotes the Political Integration of Undocumented Latino Immigrants in New York City"

MDP Degrees

Kristen Marks

Specialization: TCD, Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits

Advisor: Muthusami Kumaran (Family, Youth & Community Sciences)

Capstone Field Practicum: Fostering Change through Youth Leadership: Leadership Development Training for Young Women in Goa, India

Jessica Horwood

Specialization: TCD, Entrepreneurship, Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits

Advisor: Michael Morris (Business - Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center)

Capstone Field Practicum: Through the Eyes of the Client: An Analysis of a Student Consulting Program in South Africa

Whitney Turientine

Specialization: TCD, African Studies, Gender & Development

Advisor: Sandra Russo (UF International Center)

Capstone Field Practicum: Monitoring the Global Framework for Climate Services Trainings of Extension Workers in Longido, Tanzania

Gabriela Polo

Specialization: TCD, Development Law

Advisor: Susan Paulson (Latin American Studies)

Capstone Field Practicum: A Situational Analysis of Community-Based Oyster Farming in Isla Chira, Costa Rica

Irving Chan Gómez

Specialization: TCD, Latin American Studies, Entrepreneurship, Organizational Leadership for Nonprofits

Advisor: Jane Yellowlees Douglas (Business)

Capstone Field Practicum: BEER: Brewing Employees Engaged in 'Corporate' Responsibility

Graduate Sustainable Development Practice Certificate

Margaret Clifford, MS (*Forest Resources & Conservation*)

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ALUMNI News

ALUMNI UPDATES

Korey Force (MALAS 2013) returned to Costa Rica after graduating with her MALAS degree to present the findings of her thesis to the Esparza community. She then taught high school Spanish for 2 years in both Florida and Illinois. In March of 2015, Korey began working as the Outreach Coordinator in the Study Abroad Office at Western Michigan University. In addition to handling the marketing and recruitment for the office, she also works with students as they re-enter the country and struggle with reverse culture shock and communicating their experience to a variety of audiences.

Rachel Mourão (MALAS 2012) completed her PhD at UT Austin and will begin a faculty position in the School of Journalism at Michigan State University in fall 2016.

Adam Reid (MALAS 2014) accepted a fellowship position in Smith College's Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program and will begin this summer.

José Sariego (LAS undergraduate certificate 1977) is currently a partner in the Corporate Department at the law firm Bilzin Sumberg in Miami. He specializes in Media & Entertainment law + M&A and general corporate matters. José also teaches Media Law at the University of Miami School of Law.

Nicole Sarrine (LAS undergraduate certificate 2010) graduated from UF in May 2010 with a degree in Political Science and minors in Public Leadership, Geography, and Latin American Studies. Upon completing her undergraduate studies, Nicole worked in Washington, D.C. at BGR Group, for the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, and in the United States Senate. Nicole enrolled at the University of Virginia School of Law in August 2013, and she will be graduating with her law degree in May 2016. Nicole returned

to the Senate after her first year at law school to clerk for the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and she spent the following summer working in the D.C. office of the international law firm Hughes, Hubbard & Reed. After taking the Bar exam this summer, Nicole will be returning to Hughes Hubbard in D.C. to begin her legal career.

Andrew Tarter (LAS graduate certificate 2015) works as a Research Associate for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) at UF.

Brigitte Pfluger (MALAS 2016) works as Monitoring and Evaluation and Impact Specialist for the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems at UF.



ALUMNI CAREER PROFILE:

Wendy Pond

(MALAS 2006)



Can you tell us about your current position and how it relates to Latin America?

Currently I work at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics as the International Assistance and Outreach Team Lead and a Senior Ethics Desk Officer. As the International Team Lead I regularly meet with representatives from other countries, including Latin American countries, to share lessons learned in managing public sector conflicts of interest. I also lead my agency's participation in international anti-corruption peer review mechanisms such as the inter-American anti-corruption peer review mechanism operated out of the Organization of American States (OAS).

What aspect of your career have you enjoyed the most?

The most durable, satisfying parts of my job have been the development of expertise in my field (an ongoing process, to be sure) and working with really smart and motivated people who energize and inspire me.

How did your MALAS degree and the Center help you prepare for your career?

My MALAS degree and related internships gave me the foothold into my current career. While in the MALAS program I interned at the State Department. I didn't know it at the time, but that internship introduced me to two of my future bosses.

When I graduated from the MALAS program, I immediately moved to Washington, D.C. to start the Hispanic Division Huntington Fellowship Program at the Library of Congress. I certainly would not have secured that fellowship except for my degree and thesis research experience.

Being in D.C. for that Fellowship made me a more competitive candidate for my first "real" post-MALAS job, which was at the OAS in the same division with which I had interacted while doing the internship at the State Department. After two years at the OAS, I took a job at the U.S. Office of Government Ethics, one of the U.S. executive branch agencies with which I had also interacted during the State Department internship.

What would you most encourage MALAS students to take away from their experience at the Center for Latin American Studies?

Do as many internships and fellowships as you possibly can. First, an internship allows you to test-drive different careers. In addition to the internship at the State Department, I did an internship with Save the Children in Nicaragua. While it was a tremendous experience, I learned that that type of development work was not my passion. Second, internships are pathways to jobs, particularly in Washington, D.C. As I said, my internship at the State Department introduced me to two of my future bosses.

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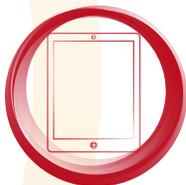
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