



African Dance in the Diaspora

From February 22nd to 25th the Center for Latin American Studies coordinated African Dance in the Diaspora, a four-day multi-media event that explored the current scholarship and practice of African dance. Through film, academic presentations, discussions, performance, and a panel presentation, the African Dance in the Diaspora event brought together scholars and practitioners of African diaspora dances and cultures to engage in cross-cultural and interdisciplinary discussions on modernization, creolization, globalization, identity, and more.

The four-day event began on Wednesday February 22nd with a community outreach activity at Hoggetowne Middle School. Guest artist Elizabeth Chin led a class of middle-school students in an Afro-Haitian dance workshop. Chin, a core faculty member at Art College of Design, has studied, taught, and performed Haitian Folklore for over 20 years, both in the U.S. and in Haiti. Her teachers include Jean Leon Destiné, founder of Haiti's national ballet, Emerante de Pradines Morse, Mona Amira, Florencia Pierre, Elle Johnson, and Katherine Dunham.

On Thursday afternoon visiting scholar Yvonne Daniel gave a lecture for students, faculty and community members entitled "Citizenship in the Swirl of Diaspora Dance Genres: a video/lecture presentation." UF professor Faye Harrison introduced Daniel who is a Professor Emerita of Dance and Afro-American Studies at Smith College, and shed light on Daniel's extensive contributions to the field of diasporic dance, especially in the Caribbean region. Her specializations also include cross-cultural dance and performance, and social inequality. Daniel's talk further traced her past work in the Americas, and more specifically in Cuba where she conducted extensive research on a wide variety of dance genres including salsa, rumba, and guaguancó as forms of collective identity expression and resistance.

On Friday, UF Dance Professor, dance ethnographer, Certified Laban Movement Analyst, filmmaker, choreographer and author Joan Frosch preceded the panel discussion by screening her film "Movement (R)evolution Africa: A story of an art form in four acts." The documentary features African experimental choreographers as they work individually and collectively question, define, and redefine African dance.

Following the screening, Dr. Frosch facilitated a panel discussion that included: Yvonne Daniel who gave a talk called "Agency in Spanish Caribbean Social Dance;" Elizabeth Chin whose presentation was titled, "Moving Spirits, Knowing Bodies and Dancing Politics in the Haitian Diaspora;" Camee Maddox, a doctoral student in Anthropology at UF who presented her research in Martinique in a talk called "Performing and Belonging in the

Society of Bele;" and Jeanguy Saintus who spoke about contemporary fusions in his own choreographic work and in the diaspora in general in "Dance Sacré: entre Tradition y Modernité (Sacred Dance: between Tradition and Modernity)." Saintus is Choreographer and Founder of Ayikodans, and is himself a dancer and educator. His work expresses the rich fusion of Caribbean culture and the contemporary life of his country, Haiti, through the body. He studied anthropology, sociology and languages, Haitian traditional dance, classical, modern and contemporary technique.

Puerto Ta'gwa, a local Colombian café, hosted a reception where attendees were treated to a

contemporary Afro-Brazilian dance performance by New York based artist Janete Silva. The event came to a close on Saturday with an open dance workshop lead by Jeanguy Saintus with live drumming provided by master drummer Daniel Brevil. Over forty members of the UF and Gainesville community attended the workshop, where participants experienced Saintus' own unique blend of traditional Haitian dance and contemporary dance.

The African Dance in the Diaspora event was sponsored by the UF Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, UF Center for Latin American Studies, Center for World Arts, the UF Black Graduate Student Organization, UF Performing Arts, UF School of Theatre and Dance, and Puerto Ta'gwa.

- Contributed by: Eshe Lewis, MALAS student and Aimee Green, Program Coordinator



▲ Joan Frosch, Janete Silva, and Yvonne Daniel at the post-symposium reception at Puerto ta'guwa.

WILLIAM CONNELL



Director's Corner



▲ Dr. Philip Williams

This past semester the Center stepped up its efforts to increase research and educational exchanges with Brazil. In early April I accompanied David Sammons, Dean of the International Center, in representing UF at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. to sign a new cooperative agreement between the University of Florida and CAPES, the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (see p. 8). The signing ceremony was timed to coincide with President Dilma Rouseff's visit to Washington to promote greater academic and business ties between Brazil and the US. The new agreement with CAPES formalizes UF's participation in Brazil's new "Science without Borders" initiative, which will send 100,000 Brazilian students in the STEM fields to study abroad over the next four years. UF will admit up to twenty CAPES-funded undergraduate students a year as well as PhD students and post-doctoral researchers. In addition to promoting student exchanges, the agreement also will promote faculty exchanges, collaborative research projects, and workshops and seminars between UF and Brazilian researchers. Given the long history of collaborative partnerships with Brazilian institutions, UF is a natural destination for Brazil's top STEM students.

The CAPES-UF Partnership will be administered by the Center's Florida-Brazil Institute, which was created by the Florida Legislature to help strengthen the state's foreign relations and to promote business, educational, cultural and scientific exchange between Florida and its largest international trading partner. I recently appointed Dr. Emilio Bruna, Associate Professor of Latin American Studies and Wildlife Ecology and Conservation, as Director of the Institute. My hope is that under Bruna's leadership the Florida-Brazil Institute will become the go-to resource on Brazil for state government, academic, and business communities in Florida.

As part of the Center's new Brazil-focused activities, we have been developing a new linkage initiative with the Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV) in Rio de Janeiro. Besides supporting joint UF-FGV collaborative research projects, we are planning a major conference for February 2013, entitled "Emergent Brazil." The conference will bring together scholars from Brazil, Europe, and the US to focus on Brazil's changing role as an emerging power with global reach. Topics will range from policy issues (economic development, energy and climate change, environmental conservation, urban crime, and international relations) to Brazil's cultural and religious influence, to contemporary politics.

On another front, the Center received a \$15,000 grant - renewable for up to three years - from the Tinker Foundation. The grant will be matched 100% by UF's Office of Research. The grant will support pre-dissertation field research in the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries of the Western Hemisphere. For summer 2012 we were able to support 18 students' field research with funds from the Tinker grant (see p. 16).

Finally, the Center also received a \$400,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to develop an interdisciplinary program on immigration, religion, and social change (see p. 7). The grant will be used to develop effective models of intervention, exchange, and outreach to address the urgent needs of immigrant communities in the U.S. South. To carry out the program, the Center is partnering with faculty in the Colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Nursing, and with non-governmental organizations in the region. The grant builds on years of innovative research on Latin American immigration to new destinations in the U.S. South and recognizes the Center's long tradition of engaged scholarship that crosses disciplines, links academics to practitioners, and works in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders.

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BACARDI FAMILY EMINENT SCHOLAR



▲ Joe Foweraker, Spring 2012 Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar in Latin American Studies



▲ During his time at UF, Joe Foweraker was invited to participate in a seminar as a guest lecturer at Miami Dade College, pictured here with student attendants

The Center for Latin American Studies was pleased to welcome Dr. Joe Foweraker as the Spring 2012 Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar. Dr. Foweraker is a Professor of Latin American Politics at the University of Oxford and has recently stepped down as Head of Oxford's School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies. In addition to his impressive list of accomplishments, Dr. Foweraker has been a visiting professor at several universities throughout the United States and Latin America, and served as the Executive Director of the European Consortium for Political Research from 2000-2003.

Over the course of his career Dr. Foweraker has carried out extensive fieldwork in Brazil, Spain and Mexico, and has published monographs on these three countries with Cambridge University Press (in 1981, 1989 and 1993). He has also published widely on social mobilization and citizenship rights in Latin America, including books with Pluto Press (1995) and Oxford University Press (1997). More recently he has pursued comparative research on democracy, publishing a series of articles on the quality of democratic government, editing an Encyclopedia of Democratic Thought (Routledge 2001), and co-authoring a textbook on Governing Latin America (Polity 2003). His current research applies classical democratic theory to examine the nature of contemporary democratic systems of Latin America.

During his time at the University of Florida, Dr. Foweraker taught a graduate seminar entitled Democracy in Latin America, which focused on the processes of democratization, the politics of the emerging democratic regimes, and the configuration and quality of the contemporary democratic governments in Latin America. He also served as a thesis committee member for two MALAS students. While in the United States he has given talks at Occidental College, Los Angeles, and at Miami Dade College.

At the annual SECOLAS and Center for Latin American Studies conference this spring, Dr. Foweraker gave the keynote Bacardi Lecture to an audience of over two hundred students, faculty, and Latin American scholars. He addressed the theme of "Democracy and its Discontents in Latin America", discouraging a continuing focus on the democratic failures of Latin America in favor of a perspective that locates Latin American democracy in the context of more complex political systems.

- Contributed by Emily Castillo, MALAS student

SECOLAS/Annual Conference



◀ Local high school students and teachers attended the conference

HIGHLIGHTS

The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida hosted the 59th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) on the UF campus in Gainesville, FL, Thursday, March 29 to Saturday, March 31, 2012. The meeting also served as the Center's 61st Annual Conference. SECOLAS was founded in 1954 and, along with the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS), is one of the two oldest regional organizations focused on Latin American Studies in the US. It predates the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) by several years. UF faculty members were among the founders of SECOLAS and UF has twice before hosted the meeting (once in the 1950s and once in the 1960s).

This year's conference theme was "The Struggle for Democracy in Latin America." The meeting featured 44 panels, many of them devoted to the conference theme, while others addressed diverse aspects of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latina/os in the US – e.g., history, education, literature and the arts. Prominent topics included transnationalism, gender, and ethnicity. Several papers focused on social movements and local and indigenous struggles for environmental democracy and justice. Papers were presented by faculty members, independent scholars, and graduate students. UF political science doctoral student and LAS certificate candidate Kevin Funk won the Edward Moseley Award for his paper "The Political Economy of South America's Global South Relations: State, Transnational Capital, and Social Movements." Former UF faculty member Martha Ellen Davis presented her documentary, "Papá Liborio: The Living Saint of Maguana," on folk Catholicism, nationalism and popular resistance in the Dominican Republic.

Other meeting highlights included a panel devoted to the late David Bushnell, a longtime UF professor of history, and his contributions to the historical study of Colombia, and a roundtable discussion on Latin American democracy in comparative perspective moderated by CLAS dean Paul D'Anieri and featuring Leslie Anderson, Michael Bernhard, and Leonardo Villalón of UF's Political Science department, and visiting professor Joe Foweraker (University of Oxford). The panel was dedicated to the memory of Guillermo O'Donnell, a towering figure in comparative and Latin American politics who recently passed away in his native Argentina, and dealt in large part with the applications and utility of O'Donnell's insights from his pioneering studies of Latin American authoritarianism and democratic transitions to other parts of the globe, particularly Eastern Europe and Africa.

The conference presented lively musical performances by a trio composed of UF faculty members Welson Tremura, Larry Crook and Charles Perrone, and by the popular local Latin band Gilberto de Paz and the Tropix. The conference's exhibit room included displays and representatives from the University Press of Florida, Wiley Blackwell, the Latin American Collection of the UF Smathers Library, and the UF Center for Latin American Studies. The conference drew more than 200 participants from some 22 institutions across the US and Latin America. Among the participants were several faculty members and six graduate students from the Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico, a faculty delegation from Bethune-Cookman University, and a number of secondary school teachers sponsored by the Center's Outreach program.

- Contributed by Dr. Richmond Brown, Conference Chair and Associate Director, Academic Programs & Student Affairs

SECOLAS/Annual Conference

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Joe Foweraker

Visiting scholar Joe Foweraker's Bacardi Lecture, "Democracy and its Discontents in Latin America," preceded the conference's opening reception in the Harn Museum of Art on Thursday evening.



Paul Drake

Paul Drake, Professor Emeritus at the University of California, San Diego, delivered the keynote address at the SECOLAS Awards Banquet in Emerson Hall on Friday evening. His speech "The Historical Evolution of Political Institutions in Latin America," explained how the Americas have become the most democratic region in the world alongside Europe. He credited this evolution to a change in the distribution of social power,

and the willingness of elites to obey national institutions. Elections and their results have changed greatly over time as they now reflect the demands of most national populations. This trend mirrors the early 1800s when widespread political participation was in effect, before the elite stifled the popular vote from the 1830s to the beginning of the 1900s, which led to unstable conditions, centralism and contentious elections.

Drake identified electoral advances as the key reason why Latin America has become more democratic over time. He posited that these advances drew the lower classes into the political arena, demonstrated the ideal practice of being a citizen, and encouraged them to become angry when this standard was not achieved. This phenomenon fueled the support of populist democracy through the 1970s and encouraged the regional change from authoritarian to democratic rule between 1979 and 1990. The emergence of the new left in the 2000s has brought about the re-writing of constitutions, more respect for the rule of law and more honest, widespread democracy. Drake concluded optimistically, stating that Latin American democracy could last a long time in the face of criticism though he expects the tension between the populist and protective democracy to continue.

- Contributed by Eshe Lewis, MALAS student



◀ Victoria Condor-Williams and featured speaker Deborah Yashar enjoying the conference banquet

Deborah Yashar

The Friday luncheon address in the Reitz Union was given by distinguished scholar and professor of politics and international relations at Princeton University, Dr. Deborah Yashar. In keeping with the theme of "Democracy in Latin America," Dr. Yashar's lecture, "Democracy, Citizenship and Violence in Contemporary Latin America" focused on contemporary violence in Latin America and its implications for citizenship. Dr. Yashar called the audience's attention to the startling statistics that mark Latin America as the most violent region in the world. Yashar noted that Latin America boasts the unfortunate distinction of having over three times the world's average for homicide by firearms.

Yashar offered her hypotheses for this unique situation in post-authoritarian and post-civil war Latin America. Whereas most scholars usually cite the legacies of violence, the levels of inequality and poverty, and the strength of civil society as explanations for violence in the region, Yashar proposed that we look at patterns of violence through a focus on why, where and when. The "why" that Yashar suggests is the current changing geography of transnational illicit economies throughout Latin America. Yashar noted that the largest increases of violence fall along the transit routes of this illicit economy. In terms of where, Yashar suggested that we focus on countries that have weak or complicit states as they tend to exhibit a pattern of providing a haven for or attracting illicit actors. In this regard, Yashar points to the growing number of gangs and organized crime syndicates in many of these states. Finally, Yashar noted that when competition over territory exists, either between these illicit actors or between the state and these actors, levels of violence tended to surge in the region.

Dr. Yashar's address was a part of a larger work, tentatively entitled *Violence, Citizenship, and Public Security in Post-Authoritarian Latin America*. Yashar's hypotheses for violence in the region offered the audience an engaging way of conceptualizing the issues of crime in Latin America, and elicited a number of questions that led to extended dialogue well after the address.

- Contributed by Emily Castillo, MALAS student

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM: *Water, Forests and People: Towards Integrative Research on Dams, Natural Resources and Society in the Amazon* January 23 - 25, 2012

Departments from across UF collaborated in organizing an International Symposium in late January on *Water, Forests and People: Towards Integrative Research on Dams, Natural Resources and Society in the Amazon*. The program encompassed three days of activities to promote interdisciplinary collaboration in the development of a research plan and proposal designed to assess the effects of hydroelectric dams in the Amazon using an integrative approach. Sponsors included the Center for Latin American Studies, the Tropical Conservation and Development Program, the Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative, the UF Water Institute, and the Florida Climate Institute. The Symposium was organized by Dr. Anthony Oliver-Smith (Emeritus Professor of Anthropology, UF), Dr. Simone Athayde (Center for Latin American Studies, UF) and Dr. Stephanie Bohlman (School of Forest Resources and Conservation, UF).

The Symposium brought together U.S. and Brazilian scholars and experts to discuss dam construction projects in Brazil, primarily located in the Amazon. Much of the research on dams has been limited to studying their environmental consequences. Examining the impact of dams through assessments that incorporate social, cultural, ecological, economic and biological dimensions is essential to better understand their developmental implications. This event proposed to draw on the synergies between academic disciplines to expand the scope of such impact assessments. The Symposium was part of the Amazon Dams Program, which seeks to establish a binational research program between UF and three universities in the Brazilian Amazon, along with other U.S. researchers and students. This initiative aims to explore the social and environmental effects of dams by facilitating knowledge sharing and interdisciplinary research cooperation at an international level in the search for sustainable solutions.

Dr. Philip Fearnside, the keynote speaker, delivered a presentation on "Dams and Climate Change in the Brazilian Amazon." Dr. Fearnside has been a Research Professor at the National Institute for Research in Manaus, Brazil since 1978. He has been an acknowledged authority on Amazon ecology for many years. His presentation provided an in-depth look at the environmental consequences of the Belo Monte dam project as well as the political and economic controversies surrounding this issue. Touted to be a source of "clean energy" by the Brazilian government, Dr. Fearnside explained that hydroelectric dams can be more dangerous due to the greenhouse gas emissions that result from these expansive development projects. They also cause social displacement and significant ecological damage. These dams have become a central component of Brazil's energy policy to



▲ Brazilian and UF researchers at the symposium. From left to right: William (Bill) Pine, Carolina Doria, Joann Mossa, Simone Athayde, Anthony Oliver-Smith, Elineide Marques, Kathleen McKee, Gabriela Stocks, Philip Fearnside, Walterlina Brasil, Robert Bushbacher

satisfy domestic consumption and process raw materials for export, an end that Dr. Fearnside considered to yield little economic benefit at excessive environmental cost. He highlighted the unsustainable nature of Brazil's energy policy through its failure to promote conservation and alternative energy sources. The government has actively confronted negative press and public criticism to minimize the perceived negative consequences associated with dam construction. Dr. Fearnside's address conveyed the gravity of the costs associated with hydroelectric dam development and provided insight into the political motivators underlying these projects.

Following Dr. Fearnside's presentation, three discussion sections delved into the social, natural science and policy impacts of dams. The first section addressed the destabilizing social consequences of dams and the emergence of social movements against such projects on a global level. During the second session, panelists provided a comprehensive look into the resulting environmental consequences from a natural science perspective. The final segment addressed the policy and regulatory issues associated with dam construction. The remainder of the Symposium was devoted to promoting interdisciplinary exchanges through break out group discussions to identify key research questions and how to best develop an integrative research plan to address these inquiries. The program culminated with planning a proposal to design and implement a binational research project to study the broad consequences of dam development projects drawing on the ideas generated during the event.

The Symposium's panels called attention to the depth and breadth of the consequences resulting from dam construction. These problems are not limited to conservation and environmental issues. They affect ecosystems, people's lives, economic development and a number of other socio-ecological issues that are deeply interconnected. Apart from drawing attention to the Belo Monte Dam project, the Symposium attempted to expand the problem-solving approach undertaken by academic experts by promoting public discourse on the substantial effects these projects have on our societies, whether at the local or global level. This Symposium was intended to be the first of many collaborative endeavors between UF and its Brazilian colleagues to deepen scholarship and promote awareness about the problems created by dams in an effort to improve public policies related to their implementation in the Amazon.

- Contributed by Lindsay Barnes, MALAS student

CENTER RECEIVES FORD FOUNDATION GRANT

The Center for Latin American Studies has received a \$400,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to develop an interdisciplinary program on immigration, religion, and social change.

The grant will be used to develop effective models of intervention, exchange and outreach to address the urgent needs of immigrant communities in the US South. The center is partnering with faculty in the colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Sciences and Nursing, and with nongovernmental organizations in the region.

Principal activities will include: developing a support network for local organizations working in the region on immigrant integration and local civic engagement; working with local schools to train educators and community leaders, build family-school-community partnerships and generate appropriate educational materials; implementing and evaluating grassroots programs to improve health literacy, health access and build leadership in vulnerable immigrant communities; developing a specialization in migration studies within the master's degree in Latin American studies at UF; and establishing an academic service learning program with civic or religious organizations that serve the immigration community in the areas of citizenship, naturalization, health care, education and human rights.

Philip Williams, Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, notes that "the grant builds on years of innovative research on Latin American immigration to new destinations in the U.S. South. The grant also recognizes the center's long tradition of engaged scholarship that crosses disciplines, links academics to practitioners and works in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders."

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Philip Williams and Ana Margheritis, UF LAS and
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**February 2 It's the Same, but it's Different:
Displacement and the Dynamics of Indigenous
Knowledge Systems in the Brazilian Amazon**
Dr. Simone Athayde, Post-Doctoral Associate, ACLI and
TCD, Center for Latin American Studies

**February 16 Prácticas Transnacionales de los
Cubanos en el Sur de la Florida: Un Análisis Preliminar**
Rebeca Oroza Busutil and Ivis Gutiérrez Guerra, Centro
de Estudios de Migraciones Internacionales (CEMI),
Universidad de La Habana

**February 23 How Joint Property Rights to Land
Empowers Women in Peruvian Peasant Communities**
Henrik Wiig, Department of International Studies,
Norwegian Institute of Urban and Regional Research

**March 15 Race, Negrismo and Rehabilitating
Prostitutes: Self-Styled Revolutionaries and Unintended
Dissidence in the Cuban Revolution**
Lillian Guerra, UF History

**April 5 Living the Revolution: Cubans on and off the
Island**
Catherine Krull, Queen's University (CAN)

**April 12 CAPES/FIPSE Visitors
Gender, Sexuality and Identity in the Traditional Gaucho
Culture: Views from Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay**
Ondina Fachel Leal, Federal University of Rio Grande do
Sul

Urban Youth in Three Continents
Parry Scott, Federal University of Pernambuco

April 19 Time and the Liquid Territories of Coca
Richard Kernaghan, UF Anthropology

UF Signs new Cooperative Agreement with CAPES-Brazil

Philip Williams, Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, and David Sammons, Dean of the International Center, represented UF at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. to sign a new cooperative agreement between the University of Florida and CAPES, the Brazilian Federal Agency for Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education. The new agreement formalizes UF's participation in Brazil's new "Science without Borders" initiative, which will send 100,000 Brazilian students in the STEM fields to study abroad over the next four years. UF will admit up to twenty CAPES-funded undergraduate students a year as well as PhD students and post-doctoral researchers. In addition to promoting student exchanges, the agreement also will promote faculty exchanges, collaborative research projects, and workshops and seminars between UF and Brazilian researchers.

"UF is a natural destination for Brazil's top STEM students," said Emilio Bruna, Director of UF's Florida-Brazil Institute. "We have had decades of productive research and education exchanges with Brazil, as well as internationally recognized programs in

many of the disciplines that are priority areas for the Science without Borders program. This agreement builds on our historic partnerships to expand the opportunities to work with Brazil available to the UF community."

The CAPES-UF Partnership will be administered by the Florida-Brazil Institute, which was created by the Florida Legislature to help strengthen the state's foreign relations and to promote business, educational, cultural and scientific exchange between Florida and its largest international trading partner. The Florida-Brazil Institute is based in the Center for Latin American Studies.

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U.S.-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program

The Center continues to pursue student and faculty exchange opportunities as part of a four-year grant that is jointly administered by the US Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) and the Brazilian Ministry of Education (CAPES). Participants in the program seek to explore the process, dynamics, and implications of multiculturalism from diverse interdisciplinary perspectives. The four partner institutions include UF and Vanderbilt University in the US, and Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (UFPE) and Universidade Federal do Rio Grande Do Sul (UFRGS) in Brazil. This spring, the consortia initiated the first wave of student and faculty exchanges between the four universities.

In April 2012, the Center, along with Vanderbilt University, hosted Dr. Parry Scott (UFPE) and Dr. Ondina Leal (UFRGS) for the first faculty exchange. Dr. Leal, a Professor in the Graduate Program of Anthropology at UFRGS in Porto Alegre, Brazil, is currently developing research in the themes of intellectual property and occupational health and safety culture. Dr. Scott is a Professor in the Department of Social Science at UFPE and is currently conducting research on "The Family in the Middle of the World: Negotiating Power and Rights and International Migration," "Violence against women in Rural Contexts in Pernambuco," and "Three Poles of Development and the Reproductive Life of Young Women." While in Gainesville, Leal and Scott par-

ticipated in a special colloquium presentation, met with students and faculty members about the exchange program, and explored possible opportunities for collaborative research.

In the spring 2012 semester, the Center welcomed two Brazilian exchange students as part of this program. Carolina Carneiro (UFPE) worked with Dr. Rosana Resende to explore issues of identity among Brazilian students at UF. Bruno Huyer (UFRGS) worked with Dr. Robin Wright to carry out research on Guarani Shamanism. Alana Leitao de Souza (UFPE) and Pedro Cassel (UFRGS) have been selected to attend UF in the fall 2012 semester. Michelle Blanck, an English major at UF, is finishing her semester at UFRGS where she is researching the representation of Gaucho culture in literature. UF students Jasmine Bensing and Emiliano Slaibe have been selected to participate in the program and will be traveling to Brazil for the fall 2012 semester.

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Visiting Scholars from the University of Havana

In February 2012, the Center hosted Professors Ivis Gutiérrez Guerra and Rebeca Oroza Busutil who were visiting scholars from the Center for International Migration Studies at the University of Havana. They presented a colloquium on February 16th on "Prácticas Transnacionales de los Cubanos en el Sur de la Florida: Un Análisis Preliminar", where the current role of transnational linkages of migrants was explored. The presentation addressed the linkages that, for several decades, have been established between Cubans living in the United States (and in South Florida in particular), and their country of origin. Through the analysis of vari-

ous applied surveys conducted by the Institute of Cuban Research, Florida International University, and University of Havana's Center for the Study of International Migration, it is becoming clear that the trend of transnational activity of Cuban emigration is strengthening.

This exchange took place as part of a Social Science Research Council project on international migration with the University of Havana.



◀ Dr. Ieva Jusionyte

Dr. Ieva Jusionyte hired as Assistant Professor

Dr. Ieva Jusionyte will join UF in the fall semester as Assistant Professor in the Center for Latin American Studies and the Department of Anthropology. Jusionyte was most recently a lecturer at Brandeis University, where in April 2012 she completed her dissertation on how violence affects news production in the border area between Argentina, Brazil, and Paraguay. Before attending Brandeis on a Fulbright Scholarship in 2006, Jusionyte received her B.A. in international relations and political science from Vilnius University (Lithuania) and worked in the Lithuanian media as a correspondent and news editor of an online digital daily and a freelancer for the Lithuanian National Radio and print media. During her ethnographic fieldwork in northern Argentina in 2010-2011, together with Javier Rotela, she produced and conducted a weekly investigative journalism television program "Proximidad" on a variety of locally important but silenced issues, including illegal child adoptions and

child trafficking. While in Argentina, Jusionyte also made a documentary film about local firefighters and joined their ranks as a volunteer. The Association for Political and Legal Anthropology awarded the First Honorable Mention for her paper "Performing Journalism on the Backstage of the State: Illegal Airwaves, Versatile Cables, and the Struggle for Power in an Argentine Border Town," which was based on her fieldwork. Drawing on her experience as a journalist and an anthropologist studying violence and the media, she has taught courses on Understanding Violence in the Contemporary State and Media and Violence: An Anthropological Perspective, which was awarded the University Prize Instructorship at Brandeis. At the Center for Latin American Studies at UF Jusionyte will teach and conduct further research on the media and the modes of law and governance in relation to organized crime and violence in Latin America.

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Visiting Research Fellow

FACULTY NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Florence Babb (Women's Studies & Gender Research) continued research in Peru during her spring 2012 sabbatical, dividing her time between the coastal capital of Lima and the Andean city of Huaraz. In April, she was a speaker at Wesleyan University's Center for the Americas symposium on "Authenticity in the Americas: Constructions and Contestations of Identity," where she presented, "Are Indigenous Women More Authentic?" In May, she is presenting a paper on "Theorizing Gender and Race in the Peruvian Andes: Toward a Feminist Anthropology of Indigeneity," at the congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Professor Babb guest edited an issue of the journal *Voices*, and she has a review essay in the current issue of *Women's Review of Books*.

Emilio Bruna (LAS/WEC) Research conducted by Bruna was recognized by the United States Chapter of the International Association for Landscape Ecology (IALE) as the outstanding contribution to the field in 2011 for his work published in: "Disentangling the drivers of reduced long-distance seed dispersal by birds in an experimentally fragmented landscape," (with M. Uriarte, M. Anciães, T.B. da Silva, P. Rubim, and E. Johnson). *Ecology*, 92(4) 2011: 924-937.

James P. Cuda (Entomology) travelled to Brazil during spring break to continue his field research to identify and collect candidate biological control agents of Brazilian peppertree, *Schinus terebinthifolius*, one of the most invasive weeds in Florida. The project is a collaborative effort between the University of Florida and the Universidade Regional de Blumenau (FURB). Dr. Cuda also delivered guest lectures for two courses (Entomologia Florestal and Controle Biológico) at FURB.

Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE) and Jennifer Twyman (doct. cand. FRE) presented the paper, "Asset Ownership and Egalitarian Decision-making in Dual-headed Households in Ecuador" at the ASSA Congress in Chicago in January, and at the SECOLAS Conference at UF in March. They also presented "Land Ownership and Farm Management in Ecuador: Egalitarian Family Farming Systems and Gendered Constraints," at the World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty in Washington, DC, in April, and at the LASA International Congress in San Francisco in May. Deere gave an invited lecture on "Gender, Asset Ownership and Wealth in Ecuador" at the University of Massachusetts Amherst in April. Deere co-authored *The Gender Asset and Gender Wealth Gaps: Evidence from Ecuador, Ghana and Karnataka, India*. Bangalore: Institute for Management Bangalore. 2011, and co-edited *Gender and International Migration*, a Special Issue of *Feminist Economics*, 18 (2), 2012. She co-authored with G. Alvarado (doct. cand. Sociology) and J. Twyman, "Gender Inequality in Asset Ownership in Latin America: Female Owners versus Household Heads." *Development and Change*, 43(2), 2012: 449-474.

David Geggus (History) spent the 2012 spring semester as a long-term fellow at the John Carter Brown Library in Providence, RI, where he gave several talks on the Haitian Revolution. He published "Rights, Resistance and Emancipation," in *Self-Evident Truths? Essays on Human Rights and the Enlightenment*, ed. Kate E. Tunstall. New York: Continuum, 2012.

Susan Gillespie (Anthropology) presented two invited papers: "Los relieves de Chalcatzingo y sus vínculos con el sur de Mesoamérica" at the symposium "Olmecas: Su Presencia en Morelos" in Tepoztlan, Morelos, Mexico; and "Residential Burial

Practices in Mesoamerica" in the Presidential Plenary Panel on "Death and Burial," 113th annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, Philadelphia, PA. Publication: "El modelo de la "casa" en la estructura política maya," in *El Despliegue del Poder entre los Mayas: Nuevos Estudios sobre la Organización Política* ed. by Ana Luisa Izquierdo y de la Cueva, pp.29-61. Mexico City: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Faye V. Harrison (Anthropology/African American Studies) contributed a chapter, "Building Black Diaspora Networks and Meshworks for Knowledge, Justice, Peace, and Human Rights," to Bernd Reiter and Kimberly Eison Simmon's newly published book *Afro-Descendants, Identity, and the Struggle for Development in the Americas*. This edited volume is part of Michigan State University Press' Ruth Simms Hamilton African Diaspora Series.

Tace Hedrick (English) served as Humanities Program Chair for the Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) conference held at the University of Florida, March 29-31; she also chaired two panels on the program. Her article on Chicana/Latina popular culture, "From *House on Mango Street* to *Becoming Latina in 10 Easy Steps*: Genre, Marketplace and Chicana Identity," was published in the Spanish journal *La Nueva Literatura Hispánica*. She has had another article accepted on the popular Puerto Rican television personality and astrologist, entitled "Neoliberalism and Orientalism in Puerto Rico: Walter Mercado's Queer Spiritual Capital," forthcoming this fall in the prestigious *Centro: A Journal of Puerto Rican Studies*.

Peter Hildebrand (FRE) and D. Wilsey are going to the 2012 International Farming Systems Association conference in Aarhus, Denmark where Wilsey will present a paper

he, T. Gill and A. Rios wrote on the strengths and weaknesses of Ethnographic Linear Programming. Wilsey is the senior author and he and the other two are former Hildebrand students. Hildebrand is the fourth author of the paper. The paper is based on Wilsey's work in Mexico, Rios' in Peru and Gill's in Kenya.

Karen Kainer (LAS/SFRC) Publications: "Implementing multiple forest management in Brazil nut-rich community forests: Effects of logging on natural regeneration and forest disturbance," (with M. Soriano, C.L. Staudhammer and E. Soriano). *Forest Ecology and Management* 268 (2012): 92-102; "The economic value of sustainable seed and timber harvests of multiuse species: An example using *Carapa guianensis*," (with C.A. Klimas and L.H.O. Wadt). *Forest Ecology and Management* 268 (2012):81-91; "Control of Carapa guianensis phenology and seed production at multiple scales: a five-year study exploring the influences of tree attributes, habitat heterogeneity and climate cues," (with C.A. Klimas, L.H. Wadt, C.L. Staudhammer, V. Rigamonte-Azevedo, M.F. Correia and L.M. da Silva Lima). *Journal of Tropical Ecology* 28 (2012):105-118.

Bette Loiselle (LAS/WEC) gave invited talks about her research in the Yasuni Biosphere Reserve (Ecuador) and the TCD program at the Universidad de los Andes and Universidad Nacional in Bogota this past October, and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in February. She was also the graduate student invited speaker at Florida International University in Miami this past April.

Joseli Macedo (Architecture) served as Guest Editor for the special issue of the *Bulletin of Latin American Research, The Urban Divide in Latin America: Challenges and Strategies for Social Inclusion* (Volume 31, Issue 2, April 2012). The Center's 58th Conference was its first annual meeting devoted to urban issues, and this special issue is comprised of six articles especially selected from the 80 papers presented at the Center's 2009 conference. The articles published present timely research on urban issues currently dividing cities in Argentina,

Brazil, El Salvador and Peru, with a collective focus on governance, political representation and participation, environmental sustainability and urban crime. The conference was co-hosted by the College of Design, Construction and Planning. Macedo also published "A (In)Sustentabilidade do Desenvolvimento urbano nos Estados Unidos: o que as cidades brasileiras podem aprender com as americanas" in the *Revista Paranaense de Desenvolvimento*.

Terry McCoy (LAS) In March, McCoy participated in the opening session "Latin America Economic and Political Outlook" of the VII Latin American Forum: Energy & the Environment hosted in Houston by the Energy Institute of the University of Texas. In April, he was the keynote speaker at the conference "Emprendedurismo e Innovación en Contexto Actual," hosted by the Asociación de ex-Becarios Fulbright in Santo Domingo.

Bill Messina (IFAS/FRE) Presentations: "Cuban Agricultural Developments and Implications for U.S. Exports" to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Annual Outlook Forum, Washington, DC, February 23, 2012; "U.S. Food and Agricultural Trade with Cuba: the Declining Role of the United States in the Cuban Market" to the U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, February 22, 2012; and "Cuba's Agricultural and Food Systems: Policy Developments and Prospects" to the U.S. Department of State, Office of Cuban Affairs, Washington, DC, February 21, 2012. Messina co-organized the Cuba symposium and presented "The Evolving Role of the United States as a Major Food Supplier to Cuba" at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association meeting, Birmingham, Alabama, February 7, 2012.

Jacqueline Miller (FMNH) Publications: Scientific note: *Mictopsichia cubae* recorded from Honduras (Lepidoptera: Tortricidae) (with D.L. Matthews and J. Razowski). *Tropical Lepidoptera Research* 21(1) 2011: 43-45; Revision of the Neotropical genus *Yagra* Oiticia (Lepidoptera: Castniidae) (with S. Moraes and M. Duarte). *Journal of Natural History*, Nos. 25-28(2011): 1511-1531; An

annotated list of the Lepidoptera of Honduras. *Insecta Mundi* (with D. L. Matthews, A. D. Warren, M. A. Solis, D. J. Harvey, P. Gentili-Poole, R. Lehman, T. C. Emmel, and C. V. Covell). 2012. 0205: 1-72.

Gregory E. Moreland (Spanish & Portuguese Studies) presented "Professor as Student on Study Abroad (in Florianopolis, Brazil): What Can We Truly Gain from the Study Abroad Experience?" 2012 CIBER Business Language Conference, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, March 21-24, 2012.

Jeffrey Needell (History) Publications: "Variaciones para un tema: las vicisitudes del liberalismo durante la monarquía brasileña." In *Liberalismo y poder: Latinoamérica en el siglo XX*, eds. Iván Jaksic, and Eduardo Posada Carbó. Santiago: Fondo de Cultura Económica Chile, 2011: 245-77; "Percepções sobre raça no debates abolicionistas no Brasil (1870-1888)," *Escritos*, 4:4 (Dec. 2011); "The Foundations of Freyre's Work: Engagement and Disengagement in the Brazil of 1923-1933," *Portuguese Studies*, 27:1 (2011): 8-19; "Grinberg, Keila e Salles, Ricardo (orgs.). *O Brasil imperial* [Imperial Brazil], 3 vols. (Rio de Janeiro: Civilização Brasileira, 2010), 1.381p." In *Almanack: revista eletrônica semestral*, 2:2 (Nov. 2011): 160-67. Presentations: "The Brazilian Election of 1884," paper presented at "Contentious Elections and Democratization in the Americas during the Nineteenth Century." Rothermere American Institute, Oxford University, and City University of New York. Oxford University, March 2012; "The Remembered, the Forgotten, and the Historian's Challenge: An Introduction to Brazil's Abolitionist Movement and Its Historiography," paper presented at the Latin American History Workshop, University of Chicago, October 2011; "The Brazilian Abolitionist Movement, 1879-1888: A Discussion of the Narrative, Contemporary Sources, and the Challenge of the Historiography." Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, February 2011.

Tony Oliver-Smith (Anthropology) The Society for Applied Anthropology awarded Oliver-Smith the 2012 Malinowski Award for his work on disasters and involuntary resettlement, most of which was carried out in Latin America. The award is "presented to an outstanding social scientist in recognition of efforts to understand and serve the needs of the world's societies and who has actively pursued the goal of solving human problems using the concepts and tools of social science during one's entire career."

Charles Perrone (Spanish & Portuguese Studies) Invited lecture: "Bossa Nova on Balance: ACJobim, Bridges, and BN-USA," Department of Portuguese, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, December 13, 2011. Publication: translation *Humana Festa, A Novel* by Regina Rheda, Columbus, OH: Educational Publisher, 2012.

Stephen Perz (Sociology and Criminology & Law) Publications: "Infrastructure, Institutions, and Land Cover Change: A Comparative Analysis in the Southwestern Amazon" (with Y. Qiu, Y. Xia, J. Sun, G. Barnes, J. Southworth, and K. Rocha). *Global Land Project Newsletter* 8(2012): 29-31, 2012; "Rubber Tapper Identities: Political-Economic Dynamics, Livelihood Shifts, and Environmental Implications in a Changing Amazon" (with C.V. Gomes and J. Vadjunec). *Geoforum* 43: 260-271; "Contentious Land Change in the Amazon's Arc of Deforestation." (with S. Aldrich, R. Walker, C. Simmons, and M. Caldas). *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 2012. 102(1): 103-128; "Infrastructure Upgrades and Rural-Urban Connectivity: Distance Disparities in a Tri-national Frontier in the Amazon." (with A. Shenkin, X. Rondon, and Y Qiu). Online first in *The Professional Geographer* 3 February 2012; "Connectivity and Resilience: A Multidimensional Analysis of Infrastructure Impacts in the Southwestern Amazon." (with A. Shenkin, G. Barnes, L. Cabrera, J. Castillo, and L Carvalho). *Social Indicators Research*. 2012. 106(2): 259-285. Presentations: "Regional Integration and the Evolution of Diverse Tenure and Governance Arrangements: The Case of the MAP Frontier in the Southwestern Amazon."

Invited plenary presentation at for the Global Land Project Workshop, "Land Use Transitions in South America," 17-19 November 2011, Ilhabela, São Paulo, Brazil.

Mary Risner (LAS) Publication: "The Study of Portuguese and Brazilian Culture in the Business Context." In José Marcelo Freitas de Luna (ed.), *O Ensino de Português nos Estados Unidos*. 2012:105-123. Jundiaí: Paco Editorial. Risner also presented "Using Realia to Teach a Second Language for Business". Annual Language for Business Conference at Florida International University. Miami, FL. January 2012; and "O futuro do ensino de português para negócios". Painel Encontro Mundial do Ensino de Português. Ft. Lauderdale, FL. May 2012.

Helen Safa (LAS/Anthropology) The University of Puerto Rico's Institute of Caribbean Studies published a special issue of its journal, *Caribbean Studies*, in honor of Helen I. Safa. Dr. Safa participated in the November presentation of the journal, along with the two editors, L. Bolles and K. Yelvington, and two of the contributors, J. Duany and A. Colón. The issue also contains articles by J. Nash and F. Babb. Dr. Safa is now Professor Emeritus at UF.

Marianne Schmink (LAS/Anthropology) Publications: Vadjunec, J. and M. Schmink (eds). 2011. *Amazonian geographies: Emerging identities and landscapes*. Special Issue of *Journal of Cultural Geography* 28(1): in press; Vadjunec, J. and M. Schmink (eds). 2011. *Amazonian geographies: Emerging identities and landscapes*. Routledge, in press; Schmink, M. and J. Jouve-Martin (eds). 2011. *Contemporary debates on ecology, culture and society*. Special Issue of *Latin American Research Review*, 46, 2011; Schmink, M. 2011. "Forest citizens: Changing life conditions and social identities in the land of the rubber tappers." *Latin American Research Review* 46: 141-158; Vadjunec, V., M. Schmink, and C.V. Gomes. 2011. "Rubber tapper citizens: Emerging places, policies, and shifting identities in Acre, Brazil." *Journal of Cultural Geography* 28 (1): 73-98.

Nigel Smith (Geography) has been awarded a Fulbright to spend the fall semester in Brazil where he will be collaborating with Eduardo Neves, Director of the Archaeology Museum at the University of São Paulo, and will be delivering lectures in São Paulo and Manaus. Smith will also conduct collaborative research on the ethnobotany of archaeological sites and surrounding areas.

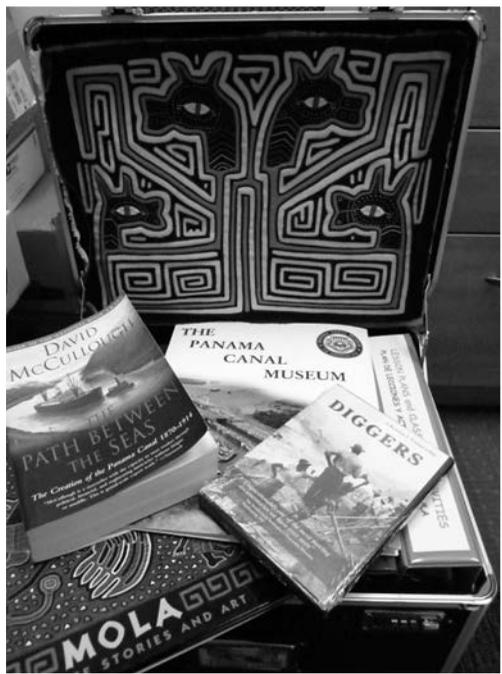
Maya Stanfield-Mazzi (Art History) Publications: "The Development of Painting in Peru 1520–1820." In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Latin American Studies* Ed. Ben Vinson. New York: Oxford University Press, October 28, 2011; "Textile Traditions of the Andes." In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Latin American Studies* Ed. Ben Vinson. New York: Oxford University Press, October 28, 2011.

Rick Stepp (LAS/Anthropology) Stepp's work in Chiapas, Mexico continues on what has now become the world's longest term ethnobotanical study. Using data going back to the mid 1960's, he and his colleagues have been able to document persistence of traditional ecological knowledge in the region. Also, he was recently invited by the United States government to consult on a program intended to strengthen Q'eqchi' Maya language and cultural identity within the Alta Verapaz region of Guatemala. In the spring of 2012, he served on the Latin American panel for Robert L. Boren Fellowship Competition run by the Institute for International Education in Washington, D.C.

Philip Williams (LAS) gave an invited presentation on his new book, *Living "Illegal": The Human Face of Unauthorized Immigration*, at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in April 2012. In May he will be presenting a paper, "Demilitarization after Central American Civil Wars," at the Society for Military History conference in Washington, D.C.

Featured Item:

Museum in a Trunk: Bringing the Panama Canal into the Classroom



The Center's Outreach Lending Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Panama Canal Museum in a Trunk suitcase. Donated by Carol F. Meyer, the Museum in a Trunk will join the Center's "traveling suitcases" collection, which contains artifacts and resources from Latin America available to teachers and educators across the country.

According to the Panama Canal Museum, located at Seminole, Florida, "the purpose of the Museum in a Trunk is to enable teachers to augment their lesson plans with teaching tools in order to make an in-depth study of the Panama Canal, and to foster discussions in math, science, engineering, and social studies".

The new suitcase offers music, movies, books, class presentations, maps, and artifacts related to the construction of the Panama Canal and the country's geography, fauna, flora, and society. The result is an interdisciplinary and comprehensive list of resources related to Panama for elementary and high school students, as well as documentaries and books that can be used by university professors. The items include molas made by the Kuna Indians, railroad rail pieces, and movies such as "A Man, a Plan, a Canal, Panama" (David McCullough and Carl Charlson), and "Panama Canal: Gateway to the American Century" (PBS). The new suitcase serves as a resource to bring the history, culture, and importance of the Panama Canal to the K-12 classroom and supplements efforts to increase research and academic exchange on Panama at UF.

Visit <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/Outreach/suitcases.stm> to check out the Outreach Traveling suitcases and their inventories.

- Contributed by Rachel Mourão, MALAS student

Language for Careers

The Center's Outreach Program, in collaboration with UF's Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER), sponsored business speakers and a "Career Track" series of sessions on language for careers at the 2011 Florida Foreign Language Association's (FFLA) Conference in Cape Canaveral. The goal of the conference theme, The Real World of Language in the 21st Century, was to help teachers develop innovative curricula that will better prepare students for the global workplace with language and culture skills.

Some sample Career Track session titles include: Preparing Global Leaders through the Spanish Classroom, Fun and Effective Ways to Apply Business Language in K-12, The Florida/Brazil Business Link: Implications for Portuguese & Brazilian Studies, and Enhancing Cultural IQs for Success in International Careers.

The Outreach Program's Traveling Suitcases, Outreach Lending Library, and Wiki Series were all featured at the Outreach Program booth during the conference. Teachers were encouraged by the FFLA to visit each booth through a "passport" program that offered prizes to teachers that visited the greatest number of booths. Graduate Assistant Korey Force noted, "The passport program really helped to

bring educators to our booth, and once they were there, they were very interested in hearing about our resources and getting in touch with us."

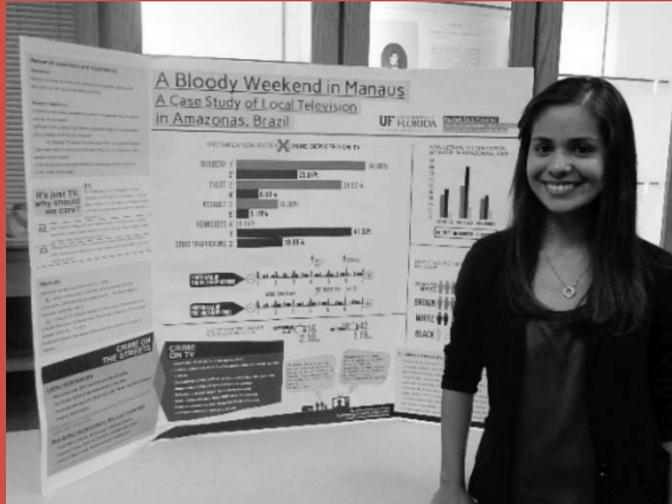
Other Outreach Program activities connecting language and culture studies to careers include presentations on Florida as the Gateway to Latin America and What Business Wants from Graduates at the Southern Business Education Association conference in Orlando, where Tampa Port CEO and CIBER Advisory Council member Richard Wainio gave a special keynote talk. Mr. Wainio also talked about The Importance of a Global Mindset at the National Business Education Association conference in Boston.

As part of the Center's and CIBER's effort to promote the value of foreign language and culture studies to prepare students for global careers, the Outreach Program has also developed a set of "Language for Careers" advocacy videos available on the YouTube page: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcZ2kDh7TSA>. Other foreign language advocacy resources are available at the Network of Business Language Educator (NOBLE) webpage: <http://nble.org/advocacy/>.

- Contributed by: Korey Force, MALAS student



Field Research Clinic 2012 at the University of Florida



▲ Rachel Reis Mourão (LAS 2012), winner of the grand prize in the poster competition.

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program awarded more than 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 2011. Held at Smather's Library East on March 1, 2012, the 10th annual Field Research Clinic (FRC) gave students the chance to find out 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 and to disseminate the results of their research to a wide audience of students and faculty members.

The FRC highlights the importance of graduate student research and raises awareness among the public about the vital importance of funding provided by the Center. The first half of the clinic consisted of a peer-learning workshop dealing with the fieldwork experience, providing new graduate students with the opportunity to voice their questions and concerns to students who have already completed their fieldwork.

The second half of the clinic was devoted to the research poster competition. The grand prize for best research poster went to Rachel Reis Mourão (LAS) for her poster, "Media and Crime: The Case of Local TV in Brazil." Rachel's adviser is Charles Wood (LAS). Posters were evaluated by Efraín Barradas (LAS/ Spanish), Rosana Resende (LAS/ Anthropology), and Bette Loiselle (LAS/WEC).

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.

2012 Poster Competition WINNERS

Grand Prize

Media and Crime: The Case of Local TV in Brazil
Rachel Reis Mourão, LAS

2nd Prize Master's Level

The Effect of Victimization and Fear of Crime on Democratic Political Culture in Chávez' Venezuela
Angela O'Malley, LAS

2nd Prize PhD Level

Unveiling the Mystery of Sea Turtle Hybrids in Brazil
Luciano Soares, Biology

3rd Prize Master's Level

Afro-Ecuadorian Soccer Stars and the Contradiction of Race and Class in Ecuador
Carlos Iñiguez, LAS

3rd Prize PhD Level

The Dynamics of the Jamaican Coffee Industry
Mario Mighty, Geography



Poster contest judges Efraín Barradas, Rosana Resende, and Bette Loiselle ▶

Student NEWS

Undergraduate LAS Minors & Certificates

Alejandria Artiles (Journalism)
Victoria Castillo (Advertising)
Camille Chambers (Anthropology)
Julie Champeau (Health Science)
Chelsea Close (Political Science)
Gloria Docilait (Marketing)
Desirée Erin Fernández (Spanish)
Justin Fisch (Political Science)
Corinne Gentile (Anthropology)
Jennifer Gesualdi (History)
Ana González (Political Science)
Martin González (Marketing)
Jenna Harris (Linguistics)
Buket Havucoglu (Political Science)
Kelsey Jiménez (English)
Liliana Latorre (Food and Resource Economics)
Rose Llanos (Portuguese)

Michelle Loewenherz (Economics)
Sara Lui (Psychology)
Emilio Meneses (Political Science/Portuguese)
Elizabeth Minnick (Anthropology)
Jessica Moscoso (Political Science)
Devon Murrie (Political Science)
Crystal Nuñez (Anthropology)
Caroline Peebles (Political Science)
Michael Puig (Political Science)
Amanda Quirós (Anthropology)
Jahnavi Devi Rico (Spanish)
Elizabeth Rojas (Political Science/Economics)
William Rusch (Accounting)
Alyssa Smith (Political Science)
Jenny Valenti (Spanish)
Ximena Vargas (Economics)

Graduate LAS Certificates

Timothy Podkul, PhD (Anthropology)
Joshua Toney, PhD (Anthropology)
Vivian Zeidemann, PhD (SNRE)
Francisco Morales, MA (Spanish)

MALAS Degrees

Krystal Anderson (Development Studies)
 Advisor: Carmen Diana Deere (LAS)
 Thesis: Who Goes Home: Return Migrant Decision-Making and the Impacts of Ecuador's Bienvenidos a Casa

Zachary Cohen (LABE)
 Advisor: Terry McCoy (LAS)
 Thesis: The Brasilia Consensus: A New Model for Latin American Development?

Benjamin Goodman, JD/MALAS (Development Studies)
 Advisor: Winston Nagan (Levin College of Law)
 Thesis: Towards Respecting Indigenous Rights in Development Policy: The Case of a Community-Based Forest Management Project in Panama

William Hummel, JD/MALAS (Political Science)
 Advisor: Philip Williams (LAS)
 Thesis: The Immigrant Rights Struggle in the American South: a Case Study from Charlotte, North Carolina

Carlos Iñiguez (Development Studies)
 Advisor: Charles Wood (LAS)
 Thesis: Afro-Descendant Soccer Stars and the Inconsistencies of Race, Class, and Identity in Ecuador

Eshe Lewis (Anthropology)
 Advisor: Faye Harrison (Anthropology)
 Thesis: Afro-Peruvian Social Activists: An Inter-generational Study

Rachel Mourão (International Communication)
 Advisor: Charles Wood (LAS)
 Thesis: A Bloody Weekend in Manaus: a Case Study of Local TV in Amazonas, Brazil

Angela O'Malley (Sociology)
 Advisor: Charles Wood (LAS)
 Thesis: The Effects of Victimization and Fear of Crime on Democratic Political Culture in Chávez's Venezuela

Students Honored as Madelyn Lockhardt Dissertation Fellowship Award Finalists



▲ Gina Alvarado, Carmen Diana Deere, Marianne Schmink, and Denyse Mello

PhD candidates **Denyse Mello** (advised by Dr. Marianne Schmink) and **Gina Alvarado** (advised by Dr. Carmen Diana Deere) were selected as finalists for the Madelyn Lockhardt Dissertation Fellowship. The Association for Academic Women (AAW) at the University of Florida established the Madelyn Lockhardt Dissertation Fellowship to honor an outstanding female graduate student.

Student Funding

2012 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 field research in Latin America. This year a total of 24 students from 13 different departments received Summer Field Research Grants. These awards are made possible by the following funding sources:

- Boonstra Family Research Fellowship
- Carol French Doughty Memorial Fund
- Center for Latin American Studies grant overhead
- Charles Wagley Research Fellowship
- NSF Innovations in Institutional Integration (ICube) Program Award
- Panama Canal Museum Research Fund
- TCD Ford Foundation Endowment
- Tinker Foundation

The Center would like to congratulate the following students on their 2012 field research awards. Each student, their degree program, and country where they will conduct their field research is listed below.

Deborah Andrews (PhD Anthropology) Peru

Osmer Balam (PhD Spanish & Portuguese) Belize

Michael Bauman (MS SNRE) Panama

Sarah Benton (MALAS and Urban & Regional Planning) Brazil

Trent Blair (PhD FRED) Ecuador

Florence Castillo (MALAS) Argentina

Maria Checa (PhD Entomology) Ecuador

James Crandall (PhD Anthropology) Peru

Miriam Dominguez (PhD Anthropology) Ecuador

Andrea Ferreira (PhD History) Brazil

Korey Force (MALAS) Costa Rica

Jessica Franey (MALAS) Peru

Molly Green (MA Women's Studies) Nicaragua

Nathalia Hernandez (MA Women's Studies) El Salvador

Benjamin Himschoot (PhD Architecture) Colombia

Flavia Leite (PhD Sociology & Criminology) Brazil

Ellen Lofaro (PhD Anthropology) Peru

Timoteo Mesh (PhD Anthropology) Belize

Maria Rios Marín (PhD SNRE) Colombia

Sebastian Palmas Perez (MS SFRC) Mexico

Gonzalo Rivas (PhD WEC) Ecuador

José Sierra Huelasz (PhD SFRC) Mexico

Ummat Somjee (MS Entomology) Panama

Ana Szogi (MALAS) Uruguay

Maria Tobon (MALAS) Colombia

2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Recipients

The following UF students received U.S. Department of Education Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships from the Center for Latin American Studies.

Colin Harte (PhD) Portuguese

Andrew Long (MA) Portuguese

José Pérez (BA) Portuguese

Caitlin Peterson (MA/PhD) Kaqchikel Maya

Parul Shanker (BA) Portuguese

Lindsay Vecchio (PhD) Haitian Creole

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WILLIAM CONWILL

▲ Dance in the Diaspora Symposium presenters Jeanguy Saintus, Janete Silva, Elizabeth Chin, Yvonne Daniel, Camee Maddox, and Faye Harrison.



WILLIAM CONWILL

▲ Dance in the Diaspora class participants and instructor Jeanguy Saintus after a contemporary Haitian dance class. From left to right: Christa Fatou Sylla, Jeanguy Saintus, Aimee Green, Jean-Sebastien Duvilaire.



▲ Castle View High School Spanish Teacher, Cristin Bleess, presents on her "Spanish for Leadership" course at the 2011 Florida Foreign Language Association's Conference in Cape Canaveral.



▲ Richmond Brown, SECOLAS Conference Chair and Ida Altman, History Department Chair at the SECOLAS banquet.



▲ Margarita Vargas-Betancourt and Paul Losch display materials from the Latin American Library Collection at the SECOLAS conference.



▲ Dancing the night away at the SECOLAS banquet.



▲ Carmen Diana Deere, featured speaker Deborah Yashar, and Victoria Condor-Williams enjoying the SECOLAS conference banquet.



ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Archie Carr III (MS Wildlife Ecology & LAS Certificate 1972) recently retired from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) after almost 30 years of service. His accomplishments in the conservation field in Latin America include launching WCS' Belize Barrier Reef program and directing the WCS-led project Paseo Pantera, which evolved into the current, on-going Mesoamerican Biological Corridor Project.

Kristen Conway-Gomez (MALAS & TCD Concentration 1997, PhD Geography 2004) is an Assistant Professor at the California Polytechnic University in Pomona, California where she lives with her husband and two children. She continues her research on human use of river turtles in Bolivia.

Devin Dotson (MALAS 2009) is a Marketing and Online Communications Associate at American Rivers in Washington, DC. Devin's

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Alumni Career Profile:

Meredith Fensom

Meredith Fensom graduated from the JD/MALAS program in 2004 and was the founding director of the University of Florida's Law & Policy in the Americas Program. Ms. Fensom served as Special Assistant in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative's Office of the Americas and has been engaged in many activities over the years analyzing the impact of trade agreements on countries, regions and the world, including publications and speaking engagements throughout the Americas. More recently, Ms. Fensom spent three years managing an agricultural trade business and policy consulting firm, drawing upon her diverse business, legal, government and academic experiences to aid clients in the development of global business and marketing strategies, government relations, and importing and exporting agricultural and industrial products and services. Fensom joined the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) in February 2012 as Director of International Affairs. BIO is the world's largest biotechnology organization, providing advocacy, business development, and communications services worldwide, and Meredith serves as BIO's point of contact for Latin America.

Q&A

What does your current position entail?

MF: In February, I joined the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) as Director, International Affairs, to assist in the development and execution of an international strategic plan, including organizing and conducting advocacy on key international regulatory, reimbursement and trade issues and to serve as the BIO point of contact for Brazil and Latin America. BIO is the world's largest biotechnology organization and represents over 1,100 members engaged in the discovery, development and commercialization of biologically-based products to treat human health, improve agricultural output, and address global industrial and environmental challenges. It is an exciting field!

What do you enjoy most about your job?

MF: The opportunity to learn every day and to work with a variety of sectors in a growing industry. Exposure to multiple regional markets is a welcome challenge, every country is different and our priority markets are some of my favorite places to visit. Whether I'm on the road or in Washington, I'm interacting with people from all over the world.

▼ Meredith Fensom

**How did the Center help you prepare for your career?**

MF: My decision to begin the joint degree program in Law and Latin American Studies came from an interest I have always had in the region. Experiences through the Center have been critical for every job I've had and the MALAS degree has been of great interest to my employers. Studying at the Center led to a Fulbright Scholarship in Chile and the opportunity to return to the University of Florida, working with the Center, to found the Law & Policy in the Americas Program. The Center laid a foundation that has shaped my career and enabled me to incorporate my interests into a profession that I enjoy immensely.

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LABE	Latin American Business Environment Program
LAS	Latin American Studies
MALAS	MA in Latin American Studies
SFRC	School of Forest Resources & Conservation
SNRE	School of Natural Resources & Environment
SPS	Spanish and Portuguese Studies
TCD	Tropical Conservation & Development Program
WEC	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation



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