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This has been a busy (should I say hectic?) but very successful spring semester. Much of the semester was taken up with candidate interviews for three senior

positions in Latin American Studies. The depth and quality of the applicant pool was a testament to the Center's reputation as a national leader in Latin American Studies. We're delighted to have hired three new social scientists: Dr. Susan Paulson (Miami University) will hold a 100% appointment in Latin American Studies; Catherine Tucker (Indiana University) will hold a joint appointment in Anthropology and Latin American Studies; and Robert Walker (Michigan State University) will hold a joint appointment in Geography and Latin American Studies (p. 5). We look forward to welcoming them to the Center!

In addition to the three successful searches, we also held the Center's 63rd annual conference, "Panama Considered" (p. 4). The conference brought together the foremost experts on Panama to discuss the country's past and future from diverse perspectives. Many of the participants (including several alumni) highlighted UF's many contributions and connections to Panama. Moreover, we were delighted that a large number of prominent "Zonians" were able to join us for the conference.

Other highlights of the semester were talks by David Carrasco (Professor of Anthropology, Harvard University), Maxine Margolis (Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, UF), Frank Mora (Director, Latin American and Caribbean Center, FIU), and David Samuels (Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota). Also, Margarita Vargas-Betancourt (Latin American and Caribbean Collection) and Lillian Guerra (History) curated an exhibition inspired by recent donations to the Library's Special and Area Studies Collections, "Revolucionarias: Women and the Formation of the Cuban Nation."

Finally, some of our faculty members received prestigious awards this past semester. Emilio Bruna (LAS/WEC) was selected as a new member of UF's Academy of Distinguished Teaching Scholars in recognition of his outstanding and innovative teaching. Leslie Anderson (Political Science) and Susan Jacobson (WEC) received UF's Doctoral Dissertation Advisor/Mentoring Award. Lillian Guerra (History) was awarded a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation to support her project, *Making Revolutionary Cuba, 1946-1959*. If that wasn't enough, the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) also named Guerra's book, *Visions of Power in Cuba: Revolution, Redemption, and Resistance, 1959-1971* as the recipient of the 2014 Bryce Wood Book Award for the outstanding book in Latin American Studies published in the United States (p. 6).

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“From your victim, Gabriel”:

Remembering

Gabriel García Márquez (1927-2014)

In 1978, I was living in New York City. I had a fellowship that allowed me to finish my doctoral dissertation and work on my first book. Still I had some time to explore the city and meet new friends. One of them informed me that he had found out through another friend who had a friend who was a secretary at Columbia University that the next day Gabriel García Márquez was going to lecture in a creative writing class. Immediately we decided to crash the class. When we got there, we found out that many others had the same idea. The fairly large classroom was packed. I sat on the floor, next to the desk where García Márquez was sitting. He did not lecture, but talked very casually about poetry. He recited several poems from memory, but forgot the

title of one he liked very much. It was a poem by the great Cuban writer José Lezama Lima. I said the title of the poem out loud. He looked down to the side of the desk to where I was sitting, smiled, and thanked me. After the class was over, we had a brief but wonderful conversation about Caribbean literature and music.

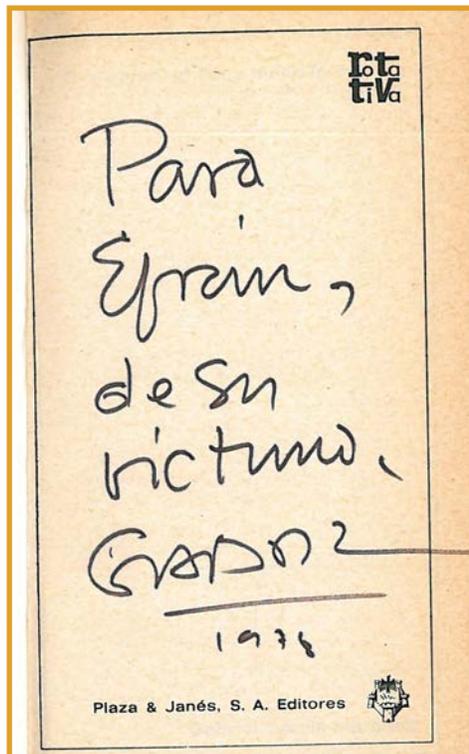
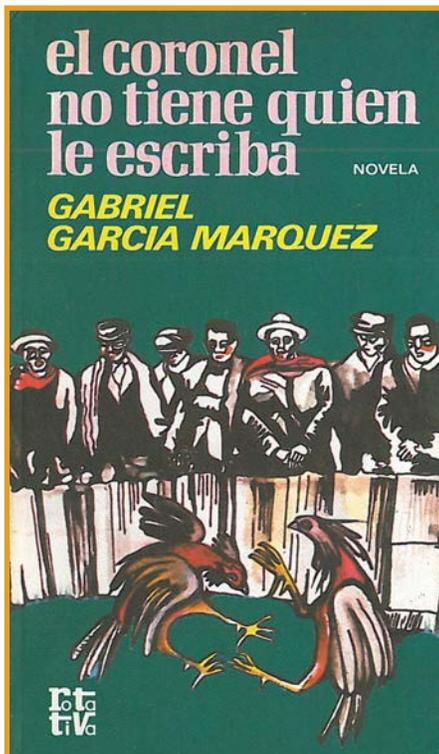
García Márquez knew very well that the following day the number of visitors to the class was going to increase, so he suggested we all meet at Macondo Books, a Spanish language bookstore on West 14th Street. So many fans came to the bookstore that it had to be closed. Nevertheless, we had a chance to speak, and he asked me if I was writing a novel.



I told him I only wrote criticism. He said that writers were the victims of critics, that I should write poems or short stories instead. I defended literary criticism; I told him that without critics writers would be working in a vacuum, that critics construct a literary canon. But he insisted in his idea. I knew that he would not convince me. So I got a copy of *El coronel no tiene quien le escriba*, his favorite novel of all that he had written to that date, and he inscribed it: “Para Efraín, de su víctima, Gabriel, 1978.”

Since then I have treasured the book. Now that García Márquez has died, I have donated it to the Rare Books Collection at Smathers Library. There it will be preserved. I am sure that in the future someone will wonder why he wrote such a strange inscription. I hope this note will make it clear that he was not my victim. But I will always wonder if he was right, if I should have written short stories instead of criticism. Who knows?

Contributed by Efraín Barradas,
Professor of Latin American Studies
and Spanish & Portuguese



Immigration Reform & Beyond?

The 5th Conference on Immigration to the US South

October 23 - 25, 2014

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL USA

The 5th Conference on Immigration to the US South (formerly Conference on Immigration to the Southeast) is a multidisciplinary meeting on immigration to the US South. The conference will also engage in comparative analysis of other regions and bring in transnational and global perspectives. Now that comprehensive immigration reform is back on the legislative agenda, the conference seeks to promote an understanding of the short-term and long-term challenges of immigration reform with an emphasis on finding practical and realistic policy alternatives.

The conference is co-sponsored by the University of Florida's Center for Latin American Studies and the Program for Immigration, Religion, and Social Change (PIRSC); Kennesaw State University Center for Conflict Management; the Jesuit Social Research Institute (JSRI) of Loyola University; and the Centro de Investigaciones Sobre América del Norte of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

**Conference Registration Opens:
August 1, 2014**

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Richmond Brown, Ida Altman, Lauren Krebs, Michael Conniff, and Karen Kainer at the conference opening reception

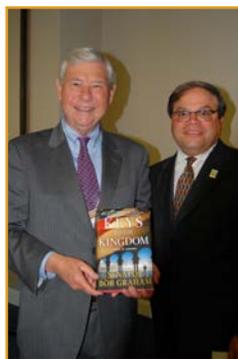
Center's Annual Conference Spotlights Panama

The theme of the Center's 63rd Annual Conference was "Panama Considered: Remembering the Past, Embracing the Future." In part, the conference marked the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal in August 1914.

The conference took place on the UF campus March 19-21, 2014, and featured more than 30 expert presentations on Panama. Highlights included addresses from Jorge Quijano, CEO of the Panama Canal Authority; Dr. Rubén Berrocal, Secretary General of Panama's National Secretariat of Science, Technology and Innovation; Angeles Ramos Baquero, director of the Museo del Canal Interoceánico de Panamá; and historians Julie Greene, author of the award-winning *The Canal Builders* (2009) and Michael Conniff, 2014 UF Bacardi Scholar and the author of



Panama Canal Authority CEO Jorge Quijano with Joe and Beverly Wood



Former FL Governor & U.S. Senator Bob Graham and Matthew Ubben

Panama and the United States (2012). A special evening panel featured former Florida Governor and US Senator Bob Graham, who was joined by former US ambassadors to Panama, Simon Ferro (UF JD, 1978) and Ambler Moss, and was moderated by former Center Director Terry McCoy. Conference presentations focused on such diverse topics as paleontology, geology, forest conservation, finance, tourism, politics, Afro-Panamanian heritage, indigenous peoples, and popular culture.

The conference also served to highlight UF's contributions and connections with respect to Panama, and several of the presenters were UF alumni and faculty. A number of UF scholars work closely with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. The Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH) recently won a multimillion NSF/PIRE grant to fund research and educational outreach in connection with the ongoing canal expansion. As FLMNH scientist and curator Bruce MacFadden explains, the expansion offers a "once in a century" opportunity for scientists. In addition, the UF George Smathers Libraries recently acquired the substantial holdings of the Panama Canal Museum, formerly based near St. Petersburg, Florida, a labor of love for a group of devoted "Zonians" who thought it important to commemorate and preserve the history of the US experience in Panama. The UF libraries have been awarded close to half a million dollars in grant funding to curate the collection and to make it publicly accessible.

Contributed by Richmond Brown, Associate Director of Academic Programs

UF Rising and the Center's New Faculty Hires

The Center for Latin American Studies is pleased to announce three new faculty hires - two of which were made possible through a partnership between the Center and UF's Preeminence Initiative. Building on the Center's status as the oldest and one of the most prestigious Latin American Studies programs in the nation, Latin American Development was chosen as one of the priority areas for the first round of Preeminence funding as part of the university's UF Rising initiative.

For more information, go to:
<http://rising.ufl.edu/facultyFunding/funding.html>



Susan Paulson

Dr. Susan Paulson will be moving to Gainesville from Europe, where she helped to launch a new graduate program in Culture, Power and Sustainability at Lund University, Sweden, and also taught courses on sustainability at Miami University's Luxembourg campus. During seven years at Miami University, Ohio, she directed the Program for Latin American, Latino/a and Caribbean Studies. Paulson earned her PhD in Anthropology from the University of Chicago, and has carried out research in diverse contexts in Latin America looking at interactions among gender, class, ethnicity and environment. Long involved with political ecology, lately she has been engaged with ideas emerging around degrowth, postcolonial and critical race theories, and masculinities. Based in Latin America for 15 years, Paulson taught in graduate programs at CESU in Bolivia, Centro Bartolomé de las Casas in Perú, and FLACSO-Ecuador. Paulson will join UF for the upcoming fall semester as Professor in the Center for Latin American Studies.



Catherine Tucker

Dr. Catherine Tucker is currently Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at Indiana University. Tucker earned her PhD in Anthropology at the University of Arizona and her MA in Anthropology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She is an ecological and economic anthropologist whose research focuses on human-environment interactions in Latin America, using transdisciplinary approaches. Her work integrates interests in institutional analysis, community-based natural resource management, globalization, political ecology, and sustainability. Currently her major research projects address coffee producers' adaptations to market volatility and climate change in Mexico and Central America, and the role of collective action to protect a community-managed forest and watershed reserve in Honduras. Tucker will join UF in the fall of 2015 as an Associate Professor with a joint appointment in the Center for Latin American Studies and the Department of Anthropology.



Robert Walker

Dr. Robert Walker is an economic geographer with a PhD in Regional Science from the University of Pennsylvania and an MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Florida. Most recently, he taught at Michigan State University, and for the past two years has also held a visiting appointment at the Federal University of Pará, Brazil. In the early 1990s, Walker lived in Puerto Rico, where he worked at the International Institute of Tropical Forestry, US Forest Service. Dr. Walker's research focuses on the human drivers of land change, particularly in the tropical forests of South America, where he has studied deforestation, forest transition, forest fragmentation, and land-climate interactions. His personal approach to research involves a combination of field surveys, remote sensing, and spatial statistics. Walker will join UF this fall as a Professor with a joint appointment in the Center for Latin American Studies and the Department of Geography.

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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Lillian Guerra

Dr. Lillian Guerra is a Professor of Cuban and Caribbean History at the University of Florida. She received her PhD in Modern Latin American History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2000 and has been faculty member of UF's History Department since 2010.

This year has proven to be a banner year for Guerra, who won several prestigious awards, both locally and nationally. Guerra has been named the 2014 recipient of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Bryce Book award for her work *Visions of Power in Cuba: Revolution, Redemption, and Resistance, 1959-1971*. The award is given each year to the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English. In addition to LASA's Bryce Book Award, Guerra was awarded the 2014-2015 American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Senior Faculty Fellowship for her project *Making Cuba Revolutionary*:

Hidden Heroes, Public Spectacle and the War that Toppled Batista, 1947-1959, a forthcoming book she considers a prequel to *Visions of Power*. Additionally, Guerra received the 2014 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship and notes that the self-reflective nature of the application made writing the application a very positive experience. She intends to use the fellowship to spend some time in Cuba to continue her writing. Here at UF, Guerra won the UF History Department's 2014 Graduate Teaching Award.



Guerra (middle row, far right) and a group of students at Havana's El Morro fortress, Cuba

On receiving several prestigious awards in the same year, Guerra relates that it was an assurance that the sacrifices she made to write the books were worthwhile. She considers writing to be a refreshing process and looks forward to the opportunity to engage with current



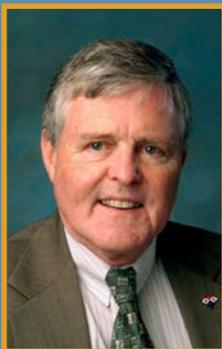
Guerra at the top of a watchtower at Iznaga Plantation near Trinidad, Cuba

graduate students who also will be in the writing phase upon her return from Cuba. When she is not busy writing, Guerra works to strengthen UF's linkages to Cuba by creating institutional agreements through the Center for Latin American Studies, coordinating the exchange of materials with Smathers Library and the Cuban National Library, and organizing student trips to Cuba.

She is currently working on a book about the Cuban Revolution and the political rehabilitation of groups viewed as politically and socially problematic by the communist state.

*Contributed by Amber Jennings
MALAS student*

Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar: Michael Conniff



The Center for Latin American Studies was pleased to welcome Dr. Michael Conniff as the 2014 Bacardi Eminent Scholar. Dr. Conniff is a Professor of history at San José

State University (SJSU) and previously served as founder and director of SJSU's Global Studies Initiative. Dr. Conniff is a prolific scholar of modern Latin American history with a focus on 20th century Brazil and Panama.

In addition to teaching two courses this semester, one at the University of Florida and one at San José State, Conniff has engaged in a number of outreach activities, including lectures on Panama at the University of South Florida and Florida International University. He also presented papers at the American Historical Association and SECOLAS conferences.

At this year's Center for Latin American Studies conference, Panama Considered, Conniff delivered the Bacardi Lecture titled "What happens when the United States gives a small country what it wants?", in which he detailed the storied

relationship between the two countries, calling attention to the success of Panama in its management of the canal since the United States ceded control of the Canal in 1999.

Conniff has published a number of books on modern history, most recently *Panama and the United States* (2012), *A History of Modern Latin America* (2005, with Lawrence Clayton), *Populism in Latin America* (2012), and *Africans in the Americas* (2003, with T. J. Davis).

*Contributed by Lauren Krebs
MALAS student*



Paul Losch, Margarita Vargas-Betancourt, Angie Soto, Jossie Garcia, and Richard Phillips in the newly renovated LACC

Richard Phillips Retiring from the Latin American and Caribbean Collection



Richard Phillips is set to retire May 29, 2014 after 21 years as Head Librarian and Bibliographer of the Latin American and Caribbean Collection (LACC) at the University of Florida. In his two decades at the LACC, he developed the collection, hired a team of LACC librarians and technical assistants, guided materials and staff through multiple moves and remodels,

managed grants, and assisted countless students and faculty with research. Under Phillips' leadership, UF's Latin American and Caribbean Collection ranks among the finest in the world. The Latin American and Caribbean Collection itself is one of a small number in the United States that is housed separately and that maintains its own reading room and reference

services. Phillips oversaw the recent renovations - the LACC is now open in newly renovated quarters on the 3rd floor of Smathers Library. Paul Losch, currently Operations Librarian, has been named the Acting Head of the Latin American and Caribbean Collection upon Richard's retirement.

*Contributed by Lara Lookabaugh
MALAS student*

Emeritus Faculty Receive Recognition for Their Lifelong Work



Martha (MJ) Hardman, Professor Emerita of Linguistics and Center affiliate, was awarded the 2014 Woman of Distinction Award from the Association of Academic Women (AAW). Hardman's

pioneering work in the Andes with the Jaqi languages and work on perception, gender, and violence, a lifelong endeavor that she began in the 1950's as a field researcher in Peru, was recognized by the AAW as "the type of unselfish leadership that is an inspiration to others." M.J. Hardman has extensive publications on Aymara, Jaqaru, and Kawki.



Maxine Margolis, Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Center affiliate, will be awarded the Brazilian Student Association's (BRASA) Lifetime Contribution Award at a ceremony that will be take place at BRASA XII in London in August 2014. Margolis is recognized for her forty-plus years

of extraordinary and unflagging commitment to the mission of BRASA - the promotion of Brazilian Studies in the United States. She pioneered research on Brazilian immigration and raised the profile of Brazil-US relations in the process. Margolis began research on the Brazilian Diaspora a full decade before others had even identified the relevant trends. Dr. Margolis served BRASA in a number of capacities over the years, including taking on leadership roles on various committees.

FACULTY NEWS & PUBLICATIONS

Simone Athayde (TCD/LAS) presented “Amazon Dams Program: Advancing Integrative Research on Socio-ecological Dynamics of Hydroelectricity Production in the Brazilian Amazon” (with S. Bohlman, B. Loiselle, D. Kaplan and J. Dutka-Gianelli) at the 4th UF Water Institute Symposium in February 2014. She is a World Social Science Fellow with the International Social Science Council/UNESCO and Science Case Network Fellow with NSF. Athayde published *Aprendizagem colaborativa, transdisciplinaridade e gestão socioambiental na Amazônia: abordagens para a construção de conhecimento entre academia e sociedade* (with W.L. Bartels, R. Buschbacher, and R. D. R. Seluchinesk). *RBPB*, 10(21): 729-756. She is Principal Investigator on Seed Grant: Integrated Network on Disaster Risk Reduction (IRDR), International Social Science Council (ISSC) and START.

Florence E. Babb (CWSGR) bids farewell to UF this spring to become the Anthony Harrington Distinguished Professor of Anthropology at UNC, Chapel Hill. She is the Associate Editor of the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* and is on the Committee on World Anthropologies. She published *Sexualities in Latin America and the Caribbean*. In *Oxford Bibliographies in Latin American Studies*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. Babb lectured at the University of Bergen in November and gave the keynote, “Gender, Race, and Indigeneity in Andean Peru: Provocations from Decolonial Feminism,” at the UNC-Duke annual conference in February.

Amy Jo Coffey (TEL) was awarded the 2013-2014 Faculty Research Award and the 2013-2014 Faculty Service Award by the College of Journalism and Communications. She will present the paper “U.S. Hispanic Bilinguals: A Qualitative Analysis of Language, Genre, and Viewer Preference” at the World Media Economics and Management Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in May 2014. She was also a featured speaker on a panel, “Student News Aircheck: Español,” in Las Vegas, NV, in April 2014.

Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE) and **Fred Royce** (ABE) co-organized the Symposium on Food Sovereignty: A Dialogue on an Alternative Future with La Vía Campesina, held at UF in January. Deere was a visiting professor at FLACSO Ecuador for the Spring 14 semester.

Silvio J. dos Santos (Music) received the 2014-2015 Scholarship Enhancement Fund Award for his research on Music and Politics of Modernity in Brazil, 1945-1964. He published “Assad, Sérgio”; “Barbosa-Lima, Carlos”; “Carvalho, Eleazar (de);” and “Kampela, Arthur.” In Charles Hiroshi Garrett, ed., *The American Grove Dictionary of*

Music and Musicians, Second Edition. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

David Geggus (History) presented “Saint Domingue, Marronnage, et la Révolution haïtienne” at an international conference in November 2013, *Les marronnages et leurs productions sociales, culturelles du XVII^e-XX^e siècles*, that he helped organize in Saint-Laurent du Maroni, French Guiana. At the Kongo Atlantic Dialogues conference in Gainesville in February he acted as commentator on the panel “Kongo Across the Waters.” He also completed a book, *The Haitian Revolution: A Documentary History*. Cambridge: Hackett (in press).

Susan D. Gillespie (Anthropology) published *Gendering the Hero Twins in the Popol Vuh*. In María J. Rodríguez-Shadow and Susan Kellogg, eds., *Género y Arqueología en Mesoamérica: Homenaje a Rosemary A. Joyce*. Mexico City: Centro de Estudios de Antropología de la Mujer, 2013.

Marta Hartmann (Agricultural Education & Communication) was awarded the Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE) Fellow Award 2013. She was invited to present on “The Role of Gender and Culture in Sustainable Development” at the US Agency for International Development (USAID) and Higher Education for Development (HED) Women’s Leadership Program Partners’ global meeting: “A Shared Vision for Promoting Women’s Leadership through Higher Education” in Kigali, Rwanda, in July 2013.

Ieva Jusionyte (LAS/Anthropology) organized and chaired the panel “In/visible: In/secure” (with D. Goldstein) at the American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting in Boston in April 2014. She presented the paper “States of Camouflage” at the Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago in November 2013 and the paper “Hide-and-seek” at the American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting in Boston in April 2014. She also published *For Social Emergencies ‘We Are 9-1-1’: How Journalists Perform the State in an Argentine Border Town*. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 87(1): 151-182.

Karen Kainer (LAS/SFRC) published *Tradeoffs in Basal Area Growth and Reproduction Shift over the Lifetime of a Long-Lived Tropical Species*. (with C.L. Staudhammer and L.H.O. Wadt). *Oecologia*, 173(1): 45-57; *Is Certification Associated with Better Forest Management and Socioeconomic Benefits? A Comparative Analysis of Three Certification Schemes Applied to Brazil Nuts in Western Amazonia*. (with A.E. Duchelle and L.H.O. Wadt). *Society and Natural Resources*, 27(2): 121-139; *Logging in Bamboo-*

dominated Forests in Southwestern Amazonia: Caveats and Opportunities for Smallholder Forest Management (with C.A. Rockwell, M.V.N. d'Oliveira, C.L. Staudhammer and C. Baraloto). *Forest Ecology and Management*, 315 (1): 202-210.

Joseli Macedo (URP) presented the paper “The Future of International Development Planning: New Paradigms for Pedagogy” (with Gabriella Carolini) at the Rethinking International Planning Education Workshop at M.I.T., in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in May 2013. She presented “Equitable Distribution of Green Space: Urban Parks in Curitiba, Brazil” (with Mônica Haddad) and led the panel “Rethinking International Planning Education” (with Gabriella Carolini) at the joint Association of European Schools of Planning/American Collegiate Schools of Planning - AESOP/ACSP Conference in Dublin, Ireland, in July 2013. Macedo published *Brasília and Putrajaya: Using Urban Morphology to Represent Identity and Power in National Capitals* (with Levu V. Tran). *Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability*, 6(2) 2013: 139-159.

Susan Milbrath (FMNH) published *Seasonal Imagery in the Ancient Mexican Almanacs of the Dresden Codex and Codex Borgia*. In *Das Bild der Jahreszeiten im wandel der kulturen un zeiten*, Thierry Grueb, vol. ed. pp. 117-142. *Morphomata*, Band.7, Gunter Blamberger and Deitrich Boschung Series eds. Wilhelm Fink Verlag, Munich: 2013. She presented the papers “Evidencia de Agro-astronomía entre los antiguos mayas,” and “Coloquio: Relación sociedad-naturaliza entre los mayas” at the Festival Internacional de la Cultura Maya 2013 in El Paisaje, Merida, Mexico, in October 2013.

Gerald Murray (Anthropology – Emeritus) was invited by the Haitian government to give the keynote address “L'évolution du régime foncier en Haiti: Les leçons de l'Anthropologie” at their international conference on land tenure reform in Haiti. He was also invited to teach two summer courses at Sichuan University in China, comparing the evolving social, cultural, and linguistic situation of China with that of the Caribbean and Latin America.

Charles A. Perrone (SPS) published “Laudas, Lances, Lendas e Lembranças: Haroldo na Austineia Desvairada.” In *Transluminura* [São Paulo] (2013); “A força dos elos da ‘Corrente’.” In Rinaldo Fernandes, ed., *Chico Buarque: o Poeta das Mulheres, dos Desvalidos e dos Perseguidos: Ensaio sobre a mulher, o pobre e a repressão militar nas canções de Chico*. São Paulo: LeYa, 2013; “Happy Birthday, Here's to Career Achievement.” In Maria Lucia Guimarães de Faria and Godofredo de Oliveira Neto, eds., *Secchin:*

uma Vida em Letras. Rio de Janeiro: Editora UFRJ, 2013; translations of poems by Antonio Carlos Secchin in *Malpafés Review* 4.1 (2013) and *Antologias ABL*. Rio de Janeiro: Academia Brasileira de Letras, 2013. Perrone was lead author in Series 4 of p.o.w. with “halves and have nots.” Edinburgh, Scotland: Unit4art, 2014.

Mary Risner (LAS) published *The Business of Languages in the Classroom Today: A Model for K-12 Professional Development* (with Linda Markley). *Global Business Languages*, 18: 121-130.

Richard Stepp (TCD) published *Pedagogy and Botany of the Columbian Biological Exchange: The 1491 Meal*. In C.L. Quave, ed., *Innovative Strategies for Teaching in the Plant Sciences*. New York: Springer Press, pp 154-160. He contributed to *Measuring Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Does Knowledge Mean Skill?* (with E.P. Kightley, V. Reyes-García, K. Demps, R. Magtanong, V. Ramonez, G. Thampy) *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine*, 9: 71; *Emergent Risks and Key Vulnerabilities. Fifth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014; *Toward a Mechanistic Understanding of Linguistic Diversity* (with Gavin, M., C.A. Botero, C. Bowers, R.K. Colwell, M. Dunn, R.R. Dunn, R.D. Gray, K.R. Kirby, J. McCarter, A. Powell, T.F. Rangel, M. Trautwein, J.L. Verdolin, and G.Yanega). *BioScience*, 63(7): 524-535.

Maya Stanfield-Mazzi (SAAH) published *Introduction to Part I: Time and Its Transformations from the Old World to the New*. Special Issue of *Religion and the Arts on Christianity and Latin American Art*, 18 2014: 5-10; *Cuzco Miter. Initiative for the Study of Materials and Visual Culture of Religion*, Yale University, 2013. <http://mavcor.yale.edu/conversations/object-narratives/cuzco-miter>.

Diego Valderrama (FRE) and Richard Spagna (FRE) presented the paper “Shellfish Aquaculture in the Caribbean Sea: Investigating the Feasibility of a Regional Model for Scallop Production” at the 106th Annual Meeting of the National Shellfisheries Association in Jacksonville in April 2014.

Denis Valle (LAS/SFRC) published a response to the critique by Hahn et al. entitled *Conservation and Malaria in the Brazilian Amazon*. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*, 90(4): 595-596.

Preparing Students for the Global Workplace: A Webinar Series

This semester, the Center for Latin American Studies launched “Preparing Students for the Global Workplace” through the Network of Business Language Educators (NOBLE) learning community. Since the series’ inauguration in December 2013, Associate Director Mary Risner has hosted two sessions each month with participants and presenters from both K-12 and post-secondary positions. The webinars are designed to connect educators interested in developing innovative ways to prepare students for global careers through language and culture studies. Sessions have addressed topics such as building a career abroad, developing a high school “Spanish for Leadership” course, teaching practical application skills in “Spanish for Healthcare” courses, and using case studies in the foreign language classroom.

The series has featured guest speakers from throughout the United States, as well as Chile and Spain. Cristin Bleess, a webinar speaker and high school Spanish teacher in Colorado, felt that “doing the webinar was a great way to connect with other teachers who

are interested in integrating business concepts into their language class.” University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Spanish professor Annie Abbott also commented on the benefits of participating in the webinar sessions. “As one of the webinar presenters and a regular attendee, I enjoyed being able to share ideas with people outside my usual network in a comfortable, flexible and free space...I always come away with something: a new resource on the internet to explore, a teaching activity

to try in my own classes, and a new name to add in my list of colleagues who work on languages for specific purposes (LSP).” The NOBLE community and webinar series were recently featured in the National Capital Language Resource Center “Business Language Column” and can be accessed here: http://nclrc.org/teachers_corner/business_language.html

*Contributed by Adam Reid
MALAS student*

UF’s Brazilian Portuguese Club

The UF Brazilian Portuguese Club (BPC) is an organization that provides opportunities for students studying Portuguese to practice their language skills in a fun and relaxed environment. BPC meets every Wednesday at 5 p.m. near the Starbucks at the HUB. Each week, students have the opportunity to use their Portuguese and meet Brazilians at UF, many of whom are in Gainesville as exchange students through the Brazilian Scientific Mobility Program.

This year has been an active one for the BPC. In the fall, the organization held a Brazilian churrasco at Lake Wauburg with over 50 attendees. The students were able to try typical Brazilian food, listen to Brazilian music, and of course, play futebol. In the spring semester, BPC organized a Brazilian lunch where students had the chance to try empadão (a chicken pot pie) and pão de queijo or cheese bread. Due to the interest in the events this year, BPC hosted another churrasco in the spring to continue

promoting the study of the Portuguese language and the culture of Lusophone countries.

For more information on BPC and to find out about events, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/25946617146/?fref=ts>.

*Contributed by Carol Movshowitz
BPC President*



ALUMNI CAREER PROFILE: Ed Johnson



Mr. Johnson has worked the last eight years at Deloitte Consulting and is currently a Senior Manager responsible for commercial strategy, including pricing and profitability management in consumer products. Previous to his tenure at Deloitte Consulting, Mr. Johnson worked as a Financial Analyst at Johnson & Johnson Vision Care and as a Research Analyst at the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Johnson earned dual MALAS/ MBA degrees in 2006 from UF's business school and the Center of Latin American Studies. His specialization in the MALAS program was Latin American Business Environment and his MBA specialization was Finance and Strategy. He received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Spanish from The College of William and Mary. Since 2011, Mr. Johnson has served on the advisory board of the Center for International Business Education and Research at the University of Florida.

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

Deloitte is a professional services firm with many facets, such as auditing and tax preparation. However, I work for Deloitte Consulting, specifically the strategy consulting division, specifically doing consulting for consumer packaged good companies. Most of my projects focus on helping them grow profitably through better pricing, in-store promotions, and customer incentives.

There are plenty of large food and beverage companies in Latin America, from beer and soda companies to packaged snack companies, and most countries have 1 or 2 major national players as well as the typical international firms that do business there (Coca-Cola, Kraft, Nestle, etc). I have done consulting in the US, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina, as well as the Caribbean. Over the course of my career, about half of the work I have done is related to Latin America.

How did your interest in Latin America lead you to a career in consulting?

When I was hired by Deloitte, they were excited about my international background and my experience in Latin America. Deloitte was definitely interested in my ability to speak Portuguese and knowledge of Brazil and Latin America. The research you do as a student is pretty similar to consulting. I continuously have to conduct research and use my findings to come up with the best solutions to my clients' problems.

How did a MALAS degree help you in your career?

The opportunity I had to study Portuguese and my specialization in Latin American Business Environment helped me understand more of the culture and professional environment of the region. The research I had to do as a MALAS student was important to expand my knowledge of issues such as the political and economic environment, the business culture, and the opportunities available in the region. When you have more knowledge about a topic, it gives you more credibility when speaking to clients. Hence, the MALAS degree was crucial for my development as a professional.

ALUMNI News & Notes

Erica Felker-Kantor (MALAS 2011) received a second graduate degree (MPH) in Public Health from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health where her research primarily focused on Nicaragua and Haiti. She currently works for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in the Haiti office and plans to pursue a doctoral degree this coming year.

Ana S.Q. Liberato (MALAS 2001) is an associate professor with University of Kentucky's Department of Sociology. She recently published the book *Joaquín Balaguer, Memory, and Diaspora*.

Steven Minegar (MALAS 2010) is a Partnership Manager in the Miami office of AFEX (Associated Foreign Exchange), a global payment and risk management solution company.

Spring 2014 Graduations

Undergraduate LAS Minors & Certificates

Dylan Attal (Spanish)
Sara Awartani (History)
Michael Bird (Finance)
Samantha Baraoidan (Agricultural & Life Sciences)
Jasmine Bensinger (Psychology/Portuguese)
Matthew Boles (Spanish and Portuguese)
Samantha Bonenclark (Spanish)
Chloe Burke (Political Science)
Jeffrey Butensky (Linguistics)
Joane Cadet (Biology)
Anthony Castro (Women's Studies)
Mariana DeVita (Political Science/History)
Martina Faillace (Political Science)
Thomas Fairbanks (Business Administration)
Brittany Finkelstein (Portuguese)
Rongeline Francois (Religion)
Carley Fuller (Agricultural & Life Sciences)
José García (Political Science)
Aminta Gleim (Spanish)
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Gaston Gros (Political Science)
Constance Hackler (English)
Hollie Harrison (Portuguese)
Chrsitine Joesbury (History)
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José Pérez (Interdisciplinary Studies/LAS)
Lissette Porticarrero (Political Science)
Megan Ratiano (Anthropology)
Valeria Segui (Anthropology)
Spencer Smigielski (Anthropology)
Wilmide Vernet (Civil Engineering)
Kathleen Warman (Psychology/Spanish)
Gage Ziehm (International Studies)

Graduate LAS Certificates

Stephanie Borios (Anthropology)
Cristóbal González (Sociology)
Flavia Leite (Sociology)
Elisabet Liminyana Vico (Spanish)
Danny Pinedo (Anthropology)
José Tovar-Aguilar (Anthropology)

MALAS Degrees

Berthrude Albert

Specialization: Development Studies
Advisor: Ben Hebblethwaite (LLC)
Thesis: Linguistic Apartheid

Sarah Benton

Specialization: Development Studies & URP
Advisor: Charles Wood (LAS)
Thesis: (Un)safe and (In)secure at Home: Variations in Residential Security in Brazil

Thiago Cunha

Specialization: Development Studies
Advisor: Carmen Diana Deere (LAS)
Thesis: Paradise in the Andes: the Recent Migration of Americans to Cuenca, Ecuador

Adam Reid

Specialization: History
Advisor: Lillian Guerra (History)
Thesis: Borders and Bridges: Negotiating Ethnic and National Identities in Argentina's Anarchist Movement, 1890-1930

MDP Degrees

Leandra Clough

Specialization: African Studies
Advisor: Brian Child (CAS/Geography)
Capstone Field Practicum: Situational Analysis of Mangalene, Mozambique for a Community-Based Natural Resource Project

Taryn Devereaux

Specialization: Gender and Development
Advisor: Carmen Diana Deere (LAS)
Capstone Field Practicum: Gender Dynamics in the Adoption of Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices: A Case Study in Cauca, Colombia

Jessica Jefferson

Specialization: Global Health
Advisor: Rick Rheingans (CAS/Environment and Global Health)
Capstone Field Practicum: Soy Capaz! Plus: Integrating Environmental Stewardship into Health Outreach (Peru)

Antonia Lliteras

Specialization: Gender and Development
Advisor: Marianne Schmink (LAS)
Capstone Field Practicum: Effects of Leadership Training on Self-Efficacy and Equal Access Skills for High School Students: Today for Tomorrow (Paraguay)

MDP Degrees (cont.)

Sebastian Pazmino

Specialization: Nonprofit Organizational Leadership
Advisor: Christina Gurucharri (Landscape Architecture)
Capstone Field Practicum: Tierra Despierta: A Social and Physical Study of the Agriculture Land in Santa Cruz, Galapagos, Ecuador

José Juan Pérez Orozco

Specialization: Sustainable Agriculture
Advisor: Danielle Treadwell (Horticultural Sciences)
Capstone Field Practicum: Understanding Farmers' Challenges and Evaluating Impacts of a Sustainable Agriculture NGO in Communities of Southern Guatemala

Daniel Stirling

Specialization: Global Health Education
Advisor: Rick Rheingans (Environment and Global Health)
Capstone Field Practicum: Health Barrier Analysis in Toledo, Belize

Raina Zantout

Specialization: Global Health
Advisor: Jeffrey Ullman (Agricultural & Biological Engineering) and Sandra Russo (UFIC)
Capstone Field Practicum: Analysis of Human Health Risks Linked to Irrigation with Treated Wastewater in Oued Souhil, Tunisia, and Gender Roles in Agriculture

Student Funding 2014 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, 28 students from 10 different departments 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:

- Boonstra Family Research Fellowship
- Carol French Doughty Memorial Fund
- Center for Latin American Studies grant overhead
- Charles Wagley Research Fellowship
- Panama Canal Museum Research Fund
- TCD Ford Foundation Endowment
- Tinker Foundation

The Center would like to congratulate the following students on their 2014 field research awards. Each student, their degree program, and country where they will conduct their field research is listed below.

Alice Alonso (PhD ABE) Costa Rica
Arianne Boileau (PhD Anthropology) Belize
Marlón Carranza (PhD Anthropology) Honduras
Farah Carrasco Rueda (PhD SNRE) Peru
Nathalie Cooper (MS SFRC) Brazil
Katherine Cummings (MS SNRE) Panama
Petra Cunningham-Smith (PhD Anthropology) Belize
Jorge García (PhD Anthropology) Colombia
Elizabeth Getman (MALAS) Guatemala
Cristobal González (MA Sociology) USA
Matthew Hallett (PhD SNRE) Guyana
David Hanson (PhD Geography) Grenada
Xavier Haro Carrion (PhD SNRE) Brazil
Amber Jennings (MALAS) Brazil
Lara Lookabaugh (MALAS) Mexico
Amanda Monroe (MALAS) Mexico
Flavia Montano Centellas (PhD WEC) Bolivia
Claudio Moraga (PhD SNRE) Chile
Mauricio Nuñez Regueiro (PhD SNRE) Argentina
Sebastián Palmas Pérez (PhD SNRE) Mexico
Anna Porter (MALAS) Bolivia

Yasmin Quintana Morales (MS SNRE) Guatemala
Caitlin Schroering (MALAS) Brazil
José Sclofsky (PhD Political Science) Brazil
Ana Silva (MALAS) USA
Joanna Troufflard (PhD Anthropology) Brazil
Marcela Varona (MA Art History)
David Vázquez Hurtado (PhD Spanish & Portuguese Studies) Spain

2014 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Recipients

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

Wagner Braga (BA) Portuguese
Kerri Blumenthal (PhD) Quechua
Clarissa Felima (MPH) Haitian Creole
Sarah Kennedy (PhD) Quechua
Bryan Weaver (BA) Portuguese



Field Research Clinic & Poster Session 2014

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Tropical Conservation and Development (TCD) Program awarded 25 field research grants for UF graduate students to carry out master's thesis and pre-dissertation fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean in 2013. Held at Smathers Library East on February 28, the 12th annual Field Research Clinic (FRC) gave students the chance to learn about the various research projects sponsored by the Center and TCD, and to stimulate debate with students from a broad range of disciplines. The clinic also provided an opportunity for grant recipients to showcase their work 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 Richmond Brown (LAS), Pilar Useche (LAS/FRE), and Denis Ribeiro do Valle (SFRC).



Field Research Clinic: Pictured left to right: (back row) Ronit Amit Rojas, Philip Williams, Eshe Lewis, Skyler Simnitt (front row) Christina Callicott, Sarah Kennedy

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.

2014 POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS



Grand prize winner Sarah Kennedy

Grand Prize

Changing Food Practices During Spanish Conquest in Peru

Sarah Kennedy, Anthropology (MA)

1st Prize Master's Level

En las montañas se oye cantar: Music and Shamanism in Peru

Christina Callicott, Anthropology

2nd Prize Master's Level

Manufacturing Empowerment?

Skyler Simnitt, MALAS

1st Prize PhD Level

Intimate Partner Violence Among Afro-Peruvian Women

Eshe Lewis, Anthropology

2nd Prize PhD Level

Rancher's Motivations to Prevent Damage by Jaguars and Pumas in Costa Rica

Ronit Amit Rojas, Wildlife Ecology
and Conservation

Honorable Mention

Tropical Ecology and Conservation from Above: Aerial Insights into Tree Species Diversity in a Tropical Agricultural Landscape

Sarah Graves, School of Forest and
Resource Conservation (MS)

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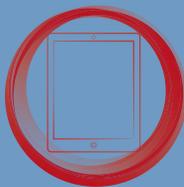
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