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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

In my last President's Corner I want to comment on the Latin American study abroad program I participated in for six weeks between the end of August and the beginning of October. Augustana College, once every three years, takes a group of roughly seventy students to Latin America for three months. This year we visited Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and Mexico. Within each country the students spent time in numerous cities. In Ecuador we visited Quito, Otavalo and Cuenca. In Peru, Lima and Cusco. In Brazil, Brasília and Maceió. In Mexico, Mexico City, Cuernavaca and Puebla. In addition to the students, four faculty from Augustana College travel with the group to teach courses. This year there were courses on Latin American Politics (myself), Fiber Sculpture, Intercultural Communication and Ethnozoology. The sites and activities are structured around the courses so in Maceió we visited the coral reefs of Maragogi and the rain forest in Peru for Ethnozoology, we spoke to the Vice-President of Ecuador and toured Brasília for Latin American Politics, and in Ecuador we went to the famous Otavalo indigenous market and saw weaving demonstrations in Salasaca for Fiber Sculpture.

The above description is a small sample of the many activities, sites and presentations students experienced during these three months. I had never participated in a study abroad program, as a student or a faculty, so I was in the same situation as most of the students. And I can honestly say that this has been one of the most powerful experiences of my life. Not only because of the program activities, which were wonderful learning opportunities, but also because of the interaction with the students, whom I got to know very closely and who also shared with me the wonders of learning about these cultures (their societies, economics, and politics) and who were able to reflect on what they were seeing, hearing and feeling and grow as people from this experience.

For years, I have strongly encouraged students to study abroad. This was always based on my experience living in Brazil during my teenage years and from what I had heard from students who had been a part of study abroad programs. Having participated in the Augustana College Latin American foreign term I know I will be an even stronger advocate for study abroad programs that allow students to learn about other cultures and in the process learn more about themselves and their own country.

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Term begins at the fall conference, November 3.

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CONFERENCES & CALL FOR PAPERS

40th anniversary
North Central Council of Latin Americanists
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, Minnesota
November 3-4, 2006

1966 - 2006
Four Decades of Art, Culture, and Society in Latin America
an interdisciplinary conference

Conference information can be downloaded from
<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CLACS/nccla/conferences.html>

CALL FOR PAPERS The Association of Academic Programs in Latin America and the Caribbean (AAPLAC) seeks proposals for papers and panels for its 18th Annual Conference in New Haven, Connecticut, in conjunction with the Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies of the MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies at Yale University. The conference will run February 22–24, 2007.

Please submit proposals for panels and/or abstracts of papers to:
Rebecca Clouser
AAPLAC President &
Assistant Director for
Programs in Latin America and Spain
Institute for Study Abroad, Butler University
1100 West 42nd Street, Suite 305
Indianapolis, IN 46208
E-mail: rclouser@butler.edu

Phone: 800-858-0229

Deadline for submissions of proposals for panels or abstracts is **October 15, 2006**.

For more information about AAPLAC, please visit our Web site:

www.aaplac.org

In 2007 the **University of Nebraska at Omaha** will be host for two major conferences:

The Missouri Valley History Conference will celebrate in March 1-3, 2007 its 50th birthday in Omaha, NE. Major events are planned for the MVHC golden anniversary. See:

<http://www.unomaha.edu/mvhc/index.html>

The Third Cumbre of the Great Plains will assemble in Omaha, NE 26-29 April 2007. Its theme "Understanding Immigration and the Changing Communities of the Americas." Please consider individual or group participation by submitting proposals. See:

http://www.unomaha.edu/ollas/Cumbre07call_for_papers.pdf

CALL FOR PAPERS. Society of Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS) Conference
Adventurers, Emissaries and Settlers: Ireland and Latin America in conjunction with the Fifth Galway Conference on Colonialism at the National University of Ireland, Galway, 27-30 June 2007.

The Society of Irish Latin American Studies (SILAS, www.irlandeses.org) was founded in July 2003 to promote the study of relations between Ireland and Latin America. The range of interest of the Society spans the settlement, lives and achievements of Irish migrants to Latin America and their descendants, the contemporary presence of Ireland in the life and culture of Latin America and the presence of Latin Americans in Ireland.

The Society invites papers on any aspect of the multitudinous connections between Latin America and Ireland from academics and the general public in disciplines such as history, geography, politics, literature and linguistics.

Abstracts (c.500 words) should be sent by email to the conference organizers, to arrive no later than **November 1 2006**. Should you wish to attend the conference without presenting a paper, please register by sending your details to the organizers by 1 April 2007.

Contact details:

Organizers:

Oliver Marshall oliver.marshall@brazil.ox.ac.uk

Claire Healy clairedhealy@yahoo.com

SILAS Secretary:

Edmundo Murray edmundo.murray@irlandeses.org

CALL FOR PAPERS - 2007 CONFERENCE *Beyond Visibility: Rethinking the African Diaspora in Latin America* **University of California-Berkeley** March 1-2, 2007.
Abstract Submission Deadline: **November 3, 2006**

Organized by the Afro-Latino Working Group at UC Berkeley's Center for Latin American Studies, we aim to create a forum for graduate students to dialogue with established scholars whose work explores the African Diaspora in Latin America. We invite abstract submissions from current graduate students on a diverse array of topics and disciplinary orientations that are both theoretical and empirical in content.

500 word abstracts should be submitted to the organizing committee via email as word documents or PDF files. Please **submit abstracts by November 3, 2006**. Submissions should include the abstract, current contact information, presentation title and current C.V. Accepted authors will be notified by December 15, along with full submission guidelines for papers and/or presentations. Full papers are due on January 5. All papers and presentations must be available in English. Papers will be made available through the Center for Latin American Studies.

Submissions and inquiries should be sent to afrolatinogroup@berkeley.edu or via USPS to Vielka C. Hoy, Afro-Latino Working Group, 660 Barrows Hall, #2572, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Please check our website regularly for updated conference and registration information: <http://www.clas.berkeley.edu:7001/Research/workinggroups/groups/afrolatino.html>

CALL FOR PAPERS, PANELS AND WORKSHOPS (Visit <http://caso.usfq.edu.ec>) **The Colonial Americas Studies Organization (CASO) and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito** request proposals for papers and/or panels for the *Third International Interdisciplinary Symposium* to be held in Quito, Ecuador, from the 5th to the 8th of June of 2007.

The symposium seeks to explore the multiple colonial experiences in the Americas and to promote interdisciplinary debate among specialists in the colonial histories of the Americas. We request panel and paper proposals dealing with the colonial empires in North and South America, including the British, Spanish, French, Dutch, and Portuguese empires. Proposals presenting comparative visions between different empires or regions, or studies dealing with exchanges that transcend geographic and cultural borders, are especially encouraged.

Panel and/or paper proposals should be sent to caso@usfq.edu.ec no later than **January 31st, 2007**. Proposals must specify the general themes to which they ascribe, as well as the name and institutional affiliation of all applicants.

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The International American Studies Association (IASA) announces its Third World Congress, 20-23 September, 2007, University of Lisbon, Portugal, on the topic of *Trans/American, Trans/Oceanic, Translation*.

Announcement and Call for Papers can be found at:

<http://www.iasaweb.org/conferences.html> and/or

http://www.iasa2007.eu/congress_papers.html

Conference participants must be members of IASA. Membership information at WWW.IASAWEB.ORG

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

Princeton University Program in Latin American Studies Fellowships, 2007-2008

The Program in Latin American Studies (PLAS) at Princeton University invites applications for research fellowships. These fellowships will be awarded to outstanding Latin Americanists interested in devoting a semester or academic year in residence at Princeton University. Fellowships are open to scholars in all disciplines, with preference given to applicants from Latin America. A doctoral degree is required, although exceptions may be made for persons with exceptional experience and achievement in their fields. For more information about the Program in Latin American Studies, we encourage applicants to visit the PLAS website: <http://www.princeton.edu/~plas/>. Fellows will be appointed for either one or two semesters during the academic year, 2007-2008. Salary will be determined by academic rank and duration of award; appointment rank will be dependent on seniority and current affiliation.

To Apply

Follow the instructions at: <http://www.princeton.edu/plas>

The application deadline is **Friday, November 3, 2006**.

Awards will be announced no later than February 1, 2007.

The John Carter Brown Library will award approximately thirty Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. Sponsorship of research at the John Carter Brown Library is reserved exclusively for scholars whose work is centered on the colonial history of the Americas, North and South, including all aspects of the European, African, and Native American involvement. See:

http://www.brown.edu/Facilities/John_Carter_Brown_Library/pages/fr_resfellow3.html

The **deadline** for submission of application materials is **January 10, 2007**; all materials must be postmarked no later than that date. Announcements of Fellowship awards will be made in mid-March, 2007.

The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida will again offer Library Travel Research Grants for Summer 2007. These awards are funded by a grant to the Florida Consortium for Latin American and Caribbean Studies from the U.S. Department of

Education Title VI National Resource Center program. Their purpose is to enable faculty researchers from other U.S. colleges and universities to use the extensive resources of the Latin American Collection in the University of Florida Libraries, thereby enhancing its value as a national resource.

As many as 12 awards of up to \$750 each will be made to cover travel and living expenses. Awardees are expected to remain in Gainesville for at least one week and, following their stay, submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project and offer suggestions for possible improvements of the Latin American Collection. Researchers' work at the Latin American Collection may be undertaken at any time during the summer, starting May 15th, but must be completed by August 14, 2007. At least one grant will be made to a scholar from a Florida college or university.

Application Procedure

To apply for a Library Travel Grant, send a letter of intent, brief library research proposal, travel budget and a curriculum vitae to:

Patricia Sampaio
358 Grinter Hall
P.O. Box 115530
Gainesville, FL 32611-5530
Tel: 352-392-0375 ext. 806 Fax: 352-392-7682
E-mail: psampaio@latam.ufl.edu <<mailto:psampaio@latam.ufl.edu>>

The deadline for all application materials is March 01, 2007.

For more information on the Library Travel Grant, write to the above address or call (352) 392-0375.

Applicants must be US citizens or permanent residents.

BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

Mexican Modern Masters of the 20th Century. Essays by Luis-Martin Lozano and David Craven. The first great social movement of the century erupted with the Mexican Revolution of 1910. When the dust had settled, it was the artists and intellectuals who were called upon to articulate a new vision for the country's future, and thus began the Mexican renaissance that exuberantly brought together modernism with the cultural identity of a new nationalism. Presented in this catalogue are well-known artists such as Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, and David Alfaro Siqueiros along with important works by artists less well-known and Mexican women artists such as Frida Kahlo, María Izquierdo and Olga Costa. Paperbound with Flaps: \$29.95, ISBN 0-89013-490-1/978-0-89013-490-0. Museum of New Mexico Press, Tel 1-800-249-7737 www.mnmppress.org

Corruption in Cuba: Castro and Beyond by Sergio Díaz-Briquets and Jorge Pérez-López. While Fidel Castro maintains his longtime grip on Cuba, revolutionary scholars and policy analysts have turned their attention from how Castro succeeded (and failed), to how Castro himself will be succeeded—by a new government. Among the many questions to be answered is how the new government will deal with the corruption that has become endemic in Cuba. Even though combating corruption cannot be the central aim of post-Castro policy, Sergio

Díaz-Briquets and Jorge Pérez-López suggest that, without a strong plan to thwart it, corruption will undermine the new economy, erode support for the new government, and encourage organized crime. In short, unless measures are taken to stem corruption, the new Cuba could be as messy as the old Cuba. ISBN-10: 0-292-71321-5, ISBN-13: 978-0-292-71321-5 \$55.00, hardcover, no dust jacket , ISBN-10: 0-292-71482-3, ISBN-13: 978-0-292-71482-3, \$21.95, paperback. University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713, Tel 1-800-252-3206, www.utexas.edu/utpress.

Banana Cultures: Agriculture, Consumption, and Environmental Change in Honduras and the United States by John Soluri. Bananas, the most frequently consumed fresh fruit in the United States, have been linked to Miss Chiquita and Carmen Miranda, "banana republics," and Banana Republic clothing stores—everything from exotic kitsch, to Third World dictatorships, to middle-class fashion. But how did the rise in banana consumption in the United States affect the banana-growing regions of Central America? In this lively, interdisciplinary study, John Soluri integrates agroecology, anthropology, political economy, and history to trace the symbiotic growth of the export banana industry in Honduras and the consumer mass market in the United States. ISBN-10: 0-292-70957-9, ISBN-13: 978-0-292-70957-7, \$60.00, hardcover, no dust jacket, ISBN-10: 0-292-71256-1, ISBN-13: 978-0-292-71256-0 \$21.95, paperback. University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713, Tel 1-800-252-3206, www.utexas.edu/utpress.