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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

We are now less than five months away from our annual NCCLA conference. As you already know this conference marks our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and I am greatly looking forward to seeing you at Minnesota State University, Mankato on November 2-4. As part of our anniversary celebration Mexican specialist and former NCCLA president Roderic Camp has agreed to give the keynote address on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The timing of our conference also concludes an extremely intense twelve-month period in Latin America. >From roughly the end of October 2005 to the beginning of November of this year, in no less than thirteen countries in the region voters will have gone to the polls to select presidents or to decide on the composition of the national legislature (and in many cases both). The list includes the more prominent cases of Mexico, Brazil, Colombia and Chile as well as the less US media-covered cases of Haiti, Honduras, Costa Rica and El Salvador. To date, in some cases voters showed their inclination to favor the incumbents and their policies (Chile for example) while in others the results clearly indicated widespread mass dissatisfaction with the outgoing government (Bolivia). In December 2005, Bolivians put into the presidency Evo Morales, who recently sent shockwaves through the region by declaring his intention to nationalize the Bolivian gas industry. The upcoming elections in Mexico will serve in part as a referendum on the PAN-led government of Vicente Fox and there are signs that Mexicans will follow the direction of other Latin American countries and choose a left-of-center president. In October, Brazilians will decide the fate of President Lula and his corruption-tainted administration.

Elections such as these are important because they are the quintessential component of democracies. Elections take place in part to allow citizens a chance to render their opinion on the shape and direction of public policy and are

vitaly important to the quality and strength of a democracy. The act of selecting among competing alternatives represents one of the most important responsibilities of citizens.

The NCCLA also provides the opportunity for members to help shape the direction of our institution by having annual elections to vice-president, secretary/treasurer, communications and membership chair, nominations chair, and program chair. Not unlike general elections, very few members of the NCCLA take the time to vote in these elections, held every year in the summer. In addition to my plea for you to vote in the upcoming NCCLA election I would also like to encourage you to think about submitting your name for one of the positions above. Please feel free to contact me or any member of the executive committee if you would like more information on the responsibilities associated with any of these positions.

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To vote online, go to:  
[www.uwm.edu/Dept/CLACS/nccla/forms/callnominations.html](http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CLACS/nccla/forms/callnominations.html)

#### 2005-06 NCCLA Executive Committee

President: Mariano Magalhães (Augustana College)  
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Past President: María Arbeláez, (University of Nebraska-Omaha)

CONFERENCES & CALL FOR PAPERS
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*40<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

## **North Central Council of Latin Americanists**

*Call for Papers*

**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*

NCCLA invites proposals for panels, round tables, and papers from all disciplines that address the conference theme. Interdisciplinary and comparative analyses are most welcome. Proposals may focus on any region and may be written in English, Spanish or Portuguese. Teaching panels concerning pedagogical strategies, teaching and learning methods, and in-class or long distance innovative approaches are especially invited.

The conference will feature a variety of special events in honor of NCCLA's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary including a keynote address by Dr. Roderick Ai Camp (Claremont McKenna College).

*Some suggested topics:*

- The Latin American Literary "Boom" and its Legacy
- Democratization and Neo-Liberalism
- Reflections of Latin America in Contemporary Cinema
- Mobilizing the People: Social Movements, Liberation Theology, and Evangelicals
- Cultural Studies and its Contribution
- The Pursuit of Justice: Dirty Wars, Human Rights and Truth Commissions
- From Che to Presidents "Lula" and Evo: The Transformations of the Latin American Left
- Indigenous and Afro-Latin American Organizations

Proposals (250-300 word abstracts) must be submitted by **July 15, 2006**. Please enclose a cover sheet stating professional affiliation, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of each participant. Please also state need for audiovisual support. E-mail submissions are encouraged.

Graduate and advanced undergraduate students are encouraged to participate. Up to six student travel grants of up to \$150 each are available. Grants are for full-time students who are not professionally employed. An application can be found at <http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CLACS/nccla/awards.html>.

Conference presenters are eligible for NCCLA Research and Teaching Awards (see following)

***Send abstracts and proposals to:***

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<http://www.uwm.edu/Dept/CLACS/nccla/index.html>

**NCCLA Research and Teaching Awards**

In order to promote good scholarship and to recognize the accomplishments of our members, the Executive Committee of the NCCLA voted in 1984 to institute a program of annual cash awards for work in three areas of scholarship. The amounts of these awards are subject to annual approval by the Executive Committee; it is expected that prizes will be awarded every year in all categories where materials have been submitted for presentation at the conference except when compelling reasons can be shown for not doing so. Only conference participants are eligible to submit materials for consideration.

Every effort will be made by the Awards Committee to announce the winners of awards at the annual meeting. Those individuals who want their work considered should submit it to the Awards Committee (via the Program Chair) **by October 1, 2006** as an email (Word) attachment.

The following awards are available:

**The Raquel Kersten Professional Research Award**

A \$150 award may be given for a research work dealing with Latin American Studies in any relevant academic area. Papers will be judged first, as to their contribution to new knowledge of Latin America, secondly, on the thoroughness and appropriateness of research and methodology, and thirdly, on the style or form of presentation. Papers may be submitted in English, Spanish, or Portuguese and must be unpublished when submitted.

**Professional Teaching Award**

A \$150 award may be given for an effort in the field of teaching Latin American Studies. This effort can entail the development of audio-visual materials, curriculum materials, theoretical or practical papers, or any other project designed to improve the teaching of Latin American Studies. Projects may be directed towards the primary, secondary or university level, or for the education of the general public.

**Student Research Award**

A \$150 award may be given to a research paper submitted by a student currently enrolled at an institution of higher education. Papers will be judged on the same basis as the professional research awards.

**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.

Paper topics might include but are not limited to:  
Intercultural Communication  
Ethnography  
Evaluating the Impact of the Study Abroad Experience  
Reflective Practices

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](mailto: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](http://www.aaplac.org)

**SUBMISSIONS.** The editors of **Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe (EIAL)** are currently seeking submissions to a special issue (2007) dedicated to a re-consideration of humor in the Spanish-speaking Caribbean and its diaspora communities. All germane topics will be considered, but special attention will be given to essays that explore: the gender dynamics of humor as practice and discourse; the uses of humor in race-making and class demarcation; and humor in expressive culture, including spectacles.

Submissions from all disciplines are welcome in English and Spanish. Please, send manuscripts to guest editor Reinaldo L. Román. Materials should be sent as email attachments to [rroman@uga.edu](mailto:rroman@uga.edu) in MS Word or rich text format only. The **deadline** for submissions is **August 1, 2006**.

EIAL is a peer-reviewed publication of the Instituto de Historia y Cultura de America Latina, Tel Aviv University; recent issues may be reviewed online at <http://www.tau.ac.il/eial/>.

**SEEKING POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTORS FOR FORTHCOMING  
Encyclopedia of United States-Latin American Relations.**

Potential contributors are sought for the 2-volume, 800,000 word Encyclopedia of United States-Latin American Relations scheduled for publication in early January 2008 by the Francis/Taylor Group, the reference division of Routledge Publishers.

Interested persons should refer to the projects website for listing topics, related details and, answers to the most frequently asked questions:

<http://www.routledge-ny.com/enc/USLatinRelations>.

For assignment consideration please submit via email a maximum one page vitae (listing relative courses taught and publications) to

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## FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

### **CTFS Research Grants Program**

The Research Grants Program of the Center for Tropical Forest Science (CTFS) of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute is intended to provide opportunities for senior researchers, post-doctoral fellows, and graduate students to support research associated with the CTFS network of Forest Dynamics Plots. Anyone working directly in a Forest Dynamics Plot (FDP), analyzing data from a plot, or generating complementary data that strengthens FDP research programs is eligible to apply. Projects can be field-oriented, laboratory-based, or analytical, and scientifically, basic or applied in nature. Grants range from \$3,000-\$15,000, though a small number of post-doctoral grants (up to \$40,000) may be given. The CTFS Grants Program will make awards for projects three months to three years in length.

Grant proposals should include a Research Proposal (not to exceed 1500 words), a list of collaborators, curriculum vitae, proposed referees, and a detailed budget.

Note: This grants program has been changed to an annual cycle. Submissions will be accepted yearly on the last Friday of July. The next **deadline** for applications is **July 28, 2006**.

E-mail: [ctfslist@stridc.si.edu](mailto:ctfslist@stridc.si.edu)

Fax: 202.786.2819

www: <http://www.ctfs.si.edu>

### **Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage**

**Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowships, 2004-2007**

**"Theorizing Cultural Heritage"**

The fellowships at the Center ([www.folklife.si.edu/opportunities/fellowships\\_RF.html](http://www.folklife.si.edu/opportunities/fellowships_RF.html)) will help expand and refine theoretical frameworks for cultural heritage to include grassroots voices. From the perspectives of academic specialists, civil society groups, and public cultural organizations, fellows' work will inform dialogue and practice across social, political, and disciplinary boundaries, as well as indicate future directions for policy. The primary focus of 2006-07 fellowships is the relation between cultural heritage and the arts.

Six to eight humanities fellowships will be awarded and include a stipend in addition to an allowance for travel to and from Washington, D.C., as necessary, for the residency. Applicants need not be U.S. citizens to be eligible, and approximately half of the fellows will be drawn from outside the United States.

Please note that these fellowships are not intended to support undergraduate and graduate studies or research. (Graduate students may wish to apply through the Smithsonian Institution Fellowship Program and may visit the section above for more information.)

**Application:** Submit a letter of interest (not to exceed three pages), in English. This letter should outline the proposed work and how it will further the theoretical development of the concept of cultural heritage in relation to cultural pursuits. Applicants should attach a resume or C.V. and include the proposed dates of the residency. Based on letters of interest a limited number of applicants will be notified by February 25, 2005, and invited to submit full proposals. **Full proposals** will be **due April 1, 2005**, for the 2005-06 fellowships.

**Term:** six weeks to five months, between September 1, 2006, and July 31, 2007

**Deadline for Letter of Interest: January 15, 2006**

Letters of interest and resumes/C.V.s may be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

James Early or Carla Borden  
Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage  
Smithsonian Institution  
P.O. Box 37012  
Victor Building, Suite 4100, MRC 953  
Washington, DC 20013-7012, U.S.A.  
Fax: 202-275-1119  
E-mail: [culturalheritagefellows@si.edu](mailto:culturalheritagefellows@si.edu)

(Note: The address to use for express mail services is 750 9th Street N.W., Washington, DC 20001.)

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant Director  
Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
University of Notre Dame

Manages externally funded projects including monitoring expenses and approving payments, coordinating grant implementation and reporting. Assists with efforts to identify and secure external funds including research and preparation of grant proposals. Oversees administration of high-profile Visiting Fellowship program including publicity, selection process, appointments, visa documentation, orientation, academic integration, evaluation, and follow-up for approximately 20 Visiting Fellows and Guest Scholars per year. Shares responsibility for financial management of a well-endowed research Institute including overseeing and approving operational expenditures and working with Associate Director and Staff Accountant to produce financial reports and annual budget. Assists with human resource management for the Institute including supervision of two staff members.

Masters degree required. Must have a minimum combined 5 years experience, preferably in a university setting, in one or more of the following areas: grant administration, project management, program development, financial/operations management, supervision of personnel. Knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese, international experience, and/or background in the social sciences highly desirable. Ability to handle multiple tasks and deadlines, exercise independent judgment, and work closely and productively with directors, faculty, and staff in a fast-paced team environment is required. Outstanding organizational and leadership skills are essential. Excellent oral and written communication and interpersonal skills, and strong cross-cultural communication skills are a must. The ideal candidate would be an individual who exceeds the minimum qualifications and brings a combination of exceptional talent, skills, training, and experience to this important position.

Salary range: \$48,000-\$65,000 depending on qualifications and experience.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies is a highly successful center for comparative social science research at a leading Catholic university. The Institute historically has focused on Latin America but supports interdisciplinary scholarship on its thematic priorities regardless of region. For further information on the Kellogg Institute, please visit our website (<http://kellogg.nd.edu>). The University of Notre Dame is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

To apply, please send a letter detailing your relevant experience and interest in the position, a CV, writing sample, and three letters of recommendation to: Sharon Schierling, Associate Director, Kellogg Institute, 130 Hesburgh Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556. We will begin reviewing

applications immediately and will continue accepting applications until the position is filled.

## BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS

The Aztecs, the Conquistadors, and the Making of Mexican Culture by Peter O. Koch. Tracing events from the discovery of the New World through the fall of the Aztec empire in 1521, this book discusses the battles between the Spanish explorers and the Aztecs—battles that culminated in the ruin of a civilization. The first half of the work alternates between Aztec and Spanish history, discussing events and motivations on each side as the two cultures expanded toward one another on their way to inevitable conflict. ISBN 0-7864-2252-1 2006 \$39.95 softcover McFarland & Company, Inc., Publishers, Box 611, Jefferson NC 28640. Tel: 336-246-4460 Orders only Tel 800-253-2187 Orders only FAX 336-246-4403 <http://www.mcfarlandpub.com>.

The Bolivian Diary, The Authorized Edition by Ernesto Che Guevara with introduction by Fidel Castro. Che Guevara's famous last diary, found when he was captured in October 1967 and which became an instant international bestseller. Newly revised, with a preface by Che's son Camilo and extraordinary unpublished photos, this is the definitive, authorized edition. ISBN 1-920888-24-1 \$16.95 TP (English) Ocean Press. Available from Consortium Book Sales & Distribution, 1045 Westgate Dr., Suite 90, Saint Paul, MN 55114-1065. Tel 1-800-283-3572, FAX 651-221-0124 <http://www.cbsd.com>.

When States Kill, Latin America, the U.S. and Technologies of Terror edited by Cecilia Menjívar and Néstor Rodríguez. Since the early twentieth century, technological transfers from the United States to Latin American countries have involved technologies of violence for social control. As the chapters in this book illustrate, these technological transfers have taken various forms, including the training of Latin American military personnel in surveillance and torture and the provision of political and logistic support for campaigns of state terror. The human cost for Latin America has been enormous. Organized by region, the essays in this book address the topic of state-sponsored terrorism in a variety of ways. Together, all the essays exemplify how technologies of terror have been transferred among various Latin American countries with particular attention to the role that the United States, as a "strong" state, has played in such transfers. ISBN 0-292-70647-2 (hardcover) \$55.00, ISBN 0-292-70679-0 (paperback) \$22.95. University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713, Tel 1-800-252-3206, [www.utexas.edu/utpress/books/menwhe.html](http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/books/menwhe.html).