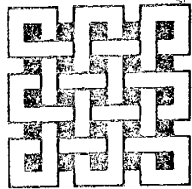


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# LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

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**SECOND NATIONAL MEETING:** The Executive Council continues to receive invitations from universities interested in assisting LASA in the sponsoring of the Second National Meeting in the latter half of April, 1970. Institutions which wish to extend an invitation but which have not done so, are asked to communicate with the Secretariat at their earliest convenience.

**AREA STUDIES PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:** Members of the Committee were elected in February by the Institutional Representatives of the some 250 colleges and universities from among their own number. They are: For term: January 1, 1969 – December 31, 1971: DR. CHARLES W. ANDERSON, Director, Ibero-American Area Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin 53706; DR. MARTIN NEEDLER, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106; DR. ROBERT POTASH, Head, Department of History, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, 01003. For term: January 1, 1969 – December 31, 1970: DR. ROBERTO ESQUINAZI-MAYO, Director, Institute of Latin American & International Studies, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508; PROF. JOHANNES WILBERT, Director, Latin American Center, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90024. For term: January 1 – December 31, 1969; DR. WILLIAM E. CARTER, (Chairman), Director, Center for Latin American Studies, 450 Main Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32601; DR. JOAN CIRUTI, Chairman, Department of Spanish, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts 01075. Alternates for 1969 are: PROF. JOHN D. HOAG, Chairman, Latin American Studies Committee, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado 80302; DR. WILLIAM P. McGREEVEY, Chairman, Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, 260 Dwight Way, Berkeley, California 94720. For the Executive Council: DR. JOHN J. JOHNSON, Director, Center for Latin American Studies, Bolivar House, 532 Alvarado Row, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305; DR. JOSEPH GRUNWALD, The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The Committee met in Washington on April 4 to draft its program and meets again on May 23-24 at the University of Colorado to review suggestions and recommendations from the participating institutions on projects and proprieties. Institutional Representatives are urged to forward their suggestions and recommendations to the Chairman, or to the Executive Secretariat, on a continuing basis.

**GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Dr. John J. Johnson (Stanford U.) succeeds Dr. Stanley R. Ross (U. of Texas) as Chairman of the Committee for 1969. Dr. Ross remains as a member of the Committee, replacing DR. LAURA NADER (U. of California, Berkeley). Dr. Thomas Skidmore (U. of Wisconsin, Madison) replaces Dr. Lyle McAlister, who is out of the country on sabbatical. President Augelli, Vice-President Johnson, and the members of the Washington Sub-Committee met with the Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs, Hon. Charles Meyers, to discuss ways and means of establishing channels of communication between the Bureau and LASA, on April 11. The next day Drs. Augelli and Johnson joined other scholars for a meeting with National Security Advisor Henry Kissinger.

**SCHOLARLY RESOURCES COMMITTEE:** DR. NETTIE LEE BENSON (U. of Texas) replaces Mr. Stanley West as a member of the Committee. The acquisitions guide to Latin American materials for librarians, which is the Committee's main project, now includes some 2,000 entries. Work on the manual by the staff of the Hispanic Foundation continues steadily.

**REGIONAL COUNCILS AND ASSOCIATIONS;** LASA activated a new Committee on Regional Council Liaison at the November, 1968, meeting. The Chairman for the 1969-1971 term is DR. RICHARD A. JOHNSON, Trinity University, No. 221, Station 715, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Some representatives are current Presidents of the Associations, while other councils have "permanent" representatives, such as the Inter-American Council of Washington D.C. (Middle Atlantic), the oldest such council, which is represented by DR. HOWARD F. CLINE, Director, Hispanic Foundation, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

**CURRENT REGIONAL PRESIDENTS ARE:**

**Pacific Coast:** Dr. David Feldman, President  
Dept. of Foreign Lang. & Lit.  
California State College at Fullerton  
Fullerton, California 92631

**Rocky Mountain:** Dr. Arthur Campa, President  
Dept. of Modern Languages  
University of Denver  
Denver, Colorado 80210

**Southwest:** Dr. Harvey Johnson, President  
Department of Foreign Languages  
University of Houston  
Houston, Texas 77004

**Midwest:** Dr. Frank T. Bachmura, President  
Department of Economics  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana 47406

**Southeast:** Dr. Eugene R. Huck, President  
Department of History  
West Georgia College  
Carrollton, Georgia 30117

**Mid-Atlantic:** Dr. John Finan, President  
Inter-American Council of Washington, D.C.  
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**Northeast:** inactive

Representatives met several times at the 1st National Meeting last November and again in March at the time of the Southwest Council's excellent program on the occasion of the Centennial of Trinity University in San Antonio. Southeast's (SECOLAS) annual meeting at Gainesville was very well attended, had exceptionally fine papers on the general topic of "The Aspects of Latin American Development," and featured Dr. Charles Wagley's outstanding talk entitled, "What Ever Happened to Ariel?", which he promises for publication soon.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE;** DR. ROBERT MEAD, Chairman, Department of Romance Languages, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut 06268, is chairman of the Committee, assisted by DR. WILLIAM E. CARTER of the University of Florida and DR. CLARK REYNOLDS, Associate Professor of Econ., Food Research Institute, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305. Preliminary ballots will be circulated to Members about October 15 in order that the Constitutional provision allowing six weeks for other nominations for the final ballot may be observed.

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON STUDIES OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY;** Implementing a resolution of the November Business Meeting, the Executive Council approved the naming of the following scholars to this new committee: Dr. Joseph Kahl (Chairman), Department of Sociology, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri 63130; DR. DONALD BRAY, Department of Government, California State College, 5151 State College Drive, Los Angeles, California 90032; DR. RICHARD FAGEN, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, Stanford, California 94305; DR. JOSEPH GRUNWALD, The Brookings Institution, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20036; DR. KENNETH KARST, School of Law, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90024; MR. RICHARD SCHAULL, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; MR. ALFRED STEPAN, The Rand Corporation, 1700 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90406.

The Committee hopes to meet before the end of May for preliminary discussions on procedures and models to be used in initiating the studies, as well as the themes for the proposed evaluative reports.

**LANGUAGE AND AREA STUDIES PROGRAM REVIEW:** The Office of Education and the Social Science Research Council have initiated a review of language and area studies programs. The review is being conducted by Sociologist Richard D. Lambert, Director, South Asian Regional Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania. As the project's Director puts it, "There is a very weak empirical base for many of the judgments made about the purpose and importance of area studies." The Lambert Project expects to remedy this weakness through a comprehensive study of area programs throughout the United States. An essential product may be a series of "ideal" area programs for the various world regions, regarding the subject matter, the quality of the students, the training given the student, the career line and contribution of the graduate.

The Lambert Project designates five areas for data gathering: individual area studies programs, individual area specialists, individual graduate students, the published product of area studies, and the organizational super-structure of such studies. Some preliminary surveys have already been made, some institutions have been asked to provide detailed program data and some analyses have been made of already available program descriptions. A portion of the survey is being conducted from available data, while much detailed information is being requested by questionnaires from faculty, graduate students, professional membership lists, scholars in cross-cultural and inter-disciplinary undertakings, and, finally, the "interested public" with a high professional competence and area concern.

Professor Lambert is especially interested in an analysis of area studies publications in an attempt to evaluate their impact upon the Social Science Disciplines. To further the growth of coordinated programs, the Project is examining professional standards, the changing emphasis of area studies programs, the function of such programs, and indications of overlap with other area centers or disciplinary associations. Evidence of interaction between area studies programs and personnel in U.S. business and government is of special concern.

The Lambert Project is a massive undertaking to gather materials for the consolidation of a natural history of the development of area studies programs. When you receive your questionnaire, please complete it promptly and return it to the Secretariat. Should you not get a questionnaire, please ask for one immediately. Should you know of someone who SHOULD complete a questionnaire, send us the name, or urge the scholar to write us directly.

**RESEARCH SUPPORT:** The American Institute of Free Labor Development, 1925 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006, announces support (transportation and maintenance) for professors and students having a special research interest in Labor who would be interested in participating as observers at the periodic, two-week seminars which it sponsors for visiting Latin American labor leaders. AIFLD also has a program for students and professors of partial support for overseas research for periods up to six months. For additional information, write Mr. Charles B. Wood, Director of Education at the Institute.

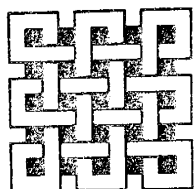
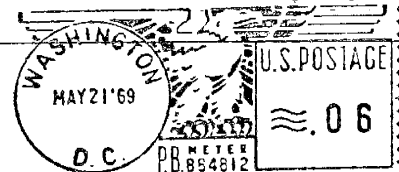
Scholars and doctoral candidates interested in possible overseas, summer research opportunities in Central and South America in the Social Sciences, including Institutional History, may wish to place *curricula vitae* on file – without cost or commitment – with a private, educational foundation; *i.e.*, the Latin American Institute, 1518 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Longer-term research proposals in the U.S. and special projects in Spanish-speaking minorities are also considered.

**PUBLICATIONS:** Just out is *Latin American Newspapers in United States Libraries, A Union List*, compiled by Steven M. Charno and published for the Conference on Latin American History by the University of Texas Press. Another recent volume is the *Author Index to the Handbook of Latin American Studies, Numbers 1-28, 1936-1966*. The University of Florida Press is the publisher.

**FOURTEENTH SALALM:** The 14th Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials will be held at the Condado Beach Hotel, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 17-20, 1969. The Seminar is being co-sponsored by the Caribbean Regional Library – Caribbean Economic Development Corporation, the Pan-American Union, and the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus. Special attention is being given to the collection of materials in science and technology. For additional information: Paulita C. Maldonado de De la Torre, Caribbean Regional Library, Box 1058, 452 Ponce de León Avenue, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

Preceding the SALALM on June 14-16, the proposed Association of Caribbean University and Research Libraries will meet for the first time, also in San Juan. This new Association is being sponsored by the Association of Caribbean Universities, which Association was itself formed at a meeting of the heads of the Caribbean Universities held at the University of Puerto Rico last November 21-23. Inter-library cooperation is the main theme of the meeting to which non-University libraries in the area are also being invited. Mr. Donald Wisdom of the Hispanic Foundation will be the observer for the Library of Congress and will report on the meeting in the *L. C. Information Bulletin*.

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