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President's Report

by

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I am very pleased to report that LASA has received a grant from The Ford Foundation to initiate a new program of Junior Lecturing Fellowships for the next two Congresses. The grant will allow each of 23 junior scholars from Latin America to visit and lecture at a U.S. university either preceding or following the LASA Congresses. Members were sent a mailing regarding these new awards in early March. My congratulations to Past President Lars Schoultz who worked untiringly to develop and secure the funding for this new initiative.

Plans for the Atlanta '94 Congress are proceeding well ahead of schedule under the capable direction of Program Chair Edna Acosta-Belén (SUNY-Albany). We made a special effort to appoint the new Program Section Chairs by the time of the 1992 Congress so that the outgoing and incoming Program Committees would have the opportunity to meet in Los Angeles, and to evaluate the new, decentralized, LASA Congress program structure. Several new procedures have thus been introduced for the Atlanta Congress as noted in Edna Acosta-Belén's mailings and columns in the *LASA Forum*.

I am very pleased to announce that the Local Arrangements Committee for Atlanta '94 will be chaired by Jennifer McCoy (Georgia State University) and Tommie Sue Montgomery (Agnes Scott College). They will be joined by other Atlanta-based colleagues in planning a full range of activities and support services for the March 10-13, 1994, meetings.

For the 1994 Congress, we have set up a new, separate Finance Committee to lead fund-raising efforts for travel support for Latin American participants. I am extremely pleased that Mark Rosenberg (Florida International University) has agreed to serve as Chair of the Finance Committee

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Progress Report

from the

LASA '94 Program Committee

by

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Plenary panels and special sessions on global change and democratization in Latin America, the protection of the environment, NAFTA and economic integration, women's participation in the restructuring of the economy and in reconceptualizing human rights struggles, art exhibits, our traditional film festival, and other cultural activities—these are only a few highlights of the Atlanta Congress.

As this issue of the *LASA Forum* goes to press, LASA '94 Program Section chairs are hard at work preparing the proposal and travel award recommendations they will make to the Program Office at the University at Albany, SUNY, by mid-May. They will send out notifications on panel/paper acceptance to the membership shortly after their decisions are made. Please note that after June 1, 1993, you should direct all of your program inquiries or change requests *directly to the Program Office* and not to the Section Chairs. Congress program scheduling information will not be available until September 1993.

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President's Report continued

for the Atlanta '94 Congress. Working with him on fund-raising for international travel will be Jenny Lincoln (Georgia Institute of Technology), Johanna Mendelson (American University), Mitchell Seligson (University of Pittsburgh), Margaret Crahan (Occidental College) and Rose Spalding (DePaul University).

The demand for support for travel to LASA Congresses always has outstripped the supply. Three-hundred seventy-five Latin American participants requested support for the 1992 Congress, but funding was available for only 148. Our goal for the 1992 Atlanta Congress is to raise sufficient funds for 200 awards. For that meeting, we are exploring new funding sources for international travel, including Atlanta-based corporate foundations and corporations, and Latin American foundations. Nonetheless, fund-raising for Congress travel will continue to be one of our most challenging tasks as an association.

While the first few months of my presidency have focused upon arrangements for the Atlanta '94 Congress, an important issue before the Executive Council (EC) has been the site for our fall 1995 Congress. LASA usually negotiates a Congress site some three years in advance of the meetings, the minimum time considered necessary in the convention field for an organization of our size to secure preferred dates and favorable hotel room rates.

At the September, 1992, Los Angeles EC meeting we chose Denver as the site of our fall 1995 Congress. Subsequently, Colorado voters passed Proposition #2, a proposition which *overturns* local ordinances (such as ones enacted by the cities of Denver, Boulder and Aspen) protecting against discrimination in employment, housing, health and welfare based on sexual orientation. A national-level boycott of Colorado in protest of Proposition #2 was then organized by the major national lesbian/gay/bisexual organizations, led by the Denver-based "Boycott Colorado, Inc." group—a boycott which has now been widely endorsed.

After several months of careful deliberation, the EC decided to cancel plans to hold LASA's fall 1995 Congress in Denver and to join the national boycott of Colorado in support of equal rights. A number of issues were taken into consideration: 1) the financially responsible decision for us to take, given the uncertainties surrounding the fate of Proposition #2; 2) how LASA should relate to what is clearly becoming a central civil rights issue of the 1990s; 3) how support for the civil rights of lesbians/gays/bisexuals in the U.S. relates to our work in Latin America; and 4) our alternative 1995 Congress sites.

After extensive consultation, it became evident that a good number of LASA members would boycott a meeting in Colorado if Proposition #2 were still in effect in 1995. Moreover, although an appeal was filed by the Mayor of Denver and the Governor of Colorado, challenging the constitutionality of Proposition #2 in November, and a temporary injunction was granted against its enforcement in January, the earliest that Colorado courts might rule on this appeal is October 1993. To complicate matters, the Governor of Colorado changed his earlier position—due to political pressure—and he then filed an appeal against the injunction. To make a long story short, the fate of Proposition #2 is in a legal morass which may not be settled before LASA would assume significant financial obligations to the Denver '95 Congress site.

In joining the national boycott of Colorado over Proposition #2, we also seek to 1) show our support for the equal rights of LASA's lesbian/gay/bisexual members; 2) join the growing national consensus among professional and scholarly organizations in support of equal rights (e.g., among those groups boycotting Colorado is the National Education Association); and 3) adhere to our long-standing commitment to the protection of human rights and academic freedom throughout the Hemisphere. Negotiations with various hotels have begun and a new venue for the 1995 meeting will be announced soon.

Now to a related issue—the criteria for choosing LASA Congress sites. Even before the Colorado boycott became an issue, the Executive Council had asked Vice President Cynthia McClintock to chair a subcommittee of the Executive Council on site selection criteria for future Congresses. She, along with Susan Eckstein and Gil Merckx, have been hard at work on a questionnaire to be sent out to the membership this spring. We hope that with your input we will be able to make optimal decisions about congress sites subsequent to the 1995 meeting.

Turning to another matter, the LASA Executive Council has approved the creation of two new Task Forces: a Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Paraguay and a Task Force on Latino issues. Their composition and mission statements are included in this issue of the *LASA Forum*.

Since I have received a number of queries regarding how LASA Task Forces and Working groups are formed, I wish to clarify this procedure and also to note the difference between Task Forces and Working Groups. The principal goal of LASA Task Forces is to deal with national or international professional issues—such as problems of scholarly relations or participation—which reflect the conduct or development of Latin American studies. Outside of standing committees, Task Forces are normally the most

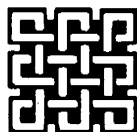
enduring, official representatives of LASA. Groups whose principal goal is to advance research or teaching on specific interdisciplinary themes or topics of special importance to Latin American studies may be designated as LASA Working Groups.

Proposals for new Task Forces and Working Groups should be submitted to the LASA president and must be approved by the Executive Council. The chairs and members of Task Forces are appointed by the LASA president for a term coinciding with the presidential term. Prior to each Congress, the LASA vice president solicits volunteers among the membership to serve on Task Forces through the *LASA Forum*. Whereas the membership of Task Forces is usually kept small (to ensure effective communication and decision-making), membership in LASA Working Groups has tended to be open to all those interested (i.e., subscription to a newsletter). Working Groups have sometimes elected a steering committee to assist the chairperson in carrying out the work of the group.

The work of LASA Task Forces and Working Groups is reviewed at each Congress meeting of the EC. During the coming year, the Executive Council will also be undertaking a review of the guidelines in the hope of making the renewal practices and appointment procedures for those various groups more consistent.

One final point: LASA has always encouraged Task Forces and Working groups to sponsor panels and workshops at the Congresses. The new, decentralized program section structure has resulted in a certain overlap among the foci of some, but, not all, of the Task Forces and Working Groups and a program section. I want to stress that these two LASA structures are "relatively autonomous." LASA Task Forces or Working Groups are not entitled to their "own" program track; program sections for each Congress are to be determined by the LASA Program Chair and Committee, in consultation with the President-elect and EC.

From my correspondence I know that many members would like to be better informed about LASA's decision-making processes and practices. I hope that this column has addressed some of your concerns. ■



LETTER

To the Latin American Studies Association:

Reference is made to your letter of February 1993, and the enclosed Resolution on Human Rights Violations Against Mexicans and Central Americans in the United States.

Governor King has always supported the rights of citizens against abuses and mistreatment of any foreign or domestic parties and he will continue that policy in the future.

We do support the resolution and we applaud your efforts in this regards.

John M. Garcia
Deputy Chief of Staff
March 16, 1993 ■

Attention LASA Members:

For questions regarding delivery of the *Latin American Research Review*, including missed or delayed issues, please contact *LARR* directly. Questions should be directed to Nita Daly, Subscription Manager, *LARR*, Latin American Institute, 801 Yale NE, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. Telephone: (505) 277-7043.

For questions regarding delivery of the *Journal of Latin American Studies*, including missed or delayed issues, please contact the *Journal* directly. Questions should be directed to Harry Florentine, Journals Marketing Manager, Cambridge University Press, 40 West 20th St., New York, NY 10011.

For questions regarding delivery of the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, including missed or delayed issues, please contact the *Bulletin* directly. Questions should be directed to Geraldine Billingham, Social Sciences and Humanities, Pergamon Press, Pergamon Press plc, Heading Hall, Oxford OX3 0BW, ENGLAND.

Please direct all other inquiries, including questions about the *LASA Forum*, to the Secretariat.

Program Committee continued

For those of you who rely on LASA travel support, please be patient. Decisions on travel support greatly depend on LASA's fund-raising efforts and these funds are always limited. Information on the Junior Lecturing Fellowships, a new LASA travel support initiative, has been mailed to you by the Secretariat and this travel award program is also described in the President's Report, this issue of the *LASA Forum*.

We know that candidates for travel awards need to know about support decisions early, in order to request visas and make travel arrangements. Please be assured that once we know the extent of funding available to LASA, we will do our best to make travel support decisions as fairly and expeditiously as possible. *By November of 1993 we intend to notify all candidates for travel awards of the outcomes of their requests.* The LASA Secretariat at the University of Pittsburgh will handle all arrangements regarding Junior Lecturing Fellowships and other travel support awards. Please note that under no circumstances will awards be made to candidates who have not supplied all information requested on the application forms.

I take this opportunity to also ask your support in notifying the Program Office at the University at Albany of any unexpected changes in your panel information, names and addresses of participants, etc. in order to ensure that you get our mailings in a timely fashion and that we produce an accurate Congress Program.

We look forward to your participation in LASA '94 and thank you for contributing to the success of the Congress.

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For your information, the Program Committee has established the following schedule:

May 15, 1993 Deadline for Section Chairs to submit their draft program schedules and travel priorities to the Program Chair.

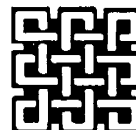
June 1, 1993 Deadline for submitting proposals for Special Events to the Program Office.

September 1993 Notification of final decisions on all proposals. Preliminary Congress Program schedule to be announced.

November 1993 The LASA '94 Congress Program Schedule to be published. Travel award decisions to be announced.

January 31, 1993 Deadline for submitting panel changes to Program Office to appear in Congress Program Supplement. Deadline for submitting any revised audiovisual equipment requests.

March 1, 1994 Deadline for panel participants to submit their written papers to LASA and to their session organizers/ chairs, fellow panelists, and discussants. ■



LASA '92 PAPERS

More than 400 panel and workshop papers from LASA '92 are still available from the Secretariat. See the last issue of the *LASA Forum* for the listing and for order information.

ADDITION

The following is an addition to the list of XVII Congress Papers Available:

Pastor Jr., Manuel. External Shocks and Adjustment in Contemporary Cuba.

CORRECTION

Please note the following author correction in the list of XVII Congress Papers Available. The name of the second author was inadvertently omitted.

Barrón, María Antoinetta and Emma Zapata Martelo. Política de apoyo crediticio para la creación de microempresas para la mujer rural en México.

How the Hispanic Division Can Save You Time and Improve Your Research

by

Cole Blasier

Chief, the Hispanic Division, Library of Congress, 1988-1993

Many Latin Americanists are unaware of the many ways the Hispanic Division at the Library of Congress can support your work. Getting what you want to know can be a complex, bewildering, and frustrating process. Reference librarians and area specialists are trained to ease the way. Remember, you can telephone them, write them, or come in.

Subject Searches-*Handbook of Latin American Studies*

After searches by known authors and titles are exhausted, the main road to wanted information is through subject searches. Probably the easiest first step is to consult the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, published annually since 1936 by the Hispanic Division and covering books and articles published in and about Latin America and the Caribbean. Searching by major discipline, and within that, by country or region, is the simplest way to go. Every entry is annotated so you can get a good idea whether you want the source without actually requesting it. The *Handbook* has been alternating annually between the humanities (including history) and the social sciences.

If you want material since the latest volume, you may consult the *Handbook* database which may be accessed in the Division itself or by visiting one of the 24 libraries, mostly state libraries, which are part of the LC Direct system. This is a new system but Librarians who have been briefed will help you access the database. You can find out the LC Direct participant Library nearest you by calling (202) 707-5522.

The database will include not only entries scheduled for publication in the *Handbook* but also entries which were not found appropriate for publication in hard copy. Currently, the not-yet-published and the never-to-be-published entries total about 22,000. The annual volumes contain about 5,000 entries each.

Remember that the database for all information since volume 50 can be accessed not only by subject, but also by key-word searches. Electronic tapes first became available in 1992 beginning with volume 50, and plans are now underway to make the database available on CD-ROM. This issue of the *Forum*, page 19, contains additional material about the *Handbook*.

Hispanic reference librarians will do their best to respond to telephone requests to access the *Handbook* database. Time permitting, Hispanic Division librarians may prepare from the *Handbook* and other databases short subject bibliographies requested by telephone.

Serials

The Library has thousands of newspapers and magazines from the Luso-Hispanic world, past and present. SALALM's Latin American Microfilming Project includes annual reports of Latin American government ministries from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, now being microfilmed and stored in the collections. When complete, the project will contain 109 titles on more than 2,000 reels of microfilm. These are a rich source of official data and contemporary insight on a broad range of developments in many nations.

Pamphlets

In recent years, the Hispanic Division has played an active role in the Library's effort to reduce arrearages. A large part of the Division's work has been devoted to making available the Division's pamphlet collections. The first of these, entitled *Mexican and Central American Political and Social Ephemera 1980-1991*, soon will be accessible on Microfilm in the Microform Reading Room. Collections which are in process and should become available there in the next few years include *Luso-Hispanic History, Politics, Society, and Culture, 1821-1945*, *Government Resistance, Society and Culture in the Luso-Hispanic World, 1921-1992*, and the *Luis Dobles Segreda Collection* of 3,845 Costa Rican pamphlets from the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. The scope and magnitude of these collections will constitute an important contribution to scholarship on Latin America. Already available to the public are microfilm collections entitled *Brazil's Popular Groups, 1966-1986* and the *Collection of Spanish Plays*.

Non-Book Formats

One of the most important non-book formats, prepared in the Hispanic Division, is the *Archive of Hispanic Literature on Tape* (AHLLOT). The Archive contains audio and video tapes of the leading writers of Latin America, including

Jorge Luis Borges, Octavio Paz, Gabriel García Márquez, and many others. These can be consulted in the Library and three audio tapes (containing recordings of Gabriela Mistral, Julio Cortázar, and Eduardo Carranza/Germán Pardo García) are offered for sale by the Library.

You may be able to greatly enrich your work by using the many other formats at the Library of Congress. Hispanic Division librarians can help you find them, even though they, themselves, do not actually serve most non-book formats. Current information on Latin America can be found in the loose-leaf service Information Service on Latin America (ISLA) and the FBIS reports.

Manuscripts, which are so useful for historical studies, are maintained in the Library's Manuscript Division. While that division deals mainly with materials on the history of the United States, there are papers of many U.S. leaders who have had important ties with Latin America. One such example is found in the papers of President Theodore Roosevelt.

In the Microfilm Reading Room, there are microfilms of manuscript collections, such as the papers of Ephraim George Squier, the Archive of Mexican President Francisco Madero, and Guatemalan documents under the presidency of Jacobo Arbenz Guzmán.

The Geography and Map Division provides exceptionally rich resources illuminating Latin America's natural world, its colonization by Europeans, national development, and the like.

The Motion Picture, Broadcasting, and Recorded Sound Division is a challenging source on socio-political and cultural phenomena in the region.

Authors who wish to illustrate their works often consult the Prints and Photograph Division. Also, researchers who wish to provide realistic detail and set the scene of important events may find the collections useful.

The Rare Book Division has many volumes from earlier centuries seldom found in other libraries helpful to historians.

To inquire about the holdings of these divisions by telephone, please call the general information number at (202) 707-5522.

Publications

The Hispanic Division has a list of publications produced or sponsored by the Division. Some of these are a fourth

edition of the *National Directory of Latin Americanists*, the *Hispanic Focus* series of bibliographies, and forthcoming items such as *A Survey of Cuban Revistas, 1902-1958* and a CD-ROM of *Handbook of Latin American Studies* data. Write if you are interested in receiving a copy of this list:

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CALL FOR BRYCE WOOD BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: July 31, 1993

At each International Congress, the Latin American Studies Association presents the Bryce Wood Book Award to the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English in the United States. Eligible books for the March 1994 LASA International Congress in Atlanta will be those published between January 1, 1992 and June 30, 1993. Although no book may compete more than once, translations may be considered. Anthologies of selections by several authors or re-editions of works published previously normally are not in contention for the award. Books will be judged on the quality of the research, analysis, and writing, and the significance of their contribution to Latin American studies.

Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. Those nominating books are responsible for confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to each member of the Award Committee, at the expense of the authors or publishers. All books nominated must reach each member of the Award Committee by July 31, 1993.

One month before the International Congress, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The author of the winning book will have most expenses paid by LASA to attend the congress, where the award will be presented during the business meeting. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award. The committee is: Elsa Chaney, Center for International and Comparative Studies, 226 International Center, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242; Paul Gootenberg, History Department, SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-4348; Mary Louise Pratt, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-2014; and, Gary Wynia, Political Science Department, Carleton College, Northfield, MI 55057. ■

**LASA Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Central America
Announces Two Field Seminars in Nicaragua**
Law & Politics: Human Rights in Nicaragua
June 21-30, 1993
Ninth Annual LASA Field Seminar in Nicaragua
August 1-12, 1993

Professor Martha Morgan, University of Alabama Law School, will be the adviser/coordinator for the June seminar.

This is an intensive study/research seminar covering a wide spectrum of legal and political aspects of human rights issues, and is designed for academics, law students, lawyers and human rights advocates. There will be lectures, interviews, field trips, round-table discussions and internal review sessions.

Included will be meetings with prominent figures in government office, the National Assembly, the Supreme Court of Nicaragua, the United Nations Central America office and law schools. Participants also will meet with human rights lawyers; constitutional law scholars; and advocates for the rights of children, indigenous peoples, religious and ethnic minorities, women, lesbians, gays, bisexuals and the disabled. There will be at least 48 contact hours.

The cost of the seminar is \$975. This price covers all accommodations (doubles), meals, in-country bus transportation, and the program. Air fare to Managua and return is not included. Bona fide students are entitled to a \$100 discount. Candidates for MCLE credits, add \$50.

MCLE credits. This activity has been approved for minimum Continuing Legal Education by the State Bar of California in the amount of 15 hours.

The Los Angeles Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild certifies that this activity conforms to the standards for approved education activities prescribed by the rules and regulations of the State Bar of California governing minimum continuing education.

The facilitator will provide all information needed to prepare for the trip and will assist each participant to book appropriate flights.

This is an excellent program. I endorse it for lawyers and law professors and I urge law students to participate in order to gather research for independent studies papers.

—Professor Robert W. Benson
Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, California
Director, Loyola Central America Program

For an application and/or more information, write, phone or

fax: Professor Martha Morgan, University of Alabama School of Law, Box 870382, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. Telephone: (205) 348-1131; *fax:* (205) 348-3917; or contact: Alice McGrath, Facilitator, P.O. Box 1782, Ventura, CA 93002. Telephone any day, including Saturday and Sunday: (805) 648-4560; *fax:* (805) 653-6359.

Professor Charles Stansifer, Department of History, University of Kansas, will be the adviser/coordinator for this year's second seminar, in August, announced in the winter issue of the *LASA Forum*.

As in the eight previous seminars, the current political/social/economic developments in Nicaragua will be studied through interviews, discussions, and meetings with leading figures from across the political spectrum and through visits with representatives of mass-based organizations. Literature and the arts will be represented in the program.

I highly recommend this seminar for academics and graduate students. LASA groups have access to people and organizations that an individual might have difficulty in reaching. Participants in past seminars have praised the breadth of the program and report significant savings in research time.

—Professor Rose Spalding
Department of Political Science
DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois

Participants should be Spanish-speaking, or fully comprehend Spanish. All political and philosophical views are welcome.

The cost is \$990, which covers all accommodations (doubles), meals, in-country transportation and program. Air fare to and from Managua is not included. Bona fide students are entitled to a \$100 discount.

The facilitator will provide all information needed to prepare for the trip and will arrange appropriate flights for each person. For an application and/or more information, contact: Professor Charles Stansifer, Coordinator, Department of History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045. Telephone: (913) 864-3569; *fax:* (913) 864-5046; or contact Alice McGrath, Facilitator, P.O. Box 1782, Ventura, CA 93002. Telephone any day, including Saturday and Sunday: (805) 648-4560; *fax:* (805) 653-6359. ■

Task Force on Latino Issues
Statement of Mission
 by
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The United States is presently the fifth largest Latino-American nation, and Latin Americans constitute the fastest growing population in this country. While sizable contingents of Latin Americans have established a permanent presence in the U.S., their social formation and identity is nourished by cultural traditions and historical legacies of their countries of origin. Geographical proximity to Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, relatively unrestricted movements across boundaries, and the construction of a vibrant cultural reality in this country, reinforces the viability of Latino-American identity. To be Latino, or Latino-American in the United States entails a complex cultural and social construction that bridges two realities. Identity is not delimited by territorial boundaries or a cultural hegemony that presumably imposes a benign uniformity in all spheres of a social and political life.

Yet, the Latino reality in the United States is frequently analyzed as either comparable to "other minorities" because of the common experiences of marginalization, or in contrast to these populations because of its distinctive culture and history. Seldom is the discussion of Latinos situated in the broader international dimension or contextualized by reference to transactional dynamic between Latino communities in the U.S. and Latin America. The transnational feature of Latino formation is only now entering the discourse of the academy.

The primary objectives of LASA's Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Latino-Americans in the United States are: to promote the understanding of Latino-American communities in the U.S. and their continued relationship with Latin American countries; to establish forums for the dissemination of research findings; and to promote collaborative endeavors among Latinos, North Americans and Latin American scholars on research and teaching about Latino-American history and culture and current social, political and economic problems. The growing numbers of panels in LASA conferences on Latino issues is not only an indication of the rigor and importance of this scholarship, but is an explicit endorsement of research that posits the inextricable relatedness of the Latin American and the Latino reality.

While sensitive to the distinctive social and political processes that shape the Latino experience in the United States, the Task Force will encourage research that situates the Latino experience in its broader spatial and historical dimensions—

emphasizing, where appropriate, the authentic transnationality of this experience. The Task Force will also promote Latino representation as a distinct voice in Latin American issues and within our professional organization.

Program

In order to achieve the above objectives, we will pursue several strategies including:

- Promoting panels and papers in the program of future congresses;
- Collaborating with organizations that represent the professional interests of Latino academics such as the National Association of Chicano Studies, the Association of Cuban Studies, and the Puerto Rican Studies Association;
- Promoting collaborative activities with organizations of higher education in Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and Central America (the Mexico-United States Consortium for Academic Cooperation and the University of Puerto Rico-City University of New York Exchange Programs constitute two good examples of model organizations);
- Promoting the participation of Latino professional and community organizations in discussions regarding United States foreign and economic policies that affect Latin American countries (collaboration between Mexico and Puerto Rican organization in public discussions regarding NAFTA is a good example of such efforts); and
- Promoting collaborative research among LASA Latino and Latin American members on topics that involve an understanding of transnational economies, political systems and communities.

Goals for the Next Congress

Although the above strategies are very ambitious, we envision focusing on a few simple goals in the near future. By the next congress, we propose to develop the following activities:

- Collaborate with the program committee for the inclusion of a good representation of Latino scholars and topics concerning Latino communities;

- Collaborate with the LASA Executive Council on the possible convening of one of LASA's mini-conferences around the theme "Latinos in the United States and Latin America: Toward a Research and Policy Agenda" (such a conference could be co-sponsored by Latino professional organizations);
- Publish at least two articles regarding our objective and activities in LASA's newsletter;
- Compile a list of LASA scholars interested in collaboration and the activities of the Task Force;
- Approach NAC, ACS and PRSA to explore areas of possible collaboration;
- Arrange a planning meeting (or conference call) of the steering committee before the next congress; and
- Assess suitable funding sources for our group and activities.

The participants in the organizing meeting decided to delegate the coordination of these activities to a Task Force

representative of the group. The group includes: Emilio Betances; Pedro Cabán; Jorge Duany; Félix Masud; Edwin Meléndez (chair); Rebecca Morales; Gonzalo Santos; and Cathy Schneider.

For more information on the groups' activities or to add your name to the Latino network mailing list, please contact: Edwin Meléndez, Mauricio Gaston Institute, University of Massachusetts/Boston, 100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3393. Telephone: (617) 287-5790. ■

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LASA Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Paraguay Statement of Mission

by
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Rationale

Paraguay is undergoing a political transition after 34 years of authoritarian rule under General Alfredo Stroessner. Both leadership and the citizenry have demonstrated that they are eager to overcome the negative impact that the decades of authoritarianism have had on the country's social development and political system.

Among the more pernicious legacies of the Stroessner regime have been the overall destruction of educational institutions, a great loss of human resources and more specifically the elimination of the social sciences from the university curriculum. On the latter score, the experience of Paraguay is comparable to that of communist countries. The challenge forced by Paraguayan scholars is to seek ways to rebuild their universities and resuscitate the social sciences programs.

Unfortunately, the former regime's isolationist policy was to a great extent matched by a silence among the Latin Americanist scholarly community which for too long has neglected the study of Paraguay in and of itself, as well as excluding it from comparative and regional studies. A number of U.S. and Paraguayan scholars have expressed concern over the visible underrepresentation of Paraguayan scholars, Paraguayan topics and limited inclusion of Paraguay in broader discussions in international academic forums.

Although important changes are taking place in Paraguay, too many Latin Americanists are not aware of them. If things keep moving the way they have since the military coup of 1989, by next year Paraguay will have its first democratically elected civilian president since 1932. Exciting opportunities exist for scholarly exchanges but they are at present, underutilized.

Paraguayan scholars find themselves at a great disadvantage beside their Latin American peers. Local resources in Paraguay, as well as international links, are currently very limited. An organization such as LASA can facilitate and contribute to the rebirth and advancement of Paraguayan topics at international congresses. There must be a commitment and extra effort made to put Paraguay back in the Latin American scholarly agenda.

Proposed Activities of the Task Force

•*Build-on current efforts underway at U.S. universities to promote study abroad programs and research opportunities in Paraguay.*

In 1986, under the "Partners of the Americas" program, a formal link was established between the Paraguayan universities and U.S. universities in the state of Kansas. Although this exchange has been important, the social science component has been negligible and most exchange has been one-way: Paraguayan students to the U.S.. Next semester, the first group of U.S. undergraduate students will go to study in Paraguay for an entire semester.

•*Encourage participation of Fulbright scholars to and from Paraguay, and promote scholarship opportunities for Paraguayan students.*

•*Increase participation of Paraguayan topics and the inclusion of Paraguay in comparative and regional discussions in international meetings.* ■

LEHMAN COLLEGE PUERTO RICAN STUDIES

Lehman College's Department of Puerto Rican Studies announces a tenure-track position, anticipated for September 1, 1993, at the rank of Assistant Professor for a specialist in the comparative study of Caribbean societies, with special interest in the Dominican Republic. Applicants must have Ph.D. in history, sociology, anthropology and/or political science; a record of published scholarship is preferred, as well as commitment to quality teaching and demonstrated fluency in Spanish and English. The position involves developing a curriculum, and teaching courses on the Dominican Republic, plus teaching bilingual versions of the College's basic required curriculum. Salary: \$28,630-\$46,176 (commensurate with qualifications and experience). Send applications with curriculum vitae and three letters of reference *immediately* to:

Search Committee
 Department of Puerto Rican Studies
 Lehman College
 C.U.N.Y.
 250 Bedford Park Boulevard West
 Bronx, NY 10468-1589

LASA TASK FORCES UPDATE, 1992-1994

The following *new* Task Forces have been named to serve through April, 1994:

Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Paraguay

Marcial Antonio Riquelme, Chair (Latin American Studies Program, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS 66506-1111)

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Felix Masud (DePaul University)

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Gonzalo Santos (California State University, Bakersfield)

Cathy Schneider (Cornell University)

The following members have been appointed to Task Forces and Working Groups announced previously:

Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Central America

Clara Arenas (AVANCSO, Guatemala)

Hermán Rosa (CENETIC, El Salvador)

Working Group on Labor Studies, Interim Steering Committee

Luis Figueroa (University of Connecticut)

Francisco Zapata (El Colegio de México) ■



LASA MEDIA AWARD UPDATE

The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce its competition for the 1994 LASA Media Award for outstanding media coverage of Latin America. This award is made every eighteen months to recognize long-term journalistic contributions to analysis and public debate about Latin America in the United States or Latin America, as well as for breakthrough journalism. Nominations are invited from LASA members and from journalists.

To make a nomination, please send one copy of the journalist's portfolio of recent relevant work, by November 15, 1993 to each member of the award committee:

Terry Karl, Chair, Director, Latin American Studies, Associate Professor, Political Science, Center for Latin American Studies, Bolívar House, 582 Alvarado Row, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94350-8545. Telephone: (415) 723-4444; fax: (415) 723-9822;

John Dinges, 4208 45th NW, Washington, DC 20016. Telephone: (202) 822-2200;

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PUBLICATIONS

The 1991-1992 *Bibliography of Latin American and Caribbean Bibliographies* by Lionel V. Loroña is the tenth to be issued as a separately published publication within the *SALALM Bibliography and Reference Series*. Beginning with this edition, some important changes have been made in defining subject categories; author and subject indexes provide added points of access. The *Bibliography* can be ordered for \$17.50 plus \$2.50 postage and handling from the SALALM Secretariat, General Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

El Boletín de Información sobre Economía Cubana (BIEC) se edita mensualmente desde enero de 1992 por el Centro de Investigaciones de la Economía Mundial (CIEM), de La Habana, Cuba. El BIEC ofrecerá, entre otros, los siguientes trabajos: La economía cubana ante la cambiante coyuntura internacional: desafíos y respuestas; ¿Cuál es el valor de la ayuda económica prestada por Cuba al Tercer Mundo?; Estimación del producto interno bruto en Cuba entre 1975 y 1990; Proyectos de colaboración económica entre Cuba y América Latina; y, Cronología económica seleccionada de 1990 y 1991. Los precios de la suscripción anual (12 números) incluido el envío por correo es de \$96.00 USD para instituciones; \$84.00 USD para particulares y \$60.00 USD para estudiantes. El ejemplar suelto se vende a \$8.00 USD. Dirija su cheque (pagadero en La Habana) a: Osvaldo Martínez, Director BIEC, 5ta Ave. No. 2010 esquina 22, Miramar, La Habana, Cuba. También puede suscribirse en: Publications Exchange, 8306 Mills Dr., Suite 241, Miami, FL 33183.

In keeping with its objective to establish a network of experts competent to address Haitian issues from multi-disciplinary perspectives, the Haitian Studies Association (HSA) announces its upcoming *Directory of Haitianists*. The *Directory* will summarize data submitted by Haitianists and others interested in Haitian studies. There will be an alphabetical listing, followed by an index by specialty and a geographical listing. To join this network of Haitianists, please request a data form from HSA, 131 N. Main St., Sharon, MA 02067. Please return the form with a \$10 (U.S.) check or money order made payable to the Haitian Studies Association. The requested fee will make the production of the *Directory* possible and will also entitle you to a complimentary copy.

Gordon and Breach Publishers announce the release of *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*. With the first issue slated for fall 1993, this journal will explore the relationship between racial, ethnic and national identities and power hierarchies within national and global arenas. It will examine the collective representations of social, political, economic and cultural boundaries as aspects of processes of domination, struggle and resistance. The journal will analyze the manner in which the reproduction and transformation of

power configures and transforms identities and will probe the unidentified and unarticulated class structure and gender relations that remain integral to both maintaining and challenging subordination. Edited by Nina Glick Schiller of the University of New Hampshire, Durham, the journal responds to the paradox of our time: the growth of a global economy and transnational movements of populations produce or perpetuate distinctive cultural practices and differentiated identities. *Identities* solicits material that illuminates the relationship between culture and power and transports the field of ethnic studies beyond descriptions of cultural diversity. The journal also seeks critique on the hegemonic processes by which subordinated populations are distinguished as exotic, foreign, and alien and by which nations are imagined, built, and deconstructed. Specific case studies and general comparative pieces in the forms of articles, reviews, review essays, book reviews, brief comments and reports on ongoing research are welcome. To reserve your free sample copy of *Identities* when available, or to obtain guidelines for contributors, please contact: Hannah Garber, Gordon and Breach Publishers, 820 Town Center Dr., Langhorne, PA 19047. Please address all other correspondence to: Dr. Nina Glick Schiller, *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, Department of Anthropology, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824. Telephone: (603) 862-1848.

The *National Register of Scholars (NRS)* on CD-Rom is a directory containing full curricula vitae of all scholars in all disciplines. *NRS* covers scholars affiliated with colleges, universities and research institutions as well as those working independently. The only restriction is the publication of at least one book-length work in the past 10 years. The first edition will be available in 1994. Thereafter, *NRS* will be revised at intervals of one year. *NRS* offers the full resume of each scholar, including complete list of book-length publications as well as journal articles, the cursus honorum, academic and research positions held, and personal data. There also is a subject index to the main biographical entries providing access to the entries by subjects and disciplines, and an index of all publications, listed by subject and discipline. *NRS* will primarily cover scholars in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, but will also be open to scholars from other countries whose books have been published in English. For further information on the *National Register of Scholars* on CD-Rom, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: National Register of Scholars, P.O. Box 519, Baldwin Pl., NY 10505.

Contributors are being sought in Cuba and in North America for papers on abolition, Cuban independence movements, the Spanish American War, the U.S. in Cuba, baseball, art, dance, music, literature, religion, race relations, intellectual collaboration and Left topics. *The Unbroken Cord: African Americans and Cubans in the Nineteenth and Twentieth*

Centuries—edited by Professor Digna Castañeda, University of Havana and Professor Lisa Brock, School of the Art Institute of Chicago—is an anthology about the international relations between Cubans and African Americans from the abolitionist era to the Cuban revolution of 1959. Similar experiences with slavery and second-class citizenship provided the initial impetus for Cuban African-American dialogue while U.S. intervention in Cuba, segregated sports, cultural and Left exchanges and Cuban immigration to the United States encouraged more intimate relations. Like Haiti before it, and South Africa after it, Cuba occupied a special place in the hearts and minds of African Americans. Call by telephone to talk about potential topic or send one-page abstract. North American contributors should contact Professor Lisa Brock, African History and Diaspora Studies, Department of Liberal Arts, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 37 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60603. Telephone: (312) 899-5181; fax: (312) 263-0141.

CALL FOR PREMIO IBEROAMERICANO BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: *July 15, 1993*

The *Premio Iberoamericano* is presented at each of LASA's international congresses for the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in Spanish and Portuguese in any country. Eligible books for 1994 must have been published during the period of January 1, 1992 to June 30, 1993. No book may compete more than once. Normally not in contention for the award are anthologies of selections by several authors or reprints or re-editions of works published previously. Books will be judged on the quality of the research, analysis, and writing, and the significance of their contribution to Latin American studies.

Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. Those nominating books are responsible for confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to *each member* of the award committee, at the expense of those submitting the books. All books must reach each member of the committee by *July 15, 1993*. LASA membership is not a requirement for receiving the award. The author of the winning book will have most expenses paid by LASA to attend the congress, where the award will be presented during the business meeting.

The members and mailing addresses of the Premio Book Award Committee for 1994 are: Roberto DaMatta, Kellogg Institute, Decio Faculty Hall, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; Francine Masiello, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720; and, Ramon Gutierrez, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0414. ■

RESEARCH AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Fulbright Scholar Program 1993-94 includes some 1,000 grants for research, combined research and lecturing, or university lecturing in over 135 countries. Opportunities range from two months to a full academic year; many assignments are flexible to the needs of the grantee. Nearly one-third of Fulbright grants are targeted for research and many lecturing awards offer research opportunities; multi-country research is also possible. Virtually all disciplines and subfields participate. Specific openings exist in almost every area of the humanities, social sciences, physical sciences, the arts, and applied fields such as business, journalism, and law. Many offerings throughout the program allow scholars to propose their own lecturing or research projects. The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright award are U.S. citizenship and Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications; for certain fields such as the fine arts or TESOL, the terminal degree in the field may be sufficient. For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected.

Language skills are needed for some countries, but most lecturing assignments are in English. Applications are encouraged from professionals outside academe and also from independent scholars. Fulbright seeks good teachers as well as active researchers. Early deadlines exist: *June 15, 1993* for Australia and South Asia; *August 1, 1993* for Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and Canada. Other deadlines are in place for special programs. Application materials are available beginning March 1, 1993. For further information and applications, call or write the Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden St. N.W., Suite 5M, Box NEWS, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Telephone: (202) 686-7877.

The Center for Latin American Studies of the University of Pittsburgh and The Howard Heinz Endowment Fund sponsor the Research Grants on Current Latin American Issues program which will focus on the theme "The Environment and Social Policy in Latin America: Challenges for the Next Century." Specifically, project proposals that address the long-term dynamics of resource use by human societies in the region and the implications of such strategies for contemporary social policy formation are solicited. Amount of grant: maximum \$25,000. It is expected that four or five grants will be awarded in the 1993 competition. The applicant (principal investigator) must have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree and be affiliated with a scholarly institution. Grant applications for dissertation research will not be considered. This is not an in-residence program. Residency at the University of Pittsburgh is neither required nor implied. Grant funds may be used for: 1. release time/salary replacement; 2. travel; 3. maintenance (for time spent in

research locale); and 4. data collection/analysis (including payments for informants, assistants, computer use [not purchase], secretarial assistance, xeroxing, etc.). Grants will not include payment for overhead/indirect costs. Grants will be paid only to the institution of the principal researcher (not directly to the individual). Each grant recipient's institution will receive a subcontract from the University of Pittsburgh specifying the obligations of the researcher and his/her institution. Applications must be received by *July 1, 1993*. Applications post-marked July 1, 1993, or before, but not received until after this date will not be accepted. Applications sent via fax are likewise not acceptable. Awards will be announced in the Fall of 1993. For further information, contact John Frechione, Program Coordinator, Research Grants on Current Latin American Issues, Center for Latin American Studies, 4E04 Forbes Quadrangle, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA 15260.

The Collaborative Projects Program of the **National Endowment for the Humanities** welcomes applications for projects of broad scholarly and public significance in the humanities that entail the collaboration of two or more scholars for periods of 1-3 years. All topics in the humanities are eligible; collaborative projects are expected to lead to major scholarly publications. Awards usually range from \$10,000-\$150,000. The deadline is *October 15, 1993*, for projects beginning no earlier than July of the next year. For application materials and further information, write or call: Collaborative Projects/Interpretive Research, Division of Research Programs, NEH, Room 318, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20506. Telephone: (202) 606-8210.

The **National Security Archive**, an independent, non-profit research institute and library, is offering internships to students who are interested in international relations and how the U.S. foreign policy bureaucracy functions. Interns are assigned to work with staff analysts on specific research projects. Assignments generally include building chronologies of events; helping obtain, order and catalog government documents; assisting with computer data entry; and performing library and archival research. Current priority projects include U.S. policy on the following: nuclear history, Southern Africa, Persian Gulf, Cuba, international aspects of the war on drugs, Eastern Europe and human rights. Interns are expected to stay at the Archive for a minimum of two months, although internships of a full semester are preferred. Internships are unpaid. Academic credit or independent funding for work at the Archive is often possible; students should contact the appropriate persons at their schools for more details. To apply: Write to Lynne Quinto at the address below. Please include a cover letter specifying areas of interest and/or expertise, a resume, short writing sample and transcript. One or two recommendations are optional, but often helpful. Fall internships begin in early

September; applications should be submitted by *July 15*. Spring internships begin in January and students should apply by *December 1*. Later applications will be considered when possible. Internships at the Archive are competitive—apply as early as possible. Internship opportunities shall be offered without regard to race, religion, national origin, age, gender, sexual preference, marital status or non-job related physical handicap. Write: The National Security Archive, 1755 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20036.

Virginia Tech is sponsoring its Fifth Annual Summer Social Science Program in Chile, June 25-August 8, 1993. All advanced undergraduates and Latinamericanist graduate students are encouraged to apply. Spanish fluency is essential. Five courses are offered, from which three may be taken for graduate/undergraduate credit. Offerings include: 1. The Political Economy of the Built Environment, 2. Women, Literature and Human Rights in Latin America, 3. Shantytown Health Care, 4. Social Policy and Planning, and 5. Latin American International Relations. Four of the five instructors are internationally renowned Chilean scholars in their respective fields. For more information and application blanks, contact: Deborah Santiago or Joseph L. Scarpaci, Urban Affairs and Planning, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061-0113. Telephone: (703) 231-7504; fax: (703) 231-3367; e-mail: SCARP@VTVM2.CC.VT.EDU. Serious young scholars are encouraged to apply. ■

LASA MEMBERS:

Please remember that the *Forum* publishes brief, research-based articles and other items of interest to members as well as the association's news and reports.

Your contributions are welcome. Please see page two for deadlines for submission.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

XIX Congreso de la **Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología (ALAS)**, Caracas, del 30 de mayo al 4 de junio de 1993. Tema central: "Políticas Sociales, desarrollo y viabilidad democrática"; cualquier solicitud de información adicional, hágase llegar a: Comisión Organizadora XIX Congreso ALAS, CENDES/UCV, Apartado 51.927, Caracas, 1050-A, Venezuela. Fax: (58-2) 751-26-91; Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales/UCV, Apartado 54.057, Caracas 1051-A, Venezuela. Fax: (58-2) 662-95-21; Laboratorio de Investigaciones Sociales/UCV, Apartado 47 795, Caracas 1040-A, Venezuela. Fax: (58-2) 662-69-70.

The **Austrian Institute of Advanced Studies** is organizing the first Vienna Dialogue on Democracy (VDD), which will focus on the resurgent "antipolitical" cleavage construction seen in the multi-faceted versions of "postmodernized" populism: citizens' antipolitical attitudes increasingly instrumentalized by neopopulist actors. The conference will discuss the "politics of antipolitics" by concentrating on three partially-overlapping thematic nuclei: Language, Realism and Linkages. The Vienna Dialogue on Democracy invites original manuscripts which offer new theoretical insights and innovative methodological perspectives on the themes above. Interdisciplinary and comparative analyses are highly welcomed. Papers should be no more than 25 typed pages in length. Each presentation is expected to last 30 minutes, and will be followed by comments from two discussants. Conference proceedings will eventually be published. The deadline for submitting proposals, plus a biographical statement, is *October 31, 1993*. A preliminary program will be drawn up once the proposals have been received and evaluated. Papers will be due April 30, 1994. It is anticipated, although not yet formally confirmed, that travel and accommodation costs for paper authors will be covered. Address all inquiries or submissions to: VDD, c/o Dr. Andreas Schedler, Institute for Advanced Studies, Department of Political Science, Stumpergasse 56, A-1060 Vienna, Austria. Telephone: +43/1/599 91-0; fax: +43/1/597 06 34.

The thirteenth **International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences** will be held July 28-August 5, 1993, in the Hotel Stouffer Presidente, and the Mexico City School, Mexico City. Deadline for advanced registration is *May 30, 1993*. To preregister, obtain forms from the Executive Secretary, Joaquín García-Bárcena at: Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Córdoba 45, Col. Roma, 06700, México D.F., México. Fax: (5) 525-2213 or (5) 207-2710.

Second International Industrial Relations Association (IIRA) Regional Congress of the Americas on Industrial

Relations will take place on September 1-4, 1993 at the Inter-Continental Hotel in Valencia, Venezuela. The objective is to bring together specialists from North and South America, both academics and practitioners, to discuss and exchange experiences pertaining to themes of interest for labor studies. The Congress will focus discussion on the following themes: 1. Political system and industrial relations, 2. Industrial restructuring and its effects on labor, 3. Management attitudes in the development of human resources, and 4. Free trade agreements and industrial relations. For registration and information on the Congress, contact: Centro de Información y Documentación (CID), Urb. Prebo, Av. Andrés Eloy Blanco, c/o No. 137 Edif. Escorpio, Piso 2. Telephone: 41-225374, 222613, 222608 or 222606; fax: 58-41-212121; Universidad de Carabobo, FACES Bárbula, Valencia. Telephone: 41-661805 or 667339; fax: 58-41-670676; Asociación de Relaciones de Trabajo, Apartado Postal 5110, Naguanagua, Carabobo 2005. Telephone: 58-41-223463.

The **North Central Council of Latin Americanists (NCCLA)** will hold its annual meeting on the campus of Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, October 21-23, 1993. This year's conference theme is "Latin America, Leaving the Cold War Behind: Interdisciplinary Perspectives." Anyone interested in presenting a paper or advanced undergraduate and graduate students interested in receiving a travel grant, should contact: Professor Bill Katra, NCCLA Program Chair, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire, Eau Claire, WI 54702; telephone: (715) 836-5827, or message at: (715) 836-4287. For information on local arrangements, contact: Professor Virginia Gibbs, Department of Foreign Languages, Luther College, Decorah, IA 52101-1045. Telephone: (319) 387-1182.

Siena College is sponsoring its ninth annual international, multidisciplinary conference on the 50th anniversary of World War II. The focus for 1994 will be 1944—though papers dealing with broad issues of earlier years will be welcomed. Topics welcomed include, but are not limited to: Fascism and Nazism; Resistance and Collaboration; the Air War; the Italian Campaign—Anzio, Casino, etc.; the North Atlantic and the Naval War in the Pacific; "Island Hopping"; the Russian Front; Normandy and the ETO thereafter; the Warsaw Rising; the Holocaust; Literature; Art; Film; Diplomatic, Political and Military History and Biography; Popular Culture; Minority Affairs; Women's Studies; Asian, African, Latin American and Near Eastern topics. Religion, pacifism, conscription, events on the home front and post-war planning as well as draft resistance and dissent will also be of significant interest. All these and other topics of relevance are welcome. Deadline for submissions: *December 1, 1993*. Replies and inquiries to: Professor Thomas O.

Kelly II, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211-1462.

The Southwest Historical Association will meet in conjunction with the Southwestern Social Science Association in San Antonio, Texas, March 30-April 2, 1994. Proposals for complete sessions are especially encouraged, as are suggestions for interdisciplinary sessions, panels and roundtables. The deadline for proposals is *October 1, 1993*. Paper prizes of \$100 will be awarded in each of the three categories indicated below. Proposals for papers or sessions in U.S. History, European/Asian History, and Latin American/African History should be sent to: Professor Edward Byrd, Department of History, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK 74701.

The Universidad de Guadalajara and the Feria Internacional del Libro host the thirty-eighth annual Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) at the Holiday Inn, Crowne Plaza, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico on May 15-20, 1993. The conference theme is "The Impact of Science and Technology On Human Communities and the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean." There will be panels on the following topics: Independent video in Latin America and the Caribbean; popular campaigns against environmental damage; the electronic library environment; science and medicine in colonial Latin America; cultural and biological consequences of the encounter; the Chinese contribution to colonial Spanish America and the Caribbean; *el libro en el Occidente de México*; Cuban library collections and Cuban bibliography; publishing in the sciences and the Cuban diaspora; and Latin American databases. Additionally, there will be workshops on: New directions in national cooperation—the Mexico pilot project for the ARL; environmental organizations in Latin America; problems in the acquisition of Latin American government documents; problems of exchange and gift agreements; and creative cataloging techniques for the publications of marginalized groups and organizations. Participants will also be offered hands-on demonstrations of Latin American CD-Roms. Registration forms are available from: SALALM Secretariat, General Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131-1466, USA. Fax: (505) 277-0646.

York College of the City University of New York invites you to join them for an examination of issues related to the participation of women in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. The Conference on the Women of Hispaniola will explore issues related to women in the Dominican Republic and Haiti from historical/sociological/literary/cultural perspectives. For information, contact: Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Acting Associate Dean, York College, Jamaica, NY 11451. Telephone: (718) 262-2872 or 262-2873. ■

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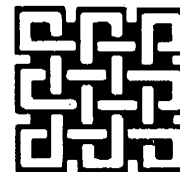
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THE *HLAS* BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATABASE A PROGRESS REPORT

**by
Peter T. Johnson
for the
HLAS Advisory Board
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LASA Task Force on Scholarly Resources**

The electronic age now embraces the *Handbook of Latin American Studies* (*HLAS*) with Volumes 50 and 51 available in machine-readable format. The *HLAS* Advisory Board recommended that Volumes 1-49 be optically scanned and formatted for electronic retrieval. Given the extraordinary usefulness of these volumes for Latin American area scholarship, the Advisory Board believes that increased use of these bibliographies would occur as more users come to rely upon electronic access for retrospective citations. To make the retrospective and current bibliography available as broadly as possible involves several options for users and libraries.

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That Latin American bibliography is finally moving fully into electronic format is particularly encouraging and promises ease of access for present and future generations of students accustomed to computerized databases. While pricing may limit access for some libraries and the limitations on available hardware affect other decisions on what format to acquire, the fact that libraries will be expected to provide users an electronic option must be accepted and plans made. Cost comparisons, multi-pointed and simultaneous access, development of user documentation, and maintenance must all figure into the decision process. Faculty should work closely with the library in identifying which route is most appropriate for the Institution and user. LASA's Task Force on Scholarly Resources will keep LASA membership informed about subsequent developments. It encourages faculty to contact the places noted above for further information on their databases.

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