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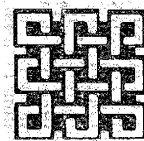


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President's Report

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We are living in harrowing times and things are not likely to improve in the near future, which is why I am not inclined to write the usual upbeat report that new LASA presidents generally offer the membership. When I think about our Dallas meeting and I remember the difficulties described by Arturo Arias in his final report, I worry about how much worse they may become for Cubans, Argentines or Mexicans, or even those of us who live in the United States, by the time we convene in Las Vegas in October of 2004.

More immediately, however, my major concern is to make sure that the Secretariat undergoes an important transition with minimal disruption. As most of you know, Reid Reading retired on July 1 after seventeen years as LASA Executive Director. He has been an exemplary Executive Director, dedicated, indefatigable, enthusiastic, a magician with our resources and an incredible wealth of information about LASA, from bylaws to factoids and obscure traditions. One of my assignments as Vice President was to chair a committee composed of Carmen Diana Deere, Paul Drake, Tom Holloway, and Edna Acosta-Belén, to find a replacement for Reid. We began our search early, but despite our efforts, we failed to find the candidate that our association deserves. We will try a second time. In the meantime, the Secretariat will be in the able hands of Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, who also has been exemplary as LASA's Assistant Director, Information Systems and Communications, over the last three years. As a member of the Secretariat staff, Milagros has accumulated a wealth of knowledge about the administrative aspects of our association. And, fortunate for us, Sandy Klinzing, LASA's Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement, and Kristen Patton, Assistant to the Executive Director, will remain in their positions.

The Secretariat plays a crucial role in our association. Most members, including those who are devoted to LASA and view it as their primary professional organization, attend our International Conferences, read the *Latin American Research Review*, our flagship publication, and may even peruse the *LASA Forum*, but generally pay little attention to our association between Congresses. Yet as anyone who has served on a LASA committee or on the LASA Executive Council knows, the Secretariat is a very busy place between meetings. Work on a new Congress, for example, begins almost the moment the previous one is over. Our Dallas meeting ended on March 29 and the LASA2004 program committee was on board by April

15–five days late. After having completed all the work for the Dallas meeting, published a *Forum*, and already actively involved in the preparation of our next Congress, the Secretariat is also closing an exciting period in its administrative life.

During the last year you heard a great deal about the LASA Strategic Plan. You can view the Plan in English at <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/StrategicPlan.pdf> and it will soon appear in Spanish and Portuguese as well. You are all invited to read it, discuss it and send us your comments. As you can see, we all have much work ahead of us, including reviewing tasks and timetables to make things mesh. Furthermore, we need to find new resources to implement various aspects of a program in which we have already made a substantial investment. We were supposed to have special funding but it did not materialize and LASA had to cover the expenses from its operating funds. The LASA fund raising committee must now seek new funds as we proceed with the Plan and continue to underwrite the participation of Latin American and Caribbean colleagues in our Congresses—a commitment the membership supports enthusiastically. All this at a time when the economy continues to falter, foundations are changing their interests, and in general, resources are becoming increasingly scarce. My immediate task concerning the Strategic Plan, however, is to remind you that its contains a proposed new Mission Statement that will be submitted to the membership for approval, according to our charter. Article II of the LASA constitution states the following:



LASA President Marysa Navarro

The purposes of the Association are: to foster the concerns of scholars interested in Latin American Studies; encourage more effective training, teaching, and research in connection with such studies; and provide a forum for dealing with matters of common interest to the scholarly professions and to individuals concerned with Latin American Studies.

The text of the Mission Statement included in the Strategic Plan states:

LASA fosters intellectual discussion, research, and teaching on Latin America and the Caribbean, and its peoples throughout the Americas, promotes the interests of its diverse membership, and encourages civic engagement through network building and public debate.

LASA members soon will be notified about procedures for ratification of this new Statement. I urge you to express your opinion.

After Seventeen Years

An Interview with the Outgoing Executive Director

[As this issue went to press, former LASA Executive Director Reid Reading was in the process of cleaning out his office—and sorting, culling and organizing many years' worth of information to pass on to Interim Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas. He was most gracious to concede this final interview in the wake of all his frenzied activity. Ed.]

Forum: You granted an interview in the Summer 1986 issue as LASA concluded a ten-year stay at the University of Pittsburgh. Now after seven more years at the pinnacle of administrative power in LASA, what are your thoughts as you step aside?

So we starting out tongue-in-cheek? "Administrative power" is largely an oxymoron. If you will ask me certain questions in this interview, you will see. And the influence of LASA's chief administrator, as is the case for all corporate bodies, waxes and wanes depending on who heads up the policymaking apparatus. I am sure we have better and more noble things to do here than to discuss personalities, though.

Forum: So, no juicy gossip? This is a rag of sorts, you know.

I will let that pass.

Forum: Down to business, then. Talk about the kinds of accomplishments you see LASA as having made since you discussed the association's successes in the interview seven years ago.

Most assuredly, one of these is that LASA has a *permanent home* at the University of Pittsburgh—at least as permanent as contracts normally stipulate—since July 1, 2001. The agreement, reported on in the Summer 2001 *Forum*, stipulates that the contract will be automatically renewed each July "until such time as either party should give notice 18 months in advance of its intent to terminate the contract." I am fully confident that the professionalism of both the elected officers and the administrative staff, which was responsible in no small part for the University's decision to permanently host the association in the first place, will continue and that the relationship will endure. It was most pleasing to hear the Director of the University Center for International Studies [UCIS], Professor William Brustein, tell me personally a few weeks ago that LASA is held in high esteem in the University community and is a highly prized component unit of UCIS, its administrative home.

Next, although this area is in some respects constitutes a problem to grapple with, we can note the *growth in membership* since the 1996 interview. The 1996 tally was not yet in, but in 1995 we had experienced a big jump over 1994, to 4,398 members. In 2001 we reached a high of 5,530. Interestingly, females in LASA now outnumber males by 100 overall, and 61 percent of student members are females. These data contrast rather markedly with the figures I noted in the 1996 interview.

Third, we continue to convene *huge gatherings of Latin Americanists* from several world regions every 18 months. One needs to be on the inside to appreciate fully the scale and intensity of this endeavor, although the reports of program committees and my observations after the Congresses have conveyed some idea. And now that the expert staff of the LASA Secretariat has created the means to assume the administrative duties formerly assigned to program office staff, the program chairs will be free to dedicate all their time and energy to the creative intellectual aspects of planning the Congress. It finally happened, Mike!

Next, that LASA holds as many as 1,000 Congress papers and has placed 500 of these papers on line from each of its recent International Congresses is testimony to the seriousness of our commitment to *maximize the flow of scholarly communication*. It also is witness to the seriousness of presenters—and to the LASA staffs who track down these documents, catalogue them, and systematize their distribution.

Finally, a colleague and LASA member commended us for having been able to produce a *Forum* reasonably on time, not having to miss or publish double issues over these last 17 years. Because of our good fortune in that regard, the publication is a bible of sorts and a kind of cyclical calendar for the administrative staff.

There are other successes, but these are among the most important—and besides, we don't have all day I am sure.

Forum: What are some things LASA has been doing administratively that you hope will continue?

Besides what I mentioned in the last interview, i.e., keeping things on schedule, continuing to be attentive, careful, accurate, and expedient, one other thing: protecting LASA members from being bothered by meaningless communication.

LASA does not—and I trust never will—make listings of email addresses available to anyone. We should always make sure that when members see emails in their inboxes that are in any way related to LASA, the messages be critical so they won't be brushed off. Case in point. Suspecting that the notice about the LASA/Ford Special Projects competition as published in the Spring 2002 issue of the *Forum* might not have been given sufficient notice, a message about the program was sent to all members in mid-May. No one complained about having this reminder in their mailbox—and we received an appreciable quantity of proposals by the July 1 deadline.

Forum: What do you see as critical challenges for the association in the years ahead?

Under this rubric in 1991 I mentioned the debate about the *status and future of area studies*. I have not read everything written on

the subject lately, but my impression is that the intensity of this conversation has cooled somewhat. If so, I hope that's because the approaches to knowledge generation utilized by rigorous mainstream area studies specialists has come to be accepted as sound, interesting, and useful. It could also be that those who might otherwise engage in rather senseless debating on one side or the other about the value of area studies have better things to do about now, given the crises of the day.

Next, LASA needs to work on *building its membership base* in order to have the support it needs to carry out the projects envisioned in its Strategic Plan, for one thing. I will mention the Plan later. A reasonable projection for year-end individual membership is 4,800. This will exceed 2002, a non-Congress year, by only about 450 and will fall considerably short of LASA's 2001 record 5,530 membership. All professional scholarly associations face the same challenge, since nothing anywhere seems to be quite the same as before September 2001 and also because national economies nearly everywhere are in trouble. It is a real challenge for quite a few individuals to renew their LASA memberships. Memberships for residents in Latin America and the Caribbean are subsidized as it is, and low by U.S. standards; hopefully conditions in countries with poor economies and restrictions will improve soon. All said, I guess we should be pleased that LASA has about 750 members more than just seven years ago.

LASA will continue to be challenged to find ways to prevail against governments in our struggle to *maintain the free flow of ideas* among scholars and practitioners, regardless of their nationalities and the political complexion of their countries of residence. I won't add to previous observations about aspects of this combat for LASA2003, especially as concerned scholars in Cuba and China, but citizens of Colombia, Argentina and elsewhere were affected when they attempted to travel to the Dallas Congress as officially accepted meeting participants. Continued governmental demonizing seems destined to bedevil us and subvert our attempts to maintain scholarly communication with people our own program committees select to be among us in our gatherings.

Another perennial challenge is to move toward an *optimal size for the Congresses* themselves. No need to talk about the issue of scale here, since it has been aired rather thoroughly and recently. Note two letters about this challenge just in the last [Spring 2003] issue of the *Forum*.

On Congresses, and concerns about venues, some years ago we floated a survey to LASA members about various aspects of the Congresses, including site selection. A final item requested comments. One respondent wrote: "Select a site based on its merits for LASA and its adequacy for facilities and general hospitality. Quit being jerked around by loud-mouthed interest groups with unrelated agendas." This may be a bit harsh, but it was a morale booster, after a fashion. I had it pasted it on my door for several years.

The *resolutions issue* lingers. We experimented with a new set of rules about how to deal with them, but it made us travel along a

combination of rocky roads and slippery slopes. There is ongoing discussion about how to remedy the situation, which should be seen as a rather urgent project.

On *strategic planning*, much has been said and written already. I was rather fascinated by the psychology of the whole process. There is no question about the utility of planning; there always is room for improvement and sometimes the best way to create a comprehensive proposal is to transport a special committee to a series of retreats to enable participants to give their undivided attention to bettering the institution. The danger as I see it is that working "on the inside" as participants in the process—or even just working as elected officials or staff of any organization—may tend to distort reality. It seems safe to say that LASA is not the single most important aspect of the life of maybe even one single member. Yet in the planning meeting the association tended to loom larger than life as we self-importantly contributed our thoughts and perspectives in the moment. We become (or can become) truly something! Of course we can, but we need perspective. I think there truly are strengths in the Plan and members should be grateful for the many hours that unselfish volunteers of truly high caliber contributed to it. They came up with some imaginative and truly novel approaches and thinking. My only concern is whether everything they set out to do can be accomplished in good order and will prove affordable, in every sense of the word.

Related to the Plan, another observation.

The other day I ran across Helen Safa's final presidential report, filed in the Winter 1986 issue of the *Forum*. I guess it was interesting for me to review because she was at the helm of LASA before Paul Drake, the first president I served under, and I was pretty well familiar with his observations and those of subsequent presidents in the *Forum* and otherwise. Helen noted a big challenge there, i.e., to keep the association dynamic, vital, and attractive both to members who tend to see the association more as a professional scholarly body that should stand for and support disinterested scholarship and to others who are sympathetic to the idea that the expertise we gather as we study the region should be put to use by that body to address and repair injustice. Well, that is nothing new under the sun, is it? This issue, which I inadequately abbreviate as *scholarship vs. activism* was dealt with in the formulation of a new proposed mission statement for LASA by the Strategic Planning Committee, and will remain a significant challenge for the association. But on this you can see Marysa Navarro's report in this issue.

What I have noted so far strike me as "macro-challenges", but others less earthshaking also take on importance. I will mention a couple.

The decision about what LASA should make available *electronically* as opposed to producing in *hard copy* is tough. I expect it will follow a gradual course, but the present transition is trying—and expensive.

What *LASA materials to make available* to the public at large and what to maintain as member benefits is challenging. The

decision to restrict access to Congress papers on line to members for 2003, something now that is much easier to do technologically that just a short time ago, was made to encourage affiliation. When we had seed money from the outside to set up the pages, the donors insisted that the papers should be made available worldwide to anyone interested in the field. I think this debate will continue.

Whether LASA should continue to post notices of employment, research and study opportunities, and calls for papers *free of charge* on our Internet site and as classifieds in the *Forum* I am sure will be looked at. As it is, we get "points" from a whole lot of institutions and individuals for what we are doing now.

Finally, and maybe not so "mini," is the *language* issue. To what extent will LASA documents be translated from their original language? If it is decided that this will be broad in scope, it will be expensive, maybe prohibitively so.

Forum: *Aside from these challenges, have you faced any perennially nagging problems?*

Very appropriately phrased—couldn't have characterized them better myself!

Being at the "pinnacle of power" has availed me little when it comes to getting people to *preregister for LASA Congresses!* On-site registration really should be available exclusively to local walk-ins and the occasional attendee who was unable, for one reason or another, to get a registration payment to LASA before the meeting. I don't think LASA members have any idea of the costs involved to register people on site who should be walking into the meeting with their credentials in hand! We are talking several thousand dollars—and the higher costs of on-site registration doesn't compensate. Add the "pain and suffering" of a harried staff, and it's all too much.

We attempted to enforce a rule that all accepted LASA95 participants with U.S. addresses had to preregister if they wished their names in the program—a strategy that other professional associations apply successfully. But in LASA, the extent of noncompliance was so marked that the program book would have been significantly stripped, so we had to retreat.

That many members wait so long to *renew their memberships* also is problematic both for LASA and for *LARR*, since it means a series of expensive mailings of back issues. We send out requests for renewals in September or October, and how fine it would be if members who were able would make their payments in December—but we would settle for January!

Something that has annoyed me that in the spirit of "do unto others" I have tried *not* to do. I am bothered when I can't find people I have to locate for urgent association business. I say this at the same time I fully realize that busy LASA elected officers—all volunteers who give service from the goodness of their hearts—frequently need to get totally away to work on that book or article. I've been able to afford being more available, but

I have known others in somewhat the same situation as I and at the "pinnacle of power" who can use such power against you. Not fair.

Forum: *Any disappointments?*

Some minor ones, I suppose, but seeing the *decrease in value of the LASA Endowment Fund* has been pure anguish for me!

By August of 1999, LASA had enough in the Fund to begin taking yield, thanks to the \$2,000,000 Ford Foundation grant. The fund was inaugurated with \$2,922,393; the \$922,393 came from gift-giving by LASA members and transfers from operating reserves. The LASA Investment Committee established a balanced portfolio, but the timing was bad. We saw the Fund spike in early 2000, but the principal began to erode as the year went on, so we have not drawn on the Fund after just a one-time financing of \$110,000 in travel grants for LASA2000. We even have taken from operating funds a total of \$42,000 committed to the LASA/Ford Special Projects—all of which was to have come from yield from the Fund.

The end of May 2003 reports showed \$2,735,689, down from a peak of \$3,201,601 at the end of 1999. Well, I won't run all the numbers since most everyone knows what happened through 2000 and beyond.

The upshot is that LASA must seek outside funding to the tune of some \$200,000 for LASA2004 if it is to support travel funding for LASA2004 participants from Latin America and the Caribbean at past levels.

Forum: *Even with the sometimes slave-like conditions under which executive directors of nonprofit associations labor, has this experience offered you the benefits of at least some "non-administrative" growth?*

Oh, most definitely—and along several dimensions. I was able to continue *teaching* in the Center for Latin America Studies' Undergraduate Seminar and Field Trip Program over several years. The last time, though, was in 1991 because the association was growing and the executive directorship had to be unconditionally full time.

But I continued to teach a course in United States foreign policy each fall term. It was rather interesting to deal with foreign policy on an academic and theoretical level in the classroom, and then on a practical level over a period of years as we fought with the U.S. State Department over the issuing of visas for Cubans selected to participate in LASA's International Congresses and as the association generated resolutions about various aspects of U.S. foreign policy behavior.

Just being in an academic community with its seminars, conferences, and rubbing-of-shoulders with fine scholars has provided lots of intellectual refreshment. I haven't been able to be everywhere I wanted to be, but I put a premium on the opportunities when I had them.

I learned a *real gem* in my administrative capacity that I should have known from more careful attention to vital history: I—and LASA—learned the legal principle that “unpopular speech cannot be more expensive than popular speech.” Thus it was that the Miami police could not legally charge LASA the several thousand dollars they tried to make us pay for what they considered the costs for protecting Cuban participants in LASA2000 from protestors across the street from the Hyatt Regency. The rule is a legacy from the civil rights protest marches in the U.S. south during the sixties. Stow *that one* away!

Finally, past experience *editing the Forum* has helped improve my writing. Still, to produce anything reasonable is a long and sometimes anguishing process for me. Getting it all organized is a particular challenge, so I am pleased about being interviewed rather than having to file a final written report in this issue: you have done all the organizing. Thanks very much!

Forum: *Forget it. Let's just move on. Has there been any humor?*

I felt early on that one must have a sense of humor in order even to accept a job like this in the first place—and even more of one to persist in it.

Staying on so long has meant needing to thank lots of people and lots of institutions over the years. I haven't minded, but it has been a challenge to come up with ever fresher expressions of gratitude. In this regard, the following, written by the author of an article in one of Pittsburgh's newsweeklies. He was just retiring from a position with a local institution of higher education, which required him to thank its biggest donors. A Pittsburgh foundation had been most generous, so he was obligated to thank the same foundation president—time and time again. He wrote the following as an example of the next kind of thing he would have had to say if he continued in his job—I committed all this to memory just in case I needed something similar(!):

The world is a much better place because of you. The sweetness of your breath will check the greenhouse effect in its devastating progress, and budding nations of the third world will cease their relentless push for nuclear weaponry when they think of the harm such efforts might bring to you and your offspring. Unborn children everywhere will cry from their mothers' wombs for early entry into the world, just to catch a glimpse of you, and locusts leap from their underground hiding places to swarm years ahead of time. The breadth, depth, length and width—in fact the continent-bestridding dimensions—of your desire to enhance this institution is deeply, viscerally satisfying and grand, and your support, overflowing as it does oceans both real and mythical, regularly defies death.

One *does* run out of thanking—words, but gratefully I never had to come close to that. By the way, since I have profusely thanked nearly everyone, in and out of the *Forum*, who has served with me over the years, I won't go down the thanking-road again. You—out there and in here—know who you are!

The other day I was searching for a blank cassette tape and

happened across a recording of a LASA Executive Council meeting some years back. Fast forwarding, I noted a spot with lots of volume and rewound to the spot. Just before the loudness was the voice of the LASA president inviting Council discussion in any of LASA three official languages—in the grand spirit of the association—whereupon one of the Council members shouted “¡viva!” “What?” came the response of the president. Everyone roared! Well, I have a million of them, but I don't suppose...

Forum: *Please. Moving on, you touched on activism earlier. To what extent have you yourself been “activist,” or is it just not possible or permissible for the LASA Executive Director to be an activist?*

It should be understood that the LASA Executive Director can't make policy—s/he is not even a voting member of the Executive Council, serving constitutionally as s/he is “at the pleasure” of the Council.” In spite of this, there is a sense in which the LASA administrator is in a freer position to express her/himself on some controversial issues than other Latin Americanist colleagues. For example, I was personally livid about the 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama and wanted to co-author a piece for the *Forum*, with other indignant peers. There wasn't time to contact every possible collaborator, but it was clear that some potential partners would not be available, given their directorships or close association with centers and programs in Latin American Studies that were receiving federal funding. But I personally did not have to stand where they were sitting, and it gave me more independence. I proceeded to write an editorial, with the blessing of the Executive Council of course, but I was the only one who signed on. Perhaps my approach to the problem was in the way. At any rate I was pleased that LASA—and I—had enough independence to not have to tread so lightly in the case, and in general. I think that what Eisenhower said in his 1961 farewell address was far-seeing and particularly relevant: “The prospect of domination of the nation's scholars by Federal employment, project allocations, and the power of money is ever present—and is gravely to be regarded.”

Forum: *What about your future plans? Any you want to discuss?*

Thankfully I will have time to take classes to help me close some of the gaps in my education—which are manifold. I think in some senses I am more intellectually curious than ever before, even as I see myself beginning to do things that “old people” do. It progressively takes me a bit longer to perform routine tasks. To make up for taking longer to get ready to go somewhere, I drive faster than before. Very irrational! And this behavior would not serve LASA well if I were to continue. At a wonderful dinner in Dallas that was thrown by some marvelous colleagues—whom I realize have yet to be properly thanked by the way—I asked them if they ever knew a good administrator who was old. Not a peep from anyone.

Also, it will be interesting in my leisure to see my files under the Freedom of Information Act. Sure to be developed at some length there is a report about the illegal January 1995 trip to Cuba with

Wayne Smith and four other colleagues. Wayne was determined to try to get us arrested and to take our case to the Supreme Court, if necessary, and our trip was the second among several that the valiant Wayne organized. The Center for Constitutional Rights committed to take the case, arguing that the travel restrictions in force at the time violated the rights of U.S. citizens under the Constitution. Long story here, but the upshot is that we were detained for four and one-half hours and released. In the process, though, I became a brave hero to one of my same-thinking sons.

If insubordination to an agent of the FBI is cause for entry in the files of the Department of Justice, I should be able to read about the time the FBI came to my house a couple of years back and asked me why I was so interested in arranging for visits of Cubans to the United States. I was a bit crabbiest than usual—since he got me out of a sickbed—and I asked him whether he didn't feel ashamed of himself for being in a business in which he had to investigate issues of such low security concern. He was in a long line of agents to have visited my colleagues and me over the years after we returned from abroad. His predecessors were bent on getting the names of student activists and others. Each refusal also may merit an entry in the files.

Forum: *It is getting late. Any final thoughts?*

In May I gave a talk at a workshop session of the annual meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS). Two of us presenters were asked in advance "what has been the impact of internationalization on ACLS learned societies and the fields they represent? Has the growing openness to knowledge about other cultures led to any significant self-examination or re-definition? (Indeed, is "growing openness" too optimistic a phrase?)"

The charge was not exactly appropriate to LASA, obviously, but the American Studies Association was also represented in the session. I centered on the problems of an organization that has "tried to be" internationalist in nature—and more so over time. I said in part:

...LASA, perhaps like other area studies associations, is taking greater heat from its "international members" than ever before. Decades ago there was the wrath vented by great numbers of LASA members residing in the Americas as a whole against the U.S. government's foreign policy in and out of Latin America and the Caribbean during the sixties and seventies; now we see venting towards the association itself because of where it is

located. It still is not total wrath toward LASA—far from it—but it seems deeper and broader than in the past, as I can recall it.

I propose that what the government of the United States does has serious implications for any organization based in the United States that attempts to be internationalist and/or has significant numbers of members outside the United States. In the present [war] situation, with such a strong lack of approval of U.S. behavior abroad, LASA has taken it on the chin, both in terms of falling numbers of non-U.S. members (we will know better later on this year) and what we experienced at our recent International Congress, held March 27-29 in Dallas, just days after the invasion. Some 25 travel grantees either boycotted the meeting because of the War, or were afraid to fly into a country at war. Losses in non-refundable tickets are estimated at some \$25,000. There were 500 fewer people at the meeting than we anticipated.

The meeting itself was overlaid by the War. There was an atmosphere of demoralization and distraction. This was "internationalization" and "globalization" U.S. style, I am sure many attendees from outside the United States were thinking. For the moment at least, our entire profession seemed to be less rewarding. Special ad hoc meetings were called to discuss the War. The senior scholar who won the coveted Silvert Award for a lifetime of service to the profession referred to the tragedy of it all. A proposed resolution about the War, composed before the invasion, was amended and strengthened in the Business Meeting. The last provision in the proposed resolution (which recently became a full-fledged resolution by email balloting) reads: "Be it further resolved that LASA hold International Congresses outside the United States to the extent possible, owing to the U.S. government's disregard for international law, treaties, conventions and universal standards of human rights..."

LASA's resolution was similar to those of other courageous scholarly societies like the College Art Association, which prophetically warned of a "Cultural Heritage Emergency in Iraq" months before the invasion. That warning would have been less necessary in part if our tragically deficient educational system had its values in the right place....

Forum: *This is a heavy dose. I guess we can expect letters.*

I suppose so, but I just thought that what I prepared for the ACLS session was a bit of a variation on a major theme. Thanks for including it—and for all the structuring here!

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A Note from the LASA2004 Program Chair

Kristin Ruggiero

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Welcome, everyone, to the beginning of year and a half of planning for the LASA 2004 Congress. You will have received the Call for Papers and the list of Track Chairs in the spring issue of the *Forum*. Many LASA members, including former Track Chairs and Section members, contributed nominations for this list and I would like to thank all of you. I think we have an excellent team of creative and industrious people who will work hard to put together the kind of first-rate Congress that we have all become accustomed to from LASA.

A new track has been added, "Health, Science, and Society;" a new name has emerged for "Cities and Citizenship;" the two literature tracks have been rearranged into "Literature: Colonial and Nineteenth Century" and "Literature: Contemporary;" and "Transatlantic and Transpacific Studies" has been omitted.

All panel and individual paper proposals, as well as applications for travel funding, should be sent directly to the Secretariat by November 1, 2003, and *not* to Track Chairs. Track Chairs receive their copies directly from the Secretariat. This system facilitates accurate record keeping. For the first time, proposals can be

submitted on line. The system should be ready to receive submissions during the summer, but the Secretariat will notify members about the exact date later. Letters of acceptance/rejection are scheduled for mailing by April 15, 2004.

Our post 9/11 world continues to produce significant changes in our lives. One of particular concern is the belief that borders should be used to exclude. Fortunately, tools such as email allow us to keep current with efforts to organize to protect the free movement of peoples and ideas. As members of LASA, however, we have another tool in LASA itself. It is the open scholarship we practice here and the connections we make through our newsletters and Congresses. It is the strength of our organization as an advocacy group. Every time we act or meet as LASA, the borders come down. Should new initiatives emerge, it is heartening to know that, as in the past, our hemispheric community will be there to advocate for academic freedom and the value of internationality. We approach the next Congress having been forewarned that more restrictions are planned and we will need to be vigilant and active.

XXIV CONGRESS PAPERS AVAILABLE

Hard copies of papers from LASA2003, as contained in the list sent with the Spring 2003 *Forum*, can still be ordered. Many papers were made available for placement on the LASA site. Members may access them by going to <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu> and clicking on "Papers from Past Congresses."

Since the hard copy list was published, the following papers have become available:

Fonseca, Marco, Between Reconstruction and Globalization: Civil Society and Democratic Politics in Guatemala.

Iglesia, Cristina, Entre cuatro palabras: notas sobre encierros y vacíos.

Malamud, Andrés, Presidential Diplomacy or Presidential Democracy? The Institutional Underpinnings of Mercosur.

Parada, Jairo and Alexandra García I., Growth and Institutions in Latin America: A pooled and cross-time series analysis (1951-1999).

The following paper was attributed to the wrong author:

René Antonio Mayorga's paper, "Las Elecciones generales de 2002 y la metamorfosis del sistema de partidos en Bolivia" was wrongly attributed to *Fernando Mayorga*. Apologies for the error.

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS

NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR 2004 SLATE

Deadline: *November 30, 2003*

LASA members are invited to suggest nominees for Vice President and three members of the Executive Council, for terms beginning November 1, 2004. Criteria for nomination include professional credentials and previous service to LASA. Each candidate must have been a member of the Association in good standing for at least one year prior to nomination. Biographic data and the rationale for nomination must be sent by *November 30, 2003*, to: Professor John Coatsworth, chair, LASA Nominations Committee, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 61 Kirkland St., Cambridge MA 02130. Telephone: 617-496-1605; Fax: 617-496-2802; <coatswor@fas.harvard.edu >.

The winning candidate for Vice President will serve in that capacity until April 30, 2006, and then as President for an additional eighteen months. Executive Council members will serve a three-year term from November 1, 2004, to October 31, 2007.

Additional members of the Nominations Committee are: Eli Bartra, UAM Xochimilco; Enrique Tandeter, Universidad de Buenos Aires; Maarten van Delden, Rice University; and Deborah Yashar, Princeton University. A member from the LASA Executive Council is yet to be appointed.

CALL FOR SILVERT AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: *November 20, 2003*

The Kalman Silvert Award Committee invites nominations of candidates for the year 2004 award. The Silvert Award recognizes senior members of the profession who have made distinguished lifetime contributions to the study of Latin America. The Award is given every 18 months. Past recipients of the Award were:

John J. Johnson (1983)	Oswaldo Sunkel (1994)
Federico Gil (1985)	Richard Fagen (1995)
Albert O. Hirschman (1986)	Alain Touraine (1997)
Charles Wagley (1988)	Richard Adams (1998)
Lewis Hanke (1989)	Jean Franco (2000)
Victor L. Urquidi (1991)	Thomas Skidmore (2001)
George Kubler (1992)	Guillermo O'Donnell (2003)

The selection committee consists of Arturo Arias (chair), LASA immediate past president; Thomas Holloway and Franklin Knight, past presidents, and Peter Ward, editor of the *Latin American Research Review*. Nominations should be sent to LASA Interim Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas at the LASA Secretariat by *November 20, 2003*. Please include biographic information and a rationale for each nomination.

CALL FOR BRYCE WOOD BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Deadline: *January 15, 2004*

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. Eligible books for the October 2004 LASA International Congress will be those published between July 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003. 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. Persons who nominate 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 *January 15, 2004*. By the month preceding the next International Congress, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the Award Ceremony of the LASA2004 business meeting, and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award. Members of the 2004 committee are:

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**CALL FOR PREMIO IBEROAMERICANO
BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Deadline: *January 15, 2004*

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 or Portuguese in any country. Eligible books for the 2004 award must have been published between July 1, 2002 and December 31, 2003. 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. Individuals who nominate 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.

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**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
LASA MEDIA AWARD**
Deadline: *March 15, 2004*

The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce its competition for the year 2004 LASA Media Awards for outstanding media coverage of Latin America. These awards are made every eighteen months to recognize long-term journalistic contributions to analysis and public debate about Latin America in the United States and in Latin America, as well as breakthrough journalism. Nominations are invited from LASA members and from journalists. Journalists from both the print and electronic media are eligible. The Committee will carefully review each

nominee's work and select an award recipient. The award will be announced at the Award Ceremony of the LASA2004 business meeting, and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA may invite the awardee to submit materials for possible publication in the *LASA Forum*. Recent recipients of the awards include:

Eduardo Anguita, freelance journalist, Buenos Aires
(2003)

Guillermo González Uribe of *Número*, Bogotá (2001)

Patricia Verdugo Aguirre of Conama, Chile and
Diario 16, Spain (2000)

Gustavo Gorriti of *Caretas*, Lima, Peru (1998)

To make a nomination, please send one copy of the journalist's portfolio of recent relevant work by *March 15, 2004*, to:

John Mraz, Chair
Madroño 23
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MEXICO

Additional members of the committee are: Janice Hurtig, University of Illinois at Chicago; Ana Lau, UAM Xochimilco; Ernesto López, Universidad de Quilmes, Argentina; and Veronica Schild, University of Western Ontario.

**LASA/OXFAM AMERICA
MARTIN DISKIN MEMORIAL LECTURESHIP**

Deadline for nomination: *January 15, 2004*

The Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship is offered at each LASA International Congress to an outstanding individual who combines Professor Diskin's commitment to both activism and scholarship.

This distinguished lectureship is made possible largely by a generous contribution from Oxfam America, an organization committed to grassroots work—and one with which Martin Diskin was closely associated. Ricardo Falla, S.J., was the 1998 Diskin Lecturer. Professor Gonzalo Sánchez Gómez of the Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, was the Lecturer in 2000. At LASA2001, Professor Elizabeth Lira Kornfeld, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile, delivered the Memorial Lecture. In 2003, the Lectureship was shared by Rodolfo Stavenhagen, El Colegio de México, and Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo, CIESAS, Mexico City.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. A nomination should include a statement justifying the nomination, the complete mailing address of the nominee, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than *January 15, 2004*, to the chair of the Diskin Lectureship Selection Committee, Professor Norma Chinchilla, California State University/Long Beach, Dept of Sociology, Long Beach CA 90840.

Additional members of the 2004 Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship Committee are: Ruth Behar, University of Michigan; Mary Goldsmith, UAM Xochimilco; Lowell Gudmundson, Mount Holyoke College; Enrique Mayer, Yale University and Ray Offenheiser, President, Oxfam America.



SECTION NEWS

REPORTS OF LASA SECTIONS

Brazil

The Brazil Section met on 27 March 2003 in Dallas. Forty-five persons attended the meeting. The first item on the agenda was the awarding of book and essay prizes. Each winner was presented with a certificate, a written commendation, and a check for \$250. Peter M Beattie received the award for the best new book on Brazil in English, *The Tribute of Blood: Army, Honor, Race, and Nation in Brazil, 1864-1945* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2001). The award for the best new book on Brazil in Portuguese was presented to Kenneth P. Serbin, for *Diálogos na Sombra: Bispos e Militares, Tortura e Justiça Social na ditadura* (São Paulo: Companhia das Letras, 2001, translated by Carlos Eduardo Lins da Silva). Lidia Santos won the award for the best new book on Brazil in a comparative perspective, *Kitsch tropical: Los medios en la literatura y el arte en América Latina* (Madrid, Frankfurt am Main: Iberoamericana/Vervuert, 2001). The commendation for the best new essay on Brazil went to Joel Outtes, "Disciplining Society Through the City: The Genesis of City Planning in Brazil and Argentina (1894-1945)," *Bulletin of Latin American Research* vol. 21, no. 1 (2002), pp. 99-127. Book and essay prizes will be given out at the next International Congress in October 2004 for items published in 2003-2004.

Kenneth P. Serbin (University of San Diego, Department of History, USA) and Ivan Prado Teixeira (USP, Escola de Comunicações e Artes-ECA, Brazil) were unanimously elected as Section Co-Chairs for the next one-and-a-half-year term. Two new Executive Committee members were elected unanimously: Simone Osthoff (Penn State University) and Susan Quinlan (University of Georgia).

Submitted by Marshall Eakin, Section Co-Chair

Business and Politics

During the past eighteen months, the Section worked on updating its website to bring in new members and working papers, used its email list to distribute information and resources on business and politics in Latin America, and organized a panel on the role of business in regional integration for LASA2003. Section Member Rita Giacalone chaired the panel, which compared business participation and interests in regional integration efforts in Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Venezuela.

At the Section business meeting in Dallas, attended by 18 people, members expressed interest in putting together a panel on research techniques and design for the next LASA meeting, rather than a traditional panel of papers. Another possibility would be to have a panel on one specific author and his/her critics. A final option would be to do something very broad on business and politics to attract new members.

The Section has modest resources (from its share of Section dues) that can be used for future Section activities. Suggestions are welcome. One suggestion was to use the Section's website to archive qualitative data, particularly interview data, so that researchers could benefit from others' data. This raised certain logistical issues and questions of anonymity, but would be worthy of further consideration.

Nominations were made for the next chair of the Section. Elections will be held via email in the coming weeks.

Submitted by Strom Thacker, Section Chair

Central America

At the business meeting in Dallas the co-chairs reported that the most important development for the Section this year was the development of the website. They expressed their gratitude to Bob Trudeau for his hard work and the generosity with his time. Any comments or suggestions about changes or improvements to the site should be sent directly to Bob at <rtrudeau@postoffice.providence.edu>.

The Section's membership currently stands at 300. The co-chairs have received messages from members who indicated that they are not currently subscribed to the listserv. Nicasio Urbina indicated that the LASA Secretariat directly informs the listserv maintainer of new Section members.

Section Treasurer Anita Herzfeld reported that the Section account balance was \$5940.00 before the Congress, and after the Congress \$3683.32. Expenses were incurred to hold the Section's reception at the Adam's Mark hotel on Thursday, March 27, 2003 at the Press Club. Members raised concerns about the cost of the reception. After discussion, it was decided to limit the budget for future receptions to \$1000.

Suggestions were made for additions to the website: Links to news sources, to the Section countries, to disciplines, scholarship sources, post docs, and to publications by Section members. Nicasio Urbina proposed publishing a Section membership list on the site with minimal information, while providing the option to those who do not wish to be included.

A new Section Co-Chair will be elected. The current co-chairs will circulate information on the election. Anita Herzfeld, current treasurer, is staying on for another period until the next Congress; Bob Trudeau, current secretary, is staying on for half of another period. Members suggested that the Section create the position of webmaster to take some responsibilities away from the secretary.

The Section will create two research grants of \$500 each for Ph.D.

students, one in the Humanities, and one in the Social Sciences. The Advisory Council will form a three-member committee to evaluate the proposals. Upon their return from fieldwork the students will be required to present a report of the work conducted and their findings. The Section will make the students' papers available on line, and if they are attending the following LASA Congress, they will be invited to present the results of their research at one of the Section's sponsored roundtables.

Submitted by Nicasio Urbina, Section Chair

Colombia

Forty-two members attended the Section's business meeting in Dallas. New Section Co-Chairs were elected: Luis Fernando Restrepo, University of Arkansas, and Ann Farnsworth Alvear, University of Pennsylvania. Lea Carroll, University of California at Berkeley was named Vice Chair and Herbert Tico Braun became Past Chair.

Two committees were constituted: one to look into visa difficulties of colleagues from Colombia unable to attend LASA, and another to look into Section awards for academic and intellectual work. A discussion of Section panels for LASA 2004 followed.

Submitted by Herbert Tico Braun, Section Chair

Cuba

La directiva de la Sección Cuba se reunió en La Habana en junio de 2002 y allí se trazó una estrategia de trabajo de cara a la participación cubana en el XXIV Congreso. Entre otras acciones se priorizaron las relacionadas con garantizar la ya tradicional exhibición de libros cubanos organizada por el Instituto Cubano del Libro, así como que por vez primera, y en coordinación con el ICAIC participar en el concurso de films, una película cubana, en este caso fue "Video de familia".

La actividad central de la Sección Cuba de LASA en la etapa analizada estuvo centrada en incrementar la participación de los cubanos residentes en diferentes provincias de la Isla en el XXIV Congreso. Se divulgó ampliamente en Cuba la convocatoria del Congreso y se contactaron diferentes instituciones académicas y culturales que nunca antes habían participado en las reuniones de LASA. De este modo más de 180 académicos e intelectuales de la Isla enviaron propuestas de ponencias individuales y /o paneles, cifras estas nunca antes alcanzadas.

Fueron aprobados alrededor de 150, quienes participaban en la mayoría de los 139 paneles que relacionados directa o indirectamente con Cuba aparecían en el programa del evento diseñado por el Comité Académico del XXIV Congreso. Gracias a los fondos otorgados por LASA o por universidades y/o instituciones que tienen programas de intercambios con Cuba se obtuvieron fondos para que alrededor de 105 personas pudiesen viajar. Gracias a una muy intensa actividad de la directiva de la Sección y de algunos miembros de la misma, se logró finalmente que el Departamento de Estado otorgase 66 visados y de este modo un total de 67 académicos e intelectuales cubanos participaron.

Los paneles de la Sección abordaron las siguientes temáticas: el conflicto bilateral entre Cuba y Estados Unidos; Martí en el 150 aniversario de su nacimiento; investigaciones sobre la pobreza y la política social en Cuba; y raza e identidad nacional en la Cuba del siglo XX.

La reunión de la Sección Cuba transcurrió de manera muy activa y se discutieron temas a los que obligadamente se deberán dar una atención priorizada. Estos son, la búsqueda de fondos para lograr que los cubanos de la Isla puedan ser miembros y puedan participar en LASA2004. En función de ello se hizo un llamado para que las investigaciones científicas en colaboración y las propuestas de intercambio académico que se presenten sean lo suficientemente novedosas e interesantes, de modo tal que puedan encontrar financiamientos para su ejecución y así vincularlas con la presencia de los cubanos en el XXV Congreso de LASA.

También se planteó allí la urgente necesidad de colocar la página WEB de la Sección y que en ella se inserte información no sólo de las actividades, y de los estudios e investigaciones sobre Cuba en el mundo. La fruta de colaboración entre CEA y la Universidad de Utah está lista con información y vinculaciones; nuevas adiciones crecerán la importancia de este herramienta de comunicación: <www.econ.utah.edu/lasacuba>.

Por primera vez se realizaron las elecciones combinando el voto electrónico y el voto físico, quedando en la Junta Directiva los siguientes compañeros: Co-chairs: Lourdes Tabares y Michael Erisman; Tesorera: Elizabeth Iglesias; Miembros: Milagros Martínez (hasta 2004); Miren Uriarte (hasta 2004). Hasta ahora la sección está en proceso de contar votos de la elección de 2003.

Submitted by Eloise Linger, Section Chair

Culture, Power and Politics

The Section held its business meeting in Dallas on March 27, with the participation of 22 members. Carmen Ferradas, outgoing Section chair, opened the meeting and presented a summary of the board activities for the period 2001-2003. The newly elected board members were introduced—Claudia de Lima Costa, chair; Mirta Antonelli, vice-chair; Liv Sovik, program coordinator; Patricio Navia, communications coordinator; Mirna Yonis-Lombano, treasurer; Ana Wortman, elections coordinator—and discussion proceeded about how to encourage greater involvement by the membership in the election of new board members (only 17 percent of the Section members voted in the past election) and how to increase membership participation in sending proposals for the Section's special panels. It was also observed that the panels for LASA2003 did not have a very significant public attendance.

Among the new proposals presented by the board members was the creation of a newsletter (its frequency to be determined) to share Section news and other relevant information with the membership (several members in the meeting complained about the volume of emails they have received from the Section in the past) and the launching of an electronic journal on Culture, Power, and Politics (the specificities of the journal and the composition

of its editorial board are yet to be determined). It was proposed that the sections of the electronic journal be articulated to the Section's special panels. It was also suggested that a committee be constituted to award prizes for the best papers presented in the Section's panels. Another proposal was the constitution of work groups among the membership to propose special panels for the Section. Concerning the use of the Section's funds, it was discussed that clear guidelines should be devised for that purpose (it was suggested that the Section adopt LASA guidelines) and that a financial report should be prepared by the board to be published in the newsletter and to be distributed at the Section's business meeting at every LASA Congress. Once the business meeting was adjourned, members were invited to stay for a Section reception.

Submitted by Claudia de Lima Costa, Section Chair 2003-2004

Decentralization and Sub-national Governance

The business meeting was convened by acting chair, Maria Escobar-Lemmon and attended by five Section members. Due to the small attendance, election of officers was deferred to an email ballot distributed after the meeting. Officers elected via electronic ballot are: Chair, Eliza J. Willis (Grinnell College), and Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Rose Kubal (St. Bonaventure). Council Members include Maria Escobar-Lemmon (Texas A&M), Alfred Montero (Carleton College), Pedro Pérez (Buenos Aires, Argentina), and Alison Rowland (CIDE-Mexico).

In discussing plans for the future, those in attendance expressed interest in fostering greater communication among Section members. Two routes were discussed. One entailed the creation of a Section website. The Section will petition LASA for space on its website with a link to the Section web site. The second involved establishing a Section newsletter. As a first step, Section members will be asked to submit a brief bio and description of their work. These will be compiled and distributed via the listserv, thus raising awareness of current scholarship of interest to Section members.

The Section decided to sponsor an award for the best paper on decentralization and sub-national governance presented at LASA2003. The winner must be a current Section member and will receive recognition and an honorarium at LASA2004. Finally, those in attendance proposed that the panel session allotted to the Section for LASA2004 draw upon studies of decentralization outside the field of political science. This panel should consist of current members of the Section only.

This is a new and small Section, but we hope our new efforts to build and foster community, albeit electronically, will encourage more active participation in the Section and increase membership.
Submitted by Eliza Willis, Section Chair

Defense, Democracy and Civil-Military Relations

Shortly before the Dallas meeting, we received word from Johanna Mendelson that her new position at the United Nations Foundation would not permit her to continue as Co-Chair of the Defense and Democracy Section. As it happened, neither Johanna

nor Hector St. Pierre, the Latin American Co-Chair, were able to attend the meeting in Dallas. So, as the Nominating Committee named at the previous meeting, we agreed to chair the Business Meeting of the Section. Twelve paid members of the Section were present, along with three "amigos".

The discussion focused on two issues: replacing Johanna and planning for the next LASA Congress. Given the limited attendance at the Section meeting, the Nominating Committee was charged with soliciting nominations and conducting an election by email to replace Johanna as the Co-Chair representing North America. (Hector St. Pierre will continue to serve as the Latin American Co-Chair.) Secondly, those present reiterated their desire to have a one-day pre-conference with panels and/or workshops on civil-military relations, defense, and security issues before the next LASA Congress. It was agreed that Hector and the new Co-Chair would be charged with organizing that pre-conference session.

Submitted by Sam Fitch and Raúl Benítez, Section Officers

Ecuadorian Studies

La Sección tuvo su reunión, el jueves 27 de Marzo de 2003 con la asistencia de 27 miembros. La Sección cuenta con \$3,647.57, de los cuales \$2,669.10 provienen del Encuentro 2002 y el resto de las cuotas de los 75 miembros.

Fueron re-elegidos por unanimidad la coordinadora de la sección, Ximena Sosa-Buchholz y el miembro del consejo directivo, Adrian Bonilla. Se eligieron dos nuevos miembros, Eileen Willingham, University of Iowa, quien reemplaza a Jennifer Collins como secretaria/tesorera y Lynn Meish, St. Mary's College of California, quien reemplaza a Jorge León como miembro del consejo directivo.

Debido al éxito que tuvo el primer encuentro, la Sección planea tener otro encuentro interinstitucional e interdisciplinario en Quito para Junio de 2004. Nuevamente, FLACSO sede en Quito ofreció sus instalaciones; la propuesta que fue aceptada. Las mejores ponencias serán publicadas por FLACSO. Adrian Bonilla será el coordinador de los aspectos logísticos-administrativos en Quito. El resto de miembros de consejo, especialmente Michael Handelsman y Will Waters colaboraran con la organización.

Fredy Rivera, co-editor de la revista electrónica de estudios Ecuatorianos, en ausencia de Michael Hamerly, nos informó que se necesita mayor publicidad. Adrian Bonilla ofreció la lista de miembros afiliados a FLACSO. Se discutió y se aprobó que los artículos deben ser publicados en la lengua original en la que fueron escritos. Finalmente, se escribirá una carta sobre la condición en la que encuentra el archivo legislativo debido a que existe preocupación por un reciente incendio en el Palacio Legislativo.

Submitted by Ximena Sosa-Buchholz, Section Chair

Educación y Políticas Educativas en America Latina

Thirty-six people attended the Section meeting in Dallas. It was proposed that Christopher Martin in Mexico be the principal chair, with new co-chairs. Those proposed and accepted were Graciela Riquelme from Argentina and Luis E. González from Chile.

The Chair explained the need to regain the 70-plus members previously subscribed. Apart from general promotion by word of mouth through current members' professional networks, three proposals to breathe new life into the Section emerged from—and were accepted by—the meeting:

Creation of a Section database. It was decided that the chair should communicate by email with all recent members requesting that they identify their key interests. The information gathered should help provide a basis for conversations about themes of current concern to Section members.

Panel Proposals for the next LASA meeting. The database would help in organizing themes around which panel proposals could be submitted for the next LASA Congress. It was agreed that this would be the most democratic way of deciding themes, rather than voting there and then in the meeting, in the absence of knowledge about all members' interests.

Website. The Section would continue to place present and past Congress papers on the LASA site, but it was decided that opening a Section website, or sharing one, would allow for the posting of wider range of papers for discussion.

Submitted by Christopher James Martin, Section Chair

Europe and Latin America

En la reunión del día de 27 de marzo se realizó un balance de lo actuado durante el periodo 2001-2003: 1) Organización del panel "Regional Integration and Transatlantic Cooperation" para LASA 2003, 2) Proyecto de investigación para solicitar el subsidio LASA/Ford (denegado por insuficiencia de fondos), 3) Proyecto de publicación conjunta con cátedra Jean Monnet—University of Miami (en curso), y 4) Evolución de la membresía y finanzas de la Sección.

Posteriormente se procedió a la renovación del Comité Ejecutivo. Resultaron electos: Laurence Whitehead—University of Oxford (Chair); Andrés Malamud—European University Institute (Secretary-Treasurer); Esther del Campo—Universidad Complutense de Madrid; Carlos Quenan—Université de Paris 3 Sorbonne Nouvelle; Andrea Ribeiro Hoffmann—University of Tuebingen; y Joaquín Roy—University of Miami.

Entre las tareas previstas para el período 2003-2004 se establecieron: 1) Diseño de la página web de ELAS, que provea información sobre las actividades de la Sección y se constituya en referente útil para los académicos que trabajen sobre los temas de Europa y América Latina.; 2) Coedición con la cátedra Jean Monnet (University of Miami) de una publicación conteniendo las ponencias de LASA 2003; 3) Promoción de hasta tres paneles para LASA2004, incluyendo Humanidades, Integración regional, e Instituciones políticas.

Además, se decidió fomentar las incorporaciones a la Sección y mejorar la comunicación del Comité Ejecutivo con los miembros.
Submitted by Laurence Whitehead, Section Chair and Andrés Malamud, Section Secretary

Film Studies

The first meeting of the Film Studies Section took place in Dallas on Thursday March 27, at 7:30 pm. The meeting was attended by several new members and interested individuals who planned to join the Section. A copy of the proposal approved by the LASA Executive Council was distributed among the participants. The first part of the meeting covered an account of the general operation of a Section: registration, the organization of sessions, etc; the second was centered on the definition of a plan in connection with the central goals of the Section: 1) To promote dialogue and theoretical deliberation on issues related to Latin American video and film production: representation, cultural movements, professional ethics, history of film, reception and cultural impact, aesthetic trends, criticism and contestation, etc.; 2) To assist researchers, students, filmmakers, producers and others interested in the exchange of ideas, and academic and creative work; 3) To promote Latin American film in all possible forums: Latin America, United States, and abroad; and 4) To facilitate fluid and close relationships between all film creators (directors, writers, artists), researchers, and the classroom.

Three sessions were proposed for the next LASA meeting (Las Vegas): 1) A workshop with reference to the teaching of Latin American Film; 2) A session on new trends in Latin American Video and Film; and 3) A session/workshop with one or more filmmakers to discuss issues on film production and distribution in Latin America and the world. Additionally, the participants discussed the possibility of contributing to the organization of a special Film Festival for the subsequent meeting in Puerto Rico, where the majority of the population speaks Spanish. This special edition would bring filmmakers; organize special workshops with or about them; and create a series of activities around the films screened. Particular attention would be given to the incorporation of film into the classroom.

Follow-up: After the Dallas meeting, and after receiving the rules governing the Sections, I started the process for the election of the Secretary-treasurer and the four Council members. For that purpose, I put together a listserv for all Film Studies members, and sent an email to everybody registered in the Section and to the people who showed interest in working in the Section, with instructions on how to join. Not everybody has registered yet, which has delayed the election process.

Submitted by Claudia Ferman, Section Chair

Gender and Feminist Studies

La preconferencia, *The New World Order/Disorder. Feminist Studies Tendencies and Perspective* se llevó a cabo con la participación de un aproximadamente número reducido de participantes. Se habló sobre la situación laboral de las mujeres en Chile y en Argentina. También se conversó sobre las nuevas pautas para los estudios culturales, feministas y sociales en América Latina y se efectuó un balance general de la situación. Luego se procedió a ver la presentación "Escombros: La ciudad es nuestra galería de arte" a cargo de la Dra. Zulema Moret de Albion College.

Hubo 40 paneles a nombre de la Sección gracias a la colaboración de Diana Niebyski.

El business meeting, con una presencia de aproximadamente 30 participantes, estuvo a cargo de Graciela Di Marco, Sara Poggio y Maria Claudia André. Se dialogó sobre las actividades y logros realizados por la sección en 2001-2003. Luego se debatió sobre la posibilidad de organizar una revista vía internet a cargo del nuevo comité ejecutivo para mantener mejor informados a los miembros de la Sección y profundizar un intercambio que favorezca la realización de proyectos compartidos por universidades de diferentes países. También se manifestó el interés por la realización de Congresos de LASA en países latinoamericanos y del caribe.

Se procedió además a anunciar el lanzamiento del texto editado por Sara Poggio y Beatriz Schumkler, "Género, Sexualidad e identidad en América Latina" (2003) por el Instituto nacional de las mujeres México D.F., libro conformado con los artículos premiados en el 2001.

También se anunciaron los nombres de las ganadoras del Premio de UNIFEM: Primer Premio—"Globalizing and Mobilizing: In the Words of Central American Women" por Lisa-Mari Centeno; Segundo Premio—"Prostitution and the Mexican Revolution: The Regulation of Women's Bodies 1915-1924" por Stephanie Shmit; y Mención especial—"Gendering Testimonio: Historical intention, postwar readers and the search for truth" por Ellen Moddie.

Finalmente se presentó al nuevo comité ejecutivo para el próximo término: Elizabeth Maier, Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Tijuana, México) como Co-chair para América Latina y Matthew C. Gutmann, Brown University como Co-chair para los Estados Unidos. Las Vocales son Judith Morganroth, Natalie Lebon, Adriana Causa, Eugenia Rodriguez Saenz, y Alice Colón-Warren.

La comisión saliente puso énfasis en profundizar los mecanismos de democratización de la Sección, para lo cual, acorde con las posibilidades concretas, en un año sumamente complejo para todos/as. Este proceso consistió en establecer un grupo Yahoo, que permitió la comunicación entre todas las participantes, además de la relación entre la comisión y la membresía, ya que la actualización de la página WEB nos resultó muy dificultosa. Se procedió a una convocatoria abierta de candidatas/os para la comisión, las/os cuales enviaron sus propuestas y sus c.v. de manera de hacer lo más amplia posible la convocatoria a elecciones y de permitir tener elementos para la votación. Se realizó un workshop para jóvenes graduadas y no graduadas, para favorecer el diálogo entre generaciones de académicas y reflexionar acerca de los enfoques de las más jóvenes. Se propició el debate acerca de la nueva situación que atraviesan las Américas y el mundo, no solo en la preconferencia, organizada con este objetivo, sino también en las reuniones formales e informales. Se realizó, en el caso de Argentina, una reunión Pre-Congreso, a la cual se invitó a participar a personas que hubieran presentado sus ponencias en el LASA-Washington, con el objetivo de tener la oportunidad de conocer más en profundidad los trabajos que se están realizando en el país. Asistieron ocho grupos de investigación de cuatro universidades argentinas y, dado que la convocatoria fue sin restricciones, también se presentaron trabajos de EEUU,

Colombia y Cuba.

Submitted by Maria Claudia André, Section Secretary

Haiti/Dominican Republic

Members at the business meeting expressed concern that recruitment remains a problem even after the merger of the two countries into a common Section. We hope to reach the minimum of fifty by the end of the year, with about forty members registering at this stage.

The Haiti/Dominican Republic Section voted to concentrate its efforts over the next 18 months on planning a celebration of the bicentennial of Haiti's independence. That revolution was the first in history where everyone was a full citizen at independence and the only successful slave revolution in history. It also set an example for subsequent anti-colonial revolutions in Latin America and therefore is crucial to the region's history and to LASA. Therefore, we will plan this and several panels at the next Congress on the topic of the revolution and its continuing importance to Latin America. It is hoped that a plenary session can be organized through the LASA Secretariat.

The Section elected two Co-Chairs, one focused on the Dominican Republic and the other more on Haiti. They are Emelio R. Betances, Gettysburg College, and Chip Carey, Georgia State University.

Submitted by Chip Carey, Section Chair

Labor Studies

The Section met on March 28 with twenty people attending. Topics included a report on Section panels, the announcement of Section book and article awards, panel topics for LASA2004, a call for Section officer nominations, proposals for increasing membership and new initiatives, and a reflection regarding a deceased member, Dale Hathaway. The Section organized panels on economic restructuring and unions, unions and social movements, and migration and work. Section prizes were awarded to Steve Marquardt, "Pesticides, Parakeets, and Unions in the Costa Rican Banana Industry, 1938-1962" *Latin American Research Review*, 37, 2: 3-36; and Steve Striffler, *In the Shadows of State and Capital: The United Fruit Company, Popular Struggle, and Agrarian Restructuring in Ecuador, 1900-1995* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press). Officers elected were Joel Stillerman (chair) and Ben Davis and Sonia Larangeira (council). Linda Wilcox Young (secretary), Enrique de la Garza, and Edward Epstein (council) will continue until LASA2004. Members decided to name the Section book award in honor of Dale Hathaway, expand the Section website, and pursue affiliations and exchanges with Latin American labor studies associations. The Section's budget balance is \$2144, and Section membership is 69. Membership fluctuates between 70 and 150 depending on renewal cycles. There were several proposals for expanding membership. Additionally, members suggested that given Latin America's economic difficulties, our Latin American colleagues might only pay Section dues for every other Conference (when they attend), but that we continue to include them in Section activities like the listserv and scholarly exchanges.

Section Officers include Joel Stillerman, Chair; Linda Wilcox Young, Secretary; and Council Members Edward Epstein, Enrique de la Garza, Sonia Larangeira and Ben Davis.

Submitted by Joel Stillerman, Section Chair

Latino-America Medio Ambiente Section (LAMA)

The Latino-America Medio Ambiente Section is a small, highly interdisciplinary, and committed Section focused on environmental issues in Latin America. The most dynamic activity of LAMA continues to be the public listserv ELAN, the Environment Latin America Network at <http://csf.colorado.edu/elan/>, which has hundreds of subscribers and an important archive. The LAMA business meeting in Dallas was attended by 27 members and discussed the status of the Section, the environment sessions held in Dallas, the listserv, and plans for the Las Vegas Congress. There were 17 formal sessions on the environment at the Dallas LASA2003 Congress and at least 26 other sessions with a focus on the environment. Special speakers included Oscar Olivera, hero of the Cochabamba protest against water privatization. The Section thanked the program track chairs, Tony and Denise Bebbington, for their work in organizing the environment sessions.

Section elections resulted in the election of a new chair, Jim Bass, and three new council members: Maria Carmen Lemos, Kathy Hochstetler, and Pablo Suarez. Continuing officers include Secretary Treasurer Peter Wilshusen, and council members Marta Bustillo and Reese Warne.

Plans for the future include identifying a new host for the ELAN listserv, building LAMA membership, organizing a student paper competition, inviting a keynote speaker for the Las Vegas meetings, and establishing an informal web page to notify members about cancellations and informal get-togethers at the next LASA meeting. The track chair for the Las Vegas Congress is Timmons Roberts.

Submitted by Diana Liverman, Section Chair

Latino Studies

The Latino Studies Section's business meeting, attended by approximately twenty of its members, was held on Thursday, March 27, 2003. Beginning with a review of our Section's current membership (130) and (adequate) financial condition, its agenda covered the following items: A summary by our webmaster Fred Gleach of the present state and on-going costs—in time and money—associated with maintaining our website, including an accepted recommendation that we assume the relatively minor expense of formally acquiring and registering our own domain name. There was discussion of a proposal endorsing our current Co-Chair model but recommending we consider a system of staggered tenures and increasing the Co-Chairs' term to three years. To implement both propositions, assuming their acceptance by the membership, we further discussed how, in order to trigger the staggering, it would be necessary initially to have a set of candidates running for, in one case, the traditional eighteen months and, in the other, for the proposed three year term. Intended as a measure to better ensure institutional continuity, it

was agreed the matter should be brought to the consideration of the Section's full membership.

Discussion ensued of a recommendation that the Chair(s) and Secretary-Treasurer, at the end of their respective terms in office, rotate onto and become members of the Section's Council. A discussion of the current process of selection of the LASA Program Chair and the need more effectively (and structurally) to promote the Sections' adequate representation on the Program Committee ended by directing the leadership to bring the matter up at the Section Chairs meeting. We also took up the matter of the nomination of candidates for new Co-Chairs, Secretary Treasurer, and membership on the Section's Council. A ballot including all those put forward at the meeting and since who have agreed to serve was forwarded to the membership on April 21. (The results of this election will be reported as soon as they are finally in.) The outcome of the Section's programming efforts and the general results of the work of its different award committees over the course of this term were the other principal items covered.

This year the Section organized and sponsored two panels. With the first of these, "The State of the Art: Latino Studies on the Cutting Edge," we inaugurated what we fully expect will be a regular panel and fixed feature of the Latino Section's sponsored programming. Our second panel, "La migración del Caribe hispánico a los Estados Unidos: su representación en la producción cultural de las islas y la emigración," was no less successful.

A committee composed of Professors Pedro Cabán, of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, Ginetta Candelario, of Smith College, and Jorge Duany of the University of Puerto Rico unanimously awarded the Section's Prize for Best Dissertation in the Field of Latino Studies to Dr. Elizabeth Aranda for her thesis *Weighing Hearts and Minds: Emotional Transnationalism and Puerto Rican Migration*, submitted to the Department of Sociology at Temple University. The Committee also conferred an Honorable Mention to Nancy Jean Burke's dissertation, *Creating Islands in the Desert: Place, Space, and Ritual among Santería Practitioners and Priests in Albuquerque, New Mexico*, submitted to the Department of Anthropology of the University of New Mexico.

This year also saw the inaugural conferral of our first Public Intellectual Award by a jury composed of Professors Francis Aparicio, María de Los Angeles Torres, and María Elena Cepeda. Our first such recognition went to Dr. Frank Bonilla, founder and first Director of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College of the City University of New York. The announcement and formal presentation of all three recognitions were made before a shoulder-to-shoulder packed house at the Section's reception, this year jointly sponsored with Palgrave publishers.

Submitted by Roberto Márquez and Vilma Santiago Irizarry, Section Co-Chairs

Law and Society

The Law and Society Section sponsored three panels at the 2003 LASA Congress; gave out a travel award and made plans for new awards; elected new co-chairs; and planned to consult the Section in making the new panels.

New officers Chip Carey and Víctor Uribe expressed their gratitude for the opportunity of serving the Section, and thanked Carlos Aguirre for managing the Section website and email notification system of news and publications. After several nominations, the Section unanimously elected Margaret Popkin and Viviana Kluger as the new Co-Chairs.

We originally awarded three travel grants. Ronaldo Macedo had to decline his travel award at the last minute because he did not receive a LASA travel award, which would have been in addition to the award from our Section and would have been sufficient to cover enough of his costs. Sandra Gayol also declined her offer.

The Travel Committee will award two "First Prize" grants and one "Honorable Mention" in recognition of the merits of those who participated in the competition. Juan Carlos Rodríguez-Cordero, who participated in a Section panel as a co-author with Bruce Wilson, received a \$200 grant at the meeting for his travel expenses. Grants will be awarded to those participating in Section sponsored panels, to replace the previous policy, which was open to all of LASA. It was also decided to award grants of higher amounts, in light of the funds not spent this time and because of the costs of travel to the next Congress in Las Vegas. At the last Congress, we appointed Bob Cottrell, Mark Ungar and Linn Hammergren to organize the three panels. This time it was decided to spend more time via email discussion on what topics to pursue. It was also noted that we might not get the three panels if the number of Section members does not increase to past levels of 150-225 members. We currently have almost 100 members. It was decided that the new Co-Chairs would commission several Section leaders to direct e-mail discussion. Recommendations would be made to the Section on the three topics and chairs for each panel would be appointed.

Submitted by Henry (Chip) Carey, Section Co-Chair

Lesbian and Gay Studies

At the September 2001 LASA Congress in Washington D.C., Laura G. Gutiérrez (University of Iowa) and José Quiroga (George Washington University and now Emory University) were elected as co-chairs. At the same business meeting, Amy Lind (Arizona State University) agreed to continue her three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer until November 2003.

The major activity during the past term was organizing a designated session for the March 2003 LASA Congress in Dallas, Texas. There was some confusion due to the creation of the new Lesbian and Gay Studies Track, but there is also enthusiasm as this new track will bring in more visibility to both, the Section and LGBT studies in LASA. Gutiérrez moderated a session on "Voices and Identities: Negotiating (homo)sexuality in Latin America and its Diaspora." Another initiative undertaken was the creation of

a listserv for the Section.

Our business meeting drew about 30 people, old and new to the Section. After offering a brief history of the Section and an assessment of the future of the Section, we brainstormed about sessions for the next Congress and had an ample discussion regarding the possibilities for networking between institutions in Latin America and in the United States. Regarding this last point, the Section is concerned with issues that have to do with political asylum for LGBT people from Latin America and the lack of LGBT literature and sources available in Latin America. There was discussion of creating a task force for asylum and of expanding the bibliographic website, maintained by Adán Griego at Stanford, to include portions of scholarship so that people in Latin America can access it. We also approved the creation of an Advisory Board for the Section, which is to help out the incoming elected officers. This Advisory Board consists of seven people, most of whom are past officers. The business meeting was followed by a reception which was successful in drawing many more than the number at the business meeting alone—although the final cost was higher than anticipated.

In November 2003, Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes (Rutgers University) and Dara E. Goldman (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) will begin serving their term as the next Co-Chair and Secretary-Treasurer of the Lesbian and Gay Studies Section; La Fountain-Stokes' Co-Chair is still to be elected via an e-mail ballot. *Submitted by Laura G. Gutiérrez and José Quiroga, Section Co-Chairs*

Paraguayan Studies

The Paraguayan Studies Section held its business meeting on March 27, 2003, during the Dallas conference of LASA. Approximately 12-15 persons were in attendance. The meeting was chaired by outgoing Section president Frank Mora.

Ideas were discussed concerning how to use the approximately \$1000 the Section has accumulated from its membership fees. No firm conclusion was reached, as there was confusion concerning any restrictions LASA might place on the use of such funds. We resolved to inquire about this at the Section chairs' general meeting.

In accordance with Section rules, vice-president Tracy Lewis (Modern Languages, State University of New York) succeeded Frank Mora as president automatically. Celeste Meza (University of Iowa) was then elected as the new vice-president. Both Lewis and Meza will serve until the next LASA Congress. Following the election, the Section revised its method of choosing the president. Beginning with the meeting at LASA2004, the president will be elected, rather than succeeding automatically from the office of vice-president.

Discussion ensued concerning future projects. Chiefly, our efforts will be in planning a panel or panels at LASA2004 and in supporting the Association of Paraguayanists (ASPARAGUAS) in organizing a conference in Asunción in 2005.

Prior to the Dallas meeting, the Section focused on maintaining and expanding membership, and on collaborating with ASPARAGUAS, which sponsored a conference at the University of Ohio in 2002.

Submitted by Tracy Lewis, Section Co-Chair 2003-04

Peru

The Peru Section business meeting was held on Thursday, March 27 in Dallas, with over 35 members in attendance. After a brief discussion, we elected Moisés Arce (Louisiana State University) and Gregory Schmidt (Northern Illinois University) as co-chairs for the 2003-2004 period. We also elected the following people to serve on the executive council: César Ferreira (University of Oklahoma), Juan Carlos Galdo (Texas A&M), and Carlos Parodi (Illinois State University). Continuing as members of the executive council until 2004 will be the secretary-treasurer, Patricia Ledesma (Northwestern University), the website coordinator, Mark Cox (Presbyterian College), and the outgoing chair, Charles Kenney (University of Oklahoma).

At the business meeting, we thanked those members of the executive council who left office this year for their service to the Section: Julio Carrión, Catherine Conaghan, Lydia Fossa, Stephanie McNulty, and Kimberly Theidon. We also recognized Gregory Schmidt for his initiative in organizing an open letter protesting the appointment of former president Fujimori as a visiting professor in Japan, and Coletta Youngers for her work in organizing the Section-sponsored panel on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The other main item of discussion was the question of partially funding the expenses of one or more participants in Section-sponsored panels traveling to LASA from Peru, and creating an application process for those funds. These options will be developed into a proposal by the executive council and submitted for consideration to the Section at a future date.

Submitted by Charles Kenney, Section Chair

Political Institutions (LAPIS)

The Section met March 27 for its business meeting, followed by a reception. With 80 members and three panels on the program, LAPIS is strong and growing. Members agreed to move the website to Brigham Young University, where maintenance and updating of the site will be frequent. The Section also constituted committees to review papers for "best paper" awards from the meeting. LAPIS will also be providing modest graduate student research awards for winners of a grant competition, and the committee to review proposals was established. David Samuels, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Minnesota, was chosen as the new section chair by acclamation.

Submitted by Dan Nielson, Section Chair

Rural Studies

The main activity undertaken by the LASA Rural Studies Section during this period was the organization of three official Section panels for the 2003 LASA International Congress in Dallas. The

Section has also been able to increase the communication among the membership on matters of immediate political import, such as the U.S. war on Iraq. The Section email list hosted a rich debate on how to approach this situation, whether to boycott the Congress or write a pronouncement against the war and for a peaceful approach to disarming Saddam Hussein. David Barkin put together a resolution that was proposed to the LASA Executive Council.

There were more than 20 members present at the Section business meeting in Dallas, which constituted the required quorum. It was reported that the Section website, created by David Myhre, has not been functioning. Humberto González, in Guadalajara, has agreed to re-create and maintain a web site for the Section; putting all of the Section *ponencias* on this site for a start. Mónica Bendini and Dave Runsten will investigate the ability of the Section to pay a part-time student to maintain this site.

David Myhre volunteered to organize and edit a CD-ROM of rural studies papers for the next LASA Congress; Humberto González will assist him. The committee will decide which papers would be included. The purpose of the CD is to promote rural studies at LASA.

David Barkin brought some books and CDs donated to the Section by Carlos Plascencia of the Museo Nacional de Culturas Populares in Mexico. He sold them to the members at the business meeting, generating \$90.

Rural Studies should have the right to sponsor two panels for the next Congress. It was agreed that these would deal with the "nueva ruralidad." There was a lengthy discussion about a *premio* for a book or thesis on rural topics. Sponsoring a talk by someone who wrote a particularly good book would likely count as one of our two panels.

The new Section officers are: Chair, Mónica Bendini, Argentina; Secretary Treasurer, Dave Runsten, UCLA; and Councilors, Martha Rees, Agnes Scott College and Boris Marañoñ, Mexico. At the business meeting, Sara Lara was nominated as Chair-elect, to take over after the next Congress, and Humberto González and Neil Harvey as Councilors, be in charge of the rural panels for the Spring 2006 Congress. Additional nominations are being accepted until June 30.

Submitted by Gerardo Otero, Chair (2001-2003) and Dave Runsten, Secretary/Treasurer

Scholarly Research and Resources

The Section's business meeting in Dallas drew some 30 attendees. Panelists from the Section's sponsored morning session on electronic journals and Latin American studies (representing JSTOR, Project Muse, and HAPI Online) encored their presentations and answered additional questions about their products' near-term plans for more regional content in digital form. These discussions have already led to collaborative efforts involving Section members to seek JSTOR and Muse loads of specific prime e-journal candidates from publishers in Latin America and Spain.

Another agenda discussion introduced digital content management systems in the context of building synthetic web guides to area studies subject resources.

The Section confirmed Pamela Graham (Columbia University) as the new chair, replacing Harold Colson (University of California/San Diego). We also organized and celebrated our first-ever membership social reception in Dallas.

Activities during this term centered around assembling the Section's two successful digital resources panels (e-journals, online news) for the Dallas Congress. This momentum may carry forward to successor 2004 panels that examine emerging and maturing e-journal services and content from Latin America itself.
Submitted by Harold Colson, Chair

Southern Cone Studies

The Southern Cone Studies Section is still growing and now has more than 100 members. Once we have the total number in September, we will call for elections. At the Section Meeting, members showed interest in organizing activities between Congresses. In order to coordinate such events, members agreed on the importance of finding housing for the Section. Conversations toward accomplishing this goal are under way.

During the Congress in Dallas, the Section presented and/or sponsored the following activities: 1) March 26: Movie *Cortazar: Apuntes para un Documental* by Eduardo Montes Bradley; 2) March 26: Co-sponsored *Escombros: An approach to ecological and community art*, by Zulema Moret; and 3) March 28: *Declassification on Argentina: A Contribution to Truth and Justice Today*.

We are now organizing events for the next LASA Congress and hope to hear suggestions from our membership.
Submitted by Silvia G. Kurlat Ares, Chair

As of May 5, 2003, there were 93 members enrolled, a decline from the 120 who were enrolled in 2002. Many past members have been unable to renew given the currency exchange controls in Venezuela. Fifty people voted in our pre-Dallas elections. Leo Ledezma received overwhelming approval to continue as President of the Section. Elizabeth Nichols received overwhelming approval to continue on the committee as a member-nom resident in Venezuela. Carlos Blanco was elected as a new committee member resident in Venezuela. Elections were ratified at the business meeting. Cathy Rakowski continues as Secretary-Treasurer and continuing members of the committee include: Emperatriz Arreaza, Mauricio Pérez Badell, Raquel Gamus, Daniel Hellinger, Kimberly Morse, and Ana Emilia León. Margaret Martin is the Section's Web Page Manager. In addition to a website <<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~mmarteen/svs/>> we also host a discussion site, SVS-POL, on Yahoo. The website averages 6000 hits a month although activity on both the web page and the discussion site increased during the four-day coup and the two-month strike.

Our major activity last year was a post-LASA2001 conference, *Jornadas Visión de Venezuela*, held in Maracaibo for people unable to attend LASA because of cost. It was organized by a group led by María Cristina Parra and Emperatriz Arreaza of LUZ and it was held at the Universidad del Zulia with support from several on campus and off campus organizations. There were five panels and 21 papers presented by participants who came from Venezuela and the United States. Students and faculty from Maracaibo and other parts of Venezuela attended the sessions and papers were distributed on a CD to all participants and to several libraries in Venezuela and the United States. The total cost to the Section was less than \$500 as participants paid their own way. We propose to organize another, post LASA2003, conference to take place in Caracas in 2004.

Submitted by Leo Ledezma, Section Chair

THE BOOK AWARDS—RENEWING A PLEA!

LASA does its best to make sure the Association book awards are highly publicized. In addition to posting these notices in two editions of the *Forum* and on the Internet site, we send flyers to all publishers we know about who might even remotely produce monographs that could be contenders for the Bryce Wood and *Premio Iberoamericano* book awards.

It would be very much appreciated if LASA members would contact appropriate publishers and inform them of these awards; this is especially important in the case of the *Premio*, since LASA is in the process of continuing to build its list of publishers of monographs in Spanish and Portuguese of interest to Latin Americanists. And of course, please make sure, if you are eligible for one of these awards, that you submit your publication!



PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL NOTES

Anne Fountain, San José State University, is author of *José Martí and U.S. Authors* (University Press of Florida, 2003) a study of Martí's multiple and multifaceted engagements with United States literature. Writing in the preface, Roberto Fernández Retamar, President of Casa de las Américas, calls Fountain's text "a study that will enhance our comprehension of José Martí's fascinating personality even as it contributes to our knowledge of ourselves (and) ...clears away needless misunderstandings"(xii).

La obra *Máscaras suele vestir. Pasión y Revuelta: escrituras de mujeres en América Latina*, fue publicada en la colección Nexos y Diferencias de la Editorial Iberoamericana-Veuvert, Madrid, 2003. La autora, **Sonia Mattalia**, es profesora titular de Literatura Latinoamericana en la Universidad de Valencia, ciudad en la que reside desde 1978. Ha publicado varios libros, entre ellos *Aún y mas allá... Mujeres y discursos* (Ex-Cultura, Caracas, 2001).

Acaba de ser publicada a tese de doutorado de **Fernando Teixeira da Silva**, *Operários sem Patrões: os trabalhadores da cidade de Santos no Entreguerras*, pela Editora UNICAMP. O livro "focaliza as lutas dos trabalhadores do porto de Santos no período entre as duas Guerras Mundiais. ...A noção de 'operários sem patrões' e o complexo de práticas e valores englobados no conceito de valentia permite uma nova compreensão das bases sociais das diversas estratégias sindicais...."

Howard J. Wiarda has been named Dean Rusk professor of International Affairs and head of the newly-created Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia. Wiarda has authored or edited over 60 books and 300 articles, has served as an adviser to four U.S. presidents and is ranked among the five most influential Latin Americanists in the United States. The new department at Georgia will be adding two new faculty positions every year for the next five years, unusual in a period of revenue shortfalls.

Iêda Siqueira Wiarda, political scientist, will be leaving her position in the Hispanic Division of the U.S. Library of Congress for an appointment at the University of Georgia.

IN MEMORIAM

On May 4, 2003, Brazil lost one of its greatest scholars. **Rene Armand Dreifuss**, 58, passed away after a courageous three-year battle with a brain tumor. Tireless researcher and dedicated teacher, he continued, with the help of his wife, Estrella Bohadana, and his son Danny, to write and to conduct classes at home until a few short weeks before his death. His final book, to be published posthumously, is entitled *Matrizes do Século XXI*.

Rene, born Uruguayan, became thoroughly cosmopolitan and, at the same time, quintessentially Brazilian. He studied in Israel and England before receiving his doctorate in 1980 from the University of Glasgow. He spoke half a dozen languages, was interested in everything and was at home anywhere. He attained extraordinary insight into the nature, the opportunities, and the threats inherent in twenty-first century technologies and neoliberal globalization. But most of all, he was committed to understanding the darker side of the power game in Brazil so as to strengthen Brazil's very promising movements for grassroots democracy and human rights.

In Brazil, Rene served as professor and researcher for the federal universities of Minas Gerais (UFMG) and of Rio de Janeiro (UFF, and UFRJ). He also founded the Nucleus of Strategic Studies of the University of Campinas and served as a consultant to Rio's Public Service Academy (FESP), the Ministry of Foreign Relations, and the Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analysis (IBASE). Rene's first book, *1964: A Conquista do Estado* (Vozes, 1981), had the distinction, rare among academic books, of being a bestseller. He went on to publish *A Internacional Capitalista* (Espaço-Tempo, 1986), *O Jogo da Direita* (Vozes, 1989), and *A Época das Perplexidades* (Vozes, 1996). He published dozens of articles as well, in Brazil and elsewhere.

René was a prolific scholar, a brilliant political strategist, and a courageous social activist. And he was to me a warm and witty, wonderful friend, the kind of friend one travels regularly across hemispheres to see, for some 25 years. He leaves a great void in my life. He also leaves footprints too big to fill and too big to miss and inspiration that will be much needed in the years ahead.

Jan Knippers Black
Monterey Institute of International Studies



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The **Associated Colleges of the Midwest**, a consortium of fourteen private liberal arts colleges, seeks a director for its two undergraduate programs in San José, Costa Rica, beginning the summer of 2004. ACM has provided off-campus study opportunities in Costa Rica since 1964. The fall semester program, Studies in Latin American Culture and Society, provides interdisciplinary courses in Latin American studies with an emphasis on Spanish language instruction. The spring program, Tropical Field Research, provides opportunities for students to do independent research projects, primarily in the natural and social sciences, and includes intensive Spanish instruction. *General Responsibilities:* manage the academic, administrative, and financial aspects of the two programs in San José; supervise and provide leadership for the teaching, administrative, and maintenance staff; work closely with the ACM Chicago office to carry out consortial objectives and execute ACM administrative policy; provide guidance and support on both academic and student life issues for students on the two programs; travel to member colleges once a year to recruit students and meet with program advisors; teach one course each fall; select and oversee the faculty advisors who work with students on their independent projects in the spring; visit students at their field sites; and maintain good relationships with important constituencies in Costa Rica, including the government, host families, universities, and research agencies. *Basic Qualifications:* Ph.D. in a discipline related to Latin American Studies; proficiency in both Spanish and English; knowledge about both Costa Rican and North American culture; sensitivity in dealing with matters of cultural difference; teaching experience, preferably at a liberal arts college; active research interest in some area of Latin American Studies for credibility in dealing with faculty at ACM colleges and Costa Rican universities; strong interpersonal and public relations skills for dealing with a variety of people in Costa Rica and on ACM campuses; commitment to students and their needs, both curricular and co-curricular (the director serves as dean of students); interest in the content of both ACM programs and the capacity for mentoring students doing field research; expertise required to teach an interdisciplinary course on Costa Rican history and culture; understanding of ACM consortial goals and educational mission of ACM colleges; administrative experience, preferably in managing off-campus study programs (the director provides leadership for the Costa Rican staff and students and manages the program finances and administration); collaborative management style which will draw on the skills, experience, and commitment of our Costa Rican staff and enable the director to communicate fully and work effectively with ACM officers in Chicago; experience living and working in Latin America; sophisticated knowledge of Latin American culture. Some experience in Costa Rica is desirable. In particular, it is important that the director feel comfortable driving in heavy traffic and on isolated mountain roads and passes. The appointment will be for one year, on a renewable basis, with annual performance reviews. We will consider candidates who can make a two-year commitment, but prefer a five-six year commitment. The appointment begins July 1, 2004. Salary commensurate with

experience. Good fringe benefits. Send a letter describing qualifications and interest in the position, the names, addresses, and phone numbers of three references, and a CV to:

Sarah R. Marino, Program Officer
Associated Colleges of the Midwest
205 W. Wacker Dr., Suite 1300
Chicago, IL 60606

Applications are due **September 1, 2003**.

The Department of Sociology, **Vassar College**, in conjunction with the Latin American Studies Program, seeks applicants for a tenure-track position beginning Fall 2004, at the rank of Assistant Professor. Ph.D. required. We seek candidates whose research and teaching interests focus on contemporary Latin American and Caribbean societies. We are particularly interested in candidates whose work explores issues of gender, development, or globalization in a Latin American context. Applicants should also be capable of teaching the Sociology Department's introductory course centered on the classical tradition in sociological theory. Vassar College is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Send letter of application, CV, and three reference letters, by, to:

Diane Harriford, Chair
Department of Sociology
Box 275
Vassar College
Poughkeepsie NY 12604.

Deadline for receipt of applications is **October 15, 2003**

The Department of History at the **University of Connecticut-Storrs** invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor appointment in Mexican History (National Period) beginning Fall 2004. Ph.D. in hand by beginning of teaching term is strongly preferred. Candidates with research interest on the Borderlands from a Mexican perspective, human rights and social movements or Mexico in the world are preferred. The History Department, actively expanding the Latin American program, provides a supportive environment in which the candidate can develop thematic and comparative courses beyond traditional field lines. UConn is committed to fostering multicultural diversity. We encourage applications from underrepresented groups, including women and people of color. Please send letter of application, CV, a syllabus of the L.A. History (national period) survey course, publications and letters of reference to:

Professor Blanca G. Silvestrini, Chair
Mexican Search Committee
Department of History
University of Connecticut
Wood Hall U-Box 2103
Storrs CT 06268
Tel: 860-486-4225
<blanca.silvestrini@uconn.edu>

Screening will begin on October 20, 2003 and continue until the position is filled.



RESEARCH AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The Woodrow Wilson Center awards approximately 20-25 residential fellowships annually to individuals with outstanding project proposals in a broad range of the social sciences and humanities on national and/or international issues. Topics should intersect with questions of public policy or provide the historical and/or cultural framework to illumine policy issues of contemporary importance. While the Center does not engage in formulating actual policy, it is particularly interested in those projects that help provide the essential background against which current issues can be more thoroughly understood. Applications from any country are welcome. Men and women with outstanding capabilities and experience from a wide variety of backgrounds (including government, the corporate world, and the professions, as well as academia) are eligible for appointment. For academic participants, eligibility is limited to the postdoctoral level. It is expected that academic candidates will have demonstrated their scholarly development by publications beyond their doctoral dissertations. For other applicants, an equivalent level of professional achievement is expected. Questions regarding eligibility or suitability of your project topics can be sent to <fellowships@wwic.si.edu>. The basic criteria for selection are: significance of the proposed research, including the importance and originality of the project; quality of the proposal in definition, organization, clarity, and scope; capabilities and achievements of the applicant and the likelihood that the applicant will accomplish the proposed project; the relevance of the project to contemporary policy issues. The Center welcomes in particular those projects that transcend narrow specialties and methodological issues of interest only within a specific academic discipline. Projects should involve fresh research—in terms of both the overall field and the author's previous work. It is essential that projects have relevance to the world of public policy, and fellows should want, and be prepared, to interact with policymakers in Washington and with Wilson Center staff who are working on similar issues. The Center's "scholars in residence" are so in both name and fact. Fellows are expected to work from their offices at the Center and to participate in appropriate meetings organized by the Center. Fellows are also expected to present their research to colleagues at our informal internal Work-in-Progress seminars. In addition, fellows are encouraged to make a more formal presentation to the public such as a colloquium, seminar, workshop, or other form of meeting. The Center expects all fellows to seek ways to share their expertise with the Washington policy community. The form of such interaction could range from a deep background briefing for an executive branch agency to an informal roundtable discussion with members of Congress and their staffs. For additional information and application forms, go to <www.wilsoncenter.org>.

Application forms also may be obtained from:

Scholar Selection and Services Office
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington DC 20004-3027

The deadline for receipt of applications is **October 1, 2003**

The **National Humanities Center** offers 40 residential fellowships

for advanced study. Applicants must hold doctorate or have equivalent scholarly credentials, and a record of publication is expected. Both senior and younger scholars are eligible for fellowships, but the latter should be engaged in research other than the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Fellowships are for the academic year (September through May). Scholars from any nation and humanistically inclined individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life, as well as from all fields of the humanities, are eligible. Most of the Center's fellowships are unrestricted as to area of study. Fellowships up to \$50,000 are individually determined, the amount depending upon the needs of the Fellow and the Center's ability to meet them. The Center provides travel expenses for Fellows and their dependents to and from North Carolina. Located in the Research Triangle Park of North Carolina, near Chapel Hill, Durham, and Raleigh, the Center provides an environment for individual research and the exchange of ideas among scholars. Its facilities include private studies for Fellows, conference rooms, a central commons for dining, lounges, reading areas, a reference library, and a Fellows' workroom with microfilm reader, laser printers, scanners, fax machine, access to electronic catalogues, e-mail, and the World Wide Web. The Center locates suitable housing for Fellows in the neighboring communities. Applicants submit the Center's form supported by a CV, a 1000-word project proposal, and three letters of recommendation. The National Humanities Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national or ethnic origin, handicap, sexual orientation, or age. Application forms are at <www.nhc.rtp.nc.us> or write to:

Fellowship Program
National Humanities Center
Post Office Box 12256
Research Triangle Park NC 27709-2256

Applications and letters of recommendation must be postmarked by **October 15, 2003**.

The **Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame** will offer up to eight residential Visiting Fellowships for the 2004-2005 academic year. Fellows have the opportunity to pursue research in comparative international studies within a highly supportive and stimulating community of peers. Research awards are for one semester and, this year, Visiting Fellows will also be offered the option of an academic-year fellowship that includes teaching responsibilities. Visiting Fellows have faculty status within the university, offices on campus in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, and full access to Notre Dame's extensive resources. Visiting Fellows are in residence during their appointment, staying in conveniently located, furnished faculty housing. For complete information and applications, go to <www.nd.edu/~kellogg/Fellowsite/Mainpage.htm> or write to:

Sharon Schierling, Assistant Director
Kellogg Institute
University of Notre Dame
130 Hesburgh Center
Notre Dame IN 46556-5677

Deadline for receipt of applications is **November 3, 2003**

The **Inter-American Foundation (IAF)** is an experimental development institution. In addition to funding worthwhile projects, it seeks out innovative experiences that generate lessons applicable to other cases. It is especially interested in supporting grassroots groups to enhance their capacity for decision-making and self-governance, and to develop partnerships with the public and private sectors. The IAF responds only to initiatives presented to it; it does not identify problems or suggest projects. The IAF accepts proposals throughout the year, but groups them in two funding decision cycles: those received up to July 31 (note time extension) and those received up to **December 31**. Decisions can take up to 18 months, depending on the complexity of the project and the number of visits required. The IAF operates under the premise that societies can develop only when they build on a solid base. This base cannot be built from the top down; implementation of the best-formulated public policy will fail without citizen support to make it work. The basis of development is a culture of involved, committed, active, responsible citizens. Grassroots development is the basis of development. Our program guidelines have always been: to respond to, rather than to identify, the beneficiaries' needs; to be innovative in the field of social development and to support experimentation through pilot projects; to work with private groups and through alliances with the public sector, business and civil society; to select projects on their merits and their likelihood of contributing to knowledge of social change, rather than by sector; to emphasize equity, access to opportunity, and communication as ways to counteract the social tensions and conflicts that impede development. Within these guidelines, we consider a wide variety of possibilities, *except*: proposals presented or directed by government entities or by entities outside the country in which the project is located; proposals that depend exclusively on solicited outside contributions; proposals associated with political parties or partisan movements; purely religious or sectarian activities; pure research; welfare projects of any kind; requests for contributions that are too small (< US\$25,000) or too large (> US\$700,000); projects whose objectives are other than to encourage the beneficiaries' capacity for self-help. Please review the Application Procedures and Proposal Format Requirements before submitting your application at: <http://www.iaf.gov/grants/apply_grant_en.asp?grant=2>.

The **John Carter Brown Library** fellowship program was created to give scholars from the United States and abroad an opportunity to pursue their work in proximity to a distinguished collection of primary sources. Approximately 25 fellowships are awarded each year for periods of time usually ranging from two to ten months. Fellowships are available for any qualified researcher, the main criteria for appointment being the merit and significance of the candidate's proposal, the qualifications of the candidate, and the relevance of the project to the holdings of the Library. Selection committees look closely at the potential shown by the candidate for creative utilization of the Library's resources. The Library's close association with Brown University, its location near other major research collections, and its links with scholars and institutions in this country and abroad, offer a network of resources invaluable for JCB fellows. For more information and application forms, go to <www.JCBL.org> or write to:

Director, John Carter Brown Library
Box 1894
Providence RI 02912

The application deadline for fellowships for 2004-2005 is **January 15, 2004**

The Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS) of **Stony Brook University** will be host to a new Rockefeller Humanities Residency Site in the academic year 2004-05. The theme of this Visiting Scholar program, "Durable Inequalities in Latin America," promotes new research on the core problem of how and why Latin America has maintained, across many centuries, the world's most radically unequal societies and cultures. Inequality has social, political, historical, cultural and ethical dimensions, beyond its usual focus in the hard social sciences. We seek primarily Latin American or Caribbean scholars, from any field (or topical interest) in the Humanities, Historical or Social Sciences, whose work expands or innovates on the study of Inequalities. Writing projects may focus on how inequalities are produced over the long run through such identities and categories as class, race, region and gender. LACS also welcomes proposals that explicitly link inequalities throughout the Americas—in rising mal-distribution within the U.S., via the Latino/ a diaspora, or other (in)equality-making connections and flows. Applicants will generally address one of three specific thematic clusters: 1) How inequalities (and kindred political cultures) are created, experienced, represented, sustained or challenged in American societies; 2) How inequalities survive and change forms across historical time, and through the region's recent major transformations; and 3) How Latin American and Caribbean cultural difference/hybridity (and cultural production) interact with the problem of ongoing inequalities. LACS seeks scholars working towards novel strategies for overcoming inequalities in the 21st century; we foster interdisciplinary scholarship that brings social concerns to cultural phenomena, by scholars who reach broad audiences—north and south, in academic and public life. Each post-doctoral fellow will participate in the vibrant intellectual life of Stony Brook University, at LACS, and other sites such as the Stony Brook Humanities Institute. Stony Brook is part of the State University of New York (SUNY) system on northern Long Island, in reach of the diverse intellectual and cultural riches of New York City. LACS will offer *two* fellowships of 8-10 months duration. Send *two* copies (no faxes) of a packet containing each of the following: 1) an application cover sheet with full name, current position or occupation, contact information (email, phone, address), names of two references who will write on your behalf, title of your project, signature and date; 2) a CV; 3) a brief narrative (five page maximum) of your work and life experience as it relates to the central theme of the fellowship; 4) a proposal abstract of no more than 250 words (one page double spaced); 5) a proposal (ten pages double-spaced maximum) which details the project you will implement during your residency program; 6) two letters of reference, sent separately in hard copy only in either English or Spanish to:

Paul Gootenberg, LACS Director
Latin American & Caribbean Studies
Stony Brook University
100 Nicolls Road, SBS N-333
Stony Brook, NY 11794-4345

For additional information visit <www.stonybrook.edu/lacc>

E-mail inquires to: <lacc@notes.cc.sunysb.edu>

Submissions must be postmarked no later than **February 15, 2004**

The American Council of Learned Societies, ACLS, announces the 2004-2005 competition year for fellowships and grants. There are several series: 1) The central ACLS FELLOWSHIPS, enhanced and reinigorated, are being offered for 2004-2005. Maximum stipends are \$50,000 for full Professors and career equivalent, \$40,000 for Associate Professors and equivalent, and \$30,000 for Assistant Professors and equivalent. This program requires the Ph.D. conferred by October 1, 2003 and the last supported research leave concluded by July 1, 2001; 2) The ACLS/SSRC/NEH INTERNATIONAL AND AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS encourage humanistic research on the societies and cultures of Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, East Europe, and the former Soviet Union; 3) The ACLS/ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS FOR JUNIOR FACULTY are also included in the ACLS Fellowship Program. In response to increasingly rigorous expectations for tenure, funding will be available for an additional 22 fellowships for Assistant Professors or the equivalent with at least two years' post-Ph.D. teaching experience. Applicants to the ACLS Fellowship Program who meet this criterion, and who satisfy all the requirements and provisions for the ACLS Fellowships, will be automatically considered for these junior faculty awards; 4) Also offered through the ACLS Fellowship Program are the joint ACLS/NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY FELLOWSHIPS. This cooperative program provides residential fellowships at the Library's Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers to applicants whose research would be enhanced by such an affiliation; 5) Offered again this year are the FREDERICK BURKHARDT RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS FOR RECENTLY TENURED SCHOLARS. These fellowships support scholars tenured no earlier than the fall 1999 semester or quarter, who are engaged in long-term, unusually ambitious projects in the humanities and related social sciences. Stipends have increased this year, to \$75,000. The fellowships may be used in 2004-2005, or in either of the two succeeding years, and entail an academic year of residence at one of nine participating national research

centers, plus support from the Fellow's institution for an additional period; 6) This will be the third competition for the CHARLES A. RYSKAMP RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS. These fellowships, funded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, provide a stipend of \$60,000 for an academic year of research, plus an allowance of \$2,500 for research and travel, and the possibility of funding for an additional summer, if justified. The fellowships support tenure-track Assistant Professors and untenured Associate Professors in the humanities and related social sciences whose reappointment reviews have been successfully completed but whose tenure reviews will not be completed before February 1, 2004, whose scholarly contributions have advanced their fields, and whose plans for new research are well designed and carefully developed; 7) This will be the fourth competition year for the LIBRARY OF CONGRESS FELLOWSHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. The stipend is \$3,500 per month for 4-9 months' residence at the Library of Congress to pursue research using the foreign language collections of the Library, including books, images, films, legal materials, maps, manuscripts, music, prints, photographs, and rare books. A Ph.D. is required and strong preference will be given to scholars at an early stage of the career; 8) ACLS continues to offer the HENRY LUCE FOUNDATION/ACLS DISSERTATION FELLOWSHIPS IN AMERICAN ART. The stipend for these year-long fellowships is \$20,000. This year the ACLS Online Fellowship Application system (OFA) takes a big leap forward. For most fellowship programs, applications as well as letters of reference will be submitted online, and reviewers will evaluate applications on CD-ROM. The shift to digital technology will benefit the fellowship program enormously, improving the quality of our data, increasing its administrative efficiency, and decreasing its administrative costs, so that we will eventually have more funds available for fellowships. Further, this fully digitized competition will over time generate a rich and useful database of information about research in the humanities. See <<http://www.acls.org/fel-comp.htm>> for further information on all these opportunities.



FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

From January 2nd to January 10th 2004 an international workshop and conference on **Transnational Risks and Civil Society** will take place in Berlin. The event is part of a series of workshops and conferences on transnationality organized by the Irmgard Coninx Foundation in cooperation with the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB) and Humboldt University. The topic of the first workshop will be: *Transnational Risks - The Responsibility of Social Sciences and the Media*. The workshop will focus on questions as: How can a global civil society respond to challenges that do not stop at borders? How can networks of risk management and crisis management be sustained, used and expanded for the development of a transnational civil society? To discuss these questions in a challenging interdisciplinary atmosphere we are looking for young scholars, journalists and NGO activists who currently work on related topics. The workshops will be conducted by an international group of senior researchers. Topics of the workshops are: NGOs between globalization and localization; NGOs as agents of transnational civil society; global financial risks and transnational regime

building; transnational risks: focus of the media and focus on the media; public health as a transnational challenge; transnational risks in a historic perspective. Papers will be discussed and developed during the workshop. The results of the workshops will be presented at the subsequent international conference. The Irmgard Coninx Foundation will cover costs of travel and accommodations. To apply for participation candidates must send in a CV and a 2 to 3 page proposal outlining their research or journalistic project to:

Irmgard Coninx Stiftung
 c/o Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung
 Reichpietschufer 50
 D-10785
 Germany
 Tel: +49 30 25491 411
 Fax: +49 30 25491 684
 <www.irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de>
 email <info@irmgard-coninx-stiftung.de>

Deadline for application: **August 31st, 2003**

We warmly invite you to submit a proposal for the 4th **Conference of the International Association for Languages and Intercultural Communication, IALIC**, Lancaster University, UK, 14-16 December, 2003. The conference, which has as its main theme *The Intercultural Narrative*, proposes to investigate the various forms of this emerging genre, its theoretical foundations and its sociopolitical implications. In the context of the conference, narrative may be interpreted in the widest sense as encompassing art, film, music, photography, literature and documentary as well as the various media through which it is expressed. We understand its object to be that of capturing the state of being "between cultures" as a consequence of physical or psychological displacement, a principle which may be reflected in the content and structure of the narrative and in the combination of media employed. It raises questions of identity: how identity is constructed through narrative, whether the ideal of coherence is attainable... and also the ethical implications of attempting to "narrate the other", at the level of the individual or, between communities, through ethnographic study. It also raises questions of genre: what generic forms does the intercultural narrative take and how do its different discourses interact? Finally, it will consider the processes of articulation between intercultural narratives and their social contexts. The conference is interdisciplinary and is intended to appeal to researchers in the Arts and Humanities as much as to historians, social scientists and cultural theoreticians. It is being organised jointly by IALIC and the Institute for Advanced Studies (IAS) at Lancaster University with sponsorship from The British Academy, the *Institut Français* and the *Goethe Institut*. The conference will include an *independent forum* to which contributions are also invited, on the pedagogical implications of intercultural study within Higher Education. This will be co-ordinated by the UK *Subject Centre for Language, Linguistics and Area Studies* (see LTSN home page). *Keynote Speakers*: David Bellos, Princeton University, Carolyn Cooper, University of the West Indies, Günther Kress, London Institute of Education, Crispin Thurlow, Washington State University. *Keynote Interlocutors in a special debate on the roles and responsibilities of the "intercultural author"*: Ismail Kadare (*The File on H., Albanian Spring...*) and Herta Müller (*Herztier/The Land of Green Plums...*). See <www.ialic.org> for full information.

Email <conference@ialic.org> for personal inquiries.

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Deadline for submissions is **1st September 2003**

You are cordially invited to participate in the 2004 annual meeting of the Southwestern Historical Association in Corpus Christi, Texas, Wednesday through Saturday, 17-20 March 2004. We welcome panels that are comparative in nature and cut across different time periods and disciplines with a Latin American or African focus. Proposals for individual papers or complete sessions are welcome from faculty, public historians, independent

scholars, and graduate students. Session chairs and discussants are also needed. All papers presented at the Conference are also eligible for awards given by the Association. Meeting information will be available at <<http://www.sssaonline.org>> and <<http://swhistorical.uta.edu>>.

For information you also may contact:

Charles W. Macune, Jr.
Program Coordinator for Latin American/African History
Southwestern Historical Association
Tel: 818-677-3566
Fax: 818-677-3614
<patricia.juarezdappe@csun.edu>

The deadline for receipt of proposals is **October 15, 2003**

Invitamos a nuestros amigos, colegas y estudiantes graduados a enviar un resumen descriptivo de sus ponencias de no más de 200 palabras y/o propuestas para sesiones del **Duodécimo Congreso Internacional de Literatura Centroamericano CILCA XII**, Liverpool, Inglaterra, 5-7 abril, 2004. Información sobre hospedaje, actividades, escritores invitados, etc., será enviada durante la segunda semana de octubre, 2003. Favor incluir los siguientes datos: estado/país de procedencia, institución, dirección postal y electrónica así como otra información relevante, mandados antes del **31 de enero del 2004** a:

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Foreign Languages & Literatures
Purdue University Calumet
Hammond, IN 46323-2094
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<roman@calumet.purdue.edu>

In commemoration of a visit from Alexander von Humboldt to the United States in 1804 at the invitation of President Thomas Jefferson, the **Graduate Center of the City University of New York** will host an interdisciplinary conference devoted to Humboldt and his legacy on October 14-16, 2004. The principal focus will be Humboldt's activity in, relationship to, and impact on the Americas, but all proposals will be considered. Areas of interest include Humboldt's scientific work and publications, political ideas and advocacy of human rights, paintings, travel writing, friendships, as well as his fame, image and influence in various parts of the Americas. Proposals for papers should consist of: (a) a concise (300 words or less) abstract with title, and (b) a cover letter indicating the author's professional affiliation(s) and contact information. Decisions will be made by April 1, 2004. Proposals may be sent by email to <humboldt@gc.cuny.edu> or by post to:

Program Committee
Humboldt Conference
Bildner Center
The Graduate Center/CUNY
365 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5209
New York, NY 10016-4309
Fax: 212-817-1540.

For more information, please visit
<www.humboldtconference.org>.

Deadline for receipt of proposals is **February 1, 2004**.



PUBLICATIONS

Across the humanities curriculum, from general education to upper division courses, students are being asked to grapple with issues of globalization and its repercussions. Out of these global changes, common metaphors are emerging—metaphors such as borderlands and border crossings, empire and transnationalism, to name a few. Such complex metaphors can be intimidating to many undergraduates. A proposed collection explores ways that media can be used effectively in a variety of classes to engage students with concepts of globalization, connecting them to and among their general education courses. Papers for an essay collection tentatively titled *Citizens of the World: Using Media to Introduce Globalization across the Curriculum* are invited on any aspect of the use of various media (film, music, television, video, internet sites and communication, etc.) to introduce students to globalization across the college humanities curriculum. How can media help students conceptualize and analyze these abstract concepts? More broadly, how can we use media to complicate and enhance students' understandings of race, ethnicity, sexuality, national identity, and politics in a global context? How might media be used to introduce students to theoretical approaches such as postcolonialism, gender, transnationalism, ecology and environmentalism? We are interested in submissions that successfully ground practice in theory in their discussion of the integration of media and pedagogy in a world where national and economic boundaries are becoming increasingly blurred. Essays should not be more than twenty double-spaced pages (6000-7000 words) and should follow the most recent APA Style Manual. The deadline for manuscripts is **January 14, 2004**. The editors welcome earlier submission and also invite initial queries. Tentative publication date is *January 2005*. Please send manuscripts to Donna Dunbar-Odom <Donna_Dunbar-Odom@tamu-commerce.edu> or Georgia Seminet <Georgia_Seminet@tamu-commerce.edu> at the Department of Literature and Languages, Texas A&M-Commerce, Commerce, Texas 75429. (Please feel free to forward this call to other listservs or individuals).

Entries are still being accepted for the *Encyclopedia on Latin American Women Writers*, co-edited by María Claudia André and Eva Bueno. Entries should be between 500 to 1500 words long, contain a short biography of the author, and a concise critical appraisal of her work. In addition, each entry should have a bibliography of primary sources, with titles of books, original date of publication, place and publisher. If the books have been translated into English, please give title, publisher and date in parenthesis. Finally, the entry should contain no more than five secondary sources (critical studies), naming author, name of publication, place, publisher, date, and page numbers (if the publication appeared in a magazine). Entries should be written in English, and please check on acceptable styles by reading any three entries in the already published texts. For further details on entries, deadlines, and to find the names of available authors, please consult <www.hope.edu/latinamerican> and/or send an email to Prof. Eva Bueno, co-editor, at <fem_encyclopedia@yahoo.com>

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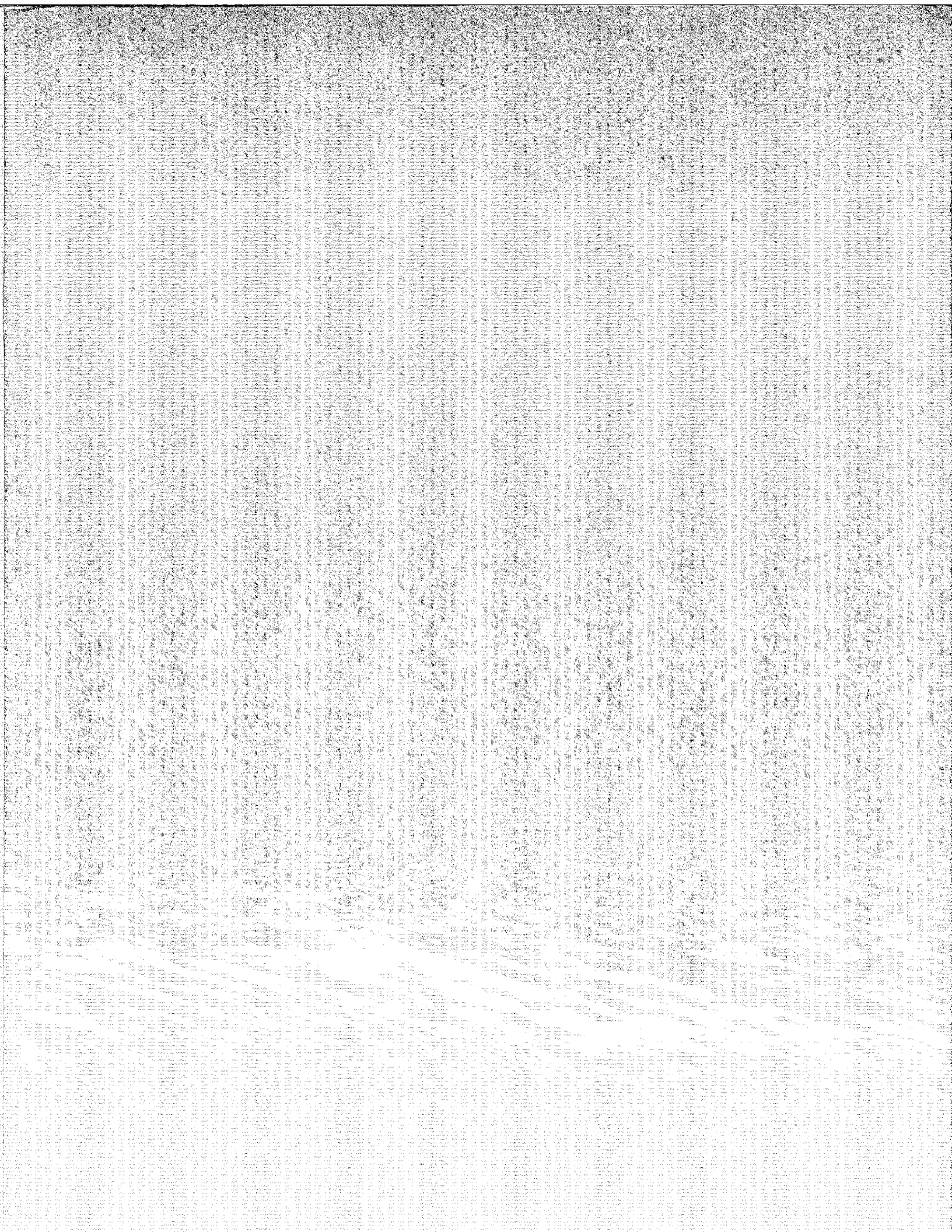
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