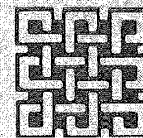


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# June Nash

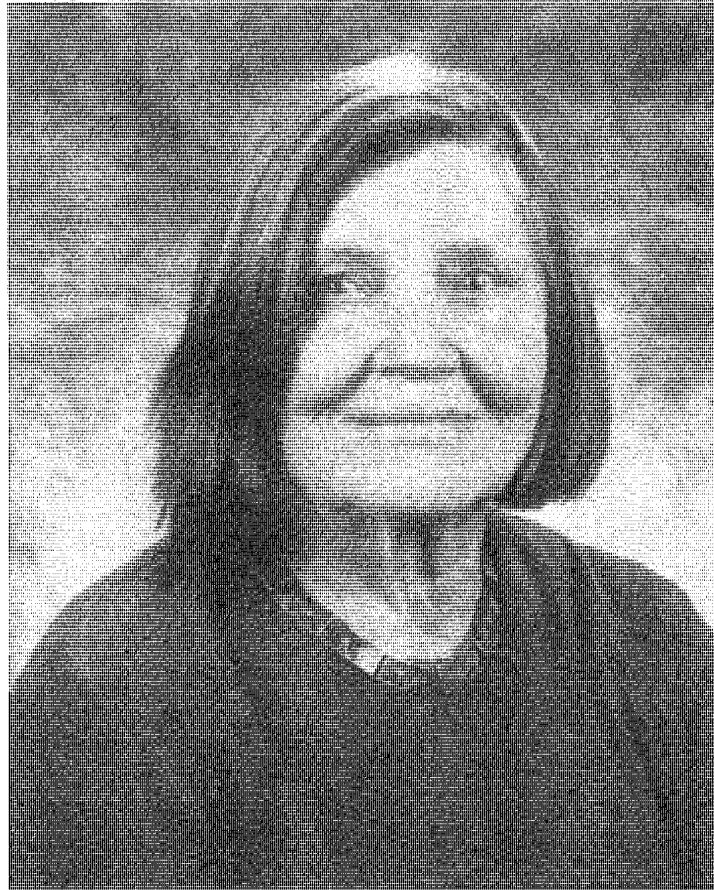
## Recipient of Silvert Award for 2004

June Nash is Distinguished Professor Emerita at the City University of New York, Graduate Center and City College. Her early fieldwork was in Chiapas, Mexico, where she worked with Mayas, publishing *In the Eyes of the Ancestors: Belief and Behavior in a Mayan Community*. Her work in tin mining communities of Bolivia resulted in the monograph, *We Eat the Mines and the Mines Eat Us: Dependency and Exploitation in Bolivian Mining Communities*, which received the C. Wright Mills honorable mention in 1980. In 1976, she completed a family autobiography with Juan Rojas first published as *I Spent My Life in the Mines*. In 1992, additional chapters of his wife and grown children were added. Juan Rojas' autobiography became the basis of the script for the documentary of the same title.

During the 1970s, Nash was engaged in feminist and working-class movements, co-edited with Helen Safa, *Sex and Class in Latin America*, and *Women and Change in Latin America*; and with M. Patricia Fernandez Kelly, *Women, Men, and the International Division of Labor*. Prompted by questions the miners asked about corporations in the United States, she undertook a study of General Electric workers and the community of Pittsfield resulting in a monograph, *From Tank Town to High Tech: The Clash of Community and Industrial Cycles*. While working in Pittsfield, she learned of the problems faced by the town as a result of dumping the carcinogenic materials used in the production of power transformers, and co-authored three articles regarding the effect on the physical and mental health of workers and residents.

Impressed with the growing crisis world-wide, in 1989 she decided to return to her roots in Chiapas, the safest and least conflicted field area in which to train future anthropologists. During the first three summers of field work, she and her students witnessed the rise of the social movement that burst into headlines throughout the world as the Zapatista uprising in 1994. She

summarizes the decades of fieldwork with Mayas in her book, *Mayan Visions: The Quest for Autonomy in an Age of Globalization*, and an anthology with articles by her students and colleagues, *The Explosion of Communities in Chiapas, Mexico*. Her interest in artisans spurred her to publish an anthology, *Crafts in the World Market*, that demonstrates how even the most traditional of artisans are deeply involved in the global world order.



June Nash

Reflecting on the global integration and its devastating impact on subsistence and peasant producers, Nash is now trying to assess the relationship between economic insecurity, and the turn to militarization, especially in the field areas in which she has worked. This interest is reflected in a number of papers completed this year. Among them are "The Military Industrial Complex and the Proliferation of Violence," which deals with Pittsfield, the arms race carried out in the General Electric plant during the Reagan era, and the turn of Pittsfield's high school graduates to military service in Iraq as their only option for a job with medical insurance and the promise of gaining a college education. The paper was presented in Bergen, Norway, in February 2004. In, *The Image of the Limited Good and the Specter of the Unlimited Good*, which was presented in April 2004 at

Southern Methodist University in Dallas honoring George Foster, the transformations of peasants are captured by contrasting their perspectives with the specter of the unlimited good played out in U.S. consumer culture. Nash's on-going concern with human rights can be seen in a paper given in Seattle that same month, "Genocide, Ethnocide, and the Human Condition," relating to the genocidal war against Mayas ending in 1993, and the ethnocidal war on-going since the Spanish Conquest in Chiapas. She has just completed editing an anthology based on people's responses to the world crisis, *Social Movements: A Reader*, and hopes to bring together her reflections based on personal experiences with these world events.



# President's Report

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LASA will convene its 25th International Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada, October 7-9, 2004. It is a special occasion and I hope there will be many of us, especially from Latin America and the Caribbean, ready to celebrate the healthy life of our association. I say this with some trepidation because of the increasing difficulties encountered by travelers to the United States. On the one hand, there are reports of persons who have visited the United States on numerous occasions but have recently been denied a visa; on the other, there are instances of delays and vigorous questioning upon arrival at airports such as Miami International. I hope people will take care of their visas as soon as possible, and also refuse to be discouraged by the new immigration regulations at airports. Los esperamos con los brazos abiertos.

Of course, an even more serious concern is the participation of Cuban scholars at our Las Vegas meeting. As many of you know LASA has had a longstanding commitment to ensure the participation of Cuban scholars at our congresses. LASA officers and Secretariat personnel have enthusiastically supported this commitment and sought the necessary funds from a few foundations interested in fostering scholarly exchanges with Cuba. The presence of Cuban scholars at LASA meetings, however, has become more difficult since the Bush administration took over. Furthermore, funds earmarked for the travel of Cubans to LASA by foundations like MacArthur, Ford, and Christopher Reynolds, are drying up. This year, the Secretariat worked extremely hard to coordinate very early on the necessary paperwork for the travel of Cuban scholars to Las Vegas. Unfortunately, in May 2004, new regulations on scholarly travel to and from Cuba were announced, as part of a large package of harsh restrictions and sanctions recommended by a Commission

for Assistance to a Free Cuba appointed by President Bush. The new measures will undoubtedly increase the hardships of all Cubans and will very probably reduce greatly the number of Cuban scholars in Las Vegas. On May, I wrote a letter to the Office of Foreign Assets Control protesting the new regulations and our colleagues in the LASA Cuba section are actively trying to mobilize support for the list of scholars that we presented to the State Department. However, as of the writing of this report, we have no idea if our efforts will be effective.

Fundraising for Las Vegas was arduous but we have almost met our goal of \$225,000 and we may still make it by the end of the summer. In any case, while we received generous support from several foundations (see acknowledgments in Congress Program). I was particularly thrilled to see the response of LASA members to the two appeals on behalf of the LASA Travel and Student Funds. Many, many thanks. We are very pleased that we are able to double the funding for participation of graduate students at our Las Vegas meeting.



*LASA President Marysa Navarro*

Convention Center, one of the first grand hotels and casinos built in Las Vegas and recently renovated. Hope to see you there!

# LAS VEGAS IN 2004!

# Coffee Production and Sustainable Development: San Lucas Tolimán, Guatemala

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## Introduction

The global coffee crisis continues to generate headlines. In coffee-producing nations, 100-year record low prices have resulted in lost wages, lay-offs, bankruptcy, homelessness, hunger, and malnutrition. Coffee has been left to rot on trees, burned for fuel, or burned in protest. Small growers and laborers have suffered disproportionately.

The problem for small growers is the lack of control over all aspects of the coffee market except for their stand of trees. The production stages that follow the harvest are handled by others—the giant *fincas* to whom the growers might have to sell at take-it-or-leave-it prices, or multinational agribusiness giants. Every stage—processing, transportation, roasting, blending, packaging, advertising, and retailing—generates value-added for someone else. Small growers, therefore, receive only pennies per cup of coffee sold at a coffee shop. Landless contract laborers receive even less.

In the midst of the crisis, there is actually a coffee-growing success story—one where small growers have been empowered and landless contract workers have been given opportunities to control their own destinies. The story takes place in San Lucas Tolimán, a Mayan community in the central highlands of Guatemala. What follows is a description of San Lucas' coffee program and the importance that the principles of sustainability and subsidiarity play in its success.

## Coffee and Community Development<sup>1</sup>

San Lucas' coffee program is unique because of the role it plays in community-wide economic development. Coffee is but one program of many—including education, health care, housing, land development, job apprenticeship, honey production, water systems, fuel-efficient stoves, reforestation, and experimental farming—that work together to liberate families from the crushing poverty associated with work on the coffee *fincas*. The programs are the result of strong community leadership and a working relationship with the local Catholic parish. The parish is affiliated with the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, a relationship initiated in 1963 with the arrival of Father Greg Schaffer. Father Greg brought with him an appreciation for the principles of sustainability and subsidiarity from exposure to the early works of E.F. Schumacher on the topics of appropriate technology and Buddhist economics.<sup>2</sup> These principles were consistent with progressive Biblical concepts circulating in the mid-1960s, as well as Mayan teachings that stress the importance of using individual talents for the betterment of the whole community.

The Buddhist, Biblical, and Mayan principles all stress liberation, rather than the attainment of material goods. Their tenets are consistent with the subsidiarity principle, which emphasizes the use of local resources so that economic impacts might circulate within the community. Schumacher emphasizes that agricultural populations should be engaged in more than simply the harvest of cash crops. The more stages of production that are performed locally, using culturally appropriate technology, the greater the local economic impact. Lastly, these principles demand that economic activities be sustainable—carried out within the bounds of the earth's carrying capacity. The coffee program embraces all of these principles.

San Lucas' coffee program began in the early 1980s. At that time, coffee production in the San Lucas region was a microcosm of the rest of Guatemala. A handful of large-scale *fincas* produced a majority of the output, while poor farmers produced limited quantities on miniscule plots. The small farmers were in a race-to-the-bottom, competing against one another and the larger growers as well.

Discussions about the "coffee problem" began among a collection of small growers, community leaders, and parish leaders. The parish was willing to help with the initial funding and logistical support of a program that went far beyond typical concerns like price and market access, to focus more broadly on sustainable community economic development. A coffee program with a goal of sustainability needs four critical components to achieve success: 1) land; 2) a processing facility (*beneficio*); 3) access to consumers; and 4) just prices for the participating farmers. Care for the environment is also required.

Insufficient land was a vexing problem in a country where land connotes wealth and power. Property—at least the giant *fincas*—is rarely sold. On those occasions when land became available, a committee of community leaders, with parish assistance, would place a bid for purchase. Successful bids resulted in vast tracts of land that were subdivided among landless families in three-acre plots. Home construction followed the Habitat for Humanity approach: sweat equity, low interest rates, and long loan repayment periods. Approximately 2000 families have received land in this way.

The *beneficio's* importance cannot be overemphasized. There are many processing stages involved—skin and pulp removal, washing, drying, inner skin removal—where much of the initial value of the coffee that eventually sells in a cafe for \$3 per cup is added. A small inheritance Father Greg received from his parents,

John and Ann Schaffer, for whom the coffee is named—*Juan-Ana Café*—was used to acquire land for a *beneficio*. The buildings and drying patios were constructed using local resources. The primary machines—a de-pulping machine (*pulpero*) and thrashing machine (*triadorilla*)—were made by a small foundry in Guatemala City. Like other decisions, these followed Schumacher's concern for appropriate technology and the subsidiarity principle. If a resource isn't produced locally, look to regional or national markets, before importing from abroad.

The operation of the *beneficio* is an interesting study of ecological sustainability. Its function is to prepare a very complex fruit—one with five separate layers that protect the coffee bean itself—for shipping or roasting. These protective layers constitute more than half of the bulk of the coffee berry. They consist of contaminants and organic matter that, if simply discarded, leach into nearby streams killing plant and animal life. As will be shown, though, environmental problems can easily be turned into environmental solutions. At harvest time, families bring their 100-pound (*quintal*) bags to the *beneficio* weigh-in station. The berries are dumped into the *pulpero* for skin and pulp removal. Most of the farmers reclaim their discarded skins and pulp for use as compost. There is also a community compost pile on the experimental farm, which is adjacent to the *beneficio*. Unclaimed skins and pulp are taken there.

Skin and pulp removal reveals a layer of mucilage protecting the inner bean. Three washings are needed to remove this. The runoff water is either added to the compost pile or used for irrigating vegetables growing on the experimental farm. The beans are now dried in the sun for six to nine days. Two inner protective layers must be milled away prior to roasting. The sawdust-like residue from this process is used creatively as bedding or cage liners for chickens and rabbits on the experimental farm. The residue and the animal waste are eventually added to the compost pile. Finally, the beans are inspected for quality. Beans that are too small, or are of poor quality are added to the compost pile. During this entire process, no waste is generated.

A significant amount of value is added at the roasting stage. By performing this crucial step locally, that value stays in San Lucas. Along with the operation of the *beneficio*, the roasting results in the creation of a number of jobs that would not be available otherwise. Three full-time workers oversee the operation. At harvest time additional workers are employed from the ranks of the coffee growers themselves to operate the weigh-in station and *pulpero*, and serve as night-watchmen. Packaging and shipping create additional part-time jobs.

Roasting is a straightforward process, consisting of a simple roaster—manufactured locally—and an open fire. The roasted beans are hand-fed into 17-ounce heat-sealed, aluminum foil inner bags. The bags and heat-sealing machine were purchased from Guatemala City from a small manufacturer. The inner bags of coffee are inserted into attractive cloth outer bags with a silk-screen logo, manufactured locally.

A successful program needs customers. To attract them, a desirable product is required. Rich volcanic soil at an elevation of five thousand feet, in a subtropical climate creates the right growing conditions. Chemical pest control is rarely needed and few farmers use additives other than organic compost. Only the highest quality Arabica coffee is shade-grown following traditional practices. At harvest time, families make as many passes as necessary through the trees, gathering only the ripest, reddest berries, and avoiding stems and leaves. Such attention to quality and detail has earned the coveted "strictly hard bean" export license from Guatemala's oversight agency, *Anacafé*. Given such a quality product, buyers are not hard to find. The coffee is sold to the public directly from the parish or through the Diocese offices in New Ulm, relying on word-of-mouth advertising by the many volunteers and visitors to the community and on Christmas brochures. This approach has allowed the program to grow to include 500 participating families.

The final requirement is that the farmers receive a just price. At the outset of the program in the early 1980s, growers were consulted as to what price was needed to cover their operating costs and make a fair profit. The consensus answer was 200 *Quetzals* (currently \$25 US) per *quintal*. This was agreed to. Though this payment hasn't changed over time, changes in the production process—namely the creative use of organic approaches to fertilization and weed control—have resulted in falling costs and increased yields. Under current market conditions, 200Q is more than twice the price on the street.

### Economic Impacts

Conservative estimates regarding acreage and crop yields suggest a total output of seven million pounds of raw coffee. Roasting results in 900,000 pounds of coffee sold in \$5 bags, generating revenues of \$4.2 million. The most important expense is the 200Q/*quintal* payment to the 500 growers. This results in a direct injection into the community of \$1.7 million, or \$3375 per family, an impressive income in a region where a worker earning \$800/year would be considered fortunate. The remaining expenses are approximately \$2.5 million. They include factor payments to the workers at the *beneficio*, machine repair, packaging, shipping, and so on. Because the majority of these services are provided locally, nearly \$1.5 million of the expenditures stay in San Lucas circulating alongside the payments to the farmers for a total of \$3.2 million.<sup>3</sup>

It is assumed that the majority of these payments to farmers or service providers will be spent on food, clothing, education, and health care, but that approximately half of such spending will leak out of the community when non-locally produced items like medicines or processed foods are purchased. This suggests an economic multiplier of two. In other words, for every Quetzal paid directly to a coffee farmer, a second Quetzal will be spent locally on activities tangential to coffee farming. This implies a total community economic impact (both direct and indirect) of \$6.4 million.

## Implications

It would be difficult, but not impossible, for other communities to replicate San Lucas' coffee program. First of all, such an initiative must be locally generated. Local leaders must be dedicated to the welfare of the overall community, rather than their own enrichment. Outside participants, according to Father Greg Schaffer, must exhibit patience, a long-term commitment, and a willingness to listen to the needs of the people.

San Lucas is fortunate to have had the assistance of the parish and its U.S. connection. In some respects, the parish is seen as a substitute for the institutional support that is missing in poor communities in the developing world, namely, a responsible

government and an even-handed financial system.

The San Lucas program has demonstrated that a strategy of sustainable development is possible. From the tree to the roasted coffee bean, nearly every processing step takes place locally. The majority of all proceeds, therefore, flow back to the community making a real difference in the lives of ordinary *San Luqueños*. Through adherence to the principles of subsidiarity and sustainability, families are making a good living, selling the fruits of their labor. Not only does this put food on their tables, it also builds self-esteem, something missing when one's options are limited to contract labor on the *fincas*. To Father Greg, this is the most important benefit of the program.

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<sup>1</sup> The material that follows is the result of numerous author interviews with parish and community leaders in San Lucas Tolimán. For other accounts of San Lucas Tolimán, see Abell (1997, 2002).

<sup>2</sup> Schumacher's early analyses culminated in his famous book, *Small Is Beautiful: Economics As If People Mattered* (1973).

<sup>3</sup> The primary cost leakage out of the local circular flow is the expenditure for air-shipping, nearly \$700,000.



## ON LASA 2004

### A Note from the LASA2004 Program Chair

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Since the publication of the Spring Forum 2004, the Secretariat and I have been busy confirming participant information for the more than 700 sessions at the upcoming LASA 2004 Congress in Las Vegas in October 2004. It was quite a challenge to accommodate in space and time all of the excellent proposals that make up the next Congress. As a result, most of the sessions are full. The final printed program will be arriving soon and will contain the full contents of the sessions. The preliminary program, which is online at the LASA website, contains only the names of the sessions.

LASA Congresses are well-known and appreciated for their breadth, depth, and inclusiveness, and the Las Vegas Congress is no exception. While some tracks always contain more sessions

than others, we are pleased that the smaller tracks are well represented and that the new track of "Health, Science, and Society" was successful in attracting very interesting sessions even in its first year of existence. We are also pleased that more representatives from the sciences have become involved in LASA, which is a goal articulated in LASA's Strategic Plan.

One of the most enjoyable aspects to the job of Program Chair is the chance to be in contact with members in a variety of fields. I would like to thank all of you for your enthusiasm and dedication in putting together such a wonderful group of academically stimulating sessions. Finally, I want to thank the staff at the LASA Secretariat for having put in yet another season of hard work and long hours, with resourcefulness and good will.

# Exploring Las Vegas

(Taken from an article prepared by Patrick W. Scales, graduate student in the Department of Political Science, UNLV, with additional comments from LASA staff. Thank you Patrick!)

## History and Culture of Las Vegas

For Spanish traders en route to Los Angeles along the Spanish Trail in the early 1700s, the route through the then-unexplored Las Vegas valley was known as "jornada de muerte," or journey of death, until a scout named Rafael Rivera discovered a valley with abundant wild grasses and a plentiful water supply that reduced the journey by several days. The valley became known as Las Vegas, Spanish for "The Meadows." The completion of the main railway, linking Southern California with Salt Lake City in 1905, established Las Vegas as a railroad town. The availability of water made the city an ideal refueling point and rest stop. At the time Las Vegas became an incorporated city and adopted its first charter on March 16, 1911, the city encompassed only 19.18 square miles, and had approximately 800 inhabitants. Then, in 1931, three events occurred that would forever change the face of Nevada and the city of Las Vegas: 1) On March 19, 1931 gambling was legalized in the State of Nevada, and one month later, the city issued six gambling licenses; 2) divorce laws were liberalized in the State of Nevada, making residency easier to attain; and 3) the construction of Hoover Dam brought an influx of construction workers which started a population boom and gave the Valley's economy, which was in the grips of the Great Depression, a needed boost. By 1940 Las Vegas' population had grown to 8,422. After World War II, tourism and entertainment took over as the largest employer in the valley. By 1960, Las Vegas encompassed 25 square miles and had a population of 64,405. During the 1960s corporations built and/or bought hotel/casino properties. Gambling had become "gaming" and was starting the transition into legitimate business. And the region's growth continues still. The latest population prediction in the Las Vegas Valley is 2 million people by 2005. For additional information on the history of Las Vegas, see the City of Las Vegas website at <http://www.ci.las-vegas.nv.us/>.

For those interested in the history and culture of Las Vegas, a visit to the Old Mormon Fort in northern Las Vegas is very rewarding. The fort is the first established non-native presence in Nevada. From there you can head south to the University of Nevada campus and enjoy the interesting exhibits at the Marjorie Barrack Museum of Natural History. Currently the museum has various exhibits on display including Native American and Mexican cultural artifacts. On a more modern note, there is the Neon Museum, that showcases the glitz and glimmer that makes the city what it is today. The museum is a non-profit organization dedicated to "preserving Las Vegas history for the future."

The Las Vegas Natural History Museum offers an animated dinosaur exhibit, a diorama of Southern Nevada and a shark exhibit featuring a 3,000-gallon aquarium. The national touring exhibit, "Cats! Wild to Mild," explores the history, biology and evolution of the cat while covering mythology, behavior, conservation and responsible pet care.

The Las Vegas Art Museum, at 9600 W. Sahara Ave., emphasizes contemporary art, stressing art after post-modernism.

For some, a "must see" attraction is the Liberace Museum, honoring the musician who perhaps, more than others, personifies Las Vegas. If you wish to see an exhibit on another musician of Las Vegas fame, the "King", Elvis Presley, you can visit the Elvis-A-Rama museum.

## Las Vegas Today

The City's website welcomes the traveler to "the most exciting and entertaining city in the world...a city that has all the amenities that only a complete resort destination can offer: luxurious hotels, fine dining, wonderful live entertainment and state-of-the-art convention facilities...Recognized all over the world, the famous Strip is where tourists can enjoy a walk in the warm desert evening, or take a stroll downtown and view a dazzling light show that spans an entire street — the Fremont Street Experience." (A world famous, one of a kind entertainment venue in the heart of Las Vegas' downtown, the Fremont Experience is comprised of a 90 foot high, four block long electronic canopy that presents nightly sight and sound shows, free to the public. Complementing the show is an open air pedestrian mall lined with Las Vegas' most legendary vintage casinos and hotels.) You can also enjoy... "amazing world famous re-creations like erupting volcanoes, the Eiffel Tower and the Sphinx of Egypt...Las Vegas nightlife will keep you up until dawn, and art displays, music and museums take you on a journey from the classic to the contemporary. Downtown Las Vegas offers an energetic display of color with a bit of nostalgia and a glimpse of the future."

For many people catching a show in Las Vegas is one of the highlights of their trip. While the city is the venue for many acts and presentations, among the most famous perhaps are the performances of the Canadian-born Cirque du Soleil. 'MYSTERE' may be seen at the Mystere Theatre at Treasure Island, 3300 Las Vegas Blvd, South. The show comprises challenging visual and staging elements, progressive live music, stunning staging and a compelling cast of acrobats and "bungee birds" who swoop up and down over the crowd. (702-796-9999). 'O' is Cirque du Soleil's aquatic spectacular that blends acrobatics and surreal theater into a visual feast, all staged in and above a 150-by-100-foot pool. 'O' can be seen at Theatre at the Bellagio, 3600 Las Vegas Blvd, South, (702-693-7722).

One of the great things about Las Vegas is the impressive diversity of restaurants. The Grape Street Café (702-228-9463) has excellent Italian food, an extensive wine list, great atmosphere, and some of the best service ever experienced. Reservations are not necessary but they do fill up fast. If you would like music with dinner there are two reliable choices, the Jazzed Café and the



Sand Dollar Lounge. The Jazzed Café (702-233-2859) is located on the west side of town and has Italian food with nightly live jazz from around 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. depending on the day of the week. For a more rugged atmosphere the Sand Dollar Lounge (702-871-6651) is the place to be for live performances of the Blues (nearly every night) and inexpensive food. Conveniently, the Sand Dollar is located just west of the Strip on Spring Mountain Rd., not far from the "Strip." Just up the road from the Sand Dollar is Las Vegas' Chinatown, located on Spring Mountain Road. Although it is quite small there are a number of great Asian restaurants. For those who like Indian food, you might want to try Gandhi's Indian Cuisine (Paradise Rd., 702-734-0094) or India Palace (E. Twain Ave., 702-796-4177). Yolie's Brazilian Steakhouse also offers an excellent assortment of Brazilian dishes (Paradise Rd., 702-794-0700), while Lindo Michoacán Mexican Restaurant (E. Desert Inn, 702-735-6828) serves a variety of inexpensive, delicious Mexican dishes. Lastly, Spanish fair can be found at the Firefly tapas kitchen and bar.

**Beyond the Glitter**

Beyond the glitter of the neon lights, Las Vegas has a thriving outdoor community that is perfect for outdoor enthusiasts. The enchanting Red Rock National Conservation area, the Lake Mead

National Recreation area and Mount Charleston are all only minutes from the Las Vegas Strip. Red Rock has a range of hiking trails for all skill levels. The entry fee per vehicle is just \$5. Also available in the vicinity of Red Rock are various horseback riding tours. Hoover Dam, offering an interesting mix of technology and natural history, is easily accessible from Las Vegas. There are also tours of the Dam available to the public. For those who enjoy an outdoor adventure, Soaring Sports offers hot air ballooning, skydiving, and even tranquil rides in high tech gliders. Visit <www.soaringsports> to see its rates and make reservations.

Mt. Charleston, less than an hour's drive from Las Vegas, is in the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area. Located in the Toiyabe National Forest, this 316,000 acre recreational area offers some of the most incredible scenery, picnicking, camping, hiking and skiing available in the southwestern United States. You might also like to take a tour of the Grand Canyon. Several companies provide tours by bus, SUV or helicopter. These can also be found at the City of Las Vegas website.

Las Vegas and its environs have much to offer. We hope that you can extend your stay to learn more about this truly beautiful part of the country.

**LASA2004 REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**LASA2004 Preregistration:** *Preregistration deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup> 2004.* Online preregistration is available at <<http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/lasa2004-4.htm>>. You may also print the preregistration form on the back of this issue and mail it or fax it to: LASA Secretariat, 946 William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260. Fax: 412-624-8273

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**Registration Fees\***

Categories	Preregistration	On-Site Registration
Regular Member 2004 Registration	\$65	\$100
Student Member 2004 Registration	\$37	\$55
Nonmember	\$90	\$130
Student Nonmember	\$50	\$75

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**CANCELLATIONS**

Requests for refunds of preregistration fees will be honored only if received by the Secretariat on or before September 1, 2004.

**MEMBERSHIP**

Official participants are all expected to be members for 2004. Use the forms on-line to pay your 2004 dues along with your preregistration fees. Member dues do not include the fees for LASA 2004 registrations.

## LASA2004 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### GRANBAILE

Due to the variety and endless entertainment possibilities in Las Vegas, this year's Gran Baile has been cancelled. Friday night will be a time for you to enjoy the city! Here are some options for free entertainment, and events, and information on shows that require advance reservations. <[www.vegasfreedom.com](http://www.vegasfreedom.com)>

### WELCOMING RECEPTION

The Wednesday evening activity is being organized by John Tuman of the University of Nevada / Las Vegas, Department of Political Science. It will be held at Top of the Riviera, Riviera Hotel.

### CONGRESS PAPERS

Every individual who was proposed as a paper presenter on an officially accepted LASA 2004 panel must prepare a written presentation. Please see the "Instructions for Paper Presenters" on page 11.

### TRANSPORTATION TO LAS VEGAS BY AIR

**South American Fiesta** is LASA's official travel agency for LASA 2004. Please check with South American Fiesta as you shop for good fares. <<http://www.lasa2004.com/>>

### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Headquarters for LASA 2004 is The Riviera Hotel & Casino's Convention Center (up to 2071 rooms available).

Register on-line at <<http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/lasa2004-4.htm>> or call 1-800-634-6753. Do not forget to tell the receptionist that you are attending the LASA Congress, and mention the special Congress rates noted on the Reservation Form.

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Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Make your Hotel Reservations as soon as possible!

In order to obtain the large amount of meeting space to meet LASA 2004 needs, the Association committed to a large guestroom block at the Riviera Hotel. LASA will pay a substantial penalty if the block is not filled. We urge your collaboration and support.

The Riviera Hotel has set aside several rooms exclusively for student members of LASA at a special rate. LASA will e-mail information about obtaining these rooms to all members for 2004 classified as students in our records. These requests will be

granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Student status for 2004 must be documented.

### TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO THE RIVIERA HOTEL

McCarran Airport is the main airport serving Las Vegas and Clark County. It is located 1 mile (1.6 km) from the Strip, 3.5 miles (5.6 km) from the Convention Center and 5 miles (8 km) from Downtown Las Vegas. The Las Vegas Airport is ranked among the 10 busiest airports in the world based on the amount of passenger activity, serving over 60 air carriers. McCarran Airport averages as many as 840 flights a day and offers direct flights to over 60 U.S. cities.

Several companies run shuttle buses between the airport and the city.

Bell Trans 702-739-7990  
From 7:45 am to Midnight  
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Price to Strip hotels \$4

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From 7a.m. to 1:30 a.m.  
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Taxis are also available, and city buses run along The Strip into downtown. Approximate taxi fare from the Airport is \$10 to \$15.

### CHILDCARE

Due to new Las Vegas regulations, organized childcare cannot be provided on hotel premises. Parents must make their own arrangements through private agencies. Some agencies listed by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority are:

Bright Horizons Family Solutions: 702-261-4545  
Children's World Learning Centers: 702-898-3007  
Dial-a-Granny: 702-243-1880

LASA will subsidize the cost of child care for attendees taking their children to Las Vegas by reimbursing a LASA member parent at the rate of US \$8.00 per hour for one child, and US \$10.00 per hour for two or more children-for a maximum of 10 hours. LASA maximum responsibility per family will be \$80.00 for one child, and \$100 for two or more children. A parent who bills LASA for childcare must be a 2004 member of the Association and a registered attendee of LASA 2004. To receive reimbursement, a parent must submit a proper original bill from the caregiver, with the name(s) of the child(ren), and the dates of the service, to reach the LASA Secretariat on or before November 1, 2004.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER PRESENTERS LASA 2004**  
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*If you are on the program as a paper presenter, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY.*

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**Electronic Paper Specifications**

Papers should be single-spaced with a suggested length of 20-25 pages, preferably in PDF format, or if not, in Microsoft Word. The cover page should carry the title, author's name and affiliation, and the following (in English, Spanish, or Portuguese): "*Prepared for delivery at the 2004 Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, Nevada October 7-9, 2004*".

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**Presenters without access to e-mail or Internet**

Please mail your saved electronic paper with the above specifications on a 3.5 inch high-density disk to the LASA Secretariat at: University of Pittsburgh 946 William Pitt Union, Pittsburgh PA 15260.

Make sure that the disk itself is labeled with the following information:

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**Deadline for Submission of your paper (on-line or disk) to the LASA Secretariat is August 1, 2004**

**Other Information**

**Photocopying at the Congress**

No photocopies of papers will be made by LASA at the LASA2004 site. There are copying services in the Riviera hotel Business Center.

**Audiovisual Equipment**

There will be an overhead projector only for transparencies in each meeting room. LASA will not supply additional equipment. Please plan accordingly.

**On behalf of your Colleagues, a "Thank You"**

The field of Latin American Studies is vigorous and thriving because of the efforts of serious scholars and practitioners. Please preserve its vitality by doing your part to ensure that LASA 2004 is an intellectually exciting event. Exercise your responsibility to the panelists in your session by making sure your paper is accessible to them in advance of the meeting. Thank you for sharing your findings and analyses to all your colleagues!

## LASA 2004 Exhibitors and Booth Numbers

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by Sandy Klinzing  
Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement

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The **Department of Religion at Wesleyan University** invites applications for a tenure-track appointment as Assistant Professor of **Modern or Contemporary Christian Thought**. Qualified applicants must demonstrate expertise in modern Western traditions of Christian thought, as well as facility with contemporary theoretical and methodological issues in the comparative study of religion. We are open to candidates from a wide range of disciplines and welcome applications from scholars familiar with Christianity in the southern hemisphere. The successful candidate will be expected to have Ph.D. in hand, or very near to completion, at the time of the appointment and be prepared to teach, on a rotating basis, the Department's "Introduction to the Study of Religion" and "Majors Colloquium in Religious Studies." Applications should include a curriculum vitae, at least three letters of recommendation, and written samples of scholarship. Preference will be given to applications received by **November 1, 2004**. Preliminary interviews may be conducted at professional meetings in the fall. Applications should be sent to:

The Chair, Search Committee,

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171 Church Street

Wesleyan University, Middletown CT 06459.

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We invite proposals for conference presentations by scholars, policy makers, activists, artists, and other professionals whose work deals with contemporary issues of the  
Global American South.

**Deadline: September 30, 2004**

[www.ucis.unc.edu/globalsouth.htm](http://www.ucis.unc.edu/globalsouth.htm)



## PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL NOTES

### IN MEMORIAM

With the premature death of Enrique Tandeter at fifty-nine years of age the historiography of colonial Spanish America loses one of its most influential figures. After graduating in History at the University of Buenos Aires, Tandeter completed his doctoral studies in Paris at the Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales. His dissertation was published in 1993 in English as *Coercion and Market: silver mining in colonial Potosí, 1692-1826* by the University of New Mexico Press. It received both the American Historical Association's Bolton Prize and LASA's first Premio Iberoamericano (the previous year it had seen the light in Spanish and a French version was to be published by the EHESS in 1997).

After residing in France and Britain during the period of military dictatorship in Argentina, he returned when democracy was restored and played a central role in the following historiographic renaissance, as the creator and director of the [Research] Program in Latin American History and Professor of Colonial Latin American History at the University of Buenos Aires, and as Director of the Archivo General de la Nación, as well as through his participation in collective publishing enterprises that reflected the impressive progress of Argentine historical scholarship during the last two decades (among others, he served as General Advisor for the multi-volume *Nueva Historia Argentina*, published in Buenos Aires by Sudamericana, and in 2001, he was Editor of its second volume, *La sociedad colonial*).

His most important scholarly contributions were in the field of Andean History, where he became an authoritative intellectual presence. He co-edited with Olivia Harris and Brooke Larson *La participación indígena en los mercados surandinos: estrategias y reproducción social, siglos XVI a XX* (La Paz, 1987, revised edition in English as *Ethnicity, Markets and Migration in the Andes*, Durham, NC, 1995). His studies covered a multiplicity of thematic fields, from the social history of mining to that of prices and, more recently, demographic change. All of them shared a common inspiration in a robust view of the Spanish American colonial experience that found its central theme in the colonial domination itself: when seen from this perspective, the thematic richness as well as the essential coherence of Tandeter's vast historiographic contribution appears already anticipated in the youthful article in which he took his distance from the formalistic Althusserian reading of Marx's legacy ("Sobre el análisis de la dominación colonial", *Desarrollo Económico*, Buenos Aires, n.61, 1976).

Enrique Tandeter's presence will be greatly missed by Latin American historians in the Old and the New World, who knew him from his participation in scholarly meetings and as a visiting faculty member in the Universities of Cambridge, London and Chicago and at the EHESS. To the Argentine community of historians, the untimely exit of this exemplary colleague and master is a cause of intense sadness.

Tulio Halperin-Donghi, University of California, Berkeley.

*Antología de escritoras argentinas contemporáneas* por **María Claudia André**, Buenos Aires: Editorial Biblos (2004). Esta antología intenta rescatar para la Argentina y el resto de los países hispanohablantes una imagen del decir y el pensar femenino en sus diferentes manifestaciones literarias y, por su medio, presentar no una sino múltiples y variadas aproximaciones de una identidad genérica en lo que respecta a la vida, la cultura y la sociedad contemporánea.

*Writing Women in Central America: Gender and the Fictionalization of History* by LASA member **Laura Barbas-Rhoden** has been published by Ohio University Press. The text considers more than a dozen narratives in which the authors draft their own interpretations of history to make room for women, indigenous peoples, and Afro-Latin Americans. Some of the texts reveal silences in the narratives of empire- and nation building. Others reinterpret events to highlight the struggle of

marginalized peoples for dignity and humanity in the face of oppression.

**Elizabeth Borland** will join the faculty of The College of New Jersey, as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology in Fall 2004.

*Caribbean Security in the Age of Terror*, edited by LASA member **Ivelaw Lloyd Griffith** and published by Ian Randle Publishers <<http://www.ianrandlepublishers.com/>> of Jamaica was released in April 2004. The volume, comprising 21 chapters with 90 tables and figures, assesses the contemporary security scenario in the Caribbean and the impact of 9/11 on the region in a wide variety of areas, including immigration, trade, and security management. Contributors to the study include LASA members Norman Girvan, Isabel Jaramillo Edwards, Anthony Maingot, Chris Mitchell, and Emilio Pantojas Garica. In his endorsement of the work LASA



member Bob Pastor notes, "The trauma of September 11 has evoked more fear than careful analysis. Ivelaw Griffith has assembled a diverse group to correct this imbalance and assess rigorously the implications of this new 'age of terror' for the Caribbean."

*Landscapes of Struggle: Politics, Society, and Community in El Salvador* edited by LASA members **Aldo Lauria-Santiago** and **Leigh Binford** has been published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. The volume combines locally oriented investigations by Binford, Lauria Santiago, and Wood with offerings from a new generation of researchers (Kowalchuk, Moodie, Pedersen, Ronsbo, and Silber). "Although the authors treat very different themes from the perspectives of different disciplines and approaches, the work is considered an interdisciplinary dialogue that will inform future studies of El Salvador as well as Central America.

Duke University Press has recently published *From Fanatics to Folk: Brazilian Millenarianism and Popular Culture* by LASA member **Patricia R. Pessar**. According to LASA member Barbara Weinstein, this book is a remarkable study of a Brazilian millenarian movement that blends the best features of historical and anthropological interpretation.

Can laws, policies, and agencies that are designed to help women achieve equality with men accommodate differences among women themselves? *In Pobladoras, Indigenas, and The State: Conflict Over Women's Rights in Chile*, LASA member **Patricia Richards** examines how Chilean state policy shapes the promotion of women's interest but at the same time limits the advancement of different classes and racial-ethnic groups in various ways. Through critical analyses of the role of the state, the diversity of women's movements, and the social and political position of indigenous peoples in Latin America, Richards provides an illuminating discussion of the ways in which the state defines women's interest and constructs women's citizenships.

*Catálogo de prácticas corruptas. Corrupción, confianza y democracia* compilado por LASA member **Ruth Sautu** ha sido publicado por Ediciones Lumiere. Entre los autores contribuyentes se encuentran LASA members **Betina Freidin**, **Paula Boniolo**, **Ignacia Perugorría**, **Pablo Dalle**, y **Rodolfo Elbert**. El libro aborda uno de los problemas más graves que atraviesa la sociedad argentina: la corrupción pública y privada. La investigación cuyos resultados se presentan en el libro analiza las interpretaciones de la clase media de Buenos Aires acerca de la difusión de la corrupción y sus efectos, en particular, la pérdida de confianza en las instituciones y los actores públicos, sus consecuencias para la democracia y el desarrollo económico.

*Urban Renewal, Municipal Revitalization: The Case of Curitiba, Brazil* by LASA member **Hugh Schwartz** has been recently published. The book is aimed at "presenting urban planners and general readers particularly concerned with improving their own urban environment with a concise overview of what took place in one of the world's most successful cases of municipal revitalization"

Purdue University Press has published *Orientalismo en el modernismo hispanoamericano* by LASA member **Araceli Tinajero**. This work falls within the present revisionist trend with respect to Spanish American modernism of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century. The text's uniqueness stems from its focus on allusions to images, artifacts, and thought from the East—primarily Japan—found in central and peripheral writings within the Spanish American movement.

*The Political Economy of the Drug Industry. Latin America and the International System* by LASA member **Menno Vellinga** has been recently published by the University Press of Florida. This volume makes a substantive and unique contribution to understanding the drug trade at the national, regional, and global levels.



## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

*Three Decades of Puerto Rican Studies*, the 6th Conference of the **Puerto Rican Studies Association** will be held at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York on **October 21-23, 2004**. This conference will commemorate three decades of Puerto Rican Studies and the pioneering research of the Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños. But more than a celebration, the conference seeks to provoke a critical stocktaking of the state of the field in the context of the growing salience in academe of interdisciplinary studies. This conference will also provide a forum for retrospective reflection on the institutional development, intellectual maturation, and distinctive challenges that Puerto Rican Studies faces during a period of remarkable change in U.S society and globally. Additional information about the conference is available on the PRSA website: <http://www.puertorican-studies.org> and on the conference website of the Center on Democracy in a Multiracial Society of the University of Illinois, <http://cdms.ds.uiuc.edu/>

**La Asociación Cultural Con Cuba en la Distancia** convoca su III Encuentro Internacional con el patrocinio del Excmo. Ayuntamiento de Cádiz, la Fundación Hispano Cubana, el Centro Cultural Cubano de Nueva York, el Swedish International Liberal Centre, entre otras instituciones patrocinadoras y colaboradoras a desarrollarse del **8 al 12 de noviembre** en Cadiz, España. Los congresos Con Cuba en la Distancia constituyen un foro de pensamiento independiente en torno a la cultura cubana en el exilio y reúnen a intelectuales no sólo cubanos, sino también a investigadores y académicos de diversa procedencia. Graduate Center of the City University of New York. Como en ediciones anteriores, el congreso se abre al debate sobre la realidad cubana, definiéndose como un evento de estudios culturales donde tienen cabida reflexiones sociológicas, económicas, psicológicas, jurídicas y de otros ámbitos, incluida la participación de organizaciones sociales, científicas y culturales.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Instituto de Ciencia Política of the **Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile** invites applications for tenure-track positions at the assistant professor level in all areas of Political Science, with the exception of International Relations. Special attention will be granted to applicants who specialize in Comparative Politics (especially European Studies); in Public Policy (especially urban or local politics); or in Political Theory, but all areas will be considered. Applicants who hold a PhD in Political Science (or its equivalent) by the end of 2004 will be given preference, but ABDs will be considered. Candidates must be available in March 2005 at the latest. Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to high-quality research and publication, as well as the ability to participate regularly in international congresses and seminars. Send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, evidence of research and teaching potential (e.g., teaching evaluations and a writing sample), graduate transcripts, and three professional letters of recommendation to:

Tomas Chuaqui  
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile Instituto de Ciencia  
Política Vicuña Mackenna 4860 Santiago Chile  
E-mail: [tchuaqui@puc.cl](mailto:tchuaqui@puc.cl)

Applications will be received until **September 30th, 2004**.

**NACLA** is looking for someone with leadership experience in progressive non-profit organizations, a strong interest in U.S.-Latin American relations and a commitment to outreach and constituency building for progressive social change to take on the duties of Director. **NACLA** is looking for a candidate with a proven ability to raise funds; a background in program development, outreach and fundraising for non-profit organizations; and the ability to work with a small professional staff in a collegial environment. Base salary: high 30s to low 40s depending on experience. Send a résumé and a cover letter to:

Search Committee, NACLA  
38 Greene St., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10013  
E-mail: [director@nacla.org](mailto:director@nacla.org).

Resumes accepted until position is filled.

The Department of Language and Foreign Studies of **American University** seeks to fill a one-year, temporary position in Spanish at the assistant professor level, to begin Fall 2004. Candidates with one or more of the following specializations will be considered: translation, Latin American studies, language teaching, linguistics. PhD required. Applicants should submit a dossier including CV, three letters of recommendation, and a letter of interest to:

Chair, Spanish Professor Search Committee  
Language and Foreign Studies  
American University  
Washington, DC, 20016-8045.

Review of applicants will continue until the position is filled.

The History Department of **Agnes Scott College** invites applications for a one-year visiting position in Latin American History (period and regional specialty open) for the 2004-2005 academic session. The appointee will teach three courses per semester, including a survey course and courses in the candidate's areas of specialty. PhDs and ABDs will be considered; teaching experience is preferred. Please send a letter of application, c.v., and three letters of recommendation to:

Violet M. Johnson  
Department of History  
Agnes Scott College  
Decatur, GA 30030.

Review of applicants will continue until the position is filled.

### DIRECTOR

The department of political science at the **University of Massachusetts Amherst** is seeking an associate or full professor to fill the Leonard J. Horwitz Professorship in Latin American Politics and Studies, and to serve as Director of the Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies. Latin American politics is defined broadly to include South America, Central America, and/or the Hispanic Caribbean. The department is most interested in hiring a scholar whose research spans international and comparative levels of analysis and addresses such questions as inter-American relations; globalization; democratization; the politics of racial, ethnic, and gender identity; immigration and diaspora politics; religion and politics; the historical development of institutions; the roles of ideas and representations in politics; the transnational politics of economic, social, and welfare policies; or civil liberties and justice. The Horwitz Professor will also be responsible for directing the Latin American Studies Center, working with approximately 50-affiliated faculty from 20 departments to facilitate multi- and inter-disciplinary teaching, research, and outreach. Administrative responsibilities include program development and coordination; budgetary and personnel management; liaison with affiliated units within and outside the University and the promotion of funding opportunities for the Center. Fluency in English and command of Spanish or Portuguese is required, as well as field experience in the region.

Candidates should submit a letter of interest indicating research and teaching experience, as well as a c.v., copies of relevant syllabi, and names of three references. Materials should be sent to Peter M. Haas, chair, Horwitz Search Committee, Department of Political Science, Thompson Hall, University of Massachusetts Amherst, MA 01003. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, but applications received by **31 October** will be viewed most favorably. The University of Massachusetts Amherst is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer



## RESEARCH AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

The **Woodrow Wilson International Center** for Scholars announces the opening of its 2005-2006 Fellowship competition. The Center awards approximately 20-25 academic year residential fellowships to individuals from any country with outstanding project proposals on national and/or international issues. Projects should have relevance to the world of public policy or provide the historical and/or cultural framework to illumine policy issues of contemporary importance. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional experience. Fellows are provided stipends which include round trip travel, private offices, access to the Library of Congress, Windows-based personal computers, and research assistants. For more information and application guidelines please contact the Center at:

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
Scholar Selection and Services Office  
One Woodrow Wilson Plaza  
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW.  
Washington, D.C. 20004-3027  
Tel: 202-691-4170; Fax: 202-691-4001;  
E-mail: [fellowships@wwic.si.edu](mailto:fellowships@wwic.si.edu)  
<http://www.wilsoncenter.org/fellowships>

Application deadline: **October 1, 2004**

The **National Endowment for the Humanities** announces its 2005 Summer Stipends Awards. The program supports two months of full-time research on a project in the humanities. The award is \$5,000 and the deadline to apply is **October 1, 2004**. All the details about the program may be found at <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/stipends.html>. Questions about the program can be sent via e-mail to [stipends@neh.gov](mailto:stipends@neh.gov) or via telephone: 202-606-8200.

The **National Humanities Center** offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities during the academic year, September 2005 through May 2006. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent scholarly credentials, and a records of publication is expected. Senior and younger scholars are eligible, though the latter should be engaged in research beyond the revision of a doctoral dissertation. Scholars from any nation may apply. In addition to scholars from all fields of the humanities, the Center accepts individuals from the natural and social sciences, the arts, the professions, and public life who are engaged in humanistic projects. Most of the Center's fellowships are unrestricted. The following designated awards, however, are available for the academic year 2005-06: three fellowships for scholars in any humanistic field whose research concerns religion; three fellowships for young scholars (up to 10 years beyond receipt of doctorate) in literary studies; a fellowship in art history or visual culture; a fellowship for French history or culture; a senior fellowship in Asian Studies, theology or American art history. 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. Applicants submit the Center's form supported by a curriculum vitae, a 1000-word project proposal, and three letters of recommendation. You may request application material from:

Fellowship Program, National Humanities Center

Post Office Box 12256

Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709-2256

or obtain the form and instructions from the Center's website at <http://www.nhc.rtp.nc.us>

The **National Academy of Education** invites applications for the 2005 NAE/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowships, which support early-career scholars working in critical areas of educational scholarship. Fellows will receive \$55,000 for one academic year of research, or \$27,500 for each of two contiguous years, working half time. Applicants must have had their Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent research degree conferred between January 1, 1999, and December 31, 2004. This fellowship is non-residential, and applications from all disciplines are encouraged. Up to twenty NAE/Spencer Fellowships will be awarded. The 2005 fellowship application may be downloaded from NAE's Web site (<http://www.nae.nyu.edu>). Contact Information:

Donna Ho, Fellowships Manager  
Tel: 212-998-9035  
Fax: 212-995-4435  
E-mail: [nae.info@nyu.edu](mailto:nae.info@nyu.edu)

Web site: <http://www.nae.nyu.edu>

Application deadline: **November 12, 2004**

The **Kellogg Institute for International Studies** at the **University of Notre Dame** will offer up to eight residential Visiting Fellowships for the 2005 - 06 academic year. Fellows have the opportunity to pursue research in comparative international studies within a highly supportive and stimulating community of peers. 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. Applicants may come from any country, but must hold a PhD or equivalent degree in a social science discipline or in history. Advanced ABD graduate students may apply, but awards are contingent on their having completed the PhD before beginning the fellowship. A complete application, including references and all documentation, must be received by **November 1, 2004**. Awards will be announced around February 15, 2005. To apply, or for more information, contact:

Sharon Schierling, Associate Director  
The Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
University of Notre Dame  
130 Hesburgh Center, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556-5677  
E-mail: [sschierl@nd.edu](mailto:sschierl@nd.edu)  
<http://kellogg.nd.edu/>

The **International Center for Advanced Studies at New York University** announces its Fellowships for 2005 - 2006. The theme of the project is "Politics of the Unprivileged". This is the second year of a larger project on The Authority of Social Knowledge Global Age. The project, which welcomes applications from scholars with PhDs at all career stages in any social science (including law) or humanities discipline, seeks to examine the production, circulations, and practical import of knowledge

generated in the various disciplines of social inquiry. It is particularly interested in exploring, whether through conceptual analysis or empirical case studies, the capacities and incapacities of academic political analysis. What are the costs of the growing divide between social science inquiry and humanistic scholarship? What are the implications of the growing dominance of U.S.-based models of social inquiry for the understanding of other cultures and for the fundamental concepts of political experience and inquiry?. The project is interested in developing a dialogue among U.S. based scholars and those from abroad, hoping that the resulting discussions will produce alternative conceptions of economic, social, and political activity, including issues of agency, personhood, representations of the past and possible futures, and new claims of social justice. The stipend is \$35,000 for nine months and includes eligibility for NYU housing. Application deadline: **January 6, 2005**. Visit <<http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/dept/icas>> for more information and application forms, or write to the center (fax: 212 995-4546; [icas@nyu.edu](mailto:icas@nyu.edu)).

The **John Carter Brown Library** will award approximately twenty-five short- and long-term Research Fellowships for the year June 1, 2005-July 31, 2006. Short-term fellowships are available for periods of two to four months and carry an stipend of \$1,600 per month. These fellowships are open to foreign nationals as well as to U.S. citizens who are engaged in pre- and post-doctoral, or independent research. Graduate students must have passed their preliminary or general examinations at the time of application and be at the dissertation-writing stage. Long-term fellowships, primarily funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, are typically for five to nine months and carry a stipend of \$4,000 per month. Recipients of long-term fellowships may not be engaged in graduate work and ordinarily must be U.S. citizens or have resided in the U.S. for the three years immediately preceding the application deadline of **January 10, 2005**. Application forms are available at <<http://www.JCBL.org>>

The **Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center (LACS)** of **Stony Brook University** will host a Rockefeller Humanities Residency Site in the academic year 2005-06. 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 or 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. LACS will offer two Fellowships of 8-10 months duration. For information and application guidelines contact:

Paul Gootenberg, LACS Director  
Latin American & Caribbean Studies  
Stony Brook University  
SBSN333  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-4345

Tel: (631) 632-7517; Fax: (631) 632-9432;  
E-mail: [lacc@notes.cc.sunysb.edu](mailto:lacc@notes.cc.sunysb.edu)  
Visit our website: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/lacc>  
Application deadline: **February, 1, 2005**

Non-U.S. Scholars in public policy researching multilateral issues through a multilateral approach are encouraged to take advantage of a generously funded fellowship: the **Fulbright/New York University (NYU) Center for International Cooperation (CIC) Fellowship** in International Public Policy Program. The academic-year fellowship (August 2005 to June 2006) is designed to give non-U.S. scholars the opportunity to conduct research at the CIC on more effective means of multilateral cooperation in the fields of peace and security, international economics and development, international law and organizations, human rights, and humanitarian affairs. Projects of particular interest are those that examine the political, legal, institutional and financial bases for effective multilateral action, including public-private partnerships and the division of responsibility between global and regional multilateral actors. Recent successful projects have examined the international treatment of refugees and the multilateral process of enacting the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. Further information about the fellowship, eligibility, and application process are available at <[http://www.cics.org/vs\\_scholars/NYU\\_CIC/](http://www.cics.org/vs_scholars/NYU_CIC/)>.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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**MACLAS 2005/XXVI – Annual Meeting/**  
Virginia Commonwealth University's  
**SCHOOL OF WORLD STUDIES**

**April 8-10, 2005**

Virginia Commonwealth University,  
Richmond, Virginia

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (**MACLAS**) invites proposals in any discipline related to Latin America for papers to be presented at its annual meeting.

Prizes will be awarded for the best graduate and undergraduate student papers given.

Papers can be submitted to a refereed journal, **MACLAS Latin American Essays**.

Proposals for papers or panels/equipment needs should be submitted by **December 15, 2004** to Brian Turner at <[btturner@rmc.edu](mailto:btturner@rmc.edu)>.

**For further information, please see our web page:** <<http://maclas.vcu.edu>>.



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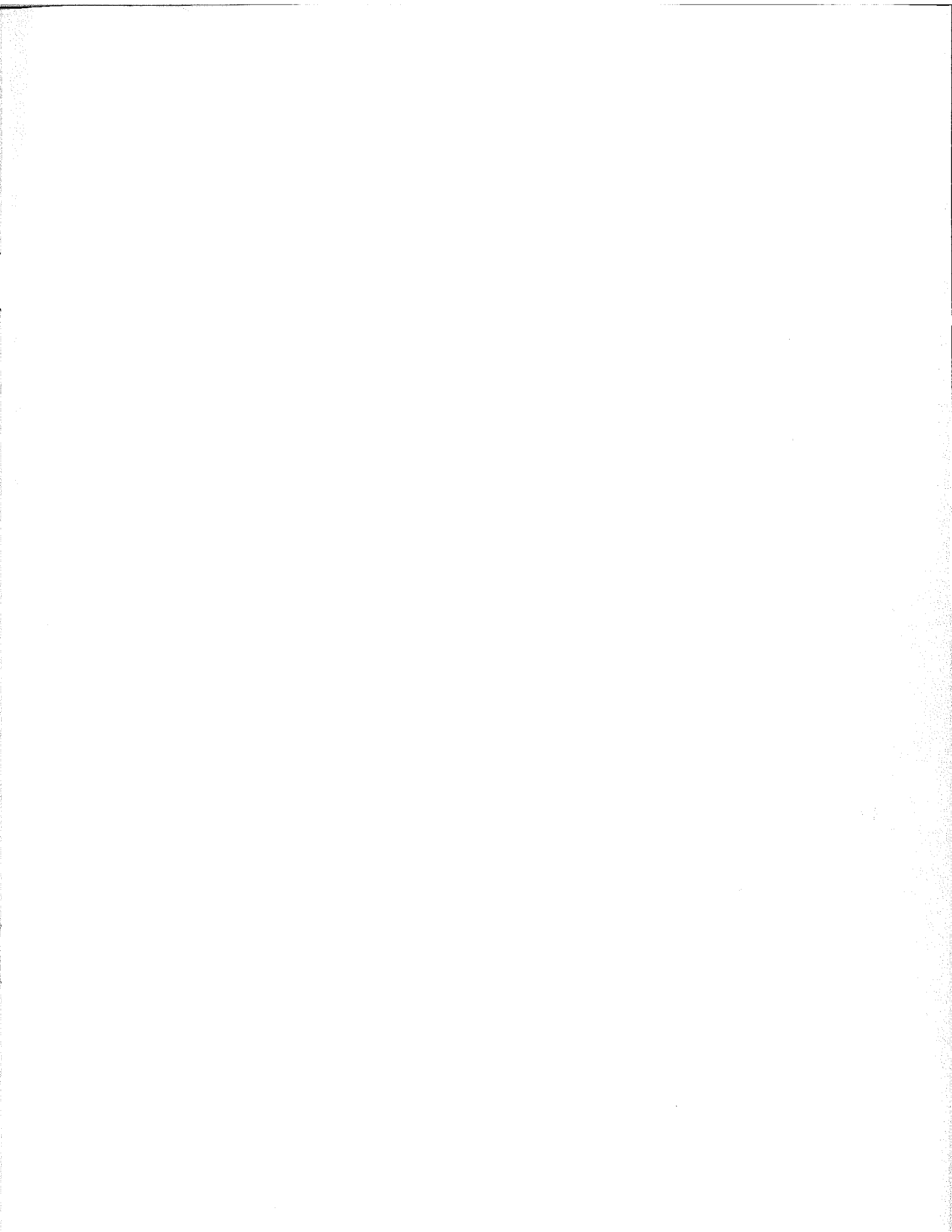
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