

From the Program Co-chairs

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At this writing we are nearing the end of 2005 and, as we get busy with holiday preparations and events, we would like to share more details about LASA2006. We have spent the last couple of months addressing requests for changes in panels and panelists in order to accommodate panelists' travel schedules as well as a few small errors that occurred in the process; thankfully, the program book is almost ready to go into print. We have tried to make sure that as many panelists as possible can attend and participate in the Congress.

The Local Arrangements Committee, headed by Margarita Ostolaza, continues to work on preparing a number of events, including the opening reception on Wednesday evening, the *Gran Baile* (to be held on Friday), and a possible concert with Gilberto Santa Rosa (still tentative).

You may wish to take note of some of the following activities as you plan your Congress schedule. Most of the Section panels have been scheduled for Wednesday, the first day of the meeting. If you are interested in attending any of them, make sure you make travel reservations for Tuesday at the latest. LASA also is celebrating its 40th anniversary and in honor of this birthday, we have scheduled a Wednesday night panel titled *Tumultuous Times: LASA in the 1960s* to celebrate and reflect on the past. Other important events include a performance by Chilean writer and performance artist, Pedro Lemebel, a lecture by Carlos Monsiváis, two special panels marking 20 years of the democratic transition literature, a panel on the relationship between indigenous

peoples and afro-descendants in the region, and a panel of Puerto Rican poets and writers. (A special invitation has been extended to Puerto Rican writer Giannina Braschi). And on Friday night there will be a panel honoring the memory of Argentinian writers Juan José Saer and Saul Yurkievich.

We also want to foreground the panels organized around Puerto Rican Studies. The LASA members who organized these panels worked very hard to ensure a rich and varied set of offerings; we would like to thank them for such a high level of engagement. You may want to use this list as a guide to the Puerto Rican panels:

Military Power and Civil Society:
The Case of Vieques, Puerto Rico:
Part One: Military Power During and
After the Cold War
(*LASA Section Presentations*)
Wednesday 10-11:45 am

Más allá de la "soberanía": escribir
por nadie desde Puerto Rico (cruce de
lo ensayístico y lo teórico) Parte I
(*Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary
Approaches*) Wednesday 12-1:45 pm

The Racial Counterpoint of Cuban-ness
and Puerto Rican-ness: Diaspora Struggles and
Performing Knowledges Part II
(*Race, Racism and Racial Politics*)
Wednesday 12-1:45 pm

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Performing Knowledges Part II
(*Race, Racism and Racial Politics*)
Wednesday 2-3:45 pm

Building Bridges among Latino,
Latin American, Chicano, Dominican
and Puerto Rican Studies — Workshop 1
(*LASA Section Presentations*)
Wednesday 2-3:45 pm

Las relaciones internacionales
de Puerto Rico, 1930 al presente
(*Histories and Historiographies*)
Wednesday 2-3:45 pm

Military Power and Civil Society:
The Case of Vieques, Puerto Rico:
Part Two: Struggle and the Environment
(*Social Movements, Civil Society, NGOs and
the Third Sector*) Wednesday 4-5:45 pm

Vieques, Puerto Rico: The Struggle Continues
(*Social Movements, Civil Society, NGOs and
the Third Sector*) Wednesday 6-7:45 pm

Building Bridges among Latino,
Latin American, Chicano, Dominican
and Puerto Rican Studies — Workshop II
(*LASA Section Presentations*)
Wednesday 4-5:45 pm

Puerto Rico's and Puerto Ricans' Cultural
Politics and Politics of Culture
(*LASA Section Presentations*)
Wednesday 6-7:45 pm

Cuba and Puerto Rico in Comparative
Perspective, 19th and 20th Centuries Part I
(*Histories and Historiographies*)
Thursday 8-9:45 am

Cuba and Puerto Rico in Comparative
Perspective, 19th and 20th Centuries Part II
(*Histories and Historiographies*)
Thursday 10-11:45 am

Examining the Puerto Rican experience in
schools: From the diaspora to the Island
(*Education and Educational Policies*)
Thursday, 10-11:45 am

Literary Representations of Puertoricanness:
Island/Mainland Views and Debates
(*Latina/os in the United States*)
Thursday 12-1:45 pm

Colonial Commonalities: Puerto Ricans and
Filipinos in Comparative Perspective
(*Migration and Cross-Border Studies*)
Friday 12-1:45 pm

Identity Formation in Puerto Rico
(*Culture, Politics and Society*)
Saturday, 8-9:45 am

Puerto Rican Politics in the XXI Century:
Elections, Civil Society, Gender and Religion
(*Culture, Politics and Society*)
Thursday, 2-3:45 pm

De Pájaros y Alas: Turismo gay
en Puerto Rico
(*Genders, Sexualities and LGBT Studies*)
Thursday 2-3:45 pm

Lectura de Poesía Puertorriquena (Parte I)
(*Meetings*) Thursday 4-5:45 pm

The Place of Puerto Rico/Puerto Ricans
in Latin American Studies: Perspectives from
the Diaspora (*Plenary Sessions*)
Thursday 4-5:45 pm

Más allá de la “soberanía”:
escribir por nadie desde Puerto Rico
(cruce de lo ensayístico y lo teórico) Parte II
(*Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary
Approaches*) Friday 2-3:45 pm

The Puerto Rican Lettered City on the Move
(*Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary
Approaches*) Friday 4-5:45 pm

Más allá de la “soberanía”:
escribir por nadie desde Puerto Rico
(cruce de lo ensayístico y lo teórico) Parte III
(*Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary
Approaches*) Friday 4-5:45 pm

Lectura de Poesía Puertorriquena (Parte II)
(*Meetings*) Friday 4-5:45 pm

Retando los usos y costumbres de
las sexualidades en Puerto Rico
(*Genders, Sexualities and LGBT Studies*)
Friday 6-7:45 pm

Construcciones y representaciones de la
criminalidad en Puerto Rico: 1875-1925
(*Histories and Historiographies*)
Friday 6-7:45 pm

Luisa Capetillo: A 19th Century Puerto Rican
Revolutionary for the 21st Century
(*Feminist Studies*) Saturday 10-11:45 am

Currents in Boricua Literary Criticism
(*Latina/os in the United States*)
Saturday 2-3:45 pm

Recentrar los márgenes:
El lugar de Puerto Rico en los
estudios latinoamericanos y latinos
(*Plenary Sessions*) Saturday 2-3:45 pm

De vuelta a la posmodernidad: figuras,
fisuras y (des)lindes del “debate posmoderno”
en Puerto Rico
(*Culture, Politics and Society*)
Saturday 4-5:45 pm

Panoramas, sonoramas y letras:
La descomposición de las representaciones
de la puertorriquenidad desde medios
dialogantes
(*Literature and Culture: Interdisciplinary
Approaches*) Saturday 4-5:45 pm

We are looking forward to seeing you in San Juan in March.
Please remember to book your flight and hotel as soon as
possible — it's high season in Puerto Rico and spaces will
go fast. And for those of you currently experiencing frosty
temperatures (as we are here in Chicago) don't forget to leave
your coats at home!

Accommodations

Thanks to the efforts of Local Arrangements
Committee Chair Margarita Ostolaza we have
been able to create a list of more affordable
hotels in San Juan. The following hotels are
not working with LASA through a contract, but
they are available for relatively cheaper rates.
(Please note that LASA cannot offer shuttle
transportation between these hotels and the
Caribe Hilton.)

Hotel Iberia
787-392-1976 / 787-723-0200

At Wind Chimes Inn
1-800-946-3244 / 787-727-4153 /
atwindchimesinn.com

El Canario by the Lagoon
787-722-5058

El Canario Inn
787-722-3861

El Canario by the Sea
787-722-8640

Hostería del Mar
(only for students)

The following hotels are under contract and
transportation will be provided between them
and the Caribe Hilton, the main meeting site:

Normandie [about 15 percent of the
meetings are held here, just a three minute
walk from the Caribe Hilton]

Wyndham Condado Plaza

Marriott

Radisson Ambassador Plaza

San Juan Beach Hotel

Child Care

For parents who are considering taking their
children to Puerto Rico, the Caribe Hilton will
offer a children's camp for kids between the
ages of 4 and 12 years old. However, the camp
will only be offered if there is a minimum of 40
children requesting the camp and staying at the
Caribe Hilton. Please let the LASA staff know if
you are interested in this service as soon as
possible. The camp will be \$45 a day per child
and it will run from 9 am until 5 pm every day.