

LASA Voluntary Support

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Our biggest news is that LASA has five new **Life Members!** Our warmest thanks to Florence Babb, Rosario Espinal, Kevin Middlebrook, Manuel Pastor and Marianne Schmink. Their Life Memberships not only signal their commitment to the mission of the Association, but also contribute to the preparation of future scholars through support of the LASA Endowment. Over the years all five have served in several leadership positions in LASA, generously contributing their time to serve as Section officers and/or members of the Executive Council. *Thank you for your continuing support and dedication to the Association!*

LASA is working diligently to secure funding for the 2007 Congress. Thanks to your support of the Endowment, the Association is able to fund a substantial number of travel grants. The remainder of what is required, however, comes from member and friend contributions to the Travel Fund, the Student Fund, and the new Indigenous and Afro-descendent Fund. A thank-you to all who continue to generously support these critical funds. (For information on how you too can make a contribution, please refer to the end of this report.)

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Individual Memberships

Total memberships	5613	(22 percent increase over 2005)
New members	1428	
Renewed from 2005	3116	(68 percent renewal rate)
Renewed lapsed members	1069	
<i>Member type:</i>		
Traditional members	2205	
Student members	970	
Life Members	67	
Joint Members	241	
<i>Member residency:</i>		
U.S. residents	3891	(69 percent of the membership)
Latin American residents	825	(15 percent of the membership)
Other Non-U.S. residents	896	(16 percent of the membership)
Three-year memberships initiated in 2006	165	
Major disciplines represented:		
Literature	891	
Political Science	839	
History	779	
Anthropology	538	
Sociology	427	
Latin American Studies	282	
Economics	176	
Cultural Studies	127	
International Relations	111	
Education	105	

Institutional Memberships

Total memberships	99	(3 percent increase over 2005)
New members	8	
Renewed from 2005	69	
Renewed lapsed members	22	
Institution location		
United States	82	
Latin America	6	
Other Non-U.S.	11	