

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL NOTES

In Memoriam

Álvaro Félix Bolaños, Associate Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures at the University of Florida, passed away unexpectedly on May 14, 2007. Born in Cartago, Colombia in 1955, Félix earned his Licenciatura en Letras at the Universidad del Valle in Cali, Colombia. He taught Spanish literature in a Cali high school for eight years before coming to the United States for graduate studies. He received his M.A. and Ph.D. in Latin American Literature at the University of Kentucky. Félix taught at Tulane University and Universidad de los

Andes before moving to Gainesville in 1998; he had just been promoted to full professor at Florida. His area of specialization was colonial Latin American literature and culture. His research focused on historical and literary representations of the first contacts between Spaniards and Indians, colonial culture, and the legacy of colonial culture in contemporary Latin America, including within indigenous communities. An avid runner, he was jogging at the time of his death. Félix was a much respected colleague and friend, and will be missed by many.

A Commemorative Retrospective in Memory of Alvaro Félix Bolaños will be held at the LASA Congress in Montréal on Wednesday, September 5th, 6:00–7:30 pm, in the Marquette Room, Fairmont Hotel.

Carmen Diana Deere, Director, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. ■

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