

## CALLING ALL MEMBERS

## Elections 2010

## Nominating Committee Slate

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Woody's on Church, established in 1989, and featured in the U.S. version of "Queer as Folk." Another trendy pub is The Hair of the Dog at 425 Church.

Front Street (which 200 years ago was the lake front) between Union Station and Jarvis has a large number and variety of restaurants. One of the best is Le Papillon French Restaurant at 69 Front St., whose dinner and dessert crepes are outstanding.

The Distillery District is southeast of downtown, where converted distilleries now house restaurants, shops and the Soulpepper Theatre. It is most easily accessed by taxi.

For Canadian fast food nothing beats Tim Horton's. You will find several in the PATH and every couple blocks downtown. Timmy's has excellent coffee, a variety of teas (you have to ask or you'll get black tea), great donuts (forget Dunkin' or Krispy), bagels, soups, chilli, and cold sandwiches made to order. No hamburgers or French fries here. If you want to be mistaken for a Canadian, ask for a "double-double." That's a medium coffee with 2 sugars and 2 creams—and the term is in the Canadian dictionary!

Finally, a word about our money: the Canadian dollar is commonly referred to as the "Loonie." Not because we're crazy. It's because the gold-coloured dollar coin has a loon on the flip side. Queen Elizabeth II graces all our coins. Which makes our \$2.00 coin...what else? A "Toonie"! Welcome to Canada! ■

The LASA Nominating Committee presents the following slate of candidates for vice president and members of the Executive Council (EC). The winning candidate for vice president will serve in that capacity from November 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012 and as president from May 1, 2012 to October 31, 2013. The three winning candidates for EC membership and the winning candidate for Treasurer will serve a three-year term from November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2013.

**Nominees for Vice President**

Jeremy Adelman  
*Princeton University*

Evelyn Huber  
*University of North Carolina*

**Nominees for Treasurer**

Cristina Eguizabal  
*Florida International University*

Steven Volk  
*Oberlin College*

**Nominees for Executive Council**

Manuel Alcántara  
*Universidad de Salamanca*

Carlos Alonso  
*Columbia University*

Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo  
*Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social*

Gioconda Herrera  
*FLACSO / Ecuador*

Jeffrey Lesser  
*Emory University*

Maxine Molyneux  
*University of London*

**The Candidates**

**Jeremy Adelman** was educated at the University of Toronto, the London School of Economics, and Oxford University, where he received his DPhil in 1989. He has taught at the University of Essex (UK) and the Instituto Torcuato di Tella (Argentina); currently he is the Walter Samuel Carpenter III Professor of Spanish Civilization and the Director of the Council for International Teaching and Research at Princeton University. His research seeks to place Latin American history into broad comparative and connected global contexts, from the study of colonialism to challenges of contemporary globalization. Beginning with *Frontier Development: Land, Labour, and Capital on the Wheatlands of Argentina and Canada, 1890-1914* (Oxford University Press, 1994), *Republic of Capital: Buenos Aires and the Legal Transformation of the Atlantic World* (Stanford University Press, 1999) and most recently *Sovereignty and Revolution in the Iberian Atlantic* (Princeton University Press, 2006), his books draw upon analytical insights of social scientists while remaining attentive to the nuances and contingencies of historical narratives. While committed to archival research for books and essays destined for specialized scholars, he has also sought to write for broader audiences, including the much-assailed entry-level student; *Worlds Together, Worlds Apart: A History of Humankind from its Origins to the Present* (WW Norton, 2008) is a co-authored textbook that (among other things) seeks to place Latin American developments in a global setting and make them accessible for the uninitiated college student. Jeremy Adelman's recent awards include a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation scholarship and a Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies. He is currently working on an intellectual biography of Albert O. Hirschman.

### **Adelman Statement**

*It is an honor to be considered as a candidate for the vice presidency of LASA, an organization I have belonged to from the time I was a graduate student; indeed it was my first professional affiliation. What has made the organization so great is the work of its leaders and the energies of its members over many years—a unique partnership that belies the classic aphorism of Robert Michels about the ineluctable “iron law of oligarchy.” It is distinguished for its vitality by being committed to supporting as much as possible the open flow of academic influences and exchanges back and forth between Latin America and North America, and has made major strides in being open to scholars from Europe, Asia, and beyond. This is the organization’s core, and it must remain a strong one through changing financial circumstances and the pressures on border-crossing. Its publications and its meetings—the media by which we exchange our views and findings—need to remain open and global. As a past member of the Executive Council, I have a sense of the complex factors that go into the decisions about where Congresses are held and how to make them inclusive and intellectually rewarding, and I have seen some skilled LASA leaders rise to the challenges. Budget cuts that confront us all threaten the mobility of the organization’s membership; it will be vital to keep or enhance the access to travel support to meetings, including support for targeted workshops between the big conferences. When necessary, it will be important for the organization’s leadership to defend publicly the principles of openness against those that would restrict it. At the same time, area studies and area-based research have been important for academic disciplines while movements in the disciplines have brought new life to Latin American studies; I am committed to sustaining the dialogues across what has often been a divide, all the*

*more so as financial and cultural shifts pose some basic questions about what is Latin American about Latin America. Finally, while a bit unglamorous, it is nonetheless true that moving forward requires an effective working partnership with the LASA staff and other elected officers. I hope to bring my experience within the organization, as well as that of department chair (and of two separate departments) and university administrator, to the table in the effort to make decisions fairly, transparently, and responsibly.*

**Evelyne Huber** is Morehead Alumna Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Department of Political Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She studied at the University of Zurich and received both her M.A. (1973) and Ph.D. (1977) from Yale University. Her interests are in comparative politics and political economy, particularly in the conditions that promote democratization and in the effects of democracy and political parties on social and economic policies, and on poverty and inequality. She came to the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1992, from Northwestern University. While at Northwestern University she co-founded the Latin American Studies Program with the Historian Frank Safford. At UNC, she served as Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies and as Chair of the Curriculum in Latin American Studies, and as Co-director of the Carolina–Duke Consortium in Latin American Studies from 1994 to 1998, and again from 2000 to 2003. She is the author of *The Politics of Workers’ Participation: The Peruvian Approach in Comparative Perspective* (1980); co-author of *Democratic Socialism in Jamaica* (with John D. Stephens, 1986); co-author of *Capitalist Development and Democracy* (with Dietrich Rueschemeyer and John D. Stephens, 1992; Outstanding

Book Award 1991-92 from the American Sociological Association (Political Sociology Section); co-author of *Development and Crisis of the Welfare State* (with John D. Stephens, 2001; Best Book Award 2001 from the American Political Science Association, (Political Economy Section); co-editor of *States Versus Markets in the World System* (with Peter Evans and Dietrich Rueschemeyer, 1985); co-editor of *Agrarian Structure and Political Power in Latin America* (with Frank Safford, 1995); and editor of *Models of Capitalism: Lessons for Latin America* (2002). She has also contributed articles to, among others, *World Politics*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Comparative Politics*, *Politics and Society*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Comparative Social Research*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, *Social Politics*, *Revue Française des Affaires Sociales*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, and *Economic Perspectives*. She received the Distinguished Teaching Award for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction from the University of North Carolina in 2004, and a fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation in 2010. She has been a Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, the Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg in Delmenhorst, Germany, the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study in the Social Sciences in Uppsala, the Collegio Carlo Alberto in Turin, Italy, the Kellogg Institute at the University of Notre Dame, and the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. She has been active in both LASA and the American Political Science Association; in the latter as President of the Comparative Politics Section 2001-2003, Member of the Nominating Committee 2001- 2002, and Member of the Taskforce on Difference and

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Inequality in the Third World 2004-06. In LASA, she served as chair of the Nominations Committee in 1994-95, as a Track Chair for the 1998 Congress, and as Program Chair for the 2009 Congress in Rio. She also served on the Joint Committee on Latin America and the renamed Regional Advisory Panel on Latin America of the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies from 1995 to 2001.

**Huber Statement**

*I am strongly committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of Latin America through interdisciplinary and disciplinary research, teaching, and work in professional organizations. LASA has a proud history of playing a pivotal role in advancing these endeavors, and it would indeed be a privilege to lead the Association in supporting further progress in these areas. What makes LASA special is its truly international character. We have members from all over the hemisphere and the world beyond, united by their desire to understand better the historical development and present day social, economic, political, and cultural realities of Latin America. A better understanding of these realities on the part of scholars, policy-makers, and the public at large in turn is an essential precondition for formulating national and transnational solutions to the many problems faced by the countries of the region. Since LASA is based in the United States, the Association and its members have a particular responsibility to improve understanding of Latin America among U.S. policy makers in order to support more informed policy-making towards the region. The LASA Congresses are a central venue for the face-to-face exchange of ideas and information. Even in the information age, with an abundance of information available at the click of a mouse, there is no substitute for such direct scholarly interaction with the opportunity*

*for debate about the quality and the meaning of the information. The scholarly exchanges at the Congresses allow for the emergence and dissemination of new ideas, and for an assessment of the continued relevance of older ideas and theories. The LASA Sections also make vital contributions to the intellectual connections among members of the Association through their ongoing activities. Given the importance of the Congresses, one of my priorities would be to continue the pioneering efforts made by previous presidents of LASA and the committees they appointed to raise funds for the LASA endowment and for Congress travel. It remains a reality that many colleagues from both South and North, particularly younger scholars, are able to attend the Congresses only if they receive financial support. And it remains essential that all voices be heard and able to make their contributions to our collective knowledge and understanding. I would also reinvigorate efforts to secure financial support for international collaborative efforts on new themes at the cutting edge of disciplinary and interdisciplinary research. I believe that only interdisciplinary approaches can yield answers to the complex questions raised by the world we live in, but I am equally convinced that a strong disciplinary grounding is highly advantageous for fruitful interdisciplinary research that will command respect in academic and policy-making circles. I further believe that international collaboration is indispensable to address the complex theoretical and empirical problems in contemporary cultures, societies, polities, and economies. The many edited volumes resulting from research projects supported by the Social Science Research Council are testimony to the success of such collaboration. With regards to the major issues that have faced the Association in the recent past, I strongly support LASA's principled stand on academic freedom, and*

*thus the decision to hold the Congresses outside the United States as long as the U.S. government blocks our Cuban colleagues from attending them. I also support LASA's continued engagement for lifting the travel restrictions on U.S. scholars and ensuring a free flow of scholarly communication. Finally a note on the approach I would take towards leading LASA. Leadership in an academic organization requires a balancing act between delegation and inclusiveness on the one hand and acceptance of responsibility and efficiency on the other hand. I try hard to strike the right balance; where I fail in finding it, I mostly do so by emphasizing inclusiveness. I always try to learn from others, which means consultation with predecessors, elected EC members, and staff. Many people have served LASA with great enthusiasm, dedication, and distinction; their legacy is what I would want to build on and their energies what I would want to harness to continue in strengthening our collective knowledge and understanding of Latin America.*

**Cristina Eguizábal** is the director of the Latin American and Caribbean Center and Professor of International Relations at Florida International University. Before joining FIU she served as a program officer at the Ford Foundation working on Peace and Social Justice first in New York and later at the Foundation's Mexico City office. Her portfolio included programs on U.S.-Latin American relations and Latin American international relations and foreign policy. She also managed the Ford Foundation's Cuba-related work. She has held research and teaching positions at the University of Costa Rica, University of Bordeaux, University of Miami, and the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO) and has served as advisor to the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Confederacy of Central American

Universities (CSUCA), the Central American Institute for Public Administration (ICAP), the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress and the United Nations University. She was President of the Costa Rican Political Science Association (1988-89). Her media work includes op-ed columnist for the daily *La República* (1994-96) and international news commentator on Costa Rican public TV Channel 13. In Miami, she is regularly invited as commentator on *Oppenheimer Presenta*. She serves on the boards of the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP), and Fundación Amistad and is a member of the Latin American Security Network (RESDAL), the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (COMEXI) and the Editorial Board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*. Professor Eguizábal holds a Ph.D. in Latin American Studies from the University of Paris-Sorbonne-Nouvelle and has written extensively on Central American Security issues and Latin American Foreign Policies.

#### **Eguizábal Statement**

*I believe in transparency, accountability and teamwork. As LASA Treasurer I will work closely with LASA's investment committee to make sure that the Association's assets are invested wisely continuing the tradition of prudent fiscal management that has characterized it. If elected, in strengthening the association's financial procedures and systems I will help establish strong lines of communication between the Investment and Fundraising committees. I will work closely with LASA's Executive director and staff to make sure the Association fulfills its fiduciary responsibilities. I will also assist in preparing understandable financial reports that are presented to the Executive Council, members and general public on a timely basis. I will work closely with the Executive Council, making sure it exerts proper budget oversight and, with LASA's president in*

*making sure independent audits are conducted regularly. As a member of the Executive Council I will work in fulfilling LASA's mission to continue to be the most important scholarly organization worldwide for those interested in better understanding Latin America and the Caribbean and their people.*

**Steven Volk** (Brandeis University, BA 1968; Columbia University, PhD, 1983) is Professor of History at Oberlin College where he has taught since 1986. He has published on the formation of the Chilean state in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and on U.S. relations with Chile in the 20<sup>th</sup>. His publications also include studies of U.S. policy toward Latin America, Frida Kahlo and Mexican nationalism, and gender and violence in Ciudad Juárez. He is currently finishing a monograph on U.S. historical memory and the overthrow of the Chile's Popular Unity government. Volk has chaired the History Department and Latin American Studies at Oberlin College and is the Director of Oberlin's Center for Teaching Innovation and Excellence. He has directed two NEH summer seminars, and has received two Fulbright fellowships. He co-authored grants to the Mellon, Hewlett, Ford, and Pew Foundations while at Oberlin. In 2003, Volk received the Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award from the American Historical Association, and various teaching awards at Oberlin College and in the state of Ohio. In 2001 he was presented with an award of official recognition from the Government of Chile for "Working to Restore Democracy in Chile." He has taught at New York University, was a visiting lecturer and guest fellow at Yale, and was Research Director at the North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA) for 13 years. He chaired its board for many years, and has served on the boards of the National Emergency Civil

Liberties Committee, and the Border Studies Program of the Great Lakes College Association, among others. He was elected seven times to Oberlin's College Faculty Council and has chaired its General Faculty Planning Committee.

#### **Volk Statement**

*I have been a member of LASA since its earliest days, while still a graduate student. Truth be told, my earliest encounters with the organization were likely more provocative than constructive, but I have grown not just increasingly fond of LASA over the years, but honestly proud to be a member. I belong to my disciplinary association because I have to; I belong to LASA because I want to. For me, LASA has become a model of what a well-run professional organization should be. It serves to encourage and facilitate critical discussion among its members and with a wider public whose interests are drawn to Latin America. To do this effectively, LASA has had to transform itself from an organization of Latin Americanists in the United States, to one in which the participation, insight, and engagement of colleagues from Latin America and the Caribbean is an essential reality. Our last Congress in Rio was a high point in that process. It has also meant increasing the organization's ability to represent and advocate for the interests and perspectives of its members as LASA works to influence public debate and policy on issues of importance to scholars and teachers in Latin America and the Caribbean and academic Latin Americanists in the United States. I have long respected the organization's decision to speak out on issues of concern to its members, and have come to appreciate the skill by which its leadership has used its critical voice to that end. LASA will continue to grow as it engages Latin Americanists in dialog about the future not just of the region, but of our planet, on a*



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*variety of levels. As a multi- and inter-disciplinary organization, LASA has played an important role in providing a forum in which scholars can explore and question some of the less useful strictures of single disciplinary approaches even as it investigates the future of its own regional orientation. Finally, LASA has an important role to play not only in the promotion of scholarship about Latin America and the Caribbean, but in the development of new pedagogies by which students can more actively learn about the region. As technology enables teachers to link students in San Francisco, Santiago, and Salvador on a daily basis, LASA needs to help foster the remarkable opportunities that are emerging on a pedagogical level. These developments require LASA to strengthen its financial base and carefully marshal its funds. The important process of increasing the participation of scholars outside the United States, for example, continues to pose serious financial challenges for the organization. It is the responsibility of the Treasurer to ensure that LASA's finances remain on a sound footing, a task that is even more daunting in the midst of this Great Recession. As a social and cultural historian, my academic training is not in finance, but I have had extensive experience running the budgets of many organizations and projects. Beyond that, as chair of numerous boards and committees, and director of many organizations, I feel confident in my ability to organize discussions efficiently, and ensure that important questions are asked and answered, and decisions are reached in the most productive and informed way possible.*

**Manuel Alcántara Sáez** obtuvo su doctorado en 1984 en la Universidad Complutense de Madrid donde fue profesor de Ciencia Política entre 1980 y 1993. Desde ese año es profesor en la Universidad de Salamanca. En dicha Universidad ha sido director del Instituto de Iberoamérica entre 1994 y 2007 y Vicerrector de Relaciones Internacionales entre 2007 y 2009.

En 1990 fundó la revista *América Latina hoy* que se edita en la actualidad en Salamanca. En esta ciudad ha organizado diferentes Congresos Internacionales como el Europeo de Latinoamericanistas y el I Congreso Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política, así como varias ediciones del Encuentro de latinoamericanistas españoles. Ha sido el primer Secretario General de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Ciencia Política entre 2002 y 2008. En 2008 la Universidad Nacional de San Martín le otorgó un doctorado honoris causa y en enero de 2010 el Gobierno de Chile le confirió la medalla de la orden Bernardo O'Higgins. Es miembro de varios consejos editoriales de revistas de ciencia política publicadas en América Latina. También es miembro del AmericasBarometer International Advisory Board, Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP) de la Universidad de Vanderbilt (Nashville). Es autor de los libros *Sistemas políticos de América Latina*, *Gobernabilidad, crisis y cambio* y de *¿Instituciones o máquinas ideológicas? Origen, programa y organización de los partidos políticos latinoamericanos*, así como de un centenar de artículos y de capítulos de libros fundamentalmente sobre política comparada latinoamericana con énfasis en cuestiones relativas a la democracia representativa y a las élites políticas. Es igualmente editor o coeditor de una veintena de libros entre los que destacan *Politics and Politicians* y con Flavia Freidenberg *Partidos Políticos de América Latina* (3 volúmenes). Ha sido

profesor en diversas Universidades latinoamericanas de Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Chile, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Perú, República Dominicana y Venezuela, así como de la Universidad de Georgetown de Washington y del Institute de Science Politique de Lille y Paris. Igualmente ha realizado estancias prolongadas como investigador en las Universidades de Carolina del Norte y de Notre Dame en Estados Unidos. Asiste regularmente a los Congresos de LASA desde 1990 y ha llegado a tener responsabilidades en el Task Force on Scholarly Relations with Spain conjuntamente con Federico Gil entre 1991 y 1994.

#### **Alcántara Statement**

*Mi principal interés con respecto a las tareas a realizar desde el comité ejecutivo de LASA estriba en la incorporación de las personas que estudian América Latina desde Europa. La Universidad de Salamanca me ha brindado en los últimos años una excelente atalaya para relacionarme ampliamente con este sector que estimo debe estar más presente en LASA. Las distintas acciones que he llevado a cabo en Europa en torno al Consejo Europeo de Investigaciones sobre América Latina (CEISAL), del que la Universidad de Salamanca es una parte relevante de su Comisión Ejecutiva, así como los estrechos lazos con Universidades francesas, inglesas, portuguesas, alemanas y noruegas facilitan este empeño. Por otra parte debo subrayar el interés suplementario que supone mi trabajo investigador y docente en el ámbito de la política latinoamericana comparada, con especial énfasis en el terreno de las instituciones representativas y del papel desempeñado por la clase política. En este sentido aspiro a canalizar las propuestas de los y las más jóvenes promesas en dicho ámbito, así como promover la apertura al personal investigador de países que tienen una*

presencia menor en los Congresos de LASA. Por último debo señalar que un reto muy importante de mi gestión sería promover la posibilidad de organizar un Congreso de LASA, o alguna actividad de alto nivel patrocinada por LASA, en Salamanca, consiguiendo que la Asociación diera “el salto” oceánico.

**Carlos J. Alonso** is the Morris A. and Alma Schapiro Professor in the Humanities and Chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Columbia University. He specializes in 19th- and 20th-century Latin American intellectual history and cultural production, and in modern literary and cultural theory. He is the author of *Modernity and Autochthony: The Spanish American Regional Novel* (Cambridge UP), *The Burden of Modernity: The Rhetoric of Cultural Discourse in Spanish America* (Oxford UP), and editor of *Julio Cortázar: New Readings* (Cambridge UP). He has also written numerous articles on Spanish American literature and culture. He was Editor of *PMLA*, the scholarly journal of the Modern Language Association, during 2000-03, and edited the *Hispanic Review* in 2003-05—a period that ushered in changes that led to an award by the Council of Editors of Learned Journals. He is currently the director of the Hispanic Institute at Columbia University and editor of its journal, the *Revista Hispánica Moderna*. The *Revista* received the 2009 Council of Editors of Learned Journals’ Phoenix Award for Significant Editorial Achievement.

#### *Alonso Statement*

*Several years ago, it was commonplace to assert that scholars of literature in the United States typically made a professional choice between membership in LASA and membership in MLA—the assumption being that the first group was attentive to interdisciplinary concerns surrounding the*

*study of literature, whereas the second addressed the literary text as an organic object and thought literary history possessed an internally coherent order of its own. Our discipline’s movement from literature to cultural studies in the last twenty years has rendered that stale dichotomy moot, inasmuch as a fruitful understanding of cultural studies requires a decidedly interdisciplinary perspective. This is why currently the best presentations on Latin American literary and cultural topics at MLA meetings are similar to those that you would hear in a typical LASA convention program. I believe that LASA and MLA should work to establish the sort of ties that characterize the latter association’s relationships with other area/regional-studies professional organizations, since their objects of study and the kinds of questions asked of them by their respective scholarly members are evidently converging. Similarly—and from a larger institutional framework—LASA’s international outlook and reach have long provided a salutary corrective to the insularity of the U.S. academic world. I am eager and willing to work toward the fulfillment of both of these worthwhile goals.*

**Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo** originaria de Ensenada, Baja, California, México es doctora en Antropología por la Universidad de Stanford; actualmente es Profesora Investigadora Titular “C” del Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) en la ciudad de México. Integrante del Sistema Nacional de Investigadores Nivel II. Ha vivido y realizado investigación de campo en comunidades indígenas mexicanas, con refugiados guatemaltecos en México y con migrantes norafricanos en España. Por diez años trabajó en una organización no gubernamental con mujeres indígenas de los Altos de Chiapas, apoyando en el área legal

y educativa. Sus áreas de especialización son la antropología política y jurídica, los estudios de género, los estudios poscoloniales y las metodologías participativas. Actualmente desarrolla una investigación sobre el racismo institucional en la justicia penal mexicana trabajando con mujeres indígenas presas. Aparte de dar clases en los programas de maestría y doctorado del CIESAS, en donde es profesora de tiempo completo, ha sido profesora invitada en la Universidad de Stanford, Universidad de John Hopkins, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, en la Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, en la Universidad de Deusto en el país Vasco, en FLACSO-Guatemala, en el Colegio de Michoacán, en el Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir y en la Universidad Autónoma de Morelos. Es autora de *Histories and Stories from Chiapas: Border Identities in Southern Mexico* (UT Press 2001) publicado en español como *La Otra Frontera: Identidades Múltiples en el Chiapas Postcolonial* (Porrúa 2001 Premio Fray Bernardino de Sahagún) y editora de *Descolonizando el Feminismo. Teorías y Prácticas desde los Márgenes* (Cátedra 2009), *Etnografías e Historias de Resistencias* (UNAM/PUEG/CIESAS 2009), *Dissident Women: Gender and Cultural Politics in Chiapas* (UT Press 2006); *El Estado y los indígenas en tiempos del PAN: neoindigenismo, identidad y legalidad* (Porrúa 2004), *Mayan Lives, Mayan Utopias: the Indigenous Peoples of Chiapas and the Zapatista Rebellion* (Rowman & Littlefield 2003); and *The Other Word: Women and Violence in Chiapas Before and After Acteal* (IWGIA 2001). Durante el 2003 recibió el premio LASA/Oxfam Martin Diskin Memorial Award compartido con el Dr. Rodolfo Stavenhagen, por sus aportes a la investigación socialmente comprometida.

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### **Hernández Statement**

*Siendo LASA la sociedad académica de latinoamericanistas más grande del mundo, es contradictorio que su membresía de académicos latinoamericanos sea minoritaria en contraste con los académicos de países angloparlantes, por lo que de ser elegida como parte del Consejo Ejecutivo promovería y apoyaría las iniciativas que ampliaran su influencia y membresía en América Latina. Esto implicaría ampliar la difusión de sus publicaciones impresas y electrónicas tratando de fortalecer los vínculos con las instituciones de educación superior y de investigación de los países hispanoparlantes, lusoparlantes y francoparlantes. En este sentido sería importante promover la publicación de artículos y ensayos de reflexión en los cuatro idiomas oficiales de la asociación. Sería fundamental también alimentar su diversidad disciplinaria y teórica tratando de mantener y ampliar los espacios de debate interdisciplinario en los Congresos. El balance y la representación de las diversas disciplinas en los comités organizadores del Congreso es fundamental para promover esta diversidad disciplinaria. Asimismo, apoyaría las iniciativas que tratan de fortalecer los puentes entre la academia y la sociedad civil, promoviendo la investigación con pertinencia social que contribuya a la solución de problemas concretos, como es la iniciativa de la beca de Otros Saberes que ha logrado ampliar la influencia de LASA más allá de los ámbitos académicos.*

**Gioconda Herrera** is an Ecuadorian sociologist. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University and is currently professor at the *Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales* (FLACSO-Ecuador) in Quito. From 1998 until 2005 she was director (and founder) of the Gender Studies Program at FLACSO-Ecuador, and is currently in charge of the Sociology Program

and of the *Sistema de Información sobre migraciones andinas (SIMA)*. Her research interests focus on gender, globalization and social inequalities in Latin America. She was a Fulbright New Century Scholar (2004-2005) carrying out comparative research on Ecuadorian domestic workers in Madrid and New York. Her latest research focuses on the social organization of care among Ecuadorian transnational families and the relationship between State policies, family arrangements, and gender ideologies transnationally. Her recent publications include: "Stratified Workers/Stratified Mothers. Migration Policies and Citizenship among Ecuadorian Immigrant Women" in Wendy Chavkin & JaneMaree Maher (eds.). *The Globalization of Motherhood: Deconstructions and Reconstructions of Biology and Care*. 2010. New York and London: Routledge. Taylor and Francis Books Ltd.; "States, Work, and Social Reproduction through the Lens of Migrant Experience: Ecuadorian Domestic Workers in Madrid" in Isabella Bakker y Rachel Silvey (eds.) *Beyond States and Markets: The Challenges of Social Reproduction*. 2008. New York: Routledge; with Jacques Ramirez (ed.) *América Latina migrante. Estado, familia, identidades*. 2008. Quito: FLACSO Ecuador-Ministerio de Cultura; co-edited with Isabel Yezpey, *Nouvelles migrations latinoamericaines en Europe. Bilans et défis*. 2008. Lovaina: UCL Presse Universitaire de Louvain, Belgium; *La persistencia de la desigualdad. Género, trabajo y pobreza en América Latina*. 2006. Quito: FLACSO-Ecuador. She is member of the Board of the International Network of Migration and Development (INMD) and of *DesiguALdades*, a network of Researchers on Inequalities and interdependencies in Latin America.

### **Herrera Statement**

*Será un privilegio servir como integrante del Comité Ejecutivo de LASA. Mi propósito es trabajar para que el intercambio de conocimientos y prácticas académicas de todos y todas aquellas personas que investigan en y sobre América Latina tengan la oportunidad de ser cada vez más incluyentes y diversos. Especial atención será puesta en promover proyectos de fortalecimiento de metodologías y prácticas de investigación entre académicos/las jóvenes del continente, que alimenten procesos de producción de conocimientos basados en una relación más horizontal entre las instituciones, las fuentes de financiamiento, y sus integrantes de ambos hemisferios. También me gustaría ayudar a ampliar la relación de LASA con otras redes de investigadores/las del continente, a través de la promoción de proyectos temáticos conjuntos e intercambio libre de información. Mi experiencia como investigadora ecuatoriana en LASA ha sido la de encontrar una red cada vez más plural en varios aspectos: intercambios intergeneracionales, temáticos, regionales, inter-nacionales, que configuran una idea de AL en su diversidad. Esta pluralidad no alcanza todavía otros aspectos más estructurales relacionados con las formas de producción de conocimientos en el continente; el desafío será trabajar para ampliar esa pluralidad.*

**Jeffrey Lesser** is Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of History at Emory University. He is the immediate past president of the Conference on Latin American History, the American Historical Association's largest affiliate organization. Following six years as Director of the Program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, he currently serves as Director of the Tam Institute for Jewish Studies. Lesser received his B.A. and M.A. degrees from Brown University and his Ph.D.

from New York University. He is the author of *A Discontented Diaspora: Japanese-Brazilians and the Meanings of Ethnic Militancy, 1960-1980* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2007), *Negotiating National Identity: Minorities, Immigrants and the Struggle for Ethnicity in Brazil* (Duke University Press, 1999), winner of the Best Book Prize from the Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association, and *Welcoming the Undesirables: Brazil and the Jewish Question* (University of California Press, 1994) which won the Best Book Prize from New England Council on Latin American Studies. *A Discontented Diaspora* was published in Portuguese as *Uma Diáspora Descontente: Os Nipo-Brasileiros e os Significados da Militância Étnica, 1960-1980* (Editora Paz e Terra, 2008), *Negotiating National Identity* as *Negociando a Identidade Nacional: Imigrantes, Minorias e a Luta pela Etnicidade no Brasil* (Editora UNESP, 2001) and *Welcoming the Undesirables* as *O Brasil e a Questão Judaica* (Imago, 1995) and in Hebrew as *Brazil Ve-Hashela Ha-Yehudit: Hagira, Diplomatia Ve-Deot Kdumot* (Tel Aviv University Publishing Projects, 1997). He also is author of *Colonização Judaica no Rio Grande do Sul, 1904-1925* (São Paulo: Centro de Estudos de Demografia Histórica de América Latina, Universidade de São Paulo, 1991). Lesser has edited a number of volumes including *Rethinking Jewish-Latin Americans* (University of New Mexico Press, 2008; with Raanan Rein), *Searching for Home Abroad: Japanese-Brazilians and Transnationalism* (Duke University Press, 2003), and *Arab and Jewish Immigrants in Latin America: Images and Realities* (London: Frank Cass, 1998; with Ignacio Klich). Lesser has been an International Election Observer in Venezuela for The Carter Center. He was elected to the Executive Committees of the Brazilian Studies Association and the Conference on Latin American History and was Chair of

the CLAH Brazilian Studies Committee. He has served on the LASA Nominations Committee and the program and prize committees of numerous organizations in both North and South America. A LASA presidential panel that Lesser organized in 2006 was published as "Centering the Periphery: Non-Latin Latin Americanisms," *LASA Forum* 38:1 (Winter, 2007), 7-12. Lesser spent the 2006-7 academic year as holder of the Fulbright Distinguished Chair of the Humanities at the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies at Tel Aviv University. In 2001-2002 he was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of São Paulo and he has held visiting professorships at the University of Campinas and the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. He has received research grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Fulbright-Hays, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Ford Foundation, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture, the North-South Center and the Lucius N. Littauer Foundation.

#### **Lesser Statement**

*I am honored to be nominated for the LASA Executive Committee. I have learned from my professional service over the years that nothing is more important than creating opportunities for and mentoring the next generation of academics. Thus my primary goal if elected is to expand still further LASA's commitment to younger scholars of Latin America and the Caribbean, independent of their places of residence. The excitement, and thus commitment, of our newest colleagues will ensure LASA's future as the preeminent organization in the field. Second, I am eager to move LASA towards an even broader international presence, especially by engaging colleagues in Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East. Initial steps were taken at the LASA conferences in Puerto Rico, Montreal, and Rio de Janeiro, but still more must be done to reach out to*

*our colleagues outside of the Americas. These two goals emphasize that LASA must focus on the scholars who are its members while the organization allows us to move between the dual traditions of discipline and geography. I believe that the interdisciplinarity of my work, both methodologically and thematically, gives me a privileged position to work to help expand the traffic over the bridges between Portuguese and Spanish America, and between the various Arts and Sciences disciplines. Finally, I believe deeply in the value of scholarship. LASA is an intellectual forum that allows academics to do what they do best; research, writing and teaching. In doing so we inform actively the many social, cultural and political spheres with which we intersect.*

**Maxine Molyneux** is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas, at the School of Advanced Study, University of London, where she teaches on the policy and practice of Latin American Development. She has written extensively in the fields of political sociology, gender and development, human rights and social policy, and has authored books on Latin America, the Horn of Africa and South Arabia. She has acted as senior adviser, consultant and researcher to various departments of the UN, the UK's Department for International Development, and other development policy agencies and NGOs. Her current research is on social protection, rights, citizenship and development policy, and the link between economic and social policy in Latin America. Maxine Molyneux is a member of the SLAS Executive Committee, the Scientific Council of the *GIS Institut des Ameriques* at the University of Paris, and serves on the Editorial Boards of *Economy and Society*, the *Journal of Latin American Studies*, and *Development and Change*. She is the editor



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of the ISA/Palgrave Americas Series and the ISA in-house book series. Among her recent books are *Women's Movements in International Perspective*, 2003 and 2000; *Doing the Rights Thing: Rights-Based Development and Latin American NGOs in Latin America* (with Sian Lazar) 2003; *Gender Justice, Development and Rights* (ed. with S. Razavi) 2003; *The Politics of Rights: Dilemmas for Feminist Praxis* (ed. with Andrea Cornwall) 2007/8; *Gender and the Politics of Rights and Democracy in Latin America* (ed. with N. Craske) 2002; *Movimientos de Mujeres en América Latina: Estudio Comparativo y Teórico* 2003; and *The Hidden Histories of Gender and the State in Latin America* (ed. with E. Dore) 2000. She also co-edited and introduced an Economy and Society Special Issue entitled *Latin American Capitalism: Economic and Social Policy in Transition* with Diego Sánchez Ancochea and Juliana Martínez Franzoni, Vol 38/1 February 2009.

**Molyneux Statement**

*As a UK-based Latin Americanist I am part of LASA's far-flung diaspora, one of those who make up around 45 percent of its non-US membership. If elected to the Executive Council, one of my goals would be to promote initiatives that will strengthen cooperation with European centres of Latin American studies through encouraging the work of trans-Atlantic and North-South scholarly networks. Much of my work as Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas at London University is to support and to promote scholarly communities, through developing synergistic linkages among groups of scholars, organising conferences and workshops, promoting collaboration with*

*scholars in the field over teaching and research, supporting publications, and encouraging high quality innovative research. These are all activities to which I have made a significant contribution, and are broadly in accordance with LASA's objectives. I have no doubt that strengthening LASA's European links will be of benefit to its membership, drawing on its existing institutional links and developing in some new directions. My two other goals are research-related. I am a political sociologist with two principal and interrelated areas of research which converge in the field of gender and development. My research applies a gender analysis to social, political and historical phenomena, engaging issues central to social theory, human rights, public policy and development studies. I have a strong interest in promoting comparative reflection on Latin America. Prior to joining the University of London's Institute of Latin American Studies in 1994, I had learned much from researching and writing about other parts of the world. As Director of the Institute for the Study of the Americas, (ILAS' successor), I am interested in how regional knowledge can be strengthened and challenged by encouraging comparative reflection on the historical, political and transnational processes that define the Western Hemisphere. Theoretical and empirical work on the diverse varieties of capitalism that have evolved in the hemisphere is just one of several major themes that are being fruitfully explored through this perspective. Secondly, in the social sciences there is also important work to be done on the interface between the academic and policy communities. My own research interests have spanned the scholarly and international policy worlds, in particular through an involvement in human rights work in Latin*

*America, and in the 'Beijing Process', as a participant in the world of women's rights advocacy, and in association with various departments of the UN. Bridging the divide between the policy, scholarly and advocacy worlds, and encouraging collaborations across these divides is something that LASA has already made a valuable contribution to, and I hope to add to that work particularly in an area that has been under studied until recently, namely social policy. ■*

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