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Deadline: *September 3, 2012*

LASA members are invited to suggest nominees for Vice President and three members of the Executive Council, for terms beginning June 1, 2013. Criteria for nomination include professional credentials and previous service to LASA. Each candidate must have been a member of the Association in good standing for at least one year prior to nomination. Biographic data and the rationale for nomination must be sent by **September 3, 2012**, to: LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu>.

The winning candidate for Vice President will serve in that capacity from June 1, 2013 until May 31, 2014, as President from June 1, 2014 to May 31, 2015, and as Past President for an additional year. Executive Council members will serve a two-year term from June 1, 2013, to May 31, 2015.

Members of the Nominations Committee are: Robert Kaufman, Rutgers University, Chair; Deborah L. Jakubs, Duke University; Augusto Varas; Susan Eckstein, Boston University; Cynthia Steele, University of Washington, and Maxine D. Molyneux, University of London, who will serve as the liaison with the LASA Executive Council.

Call for Silvert Award Nominations

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

The Kalman Silvert Award Committee invites nominations of candidates for the year 2013 award. The Silvert Award recognizes senior members of the profession who have made distinguished lifetime contributions to the study of Latin America. The Award is given at each LASA International Congress. Past recipients of the Award were: John J. Johnson (1983); Federico Gil (1985); Albert O. Hirschman (1986); Charles Wagley (1988); Lewis Hanke (1989); Victor L. Urquidi (1991); George Kubler (1992); Osvaldo Sunkel (1994); Richard Fagen (1995); Alain Touraine (1997); Richard Adams (1998); Jean Franco (2000); Thomas Skidmore (2001); Guillermo O'Donnell (2003); June Nash (2004); Miguel León-Portilla (2006); Helen Safa (2007); Alfred Stepan (2009); Edelberto Torres-Rivas (2010); and Julio Cotler (2012).

The selection committee consists of: Maria Hermínia Tavares de Almeida (chair), LASA immediate past president; John Coatsworth and Eric Hershberg, past presidents; Philip Oxhorn, editor of the *Latin American Research Review* and Julio Cotler, 2012 Kalman Silvert awardee. Nominations should be sent to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu> by **August 20, 2012**. *Please include biographic information and a rationale for each nomination.*

Call for Bryce Wood Book Award Nominations

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

At each International Congress, the Latin American Studies Association presents the Bryce Wood Book Award to the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English. Eligible books for the 2013 LASA International Congress will be those published between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Although no book may compete more than once, translations may be considered. Anthologies of selections by several authors or re-editions of works published previously normally are not in contention for the award. Books will be judged on the quality of the research, analysis, and writing, and the significance of their contribution to Latin American studies. Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. Persons who nominate books are responsible for confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to each member of the Award Committee, at the expense of the authors or publishers.

All books nominated must reach *each member* of the Award Committee by **August 20, 2012**. By March 1, 2013, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the LASA2013 Welcoming Reception, and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award.

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Call for Premio Iberoamericano Book Award Nominations

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

The *Premio Iberoamericano* is presented at each of LASA's International Congresses for the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in Spanish or Portuguese in any country. Eligible books for the 2013 award must have been published between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. No book may compete more than once. Normally not in contention for the award are anthologies of selections by several authors or reprints or re-editions of works published previously. Books will be judged on the quality of the research, analysis, and writing, and the significance of their contribution to Latin American studies. Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. Individuals who nominate books are responsible for confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to *each member* of the award committee, at the expense of those submitting the books.

All books must reach each member of the committee by **August 20, 2012**. LASA membership is not a requirement for receiving the award. The award will be announced at the 2013 Welcoming Reception, and the awardee will be publicly honored.

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Call for LASA Media Award Nominations

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce its competition for the year 2013 LASA Media Awards for outstanding media coverage of Latin America. These awards are made at every LASA Congress to recognize long-term journalistic contributions to analysis and public debate about Latin America in the United States and in Latin America, as well as breakthrough journalism. Nominations are invited from LASA members and from journalists. Journalists from both the print and electronic media are eligible. The Committee will carefully review each nominee's work and select an award recipient. The award will be announced at the LASA2013 Welcoming Reception, and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA may invite the awardee to submit materials for possible publication in the *LASA Forum*. Recent recipients of the awards include: José Vales (2012), *El Universal de Mexico*; Carlos Dada, *El Faro* (2010); Mario Osava, *América Latina Inter Press Service* (2009); Hollman Morris, *Colombia* (2007); María Ester Gilio (2006); Julio Scherer, journalist, *Mexico* (2004); Eduardo Anguita, freelance journalist, *Buenos Aires* (2003); Guillermo González Uribe of *Número*, *Bogotá* (2001); Patricia Verdugo Aguirre of *Conama*, *Chile* and *Diario 16*, *Spain* (2000); Gustavo Gorriti of *Caretas*, *Lima, Peru* (1998).

To make a nomination, please send one copy of the journalist's portfolio of recent relevant work to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu> by **August 20, 2012**.

Members of the Media Award committee are William LeoGrande, American University, Chair; Alma Guillermoprieto; and Karen DeYoung.

**LASA/Oxfam America
Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship**

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

The Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship is offered at each LASA International Congress to an outstanding individual who combines Professor Diskin's commitment to both activism and scholarship.

This distinguished lectureship is made possible largely by a generous contribution from Oxfam America, an organization committed to grassroots work and one with which Martin Diskin was closely associated. Ricardo Falla, S.J., was the 1998 Diskin Lecturer. Professor Gonzalo Sánchez Gómez of the Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, was the Lecturer in 2000. At LASA2001, Professor Elizabeth Lira Kornfeld, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile, delivered the Memorial Lecture. In 2003, the Lectureship was shared by Rodolfo Stavenhagen, El Colegio de México, and Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo, CIESAS, Mexico City. Professor Jonathan Fox, University of California/Santa Cruz was the 2004 Lecturer. Professor William Leogrande, American University, held the Lectureship in 2006; Dr. Orlando Fals Borda delivered the Lecture in 2007; Professor Terry Karl, Stanford University, was selected in 2009; Dr. Carlos Ivan Degregori, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, in 2010; and Dr. Claudia Paz y Paz, Instituto de Estudios Comparados y Ciencias Penales, delivered the 2012 Martin Diskin Memorial Lecture.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. A nomination should include a statement justifying the nomination, the complete mailing address of the nominee, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than **August 20, 2012**, to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu>.

Members of the 2013 Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship Committee are: Aldo I. Panfichi Huaman, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Chair; Peter H. Smith, University of California/San Diego; and Richard O. Snyder, Brown University .

**LASA/Oxfam America
Martin Diskin Dissertation Award**

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

The Martin Diskin Dissertation Award is made possible through the generosity of Oxfam America, LASA, and LASA members. This award is offered at each LASA International Congress to an outstanding junior scholar who combines Professor Diskin's commitment to the creative combination of activism and scholarship. The award will be presented to an advanced doctoral student or recent Ph.D. All advanced Ph.D. candidates must demonstrate that they will complete their dissertation prior to the LASA International Congress. LASA limits recent Ph.D. recipients to those individuals who received their degrees after the LASA Congress prior to the one at which the award is to be received. LASA welcomes dissertations written in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. The Award Committee will employ three criteria in its evaluations: 1) Overall scholarly credentials, based upon the candidate's curriculum vitae; 2) The quality of the dissertation writing, research, and analysis as determined by the dissertation outline and sample chapter submitted; 3) The primary advisor's letter of recommendation. The definition of activist scholarship shall remain broad and pluralist, to be discussed and interpreted by each selection committee.

Applicants should submit a current curriculum vitae; a dissertation abstract of 250 words; the dissertation outline or table of contents; one sample chapter, which exemplifies the author's approach to activist scholarship; and a letter of recommendation from the candidate's primary advisor which focuses explicitly on the candidate's qualifications for the Martin Diskin Dissertation Award.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to <milagros@pitt.edu> and received by **August 20, 2012**. The Martin Diskin Dissertation Award recipient will receive a \$1,000 stipend. LASA encourages wide distribution of this call for nominations to colleagues and students.

The 2013 selection committee consists of Aldo I. Panfichi Huaman, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Chair; Peter H. Smith, University of California/San Diego; and Richard O. Snyder, Brown University.

Charles A. Hale Fellowship for Mexican History

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

This fellowship will reward excellence in historical research on Mexico at the dissertation level. It will be awarded at each LASA International Congress to a Mexican graduate student in the final phase of his or her doctoral research in Mexican history, broadly defined. Selection will be based on scholarly merit, and on the candidate's potential contribution to the advancement of humanist understanding between Mexico and its global neighbors.

Members of the 2013 selection committee are: Richard Warren, St. Joseph's University, Chair; Laura Gotkowitz, University of Pittsburgh; Eric J. Van Young, University of California/San Diego; and Javier Garciadiego, El Colegio de México.

A qualified applicant must hold Mexican citizenship and be in the final phase of her/his doctoral program, i.e. finished with coursework and exams, but not yet granted the Ph.D. Applications must be accompanied by 1) verification by the dissertation committee chair of the student's good standing in the doctoral program; 2) one-page (single space) statement that summarizes the dissertation project, in either English or Spanish; 3) brief (two pages maximum) curriculum vitae.

To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than **August 20, 2012**, to Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, LASA Executive Director <milagros@pitt.edu>.

Call for Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award Nominations

Deadline: *August 20, 2012*

The Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award is presented at each LASA International Congress to the author(s) of an outstanding book on Latin American foreign policies and international relations published in English, Spanish or Portuguese in any country. Eligible books for the 2013 award must have been published between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2012. Anthologies of selections by several authors are not eligible. Books will be judged on the originality of the research, the quality of the analysis and writing and the significance of their contribution to the study of Latin America and the Caribbean. Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. A nomination should include a statement justifying the nomination; four copies of the nominated book (one for each member of the award committee); complete mailing address of the nominee, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. Persons who nominate books are responsible for confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to each member of the Award Committee, at the expense of the authors or publishers.

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Final Report on the 30th International Congress in San Francisco

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From May 23-26, 2012, some 4,800 LASA members and guests converged on the Marriott Marquis Hotel, San Francisco, for the occasion of the 30th International Congress of our Association. This was the first Congress in the continental United States since 2004 and the first West Coast LASA meeting since Los Angeles in 1992. Over the course of four memorable days, LASA members were treated to over 900 panels, roundtables, and special sessions. Amazingly, these were all held in a single, comfortable, and user-friendly meeting space: the spacious convention center of the Marriott, located right in the heart of the historic city center. The superb quality of these debates kept us mostly glued to our seats, but those who ventured outside were treated to a week of spectacular weather amidst the cultural marvels and culinary delights of the Bay Area.

We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from those colleagues who were able to join us in San Francisco. But needless to say, any conference of this size is not without its problems. Demand for participation in the 30th LASA far outstripped the available places on the program. This was due partly to limitations of our meeting space, partly to our decision to limit the Congress program to three working days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday), and partly to the attractiveness of San Francisco as a conference site. Thus, track chairs were unfortunately unable to accommodate some very worthwhile panels and papers. We note that an additional factor here may be strong pent-up demand due to the 18-month meeting cycle that we have observed for decades; as LASA now enters a three-year experiment with annual conferences (a 12-month cycle), we may see supply and demand come more into balance, making the Congress size more manageable. Also, while we were

encouraged that 75 Cuban scholars were able to join us in San Francisco, we were puzzled and disappointed by the denial of visas to ten of their compatriots, several of whom had participated previously in LASA conferences held in the United States. Other than these two issues, the San Francisco conference organization proceeded very smoothly throughout.

LASA learns with every International Congress, and San Francisco was no exception. There are several lessons to be taken away. First is that the massive growth in LASA's membership has led inexorably to rising rejection rates at the recent Congresses, and we will be curious as to whether the experiment with annual conferences will attenuate this problem. A second lesson is that full panel proposals are much more likely to prosper than are individual paper proposals: close to half of all LASA proposals are now fully assembled panels. We encourage members to work together to form full panels in advance, and time is of the essence given the newly shortened calendar for submission (the deadline for Washington 2013 is looming on September 1, 2012). A third lesson is that the thematic Pre-Congress Workshops held on Wednesday afternoon—an innovation of our predecessors for Toronto 2010, Javier Corrales and Nina Gerassi-Navarro—have proven resoundingly popular and are now a new LASA tradition. A fourth lesson pertains to the role of technology. LASA members absolutely raved about the “LASA app,” the real-time conference software that runs on tablets and smartphones. We were delighted with the response to this innovation, and the utility of the App is so great that the days of the hard-cover program book are probably numbered.

Having completed our work for San Francisco 2012, we would like to thank the