

CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Nominations Invited

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Deadline: September 3, 2013

LASA members are invited to suggest nominees for vice president and three members of the Executive Council, for terms beginning June 1, 2014. 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, 2013**, to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu>.

The winning candidate for vice president will serve in that capacity from June 1, 2014, until May 31, 2015; as president from June 1, 2015, to May 31, 2016; and as past president for an additional year. Executive Council members will serve a two-year term from June 1, 2014, to May 31, 2016.

Members of the Nominations Committee are Todd Eisenstadt (chair), America University; Brodwyn Fischer, Northwestern University; Graciela Montaldo (liaison), Columbia University; Juan Pablo Luna, Catholic University of Chile; Gareth Williams, University of Michigan; and Elisa Reis, *Federal University of Rio de Janeiro*, who will serve as the liaison with the LASA Executive Council.

Kalman Silvert Award *Call for Nominations*

Deadline: September 7, 2013

The Kalman Silvert Award Committee invites nominations of candidates for the year 2014 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); Julio Cotler (2012); and Peter Smith (2013).

Evelyne Huber (chair), LASA immediate past president; Maria Hermínia Tavares de Almeida and John Coatsworth, past presidents, Philip Oxhorn, editor of the *Latin American Research Review*, and Peter Smith, 2013 Kalman Silvert awardee. Nominations should be sent to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu> by **September 7, 2013**. Please include biographic information and a rationale for each nomination.

Bryce Wood Book Award *Call for Nominations*

Deadline: September 7, 2013

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 2014 LASA International Congress will be those published between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. 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. The person who nominates a book is 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 **September 7, 2013**. By March 1, 2014, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the LASA2014 Welcoming Reception, and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award.

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*Premio Iberoamericano Book Award
Call for Nominations*

Deadline: September 7, 2013

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 2014 award must have been published between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. 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 **September 7, 2013**. LASA membership is not a requirement for receiving the award. The award will be announced at the 2014 Welcoming Reception, and the awardee will be publicly honored.

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LASA Media Award
Call for Nominations

Deadline: September 7, 2013

The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce its competition for the year 2014 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 LASA2014 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: Marcela Turati, *Periodistas de a Pie* (2013), José Vales, *El Universal de Mexico* (2012); Carlos Dada, *El Faro* (2010); Mario Osava, *América Latina Inter Press Service* (2009); Hollman Morris, Colombia (2007); Maria Ester Gilio (2006); Julio Scherer, journalist, Mexico (2004); Eduardo Anguita, freelance journalist, Buenos Aires (2003); Guillermo González Uribe, *Número*, Bogotá (2001); Patricia Verdugo Aguirre, Conama, Chile, and *Diario 16*, Spain (2000); Gustavo Gorriti, *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 **September 7, 2013**.

Members of the Media Award committee are Cecilia Alvear (chair), independent multimedia journalist; June Carolyn Erlick, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University; Elio Gaspari, journalist and writer; Alfredo Corchado, *Dallas Morning News*; Maria Teresa Ronderos, *Semana.com*; and Carolyn Curiel, Purdue University.

**LASA/Oxfam America Martin Diskin
Memorial Lectureship
Call for Nominations**

Deadline: September 7, 2013

The Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship is offered at each LASA International Congress to an outstanding individual who combines commitments to 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.

Past Lecturers were Ricardo Falla, S.J., 1998; Gonzalo Sánchez Gómez, Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, 2000; Elizabeth Lira Kornfeld, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile, 2001; Rodolfo Stavenhagen, El Colegio de México, and Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo, CIESAS, Mexico City, 2003 (shared lectureship); Jonathan Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2004;

William LeoGrande, American University, 2006; Orlando Fals Borda, 2007; Terry Karl, Stanford University, 2009; Carlos Ivan Degregori, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 2010; Claudia Paz y Paz, Instituto de Estudios Comparados y Ciencias Penales, 2012; and Stefano Varese, University of California, Davis, 2013.

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 **September 7, 2013**, to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu>.

Members of the 2014 Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship Committee are Shannon Speed (chair), University of Texas at Austin; Jonathan Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz; and Cynthia Sanborn, University of the Pacific, Peru.

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

Application deadline: September 7, 2013

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 advanced junior scholar who embodies Professor Diskin's commitment to the creative combination of activism and scholarship. The award will be presented to an advanced doctoral student or recent PhD. Advanced PhD candidates pursuing this award must demonstrate that they will complete their dissertation prior to the LASA International Congress. LASA limits recent PhD 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)

**Proposed Changes to the LASA Bylaws
Article 7 (second paragraph, lines 5–8)**

On August 2, 2013, the Executive Council approved the following proposed change in the Bylaws of the Association:

Amendments to resolutions may be presented at the LASA Business Meeting, and if accepted as a friendly amendment by a duly empowered person present at the meeting, the resolution as amended will be sent out for a vote to the membership. If not accepted, the resolution will be sent out for a vote in the form presented to the Business Meeting.

Amendments proposed by the Executive Council go into effect 90 days after the LASA membership is notified provided that no more than 100 persons object in writing to the Executive Director within the interim period. Objections can be directed to LASA Executive Director, LASA, 416 Bellefield Hall, University of Pittsburgh, PITTSBURGH PA 15260. E-mail<lasa@pitt.edu>. The cutoff date for receipt of objections to the above proposed change is *November 12, 2013*.

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 that focuses explicitly on the candidate's qualifications for the Martin Diskin Dissertation Award.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas <milagros@pitt.edu> and received by **September 7, 2013**. The Martin Diskin Dissertation Award recipient will receive a \$1,000 stipend. Individuals are encouraged to distribute this call for nominations as widely as possible with particular attention to passing it on to colleagues and students.

The 2014 selection committee consists of Shannon Speed (chair), University of Texas, Austin; Jonathan Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz; Cynthia Sanborn, University of the Pacific, Peru.

Charles A. Hale Fellowship for Mexican History *Call for Nominations*

Deadline: September 7, 2013

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 the scholarly merit and on the candidate's potential contribution to the advancement of humanist understanding between Mexico and its global neighbors.

Members of the 2014 selection committee are Javier Garciadiego (chair), El Colegio de México; Halbert Jones, Oxford University; Sergio Silva Castañeda, Instituto Tecnológico de México; Aurora Gómez Galvarriato, Archivo General de la Nación.

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

To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than **September 7, 2013**, to Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, LASA Executive Director <milagros@pitt.edu>.

Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award *Call for Nominations*

Deadline: September 7, 2013

The Latin American Studies Association presents the Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award 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. Books eligible for the 2014 award must have been published between July 1, 2012, and June 30, 2013. 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 as well as telephone and fax numbers and e-mail address. The person nominating a book is 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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Kalman Silvert and LASA's 50th Anniversary

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The 50th anniversary of LASA is an appropriate time to recall Kalman Silvert's extraordinary life and contributions to Latin American studies. Silvert served as LASA's first president; was the program advisor for the social sciences in Latin America at the Ford Foundation from 1967 until his untimely death in 1976; and was teacher, mentor, and institution builder at universities in the United States and Latin America. During the darkest days in Latin America in the late 1960s and early 1970s, accompanied by the tumult and constitutional crisis in the United States, he turned his energy, intellect, and his institutional position to saving lives and institutions in Latin America, and defending democracy and strengthening democratic theory and practice throughout the Americas.

Abe Lowenthal and I have been coordinating a project on Kal's many roles and contributions. We invite you to read the following interviews conducted by Peter Cleaves with his fellow Dartmouth alumni concerning Kal Silvert and the influence he had on them personally and professionally. If the spirit moves you, send some thoughts or reminiscences of your own to the email above. All of the material will be published on the LASA website in the 50th year. ■