Nominations Invited for the 2017 Slate

Deadline: September 15, 2016

LASA members are invited to suggest nominees for vice president and three members of the Executive Council for terms beginning June 1, 2017. 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. Biographical data and the rationale for nomination must be sent by September 15, 2016, to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas (milagros@pitt.edu).

The winning candidate for vice president will serve in that capacity until May 31, 2018, as president from June 1, 2018, to May 31, 2019, and then as past president for an additional year. Executive Council members will serve a two-year term from June 1, 2017, to May 31, 2019.

The members of the Nominations Committee are Mary Louise Pratt (chair), New York University; Catherine LeGrand, McGill University; Eduardo Dargent, PUCP; Maria da Gloria Gohn, UNICAMP; Silvio Torres-Saillant, Syracuse University; Rosalva Aída Hernández Castillo, CIESAS; and Evelina Dagnino, UNICAMP, who will serve as the liaison with the LASA Executive Council.

Guillermo O’Donnell Democracy Award and Lectureship

Call for Nominations

Deadline: October 14, 2016

The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce the establishment of the Guillermo O’Donnell Democracy Award and Lectureship to honor the distinguished career and pioneering intellectual leadership of the late Guillermo O’Donnell. This annual Association-wide award and lectureship recognizes either outstanding scholarship in the field of democracy studies, or particularly meritorious public service that promotes democracy and democratic values in Latin America and the Caribbean. The recipient is invited to give a keynote lecture at the LASA Congress at which the award is made.

In the case of academic recipients, the award and lectureship recognizes original research that is based at least in significant part on qualitative research methodologies that demonstrate the award recipient’s personal familiarity with Latin America and the Caribbean. In the case of public figures, the award and lectureship gives international recognition to an individual who has made notable contributions to the advancement of democracy and the promotion of democratic values in her or his native country. Award and lectureship recipients need not be LASA members.

A nomination packet should include a substantive nomination letter (no longer than one page in length) by a LASA member, and a current CV of the nominee. Nominations should be sent directly to the LASA Secretariat to lasa.awards@pitt.edu by October 14, 2016.
Kalman Silvert Award
Call for Nominations

Deadline: October 14, 2016

The Kalman Silvert Award Committee invites nominations of candidates for the year 2017 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.


The members of the committee are Gilbert Joseph (chair), LASA immediate past president; Debra Castillo and Merilee S. Grindle, past presidents; Philip Oxhorn, editor of the Latin American Research Review; and Rodolfo Stavenhagen, 2016 Kalman Silvert awardee. Nominations should be sent to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas (milagros@pitt.edu) by October 14, 2016. Please include biographic information and a rationale for each nomination.

Bryce Wood Book Award
Call for Nominations

Deadline: October 14, 2016

At each International Congress, the Latin American Studies Association presents the Bryce Wood Book Award to an outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English. Books eligible for the LASA2017 International Congress will be those published between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. 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 those submitting the books. A nomination packet should include a statement justifying the nomination; a copy of the nominated book; and the complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the nominee. Each packet should be sent directly to individual award committee members by October 14, 2016. Applications for the Bryce Wood Book Award nominations can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the award submission form (available at https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/awards/brycewood.asp) and send it back to lasa.awards@pitt.edu by October 14.

All books nominated must reach each member of the Award Committee by October 14, 2016. By March 1, 2017, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 Awards Ceremony, and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award.

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The Premio Iberoamericano is presented at each of LASA’s International Congresses for an outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in Spanish or Portuguese in any country. Books eligible for the 2017 award must have been published between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. 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 October 14, 2016. Applications for the Premio Iberoamericano nominations can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the award submission form (available at https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/awards/iberoamericano.asp) and send it back to lasa.awards@pitt.edu by October 14. LASA membership is not a requirement for receiving the award. By March 1, 2017, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 awards ceremony, and the awardee will be publicly honored.
To make a nomination, please send one copy of the nominee’s electronic portfolio of recent relevant work, complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by October 14, 2016.

Members of the Media Award Committee are Gabriela Polit (chair), University of Texas at Austin; Patricia Nieto, Universidad de Antioquia; Gustavo Gorriti, IDL-Reporteros; Silvio Waisbord, George Washington University; and Fabiano Maisonnave, Folha de São Paulo.

Recent recipients of the awards include: Juan Luis Font, ContraPoder, Guatemala (2016); Mauricio Weibel, Unión Sudamericana de Corresponsales (2015); Raúl Peñaranda, Página Siete (2014); Marcela Turati, 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); María 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).
LASA/Oxfam America Martin Diskin Dissertation Award
Call for Nominations
Deadline: October 14, 2016

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 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. All advanced PhD candidates 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, or Portuguese. The Award Committee will evaluate using three criteria: (1) overall scholarly credentials, based on the candidate's CV; (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 pluralistic, 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 that 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 dissertation. Send these materials no later than October 14, 2016, to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 awards ceremony, and the awardee will be publicly honored.

LASA/Oxfam America Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship
Call for Nominations
Deadline: October 14, 2016

The Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship is offered at each LASA International Congress to an outstanding individual who combines commitments to both activism and scholarship. This distinguished lecturership 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 are Ricardo Falla, S.J (1998); Gonzalo Sánchez Gómez, Universidad Nacional de Colombia (2000); Elizabeth Lira Kornfeld (2001); Rodolfo Stavenhagen, El Colegio de México, and Rosalva Aida Hernández Castillo, CIESAS (2003); 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 Bailey (2012); Stefano Varese, University of California, Davis (2013); Alberto Olvera, Universidad Veracruzana (2014); Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui, Universidad Mayor de San Andrés, and Lynn Stephen, University of Oregon (2015); and María Mercedes Olivera y Bustamante, Centro de Estudios Superiores de México y Centroamérica (2016).

Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. A nomination should include a substantive nomination letter by a current LASA member, a current CV of the nominee, and the nominee's complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than October 14, 2016, to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 awards ceremony, and the awardee will be publicly honored.

The members of the 2017 Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship Committee are Michelle McKinley (chair), University of Oregon; Genner Llanes-Ortiz, CIESAS; Donny Meertens, Universidad Javeriana; María Mercedes Olivera y Bustamante (LASA2016 awardee), Centro de Estudios Superiores de México y Centroamérica; and Susan Eckstein, OXFAM America.
on the candidate’s qualifications for the Martin Diskin Dissertation Award.

All application materials must be submitted electronically no later than October 14, 2016, to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu. The Martin Diskin Dissertation Award recipient will receive a $1,000 stipend. We encourage you to distribute this call for nominations as widely as possible with particular attention to circulating it among your colleagues and students. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 awards ceremony, and the awardee will be publicly honored.

The 2017 selection committee consists of Michelle McKinley (chair), University of Oregon; Gennier Llanes-Ortiz, CIESAS; Donny Meertens, Universidad Javeriana; Maria Mercedes Olivera y Bustamante (LASA2016 awardee), Centro de Estudios Superiores de México y Centroamérica; and Susan Eckstein, OXFAM America.

Charles A. Hale Fellowship for Mexican History
Call for Nominations

Deadline: October 14, 2016

This fellowship rewards excellence in historical research on Mexico at the dissertation level. It is awarded every year 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.

The members of the 2017 selection committee are Yanna Yannakakis (chair), Emory University; Karin Rosemblatt, University of Maryland; and Gabriela Cano, 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 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 October 14, 2016, to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 awards ceremony, and the awardee will be publicly honored.

Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award
Call for Nominations

Deadline: October 14, 2016

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. Books eligible for the 2017 award must have been published between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2016. 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.

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 those submitting the books. A nomination packet should include a statement justifying the nomination; a copy of the nominated book; and the complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the nominee. Each packet should be sent directly to individual award committee members by October 14, 2016. Applications for the Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations nominations can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the award submission form (available at https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/awards/tomassini.asp) and return it to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by October 14.
By March 1, 2017, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the LASA2017 awards ceremony and the awardee will be publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award.

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