

## Acknowledgments

LASA has reached its fiftieth anniversary as the largest professional association encouraging discussion, research, and teaching on Latin America and the Caribbean and its people throughout the Americas, and we are celebrating with you! Thank you for making LASA what it is today and accompanying us in what it hopes to be in the future. This year we have many organizations, institutions, and individuals to be grateful to for their partnership. Our Fund-Raising Gala celebrating our anniversary, to take place at the United Nations, would not have been made possible without our benefactors: Columbia University, City University of New York, Florida International University, New York University, Yale University, and the Tinker Foundation Incorporated. We thank them for their sponsorship, along with that of our other patrons and contributors.

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