

Section Reports

Asia and the Americas

Submitted by Monica DeHart and Vladimir Rouvinski, Co-chairs

On May 29, 2016, at 7:15 p.m., the Section for Asia and the Americas held its business meeting. The (then) co-chairs Adrian Hearn (University of Melbourne) and Monica DeHart (University of Puget Sound) informed the meeting's 10 attendees about the section's activities over the preceding 12 months.

On May 26 the section hosted a pre-congress workshop in collaboration with the Latin American and Latino Studies and the Asian/American Centers at Queens College CUNY, entitled "The Chinese Diaspora in the Americas: Tracing Transnational Communities, Enterprises and Trajectories." The program included talks by Evelyn Hu-DeHart (Brown University), Alejandro Portes (University of Miami), Cui Shoujun (Renmin University), Lok Siu (University of California, Berkeley), John Liu (Baruch College, CUNY), and Andrew Rebatta (Museum of Chinese in the Americas). Hosted at Queens College, CUNY, as part of the official LASA program, the event attracted approximately 30 attendees.

The section hosted two panels at LASA. The first, "Chinese Transnational Networks in the Americas" continued the conversation begun at the pre-congress workshop, including presentations by Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Alejandro Portes, Lok Siu, and Cui Shoujun. The second panel, entitled "The Evolution of Latin American Studies in Asia," was organized by Vladimir Rouvinski and featured panelists Takahiro Miyachi (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies), Viktor Kheifets (Saint Petersburg State University), Margaret Myers (Inter-American Dialogue), and Leonardo Stanley (CEDES). Unfortunately, scheduled

participants Yang Zhimin (China Institute of Latin American Studies) and Won-Ho Kim (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies) were unable to attend.

The section's membership now stands at 76, down from 94 in 2015, but up from 68 in 2014, 73 in 2013, and 43 in 2012.

In preparation for LASA2016, panel proposals were coordinated via e-mail for those interested in presenting on the topic of Asia and the Americas. Shortly before the Congress e-mails were sent to the member list with details of all such panels. For this year's Congress, a total of 15 panels were dedicated to Asia-Latin America ties and an additional 14 panels included papers that engage Asia-Latin America relations. This growth in relevant panels and papers attests to a growing interest in the subject of Asia and the Americas within the larger LASA community.

To facilitate the announcement of events and the coordination of conference proposals among section members, as well as to disseminate information about section events to a wider community, the Asia and the Americas Section established a Facebook page in January 2016. The page currently has 45 members. An "Asia and the Americas" tab was also created on Academia.org to further facilitate exchange of publications and information among section members.

The section co-chairs will continue to offer these services to members ahead of LASA2017. Furthermore, since LASA2017 will take place in Lima, Peru, the section is considering partnering with a local institution to conduct a pre-congress workshop on Asian and Latin American experiences with mining and extraction.

During the meeting, Vladimir Rouvinski (University of Icesi) and Monica DeHart (University of Puget Sound) were elected to serve as co-chairs for 2016–2017, and the following Executive Council was elected: Maria Montt Strabucchi (University of Manchester), Junyoung Verónica Kim (University of Pittsburgh), Zelideth Rivas (Marshall University), Gonzalo Paz (George Washington University), Kathy Lopez (Rutgers University), and Sue Gronewold (Kean University).

Bolivia

Submitted by Elizabeth Monasterios, Chair

Número de miembros que pagaron sus cuotas hasta el 5 de mayo, 2016: 107. Número total de miembros registrados en la sección: 185.

Section chair (2015–2016): Elizabeth Monasterios, University of Pittsburgh. Committee members: Virginia Aillón, UMSA, PIEB; Annabelle Conroy, University of Central Florida; Martín Carrión, University of the Sciences, Philadelphia; Núria Vilanova, American University, Washington, DC. Advisor: Chris Krueger, Red Bolivia Mundo.

La membresía de la sección se reunió el domingo 29 de mayo de 7:45 p.m. hasta 8:45 p.m. Asistieron 48 personas (37 miembros activos y 11 que formalizarán su membresía este año).

Agenda de la reunión: Bienvenida y presentaciones; Informe de actividades de la sección. Informe sobre el estado actual de la membresía (hemos tenido un incremento de 45 miembros, pero debemos hacer esfuerzos para retener a los antiguos). Informe sobre la presencia de Bolivia en LASA-New York (a diferencia del año pasado, que registró

5 paneles especializados en Bolivia y 45 en los que se presentaron ponencias sobre Bolivia este año se registraron 13 y 51 respectivamente). Informe de Linda Farthing sobre la beca “Ben Kohl”. Informe de Annabelle Conroy sobre la página web de la sección (in absentia). Informe económico. Elecciones de la nueva mesa directiva. Planes para los próximos congresos.

La reunión fue muy positiva y confirmó el potencial y el entusiasmo de sus miembros para continuar creciendo e incrementando actividades. Nuevamente este año destacó la asistencia de colegas jóvenes que desde distintas disciplinas y agendas de investigación enriquecen la sección y garantizan su continuidad.

Linda Farthing, en nombre del equipo responsable de la beca “Ben Kohl”, informó que la recaudación de fondos ya ha alcanzado (y sobrepasado) su objetivo de \$5,000, y que se ha contactado a docentes de la UPEA con el fin de difundir la convocatoria para concursar. Se puntualizó el impacto que esta beca podría tener en la promoción de intelectuales indígenas, investigadores jóvenes y activistas de escasos recursos.

En temas financieros, se propuso discutir con LASA y con las otras secciones la posibilidad de reducir los costos de participación para los colegas latinoamericanos. Si bien los costos de membresía para colegas latinoamericanos están adecuados a sus ingresos, no sucede lo mismo con los costos de registración a los congresos ni con las tarifas aplicadas por los hoteles. La membresía de la sección apreciaría mucho la colaboración de LASA para que los colegas bolivianos que aceptan participar en nuestros paneles lleguen a concretar sus viajes.

La nueva Directiva de la sección fue elegida por unanimidad, y tendrá una vigencia de 2 años de servicio (resolución acordada en Puerto Rico). Annabelle Conroy (encargada de la página web) y Martín Carrión fueron re-elegidos. Composición de la nueva Directiva: section chair, Núria Vilanova (American University); treasurer, Raquel Alfaro (University of North Carolina, Pembroke); encargada de la página web, Annabelle Conroy (University of Central Florida); Committee members: Martín Carrión (University of the Sciences, Philadelphia) y Jessika Eichler (University of Essex); advisor: Chris Krueger, Red Bolivia Mundo.

Para el congreso en New York la sección preparó un panel seguido de un workshop, y un conversatorio con la Dra. Magdalena Cajías de la Vega, Cónsul General del Estado Plurinacional de Bolivia en Chile. El panel (“Más allá de la hegemonía y la resistencia. ¿Redefiniendo relaciones entre Bolivia y Estados Unidos?”) contó con la participación de Loreta Tellería Escobar (Observatorio de Democracia y Seguridad), Rafael Bautista (Centro Cultural Indígena Wayna Tambo) y Ken D. Lehman (Hampden-Sydney College). Elizabeth Monasterios fue Chair del panel y Chris Krueger comentarista. El panel convocó un público de 51 personas y generó un debate sustancioso y enriquecedor que fue retomado en el Taller del día siguiente, en el que además de los panelistas ya mencionados, participaron Matín Mendoza Botelho (Connecticut State University) y Alba Hesselroth (independent scholar). Núria Vilanova fue Chair y moderadora del panel.

Inmediatamente después del congreso, la Sección tuvo un evento post-LASA en la New York University. Esta actividad fue preparada en coordinación con Pamela Calla (NYU) y contó con la participación

de la Dra. Magdalena Cajías de la Vega, Rafael Bautista y Loreta Tellería Escobar, que expusieron un conjunto compacto de reflexiones históricas y críticas en torno a la Diplomacia del Mar. Asistieron al evento 15 personas, incluido el Embajador Carlos Olgún, Representante Permanente Alterno de Chile ante las Naciones Unidas. Carismático y exitoso, el evento sirvió para fortalecer lazos diplomáticos entre los dos países y crear diálogos propositivos.

Independientemente de los eventos organizados por la sección, el programa general del congreso incluyó 13 paneles especializados en Bolivia y 51 en los que se presentaron ponencias sobre Bolivia.

Las actividades de la gestión 2015–2016 incluyen también la publicación de los trabajos presentados en el Primer Simposio de Bolivianistas organizado por la sección, que tuvo lugar en la University of Pittsburgh, del 26–27 de marzo, 2015. Estos trabajos fueron publicados en el número 21 del *Bolivian Studies Journal*.

Planes para el futuro: (1) Involucrar activamente a la membresía en las propuestas de paneles y talleres para los próximos congresos, (2) *Lanzamiento de la beca “Ben Kohl”*; (3) *Organización del Segundo Simposio de Bolivianistas (probablemente en American University)*; (4) A través de la página web de la sección, construir una base de datos bibliográficos que permita: (a) difundir la investigación de la membresía, (b) posicionar temas claves, y (c) facilitar redes de difusión e intercambio entre la bibliografía producida en Bolivia y la que se genera fuera de ella.

Con este informe concluye la gestión de la Directiva 2014–2016.

Brazil

Submitted by Joseph Marques and Ivani Vassoler, Co-chairs

Section Executive Council 2015–2016: co-chairs, Joseph Marques (Geneva School of Diplomacy) and Ivani Vassoler (State University of NY, Fredonia); treasurer, Jessica Rich (Marquette University); Executive Council officers, Tracy Guzman (University of Miami), João Feres (Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, UERJ), Tereza Albuquerque (Universidade Federal Fluminense), and Adam Joseph Shellhorse (Temple University). The section concluded the 2015–2016 term with 312 members (compared to 262 the previous term).

During the 2015–2016 academic year the section promoted several activities, as follows.

The section made frequent contact with all members regarding the LASA Conference, section initiatives, and other academic topics deemed of interest for the membership. The section created and maintained a Facebook page, open to all members for announcements and public debates.

All members of the Executive Council were involved in the review and selection of panels for the 2016 LASA Conference in New York City. The section received 22 panel proposals (compared to 8 in the previous term), and selected 4 to be included in the conference program.

All members of the EC were equally involved in the review and selection of the section prizes for the best book, article, and doctoral dissertation focusing on Brazilian studies during the year. The section received an exceptional number of submissions, all of excellent quality. The section constituted

subcommittees and its members worked in coordination through several reviews. Due to the high number of submissions, the subcommittees decided to grant some honorable mentions as well.

The recipients of the Brazil Section awards in 2016 are the following: Best Book (Livro): Jeffrey Hoelle, *Rainforest Cowboys: The Rise of Ranching and Cattle Culture in Western Amazonia* (University of Texas Press, 2015); Honorable Mention (Menção Honrosa): Angela Alonso, *Flores, votos e balas: O movimento abolicionista brasileiro (1968–1888)* (Companhia das Letras, Brasil, 2015). Best Published Article (Artigo Publicado): Darien Lamén, “Amazonian Sound Systems, Cyborg Indians and the Future of the Future” (*Global South*); Honorable Mentions (Menções Honrosas): Courtney J. Campbell, “Making Abolition Brazilian, British Law and Brazilian Abolitionists in Nineteenth-Century Minas Gerais and Pernambuco” (*Slavery and Abolition*); Álvaro Jarrin, “Towards a Biopolitics of Beauty: Eugenics, Aesthetic Hierarchies and Plastic Surgery in Brazil” (*Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*).

Best PhD Dissertation (Tese de Doutorado): Peter Klein, “The Struggle for Voice in Brazil’s Democratic Developmental State: Participation, Protest, and the Belo Monte Hydroelectric Facility,” Department of Sociology at Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, May 2015. Honorable Mention (Menção Honrosa): Ana Paula Camelo, “A construção social do risco e o controverso Programa Nuclear Brasileiro: Entre o científico, o político e o público,” Instituto de Geociências da Universidade Estadual de Campinas, UNICAMP, Brasil, 09/06/2015. The winner of the best thesis prize, Peter Klein, was in attendance.

Starting in April, the Executive Council engaged in a discussion on the renewal of the section leadership for the 2016–2017 term. Following LASA rules, the EC initiated an open electoral process for two co-chairs, treasurer, and for two EC officers whose terms expired on May 31. The EC sent several messages to the membership encouraging wide participation, first with a call for candidates and later with online anonymous ballots (e-ballot, e-vote). Eight members submitted proposals to participate in the process as candidates for different positions (details below). The membership was kept informed throughout the electoral process.

Concomitantly to the electoral process, the EC also held discussions in relation to the agenda for the section business meeting and the section reception in NYC. The section business meeting agenda was approved, and the EC also agreed to hold the reception in a venue outside the conference hotel. The treasurer, Jessica Rich, concluded the financial arrangements for the cocktail reception.

Several EC members participated in the NYC conference in different roles—paper presenters, panel chairs, panel discussants, workshop organizers; several of us held working meetings with publishers and representatives of other sections towards future collaborations.

The section business meeting was chaired by Joseph Marques, assisted by Tracy Devine Guzman, Adam Shellhorse, and João Feres, all members of the Executive Council.

Section membership stands at 312 members, which will allow for four section-sponsored panels at LASA2017 in Lima, Peru. The section remains active with strong participation across our three

prize categories. The business meeting took place on May 29 (Hilton Midtown), starting at 7:45 p.m., with the presence of approximately 35 section members. The meeting agenda was released previously to the membership. Several announcements were made in relation to the panels sponsored by the section, prize winners, election results, and preparations for the 2017 LASA conference in Lima, Peru. Three proposals for consideration were submitted by Tracy Devine: (1) use part of the section's funds to sponsor travel grants for section student members; (2) distribute lists of all previous papers/books/theses and respective authors; (3) election of a Brazil-based member as a third co-chair.

There was ample debate on all three proposals with different viewpoints and it was agreed that the sponsor of the proposals would work on a final text for each motion before submitting the proposals to the Executive Council, which will, if necessary, consult with the LASA Secretariat regarding compliance with LASA rules and then submit to the general membership for vote.

The treasurer's report was submitted. The section is in a good financial situation. During 2015–2016 the expenditures were: Book Prize (\$500); Article Prize (\$300); Dissertation (\$200); section reception at the Ipanema Restaurant (\$788.93). (Jeffrey Hoelle, the winner of our Best Book award, unable to attend the LASA meeting, called in and made a donation of \$100 to the cost of our reception.) Following these expenses, the section currently maintains a balance of \$10,521.

At the business meeting, the results of the elections (held in May via e-ballot, anonymously) to renew the section leadership for the term 2016–2017 were

announced (see below). The section business meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Section leadership 2016–2017: Co-chairs (one-year term), Joseph Marques (Geneva School of Diplomacy), and Tracy Devine Guzmán (Miami University); treasurer (term expires in 2018), Paulo Ferreira (Instituto Federal do Rio de Janeiro); EC officers: Tereza Albuquerque (Universidade Federal Fluminense), term expires in 2017; Adam Joseph Shellhorse (Temple University), term expires in 2017; Francisco Chagas Bastos (Australia Nacional University), term expires in 2018; Thomas Vicino (Northeastern University), term expires in 2018.

Central America

Submitted by Ainhoa Montoya, Co-chair

En la reunión se ofreció el informe del año, se discutió una encuesta y futuras prioridades de la sección pero no se pudo tomar ninguna decisión sobre ningún aspecto, ya que no hubo quórum (a la reunión asistieron tan sólo 16 personas de un total de 230 miembros, incluyendo la secretaria y una de las co-chairs). Esto tuvo que ver en parte con la coincidencia en horario con las reuniones de dos grupos que no son secciones pero compiten en cuanto a asistentes: El Salvador Studies Working Group y la Guatemala Scholars Network Meeting. Las personas presentes manifestaron su preocupación por este motivo. Dado que no son propiamente secciones de LASA, una posibilidad a futuro es plantearse que las reuniones de estos grupos se produzcan en horario distinto al de las secciones de LASA.

Las elecciones no se pudieron celebrar durante el transcurso de la reunión en LASA2016 y tuvieron que posponerse para realizarse online a través de la lista

de correo de la sección. 63 personas participaron en la votación y los resultados fueron los siguientes:

Para co-chairs se ha elegido a Suyapa Portillo Villeda y Alicia Z. Miklos; para tesorera-secretaria a Esther Portillo Gonzales; para miembros del Consejo Consultivo a Thomas Boerman y John Petrus. Asimismo, se eligió como ponente invitado para LASA2017 a Berta Isabel Zúñiga, hija de Berta Cáceres.

En LASA2016 la sección patrocinó hasta tres paneles y un workshop. Se recibieron 7 propuestas de paneles pero ninguna de workshop, por lo que esta categoría quedó vacía. Se seleccionaron dos paneles y el tercero se dedicó como en años anteriores a la sesión con el ponente invitado (Carlos Henríquez Consalvi, Museo de la Palabra y la Imagen, San Salvador).

Se hizo una convocatoria de becas de viaje (una vez se supo los resultados de las becas de LASA) para personas centroamericanas, dando prioridad a estudiantes.

Se creó la página de Facebook de la sección, que tiene ya más de 800 seguidores. Se ha utilizado este medio para noticias de la sección y noticias de gran relevancia que conciernen Centroamérica. Se ha continuado empleando la página de la sección en el portal de LASA para anuncios clave, sobre todo para llegar a quienes no emplean Facebook. Pero esta página resulta poco dinámica y requiere de la intermediación de LASA cada vez que se quiere anunciar algo.

Como sección, uno de los temas que más ha preocupado este año y al que algunos miembros han dado visibilidad ha sido el lamentable asesinato de la líder indígena hondureña Berta Cáceres el 3 de marzo de este año. Miembros de la sección

escribieron una carta de denuncia que se circuló por la lista, fue firmada por 730 académicos/as y enviada a Honduras y a diferentes legisladores.

Se realizó una encuesta para consultar a los miembros de las prioridades de la sección tanto en las actividades como en la administración del presupuesto que arrojó datos con los que los próximos co-chairs podrán trabajar para realizar propuestas más concretas (por ejemplo, hay gran interés en la sección por ofrecer premios de varios tipos –al mejor libro, artículo, reconocimiento a un/a activista en la región, etc.– aunque se limiten simplemente a un mero reconocimiento dado el presupuesto limitado de la sección). Se discutieron también varias opciones que permitan organizar alguna actividad social sin que suponga un coste excesivo para la sección. Por otro lado, se continuará con las actividades de años anteriores, incluso tratando de que haya un aumento de las becas de viaje (bien en número de becas o en la cuantía de cada una).

Este año se ofrecieron dos becas de viaje de la sección para personas centroamericanas por valor de \$750. Hubo 10 solicitudes de personas de diversos países centroamericanos (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua) y como se anunció se dio prioridad a las solicitudes de estudiantes. Las becas se entregaron a: Claudia Patricia Lepe López, estudiante de grado de la Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala; y Mario José Sánchez González, estudiante de postgrado de la Universidad Centroamericana de Nicaragua.

Asimismo, se ofreció \$1,000 al ponente invitado por la sección (Carlos Henríquez Consalvi, Museo de la Palabra y la Imagen, San Salvador) para que cubriera parte de sus gastos.

Colombia

Submitted by Felipe Martínez Pinzón and Sandra Sánchez López, incoming Co-chairs

In 2016, the Colombia Section sponsored three panels and awarded one student travel grant of US\$500 to Silvana Valentina Pellegrino, a PhD student based in Colombia. It also awarded the Montserrat Ordóñez Prize to Nadia Célis Salgado for her monograph *La rebelión de las niñas: El caribe y la conciencia corporal*, published by Iberoamericana Vervuert in early 2016. Prof. Célis Salgado received this award in recognition to her original and assertive writing on Colombian women's writing and narratives. As the Montserrat Prize requires for award winners, her work demonstrates conceptual excellence as well as creativity. It also stands out for its possible influence in Colombia and in the field of Colombian studies. The award committee decided that the work of Carolina Alzate, *Soledad Acosta de Samper y el discurso letrado de género (1853–1881)*, received an honorable mention, given its outstanding writing and the relevance of the arguments and themes Alzate developed in her book.

The section celebrated its reception at John Jay College on Friday, May 27. On Sunday, May 29, it held its business meeting with 31 members present. The results of the section election indicate that the executive committee for the year 2016–2017 is as follows: secretary-treasurer: Annie Mendoza (East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania); communications manager: Diego Bustos (University of New Mexico); co-chairs Sandra Beatriz Sánchez López (Universidad de los Andes) and Felipe Martínez Pinzón (Brown University).

The advisors of the section for the year 2016–2017 are as follows: Constanza López (University of North Florida), Alejandro Quin (University of Utah),

Virginia Bouvier (USIP), and Leah Carroll (Berkeley University). The student representative is Carlos Gardeazábal Bravo (University of Connecticut).

For the coming year, the section, which currently has 156 members, will sponsor three panels and will award the Michael Jiménez Prize which is given in recognition to original research in the fields of anthropology, history, sociology, political science, and related areas. The section will continue publishing a monthly bulletin. We welcome all calls for papers and other communications that might be of interest to our membership (please send to lasacolombia@gmail.com).

Colonial

Submitted by Raul Marrero-Fente, Chair

The results of the section business meeting, indicating the number of persons present: 16 members attended the meeting.

The results of section elections: Nathan Gordon was elected to the section council.

A review of the term activities and plans for the coming term: four issues of the section's newsletter were published. The section's webpage was improved. The creation of a new peer-reviewed scholarly journal as the official section's journal was proposed and endorsed by all section members present at the meeting. The title of this journal will be *Journal of Colonial Latin American Studies* (JCLAS). It will be hosted at West Virginia University and will benefit from technical support from the University of Minnesota.

The names of winners of section prizes and travel awards: Barbara Mundy received the Best Book in Colonial Studies Award for

The Death of Aztec Tenochtitlan, the Life of Mexico City.

Next year the section prize will be for the Best Dissertation in Colonial Latin American Studies.

The new executive committee: Monica Diaz (chair), Pablo Garcia Loeza (vice-chair and chair of the Awards Committee), Kelly McDonough (secretary-treasurer), Nathan Gordon and Raul Marrero-Fente (council members).

Cuba

Submitted by Milagros Martínez and Lisandro Pérez, Co-chairs; Sheryl Lutyens

In 2015–2016, the Section for Scholarly Relations with Cuba engaged the opportunities and challenges of maintaining academic relations among Cuban, U.S., and other scholars in the context of the ongoing normalization of diplomatic relations between Cuban and the United States.

The section leadership worked actively to promote the participation of academics and intellectuals resident in Cuba. In early June, the section had 706 members! There were 460 Cubans accepted for the 2016 Congress program and with individual effort, support from U.S. universities and foundations, and the work of section leadership, a record number of those accepted participated in the New York Congress (exact figures still pending). A special thank you to Carlos Alzugaray and Jorge Domínguez for their hard work on the issues related to applying for visas from the U.S. Embassy. Ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis reported that the State Department authorized 260 visas, the largest number ever, though there were some 50 visa denials. Young scholars were

overrepresented among those denied visas. Cuban participants included scholars from Havana, Villa Clara, Camagüey, and Granma Provinces.

There were 97 panels/workshops/sessions focusing on Cuba/Cuban themes and 120 panels/workshops/sessions that included at least one paper on a Cuba/Cuban topic. The section sponsored four workshops/panels at the New York Congress: “El tercer carril: Cooperación cultural entre Cuba y EE.UU.”; “Cuba: proyecciones de su futuro”; “La normalización de relaciones entre Cuba y Estados Unidos. Impactos internacionales”; and “50 años de LASA y la presencia cubana.” The section also organized a special homage to José Martí on Friday afternoon, May 27, including the laying of a memorial wreath at the José Martí statue in Central Park, and presentation of special recognitions to Josefina Vidal and Roberta Jacobson for their invaluable contributions to the rebuilding of diplomatic relations between Cuba and the United States, at the Presidential Panel on Saturday, May 28.

The section business meeting in New York was attended by an estimated 200 members, all crowded into a room that was much too small; an unknown number of members were unable to fit into the small space. Highlights of the business meeting include:

(1) The announcement of the awarding of the Section Prize for Lifetime Contribution to Cuban Studies to Cuban writer, literary critic, and editor Ambrosio Fornet. The work of the Prize Committee members Raul Fernandez, Margaret Crahan, Lou Pérez, Rafael Hernández, and Nancy Morejón is greatly appreciated.

(2) Presentation of the first annual Premio Lilia Rosa y Jorge José Domínguez,

awarded to the best paper presented at the 2015 LASA Congress, to Dayma Echeverría (Cuba) and Sara Romanò (Italy) for their co-authored paper. Established by Jorge I. Domínguez and Virginia Domínguez to honor their parents, the annual recognition of best paper includes a \$500 cash award. The 2015 Domínguez Prize Committee included Claes Brundenius (Lund University), Clotilde Proveyer (University of Havana), and Esther Whitfield (Brown University).

(3) Announcement of tasks and initiatives for the coming year, including further work with new generations of scholars, re-creating the section website, exploring the possibility of utilizing U.S. government funding for academic and cultural exchanges, research and assessment of the possibilities of individual and collaborative research in the new conditions of normalization, planning for the Lima Congress, and organizing for the celebration of 20th anniversary of the creation of the Cuba Section.

Our best-ever section reception took place following the business meeting on Sunday evening at John Jay College. Section members enjoyed the marvelous Cuban food, live music, and the presence of the president of John Jay College, Dr. Jeremy Travis, who welcomed us, Ambassador DeLaurentis, and Cuban Ambassador to the United Nations Rodolfo Reyes.

The section election process began at the start of May with the opening of the nomination period; new members of section leadership will be announced at the end of the electronic voting period in June. The exceptional service to the section of outgoing co-chairs Milagros Martínez (University of Havana) and Lisandro Pérez (John Jay College) and outgoing Executive Committee members Raul Fernandez

(UC Irvine) and Félix Valdés (Instituto de Filosofía) was acknowledged.

Economics and Politics

Submitted by Tony Spanakos, Chair, and Steve Samford, Treasurer

Members of executive board of the section are Tony Spanakos, chair; Steve Samford, treasurer; Gabriel Ondetti, Antonio Botelho, Eduardo Silva, and Susana Nudelsman. Silva and Nudelsman are completing their two-year mandate.

Elections will be held for two seats. As there are two candidates, we anticipate that Eduardo Silva and Susana Nudelsman will be reelected to the executive board.

The section has roughly \$5,000 in its accounts.

Three panels sponsored by the section appeared on the LASA program, though only two carried the label of the section (see below for panel information). Each session was well attended and sparked interesting debates about conjunctural issues as well as scholarly concerns.

The section organized three committees to identify possible winners for the section's three prizes. These were the early career prize committee, comprised of Felipe Filomeno, Fabricio Chagas Bastos, and Antonio Botelho; the open prize committee, comprised of Steve Samford, Pablo Toral, and Alberto Gago; and the travel prize committee, comprised of Gabriel Ondetti, Eduardo Silva, and Richard Gioioso.

The early career prize committee declined to issue an award this year. The open committee prize selected Gabriel Ondetti, "The Roots of Brazil's Heavy Taxation," *Journal of Latin American Studies* (2015).

The travel grant committee awarded travel grants to Juan O'Farrell (Universidad Torcuato Di Tella) and Carla Gras (Universidad Nacional de San Martín).

Both of these scholars were participants in one of the section's three sponsored panels at LASA2016: Panel One: "A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Political Economy of Agricultural Commodities: The Consequences Soybean Expansion in Argentina"; Panel Two: "Latin America in a World of High Financial Volatility"; and Panel Three: "Latin America: The Next 50 Years."

Finally, at the section meeting at LASA a number of possible exchanges and future sponsored panel ideas were discussed as the membership looks forward to Lima next year.

Educación y Políticas Educativas en América Latina

Submitted by Jorge Enrique Delgado, Secretario-Tesorero

Las reuniones general de los miembros y del comité ejecutivo de la Sección de Educación y Políticas Educativas de LASA tuvieron lugar el 29 y 30 de mayo del 2016 en la ciudad de Nueva York, EE. UU. La asamblea general contó con la participación de 44 miembros quienes eligieron al nuevo comité ejecutivo (2016–2017) que está compuesto por: Norberto Fernández Lamarra (Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero, UNTREF, Argentina), codirector; Dalila Andrade Oliveira (Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Brasil), codirectora; Jorge Enrique Delgado (Universidad de Pittsburgh, EE. UU./Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia), secretario-tesorero; y Vera Lucia Felicetti (Centro Universitario La Salle, Unilasalle, Brasil), Adriana Chiancone (Instituto Universitario CLAEH,

Uruguay), Yolanda Padilla (Universidad Autónoma de Aguascalientes, México), Héctor R. Gertel (Universidad de Córdoba, Argentina) y Oscar Espinoza (Universidad San Sebastián, Chile), consejeros. En el 2016, se entregaron por primera vez los premios Paulo Freire en Educación de la sección al profesor Norberto Fernández Lamarra (UNTREF), en la modalidad de "Trayectoria en Investigación Educativa en América Latina", y a Julieta Briseño (Cinvestav, México), en la modalidad de "Trabajo de Investigador en Formación Doctoral" por su tesis titulada "Entrevistas comunitarias, recuperando el conocimiento comunitario de la escuela: El caso de las escuelas secundarias comunitarias indígenas, Oaxaca, México". El comité de evaluación del primer premio estuvo conformado por Susan Street Naused (CIESAS-Occidente, México), Erwin H. Epstein (Universidad de Loyola Chicago, EE. UU.), Enrique Martínez Larrechea (CLAEH), Teresa González Pérez (Universidad de La Laguna, España), Marilía Costa Morosini (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Rio Grande del Sur—PUCRGS, Brasil). Por su parte, los miembros del segundo premio fueron Ana María Fanelli (CONICET-CEDES, Argentina), Maria Estela Dal Pai Franco (Universidad Federal del Rio Grande del Sur—UFRGS, Brasil), Todd Sibley (Lado International College, EE. UU.), Denise Leite (UFRGS), Héctor Gertel y Vera Felicetti. Unilasalle contribuyó al premio al mejor trabajo doctoral con una pasantía que cubre la matrícula por un semestre en ese centro universitario. Ninguna otra institución ofreció una contribución de este tipo, aunque se invitó a los miembros a participar. Como se acordó en reuniones anteriores, los premios de la sección se otorgarán anualmente. La sección contó con dos paneles invitados en el Congreso del Cincuentenario de LASA que fueron organizados por

Pablo Gentili de CLACSO (“50 años de reformas educativas en América Latina: Balance, desafíos, perspectivas”) y Jorge Delgado (“El debate y la investigación en educación en los últimos cincuenta años: Contribuciones de la Sección de Educación y Políticas Educativas en América Latina de LASA”). Debido a que la sección no tuvo ninguna participación en la evaluación y organización de ponencias y paneles del Congreso del 2016, se acordó con las directivas LASA nombrar a Norma Georgina Gutiérrez (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México) para servir como representante y coordinadora de educación para el congreso del 2017 en Lima, Perú. Asimismo, se comisionó a Fernanda Saforcada (CLACSO, Argentina) y Bettina Dos Santos (PUCRGs) para organizar los paneles especiales de la sección en el Congreso de LASA2017 cuyo tema será “Saberes”. Además de los premios Paulo Freire, uno de los logros recientes de la sección ha sido actualizar la página en Internet (<http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/sections/educacion-politicaseducativas/>). Durante la reunión general se reconoció la magnífica labor que desempeñó Oresta López durante sus dos años como codirectora de la sección. Algunos de los proyectos que el nuevo comité ejecutivo tendrá en el periodo 2016–2017 incluyen desarrollar el plan estratégico de la sección, las redes sociales y una lista de correo, y comenzar a publicar un boletín de noticias. Del mismo modo, se trabajará para crear un sistema de elecciones donde todos los miembros de la sección puedan votar y se conozcan con suficiente tiempo los candidatos y sus hojas de vida. El correo electrónico de la sección es educacionlasa@gmail.com.

Environment

Submitted by Sherrie Baver, incoming Co-chair

On Friday morning, we held our now annual workshop on “Emerging Issues in Latin American Environmentalism.” The goal is for listed participants to speak about their latest research in an informal way, to hear from other attendees who are also presumably involved in environmental research, and for the audience to network and share research ideas. This approach continues to work well to provide an overview of new topics and new researchers.

At the Sunday night business meeting, we made plans for LASA2017 in Lima. (1) The group agreed to continue our custom of having a workshop (our one allotted panel) on “Emerging Issues in Latin American Environmentalism.” As always, we will have some participants informally reporting on their projects, but time will be allowed for input from all attendees. (2) The group agreed that the half-day (Guanabara Bay) environmental lecture/excursion at the Rio LASA was a treat we should try to recreate for Lima 2017. Pablo Toral (Beloit) agreed to explore possibilities regarding locations and lecturers. (3) Ricardo Rivas (University of Arizona) offered to create a blog for the section. (4) Finally, Miriam Melton-Villanueva (University of Nevada, Las Vegas) and Sherrie Baver (City College of New York/City University of New York) will co-chair the section for the 2016–2017 year, taking over from Jennifer Horan (University of North Carolina, Wilmington).

Our section-sponsored interdisciplinary panel, chaired by Nicole Fabricant, was titled “Pathways Beyond Productivist/ Extractivist Development: Forging More Just and Sustainable Socio-Ecological

Worlds.” The four presentations, diverse but connected to the broad panel theme, covered environmental and housing movements in São Paulo, Brazilian MST settlements, gender and forests in Amazonia, and indigenous concepts of hard and soft law in Ecuador. We will sponsor one panel/workshop next year, but in the future we’d like to have two to three (as we have had in the past), depending on our membership numbers.

Europe and Latin America

Submitted by Roberto Domínguez, Co-chair

On May 29, 2016, at 8 p.m., during the 33rd Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in New York, 14 members of the Europe and Latin America Section (ELAS) gathered for the annual business meeting. Acting section co-chairs for 2015–2016, Roberto Domínguez and Pedro Caldentey, opened the conversation about the following agenda items.

The ELAS members were informed that the membership increased from 67 to 103 and later decreased to 63 during the past 12 months. Currently, the membership by areas is the following: 24 European, 21 from the United States, 16 from Latin America, one Canadian, and one Japanese.

In order to increase the number of members from Latin America, one of the goals of the section is to search for doctoral students and young scholars who are based in Latin American institutions and invite them to submit paper proposals for the 2017 LASA conference in Lima. In preparation for the 2017 LASA convention, members of the section suggested some tentative topics for the ELAS panel around the redefinition of interregionalism.

Members were informed that ELAS's funds reached \$2,391, an increase from \$1,467 in the previous meeting in Puerto Rico.

As of today, ELAS registers 63 members; the section was authorized to organize one panel for the 2017 Congress in Lima. The section welcomed this additional panel because it was the first time in four years that the section was authorized two panels.

ELAS has a Facebook page and members are encouraged to post paper calls and share information about publications and research opportunities, etc. ELAS is still waiting for a volunteer to organize a Twitter account.

As Roberto Domínguez concluded his tenure as co-chair (2014–2016), Alain Fairlie was elected co-chair for the period 2016–2018. Pedro Caldentey del Pozo (2015–2017) continued his co-chairmanship and became senior co-chair.

As for the composition of the Advisory Council, three members will continue for the period 2015–2017: Susanne Gratius, Miriam Saraiva, and Joaquín Roy). Bert Hoffmann concluded his period (2014–2016) and Detlef Nolte was elected for 2016–2018.

Flavia Guerra concluded her tenure as treasurer for the term 2014–2016. Roberto Domínguez was elected for the period 2016–2018.

Film Studies

Submitted by Paul A. Schroeder Rodríguez, Chair

The Film Studies Section had a productive 2015–2016 term. In New York we sponsored three panels, and to celebrate LASA's 50th anniversary we co-sponsored,

in conjunction with the Visual Studies Section, a screening at the New York Filmmakers' Cooperative of *Lupe*, an experimental biopic of Lupe Vélez that Puerto Rican filmmaker José Rodríguez Soltero made in New York City exactly 50 years ago. This past year we also announced three new initiatives: two section travel grants worth \$250 each (one for a student and one for a professional), a section award for the best academic essay on Latin American cinema, and a section award for the best book on Latin American cinema. The travel grant winners were Professor Andrea Cuarterolo and graduate student Alejandro Kelly, both from the Universidad de Buenos Aires/CONICET. The award for the best academic essay will begin in 2016–2017, and the award for the best book will begin in 2017–2018. We also began a concerted effort to reach out to other associations of Latin American film studies scholars in order to promote the internationalization of the field. The first tangible result of this effort will be a pre-conference panel in Lima 2017 with representatives from four such associations: SOCINE (Brasil), AsAECA (Argentina), SEPANCINE (Mexico), and SCMS (USA).

The section closed the year with 147 members, 33 (22 percent) of whom attended the business meeting. During the meeting Ana Laura Lusnich, the new co-director of the LASA Film Festival, discussed ideas for the festival in Lima; Claudia Ferman announced the forthcoming creation of a new section in *LARR* for Review Essays focused on Latin American films; Arturo Serrano announced the official launch of *Fuera de Campo*, a new peer-reviewed journal focused on Latin American film studies; Pablo Piedras and Mónica Villarreal invited members to submit proposals to upcoming conferences in Buenos Aires and Santiago de Chile, respectively; Bridget Franco announced

the forthcoming launch of *Cinegogía*, a teaching and research materials webpage focused on Latin American and Iberian cinemas; and we announced the launch of a section-sponsored webpage of digital resources on Latin American cinema. For further information, please email lasafilmsection@gmail.com.

Finally, we welcomed two new members to the leadership council: Michelle Leigh Farrell (Fairfield University), and Joanna Pertkiewicz (Universidad del País Vasco), who will serve as secretary-treasurer. Valentina Velázquez-Zvierkova ended her service as secretary-treasurer but will remain on the board as a council member; Patrick Blaine and Arturo Serrano will continue to serve as council members; and Paul A. Schroeder-Rodríguez will remain as chair. Outgoing members of the leadership council include Dorian Lugo-Bertrán, who over the past seven years has held every position in the council; and Álvaro Baquero-Pecino, who served for two years. We thank them for the outstanding work they have done and look forward to their continued support as regular members of the section.

Food, Agriculture, and Rural Studies

Submitted by Nashieli C. Rangel Loera, Chair

El número de miembros de la sección se mantuvo en relación al año anterior. En nuestra Business Meeting contamos con la presencia de 18 miembros, pocos en relación a reuniones de años anteriores. En la reunión elegimos nuevo consejo de la FARS: Fina Carpena, chair (Oregon State University), Maite Yie Garzón (Universidad Javeriana, Colombia), Marcela Crovotto (CONICET-UBA, Argentina). Será consultada Thais Tartalha (UNESP, Brasil) que no participó del congreso en New York

y ya fue miembro del Consejo para que sea tesorera de la sección. Y será realizada una consulta on-line en la lista de los miembros para elegir más un/a consejero/a.

Decidimos crear el Fondo Kerry Preibisch para apoyar jóvenes investigadores de América Latina para participar de las actividades de la sección en el congreso anual de LASA. El recurso será destinado para cubrir integralmente o parcialmente costos de transporte, hospedaje, membresía de LASA e inscripción al Congreso. Destinaremos una cantidad de recurso de la sección para eso e incentivaremos donaciones específicas para el fondo.

Durante la reunión dimos la bienvenida y felicitamos a Maite Garzón, que fue beneficiada con \$800 como beca de la sección este año. Como especificado en la convocatoria de la beca, Maite se compromete a apoyar en la organización de las actividades del próximo congreso y a cumplir con los compromisos estipulados. La sección también cubrió los gastos de la visita de campo realizada este año como parte de las actividades de la sección pre-congreso. Visitamos el proyecto agroecológico de la granja Stone Barns y la organización Brooklyn Grange de agricultura urbana en Long Island. El trabajo de campo, que se convirtió ya en una marca de nuestra sección se mantendrá durante el próximo congreso en Lima. En el congreso serán organizadas dos actividades en formato de workshop, una sobre la temática de diversidad del campesinato en América Latina y la producción de derechos y la otra sobre agricultura y campesinato vinculada al trabajo de campo que será organizado en Lima, invitaremos representantes de organizaciones campesinas del Perú.

Gender and Feminist Studies

Submitted by Roberta Villalón, Co-chair

During the 2015–2016 year we continued functioning well as a section, seen in our increase from 285 to 294 members. With these numbers we were able to maintain a total of four panels for the 2017 LASA Congress in Lima. At last year's business meeting in San Juan, we elected new council members, a new secretary, and a new co-chair. We also changed our pre-conference planning style, deciding to elect a committee specifically dedicated to this task.

The first activity that the new section's directive carried out was the selection of the section's four panels during the months of July and August. There was a competitive selection process to choose these panels and we are very pleased with the end result. Afterwards we began with the planning of the pre-conference, which was a very complicated process. The committee worked with the two co-chairs in order to conceptualize the conference topics, reserve university space, invite participants, and finalize last-minute details. We are very satisfied with how this turned out, as many excellent academics and activists will be participating. This year we also innovated a bit, opening up a special call within the section in order for our own members to participate more directly in the pre-conference with presentations; this was also successful.

In January 2016 we opened our call for the Elsa Chaney and Helen Safa Prizes, as always oriented towards our more junior scholars. This year we received a very high number of submissions, so the work of the jury was quite difficult. Laura Lowenkron (Brazil) won the Helen Safa Prize for her research "Gênero, violência e agência: (Des)construção do tráfico de pessoas a partir

do olhar policial no Brasil"; Tobin Hansen (USA) won the Elsa Chaney Prize for her research "Redefining Post-Deportation Masculinities: Deported Men and 'Getting By' on the Northern Mexico Border." We congratulate them for their outstanding work!

Finally, during the year several academic and activist issues emerged in our section. The first was the assassination of the feminist and indigenous activist Berta Cáceres on March 3 of this year in Honduras. Many of our members contacted us expressing their indignation and wanting to contribute in some way to the denouncement of this crime. Due to the number and quality of declarations already circulating, we decided that the section would primarily participate through signing and circulating a declaration written by Suyapa Portillo (a section member). The second major issue, also very recent, has been the coup in Brazil and the impeachment of President Dilma Rousseff. About this we have also been circulating information within the section's Google group. We continued to discuss these issues in the section business meeting.

This year we organized the pre-conference "A Historical Perspective on Feminism in Contexts of Change and Crisis: A Dialogue between Activists and Academics," held on May 26, 2016. We were very excited to count with the participation of 120 besides our speakers. The pre-conference was held at St. John's University, which offered its Manhattan campus free of cost through the sponsorship of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and the Women and Gender Studies program.

At the business meeting at LASA, new officers were selected. The current structure is as follows: council members: Lidia

Possas and Adriana Piscitelli (continuing from 2015), and Marlise Matos and Claudia de Lima Costa (elected in 2016); co-chairs: Roberta Villalón (continuing from 2015) and Erika Marquez (elected in 2016); treasurer: Cristina Lira (elected in 2016); secretary: Maria Stella Toro (continuing from 2015).

Last, at the business meeting there was a motion approved to write and distribute a letter against the Brazilian coup from the perspective of the section, that is, emphasizing gender aspects as well as racial/ethnic and other social factors evident in the political process against Dilma Rousseff. The letter was edited and sent out to LASA's Executive Office so our text would be incorporated in the official/general version of the letter that LASA would distribute to its membership (see a copy of the letter below).

PORTUGUESE

Considerando: que a maneira arbitrária e casuística pela qual o processo de impeachment tem sido encaminhado contra a Presidenta Dilma Rousseff constitui um ataque à democracia brasileira;

Considerando: que a democracia é uma condição indispensável para atingir um futuro digno e socialmente justo para todos os habitantes da região;

Considerando: que a comunidade internacional de latino-americanistas tem historicamente se colocado como solidária nas lutas em defesa da democracia;

Considerando: que os discursos misóginos a favor do impeachment, invocados por deputados, senadores, mídia e organizações da sociedade civil, indicam retrocessos no governo interino com relação a direitos

adquiridos por mulheres, pessoas LGBT, povos indígenas e afro-descendentes.

Fica resolvido que:

A Secção de Estudos Feministas e e de Gênero da LASA denuncia o corrente processo de impeachment no Brasil como antidemocrático e encoraja suas sócias e seus sócios a chamar a atenção do mundo para os perigosos precedentes que este processo estabelece para toda a região da América Latina.

ENGLISH

Whereas: the arbitrary and casuistic manner in which the impeachment process is being carried out against President Dilma Rousseff constitutes an attack against Brazilian democracy;

Whereas: democracy is an indispensable condition for attaining a dignified and socially just future for all of the region's inhabitants;

Whereas: the international community of Latin Americanists has long stood in solidarity with struggles in defense of democracy; and

Whereas: the misogynist pro-impeachment discourses invoked by Congress members, mainstream media and civil society organizations indicate a backlash by the interim government regarding the rights of women, the LGBT community, and indigenous and Afro-descendent peoples.

Be it resolved that:

LASA Gender and Feminist Studies Section denounces the current impeachment process in Brazil as antidemocratic and encourages its members to call the world's attention to the dangerous precedents

that this process establishes for the entire region.

Health, Science, and Technology

Submitted by Raul Necochea, Chair

At the 2016 LASA Congress in New York, the Health, Science, and Technology Section organized the panel "Salud pública y medicina: Asuntos pendientes y nuevos temas en América Latina y el Caribe." Presenting were Stefan Pohl-Valero (Universidad del Rosario), Elizabeth Roberts (University of Michigan); Heather McCrea (Kansas State University); and Mary Clark (Tulane University).

The section also awarded two travel grants, to Betina Freidin (Universidad de Buenos Aires/CONICET); and Stefan Pohl-Valero (Universidad del Rosario). In addition, the section honored the recipients of the following prizes: book award: Marcos Cueto and Steve Palmer, *Medicine and Public Health in Latin America: A History* (Cambridge University Press, 2015); article award: Stefan Pohl-Valero, "La Raza Entra por la Boca": Energy, Diet, and Eugenics in Colombia, 1890–1940," *Hispanic American Historical Review* 94, no. 3 (2014): 455–486; dissertation award: Kathryn Gallien, "Delivering the Nation, Raising the State: The Politics of Race and Gender in Bolivia's Obstetric Movement, 1900–1982" (Department of History, University of Arizona).

Eleven colleagues joined us in our business meeting. We reelected Raul Necochea (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill) as chair, and elected Jonathan Ablard (Ithaca College) to the council. Dr. Ablard will join currently serving council members Jadwiga Pieper-Mooney (University of Arizona), Mary Clark (Tulane University), Rebecca Hester (Virginia Tech), and Eve

Buckley (University of Delaware). The section gratefully acknowledges the service of outgoing council members Oscar Perez (Skidmore College), Mariola Espinosa (University of Iowa), and Julia Rodriguez (University of New Hampshire).

The section will call on its membership for ideas for our section-sponsored event for the LASA Congress next year. Likewise, we will work closely with Okezi Otovo (Florida International University), chair of the Public Health track for Lima 2017, to coordinate our mutual interests.

Historia Reciente y Memoria

Submitted by Juan Hernández García, Co-chair; Emilio Crenzel, Co-chair; and Marie-Eve Monette, Secretary

Durante el Congreso LASA2016 en New York, la Sección Historia Reciente y Memoria tuvo cuatro actividades, dos oficiales y dos extra oficiales. La primera fue la Reunión de Negocios de la sección, el domingo 29 de mayo, a las 7:45 pm, en el del Hilton Midtown Hotel. En la reunión se dio el informe de las actividades del año, incluyendo las del Congreso LASA2016. Además, se nominaron los candidatos para la nueva directiva, que fue confirmada por voto en internet. La nueva directiva quedó conformada por Juan R. Hernández García (Universidad de Puerto Rico) y Emilio Crenzel (Universidad de Buenos Aires/ CONICET) como co-presidentes. Marie-Eve Monette (University of Alabama) es la nueva secretaria, y el Consejo Asesor estará conformado por Mariana Joffily (UDESC), Marie Cruz Soto (New York University), Alison Bruey (University of North Florida), Aldo Marchesi (Universidad de la República) y Alejandro Cerda García (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Xochimilco).

También se presentó la premiación del Concurso Mejor Libro Historia Reciente y Memoria 2016. El primer premio recayó en el texto de Kirsten Weld, *Paper Cadavers: The Archives of Dictatorship in Guatemala*. El jurado otorgó una Mención Especial Aportación Epistemológica y Metodológica a Natalia Fortuny por su libro *Memorias fotográficas: Imagen y dictadura en la fotografía argentina contemporánea*. Además, se le otorgó la Mención Honrosa “Joven Investigador” a Pamela de Almeida Resende por su libro *Os vigilantes da ordem: a cooperação Deops/SP e SNI e a suspeição aos movimentos pela anistia (1975–1983)*.

La segunda actividad oficial de la sección fue el panel oficial de la sección, titulado “Archivos de la historia reciente y memoria en América Latina y el Caribe: nuevas miradas, conceptualizaciones e implicaciones”. Esta actividad se desarrolló el lunes 30 de mayo, a las 2:30 pm, en el Grand Ballroom East del Hilton Midtown Hotel. Participaron como ponentes Mariana R. Joffily (UDESC), Alejandro Cerda García (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Xochimilco), Vania Markarian (Universidad de la República), Florencia Levín (Universidad General Sarmiento) y Emilio Ariel Crenzel (Universidad de Buenos Aires/CONICET). Alison Bruey (University of North Florida) sirvió como comentadora del panel. Tuvimos también otras dos sesiones organizadas por miembros exclusivamente de la sección, con los participantes todos también miembros de la sección, y aceptada por la convocatoria abierta del congreso. La primera fue el panel titulado “Repensando y reconceptualizando los archivos de violencia, historia reciente y memoria en América Latina y el Caribe”. Este panel fue el lunes 30 de mayo, a las 8:00 am, en el salón Liberty 1 del Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel. En este panel presentaron sus trabajos Marie

Cruz Soto (New York University), Marie-Eve Monette (University of Alabama) y Juan R. Hernández García (Universidad de Puerto Rico). La otra sesión aceptada por la convocatoria abierta del congreso que organizamos fue el taller titulado “Nuevas aproximaciones y posibilidades epistemológicas de la historia reciente y memoria en América Latina y el Caribe”. Este taller se desarrolló el lunes 30 de mayo, a las 12:45 pm, en el Hilton Boardroom del Hilton Midtown Hotel. El taller fue una discusión importante abierta con todo el público sobre las nuevas posibilidades de la historia reciente como proyecto intelectual, y el rol de nuestra sección en promover y definir este proyecto. Como presentadores oficiales participaron Susana M. Kaiser (University of San Francisco), Celia del Palacio (Universidad Veracruzana), Marie Cruz Soto (New York University), Marie-Eve Monette (University of Alabama) y Juan R. Hernández García (Universidad de Puerto Rico). Hasta principios de mayo del 2016, la Sección Historia Reciente y Memoria tiene un total de 95 miembros activos, lo que significa un crecimiento de 37 por ciento del año anterior. Esto nos garantiza dos paneles para el próximo Congreso LASA2017 en Lima, Perú. Hemos abierto páginas de Facebook y Twitter, buscando llegar a más personas. En Facebook nos pueden buscar como LASA – Historia Reciente y Memoria, en Twitter nos pueden buscar @HReciente. Los invitamos a seguirnos, y que también inviten a sus amigos y colegas a seguirnos en estas redes y a usarlas como espacios de discusión durante todo el año. Por estos medios trataremos de buscar más inscripciones en la sección, más tener la oportunidad de mantenernos en contacto y discutiendo proyectos nuevos durante todo el año.

Concurso Mejor Libro Sección Historia y Memoria: Jurado: Celia del Palacio,

Universidad Veracruzana; Marie-Eve Monette, University of Alabama; Juan R. Hernández García, Universidad de Puerto Rico. El comité del Concurso Mejor Libro Sección Historia Reciente y Memoria evaluó cinco (5) finalistas. La calidad, diversidad y originalidad de los textos sometidos fue sorprendente y emocionante. Para estos textos leídos completos, estudiamos las fortalezas de cada uno, tomando en cuenta, primero que nada, su aportación al campo de la historia reciente en América Latina, en términos de nuevas propuestas metodológicas y epistemológicas. Gran parte de los textos que leímos repiensen de maneras muy interesantes el campo de estudio, que constituye, o puede constituir un archivo de historia reciente, y cómo repensar el documento. Luego de varias conversaciones entre el jurado, escogimos los tres libros que mejor representaron esos proyectos. El primer premio recayó en el texto de Kirsten Weld, *Paper Cadavers: The Archives of Dictatorship in Guatemala*. En este trabajo, Weld problematiza la noción misma de documento y archivo en el contexto de la destrucción que provocaron las dictaduras militares latinoamericanas durante la Guerra Fría. Representa a la vez una aportación importante al desarrollar la noción de rescate de esos archivos de violencia extrema. El comité otorgó una Mención Especial Aportación Epistemológica y Metodológica a Natalia Fortuny por su libro *Memorias fotográficas: Imagen y dictadura en la fotografía argentina contemporánea*. El libro presenta de manera importante el uso de las fuentes visuales como documentos historiográficos del pasado reciente violento y el comité consideró que representa un avance epistemológico importante para el campo de la historia reciente y memoria. Además, otorgamos la Mención Honrosa “Joven Investigador” a Pamela de Almeida Resende por su libro *Os vigilantes da*

ordem: A cooperação Deops/SP e SNI e a suspeição aos movimentos pela anistia (1975–1983). Este trabajo presenta una serie de posibilidades interesantes para repensar el concepto mismo de la amnistía y, conectado a este, nociones sobre archivos y derechos humanos. Por último, el comité reconoció como finalistas a Álvaro de Giorgi, y su libro *Sanguinetti: La otra historia del pasado reciente* y a Alejandra Oberti, por su libro *Las revolucionarias: militancia, vida cotidiana y afectividad en los setenta*. Ambos representan aportaciones importantes para entender la historia reciente desde una figura política específica, y para también desarrollar perspectivas de género. Gracias a todos los que sometieron sus textos, y a la Sección de Historia Reciente por abrir este espacio para promover este campo de estudio. Aquí incluimos los cinco libros finalistas de la competencia: Kirsten Weld, *Paper Cadavers: The Archives of Dictatorship in Guatemala*; Natalia Fortuny, *Memorias fotográficas: Imagen y dictadura en la fotografía argentina contemporánea*; Pamela de Almeida Resende, *Os vigilantes da ordem: A cooperação Deops/SP e SNI e a suspeição aos movimentos pela anistia (1975–1983)*; Álvaro de Giorgi, *Sanguinetti: La otra historia del pasado reciente*; Alejandra Oberti, *Las revolucionarias: Militancia, vida cotidiana y afectividad en los setenta*.

International Migrations

Submitted by Sara Poggio and María Amelia Viteri Burbano, Co-chairs

According to decisions taken in Puerto Rico at our business meeting, we worked during 2015–2016 in the preparation of the pre-conference: “New York as a Global City: A Critical Perspective,” New York, May 26, 2016. The pre-conference was

held in 108-50 Roosevelt Avenue, Jackson Heights, Corona, Queens, New York.

According to the number of members that we have in Puerto Rico we were able to present two panels and a workshop during the 2016 Congress in New York. We distributed a call for papers among our members for both the panels and the workshop and we selected the following panels and workshop: Panel 1, “Globalizing Cities, Migration and the State in Latin America”; Panel 2, “New Shifts in Migration, Spaces and Racisms in Latin America: Discussing Research Methods for Understanding South-South Migration in Chile and Ecuador”; Workshop, “Understanding Immigration and Immigrants through the Lens of Time.”

The business meeting was attended by: Daniela Celleri, Jennifer Cook, Christian Duena, Benjamin DuMontier, Carmen Ferradas, Felipe Filomeno, Matthew Hayes, Tania Lizarazo, Thania Muñoz Diaz, Ximena Poo, Camelia Tigau, Sara Poggio, Carolina Ramirez, and Maria Amelia Viteri.

We informed the members who were present at the meeting about the advances of the Section of International Migration in terms of the increase in the membership. We started with 70 members in 2012 and the number has increased since then. In 2016 we counted 176 members, which implies that we will continue organizing three panels for LASA2017.

Discussion of activities for Lima 2017: We will organize a pre-conference to be held a day previous to the beginning of the Congress. Mobility in a very broad sense was used to define the topic for the pre-conference in Lima, Peru, in 2017. Different aspects of mobility will be the topic for pre-conference and for the call for

papers: (1) internal migrations; (2) South to South migrations; (3) intraregional migrations in Latin America; (4) migration policy in Latin America; (5) mobility, bodies, gender and sexualities.

During the discussion with the members of the section it was suggested that the Section for International Migrations could work with the Sections of Gender and Feminist Studies and Sexualities Studies in an effort to coordinate a pre-conference in which the three sections will share costs and resources as well as the schedule for presentation and discussion. The idea is interesting and could be done but it is necessary to think carefully about how to proceed in order to use the time and the topic to be discussed at the event.

Other topics suggested by the members: (1) to develop a network of people and institutions using the members' individual professional networks in Peru and in Lima in special; (2) to add internal and circular displacement within countries (the case of Mexico) as a topic for pre-conference and panels of the section; (3) to explore the contact with the LASA Section on Food, Agriculture, and Rural Studies in order to work with them; (4) to add the topic of migratory patterns from Asia to South America (past and present) to the topic of the pre-conference and panels; (5) to give the section with major visibility through collaboration with journals and migration associations (Mexico, Spain, and other countries); (6) to organize the International Migration Paper Award in 2017.

Changes in governance: The section approved Daniela Celleri (University of Hanover, Germany) as co-chair for South America, replacing Maria Amelia Viteri. Anahí Viladrich (Queens College and the Graduate Center, CUNY) continues as secretary-treasurer. Sara Poggio (University

of Maryland Baltimore County, UMBC) continues as the co-chair for North America. Section Council members are Felipe Filomeno (UMBC), Thania Muñoz Diaz (UMBC), Ximena Poo Figueroa (University of Chile), Camelia Tigau (Center for Research on North America, National Autonomous University of Mexico), and Maria Amelia Viteri (University of San Francisco, Quito).

Labor Studies

Submitted by Maggie Gray

The LASA Labor Section business meeting had 28 members in attendance. We are pleased to announce our new leadership: co-chairs Carlos Salas (México/Brazil) 2016–2018, and Rodolfo Elbert (Argentina) 2016–2017; co-chair elected for 2017–2019, Mariela Quiñones (Uruguay); and secretary-treasurer for 2016–2018, Katherine Maich (USA). Our new council members are Ana Miranda (Argentina) 2016–2018 and Mauricio Padrón Innamorato (México) 2016–2018; our returning council members are Brian Finnegan (USA) 2015–2017, and Nora Goren (Argentina) 2015–2017. Our graduate student co-chairs are Joe Balzer (USA) 2015–2017 and Pablo Perez (Chile/USA) 2016–2018, and our Graduate Student Council members are Lucila D'Urso (Argentina) 2016–2018, Lucas Cifuentes (Chile) 2016–2018, and Anibal Nicolas Saldias (Uruguay/Canada) 2016–2018.

The Labor Section Travel Grant recipients for 2016 were each awarded \$500. They are Lucila D'Urso and Lucas Cifuentes. Lucila is finishing her PhD at la Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA) and she is a researcher with CONICET who is doing a comparative study of union strategies in Brazil and Argentina. Lucas

Cifuentes is director of the “Labour, Social Class and Collective Action” Research Centre of the Sociology Department of Universidad de Chile who has done an impressive job of combining his studies with practical, grounded, and useful research and analysis with various unions and worker organizations.

For the coming year, the Labor Section will aim to have meetings at other conferences such as ALAST (Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudios del Trabajo) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. In addition, we are planning a semiannual newsletter, so please send updates to Co-chair Rodolfo Elbert at elbert.rodolfo@gmail.com.

Latino Studies

Submitted by Marisel Moreno and Nicole Guidotti-Hernández, Co-chairs; Elena Valdez, Secretary; Maria Celleri, Graduate Student Representative

The Latina/o Studies Section of LASA continues to be a vibrant and engaged intellectual community focused on fostering the linkages between ethnic and area studies. Its membership consists of a range of scholars whose teaching and research focus on U.S. Latina/o communities and their transnational connections to other regions in the Americas. Our aim is to maintain a scholarly forum that highlights and addresses the politically urgent challenges and opportunities facing U.S. Latina/o populations. During the period, the Section Council has worked diligently to streamline its institutional and leadership infrastructure, to improve communications with our dynamic membership, and to continue to provide spaces that feature some of the most cutting-edge and important scholarship in Latino studies today.

The section leadership structure is organized around the council, which is made up of a collective of elected scholars that serve two-year terms. We welcome the 2015–2017 leadership cohort: Vanessa Pérez (Brooklyn, CUNY) and Lorgia García-Peña (Harvard) as co-chairs, Elizabeth Martínez (DePaul) as secretary, and Judith Rodríguez (UCI), as graduate student representative. Nominations and elections for new council members will be held in the coming months.

The Latino Studies Section benefited from a significant membership increase this year. The cycle concluded with 219 members, which represents a 63 percent increase from the previous year, qualifying it for four sponsored sessions at LASA2017.

Our section business meeting in New York was attended by a total of 29 people. There was great enthusiasm for expanding section membership and fortifying our institutional presence at LASA. The section awards were announced.

The 2016 Outstanding Article Award Committee was composed by Vanessa Pérez, chair, Aldo Lauria Santiago (Rutgers), and Rita Urquijo-Ruiz (Trinity University). Award co-recipients: Sonia Hernández (Texas A&M), “Revisiting Mexican(a) Labor History through Feminismo Transfronterista From Tampico to Texas and Beyond, 1910–1940”; Simon Trujillo (NYU), “‘USA Is Trespassing in New Mexico’: La Alianza Federal de Mercedes and the Subaltern Historiography of Indo-Hispano Mestizaje.”

The members of the 2016 Outstanding Dissertation in Latina/o Studies Award Committee were Lorgia García-Peña, chair, Yolanda Martínez-San Miguel (Rutgers), Julie Minich (UT-Austin), and Luis Alvarez. Winner: Natalie Lira (University of

Illinois Urbana-Champaign), “Of Low-Grade Mexican Parentage: Race, Gender and Eugenic Sterilization in California Institutions for the Feebleminded, 1920–1950.” Honorable Mentions: Emma Amador (University of Michigan). “Welfare is Work: Social Welfare, Migration, and Women’s Activism in Puerto Rican Communities After 1917”; Yomaira Figueroa (Michigan State University), “Languages of Exile and Diaspora: A De-colonial Approach to the Literature of U.S. Latina/o Caribbean and Equatorial Guinea.”

The section sponsored three panels in 2016: “Disability and Latinidad,” “Roundtable in Honor of Juan Flores,” and “Pre-20th Century Latino/a New York City.”

Mass Media and Popular Culture *Submitted by Silvia G. Kurlat Ares, Chair*

Durante LASA 2016 en New York, la Sección de Medios Masivos y Cultura Popular presentó dos mesas redondas, que fueron organizadas por Pablo Alabarces en su calidad de miembro del Secretariado de la Sección. Tituladas “Entre los estudios culturales, la sociología de la cultura y los estudios de medios masivos: La cultura popular como cruce de caminos” I y II, contaron con la participación del propio Alabarces, y de Ana del Sarto, Gustavo Remedi, Omar Gerardo Rincón Rodríguez, Pablo Vila, Silvia G. Kurlat Ares, Ana Escosteguy y Monica Szurmuk. Los participantes discutieron el estado de los estudios de la cultura popular como disciplina frente a los cambiantes objetos con los que ésta se enfrenta, así como las nuevas apuestas teóricas que permiten nuevas definiciones del campo. Ambas contaron con una nutrida asistencia y fueron seguidas de interesantes discusiones

en las que intervinieron tanto los presentadores como el público.

La Sección también tuvo una recepción el domingo por la noche, donde nuestros miembros tuvieron oportunidad de encontrarse con otros colegas e intercambiar ideas con miembros de otras secciones.

Durante el Business Meeting, tal y como estaba planeado, se anunciaron los nuevos Chairs de la Sección quienes acceden a sus puestos tras las elecciones. Pablo Alabarces y Matthew Bush son los nuevos co-chairs. Silvia Kurlat Ares permanecerá en el secretariado por un año más, siguiendo los estatutos de LASA. Pedro Pablo Porbén y Juanita Darling permanecen como miembros de Secretariado.

Durante el Business Meeting se discutió la necesidad de implementar mejoras en el sistema de comunicaciones de la Sección, en el uso de la página Web que la Sección tiene en LASA, y los posibles planes para Lima 2017.

Nineteenth Century *Submitted by William G. Acree, Co-chair*

The Nineteenth Century Section held its first business meeting at this year’s Congress. Twenty-three members attended. William Acree and Adriana Pacheco (2015–2016 co-chairs) and María Luisa Martínez (2015–2017 secretary-treasurer) discussed the steps and work involved in the proposal of the new section and surveyed the section’s achievements since LASA approved its creation in July 2015: (1) growing our membership, which reached 99 as of the start of the 2016 Congress; (2) expanding the Facebook community of nineteenth-century scholars (at 266 members) and efforts to publicize LASA

sessions; (3) organizing our official section session on “The New Nineteenth Century” and a linked workshop on “Teaching Nineteenth-Century Latin America to Twenty-First Century Students.” At each of these there were more than 30 attendees. The new co-chairs for the 2016–2017 cycle are Adriana Pacheco (Universidad de las Américas, Puebla) and Ronald Briggs (Barnard College). Pacheco and Briggs discussed goals for the coming term: (1) creating a book prize and a dissertation prize, with the first awards to be given in 2017; (2) establishing a new Web portal to facilitate even more communication about research and conferences among members; (3) Proyecto 126—our initiative to continue growing membership that will solidify our presence in LASA and allow us to host more section sessions in the future. Finally, present members suggested the creation of an article prize for graduate students in lieu of the dissertation prize and requested that section officers discuss with LASA officers possibilities for avoiding overlap in sessions on nineteenth-century themes.

Scholarly Communication and Research

Submitted by Gayle Williams, Latin American and Caribbean Information Services Librarian, Florida International University

The LASA Scholarly Communication and Research Section business meeting, on May 29, 2016, was attended by Gayle Williams, Florida International University; Pamela Graham, Columbia University; Lisa Gardinier, University of Iowa; Jade Madrid, Tulane University; Tracy North, Library of Congress; Frank Egerton, Oxford University; Jesús Alonso-Regalado, SUNY Albany; and Sócrates Silva, Columbia University.

Chair Sarah Buck-Kachaluba (Florida State University) was unable to attend. Gayle shared a message she and Sarah received in early May. This is the second year in a year that the section has had a membership under 50 people. LASA stipulates that a section must maintain at least 50 members to continue existence and therefore the section is facing dissolution after this year’s Congress.

Discussion centered around the dissolution issue. Some quick checking shows the section dates back to 1967. In that period it produced bibliographies on Latin American topics. During the 1990s section members led standing room only workshops that introduced faculty members to searching online catalogs and early webpages with Latin American content. At the San Juan Congress in 2015, the section moderated a panel on open access publishing. Many members have been Latin American studies librarians who are also active in the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) but section membership has always included scholars from other spheres.

Participants noted the plethora of panels dealing with archives and digital scholarship at this year’s Congress. Scholars in various disciplines organized these panels and meeting participants agreed that these are activities in which most of us (librarians) are involved. Keeping the section in existence would allow for future planning of panels and workshops to which we can contribute our expertise. One suggestion that came up is to contact the individuals who organized this year’s archives and digital scholarship panels and invite them to consider joining the section. We can also turn to SALALM to encourage members to join the section when they renew their LASA memberships.

There was consensus that an effort needs to be made to keep the section alive. Gayle Williams and Pamela Graham were willing to attend the LASA section chairs meeting on the following evening to determine if LASA is willing to provide additional time to preserve the section.

Sexualities Studies

Submitted by Claudia Salazar Jiménez, Co-chair

La reunión de la Sección se llevó a cabo el 29 de Mayo con la participación de treinta miembros. En esta reunión se decidió apoyar la moción de la Sección Cono Sur sobre un proceso más claro de selección de papers y la reubicación de las becas de viaje. También surgió la idea de presentar a la directiva de LASA la problemática del rechazo de visas que han afectado a algunos miembros. Por ejemplo, uno de los paneles de la Sección se vio afectado por la denegación de la visa a dos de sus miembros.

Todos estos temas fueron presentados en la reunión de Chairs de Secciones a la directiva de LASA.

La votación durante la reunión de la Sección dio estos resultados por unanimidad: Claudia Salazar claudiasalazarjimenez@gmail.com continuará su segundo año como Co-Chair. Cynthia Francica cynthiafrancica@gmail.com fue elegida como Co-Chair. Yolanda Martínez yolandamaria@optonline.net continuará su tercer año como Tesorera.

El jurado del Premio Sylvia Molloy compuesto por Carlos Riobó, Dara Goldman y Vincent Cervantes, nombró ganadora a Licia Fiol-Matta por su artículo “A Queer Mother for the Nation Redux: Gabriela Mistral in the Twenty-First

Century”. Asimismo, hizo una mención honrosa a Javier Guerrero por su artículo “Piel de archivo”.

El jurado del Premio Carlos Monsiváis compuesto por: James Green y Carson Morris, nombró ganadores a Héctor Carrillo y Jorge Fontdevila por su artículo “Border Crossings and Shifting Sexualities among Mexican Gay Immigrant Men: Beyond Monolithic Conceptions.” También se hizo una mención honrosa a Fernando Urrea-Giraldo y Ange La Furcia por su artículo: “Pigmentocracia del deseo en el mercado sexual Trans de Cali, Colombia”.

La sección organizó una Pre-Conferencia en la sede de Stony Brook Manhattan, el jueves 26 de Mayo desde las 9am a 5pm. Se presentaron cuatro paneles: “Derechos y Políticas LGTBI”, “Representaciones queer en la literatura y el cine”, “Diversidad, cultura pop y migraciones LGTBI” y “Nuevas publicaciones LGTBI”.

De acuerdo al número de miembros, este año contamos con dos paneles en el congreso de LASA: (1) “Masculinidades Queer, Migración y Sexualidad” y (2) “Pensando lo ‘queer’ y el ‘Perú’”. Este segundo panel sufrió la baja de dos miembros que no recibieron la visa.

La Sección también organizó una recepción en conjunto con las Secciones de Latino Studies y Haitian/Dominican Studies el 29 de Mayo.

En la reunión de la Sección se discutió la posibilidad de hacer una Pre-Conferencia en el próximo LASA, en conjunción con la Sección de Género y probablemente con la de Migraciones.

Southern Cone Studies

Submitted by Fernando Blanco, Co-chair

Actividades de la sección durante el año calendario:

Simposios regionales: Celebración de “Actores, Demandas, Intersecciones”: I Simposio de la Sección de Estudios del Cono Sur (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, 4–7 agosto 2015). El simposio contó con 440 participantes/ 83 paneles/ 3 *keynotes*/ 3 talleres/ 14 becas/ 1 institución organizadora/ 3 instituciones co-organizadoras.

Constitución Comité Organizador de II Simposio de la Sección de Estudios del Cono Sur (Montevideo, agosto, 2017). Coorganizan: Universidad de la República, Biblioteca Nacional, University of Notre Dame/ Stony Brook University/ Asociación de Profesores de Literatura, The Fulbright Commission for Educational Exchange. Comisión a cargo de las colegas María Rosa Olivera Williams y Javier Uriarte.

Publicaciones: Publicación dos números de revista *Conversaciones del Cono Sur*: (<https://conosurconversaciones.wordpress.com>) a cargo de la colega Leila Gómez. Del simposio en Santiago de Chile, se derivan tres publicaciones: Actas electrónicas (forthcoming, 2016); Dossier en *Revista Iberoamericana*: “Periferias, residuos, ruinas: otra cartografía del Cono Sur” (forthcoming, 2016); Libro: *Actores, demandas, intersecciones* (forthcoming, 2017).

Difusión y redes de trabajo: Implementación *newsletter* de la sección ([memberships@conosur@uc.cl](mailto:memberships@conosur.uc.cl)) y consolidación de su presencia en redes sociales (Facebook, Twitter).

Conformación de la red de estudiantes graduados de la sección como una entidad paralela al interior de la sección. De esta red —coordinada por James Staig (University of Texas, Austin)— surge la primera versión del premio Excelencia en Tesis Doctoral.

Conformación de redes de apoyo estratégico con los respectivos consulados nacionales—en una primera etapa, se consigue apoyo de Embajada de Chile para celebración de encuentro con el novelista y guionista Roberto Brodsky (autor del guión del filme *Machuca*).

Lo anterior, ha permitido la institucionalización de la práctica de invitar a un creador, artista o pensador de la sección a una presentación de su trabajo en el contexto de los eventos especiales de sección.

Primera etapa de proyecto de integración de los colegas del Paraguay con intereses de investigación el área del Cono Sur—contactos preliminares han sido encabezados por Saúl Sosnowski).

Premios y reconocimientos: Convocatoria y entrega de nuevo Premio de Excelencia en Tesis Doctoral, instancia dirigida a reconocer el trabajo de los estudiantes graduados que forman parte de la sección. (Premiación se realizará en *meeting* de sección en LASA at 50.)

Primer lugar Excelencia en Tesis Doctoral para Sebastián Vidal por “Small Town, Incredible Hell: Visual Arts, Advertising and Mass Media in the Early Democratic Transition in Chile (1988–1994)”, dirigida por George Flaherty en colaboración con Andrea Giunta en University of Texas, Austin.

Mención honrosa Excelencia en Tesis Doctoral para María Soledad Lastra por “Los retornos del exilio en Argentina y Uruguay: Una historia comparada de las políticas y las tensiones en la recepción y asistencia en las posdictaduras (1983–1989)”, dirigida por Marina Franco en colaboración con Andrés Bisso en la Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Convocatoria y entrega para premios Mejor Libro en Humanidades y Mejor Libro en Ciencias Sociales. Premiación se realizará en *meeting* de sección en LASA at 50.

Primer lugar Mejor Libro en Humanidades para Sebastián Díaz-Duhalde por *La última guerra: Cultura visual de la guerra contra Paraguay*.

Mención honrosa, Mejor Libro en Humanidades para Alejandra Uslenghi por *Latin America at Fin-de-Siècle Universal Exhibitions: Modern Cultures of Visuality*.

Primer lugar Mejor Libro en Ciencias Sociales para Edward Murphy por *For a Proper Home: Housing Rights in the Margins of Urban Chile, 1960–2010*.

Mención honrosa Mejor Libro en Ciencias Sociales para Alex Borucki por *From Shipmates to Soldiers: Emerging Black Identities in the Río de la Plata*.

Business Meeting: Durante el business meeting se acordó llamar a elecciones de acuerdo al año calendario heredado de la gestión de Leila Gómez, quien dejó el cargo a mediados de su primer periodo en octubre. No hubo presentación de candidatos ni objeciones a la sugerencia. Asistencia de 57 miembros.

Al igual que en 2015, la sección invitó a una recepción pública. En la ocasión, se

desarrollará un conversatorio abierto entre el narrador Roberto Brodsky y el crítico Saúl Sosnowski. Al final de la misma, se ofrecerá un vino de honor. Domingo 29 de mayo, 9:00 p.m., Lincoln. Asistencia de 47 personas.

Paneles patrocinados por la sección: “Managing Memory: Human Rights Landscape and the Road Ahead”.

Participan: Ksenija Bilbija, Elizabeth Lira, Leigh A. Payne, Nancy J Gates-Madsen, Idelber Avelar y Mabel Moraña. Viernes, 4:15 p.m. Asistencia de 62 personas.

“El Cono Sur más allá de la memoria: Sus nuevas urgencias y sus nuevos debates”. Participan: Ana M. Forcinito, Therese Tardio, Hugo Achúgar, David W Foster, Luis E. Cárcamo-Huechante y Fernando Blanco. Viernes, 6:00 p.m. Asistencia de 51 personas.

“Repertorios clandestinos: La subversión de la memoria en los teatros del Cono Sur”. Participan: Jean Graham-Jones, María Rosa Olivera-Williams, Catherine Boyle, Lorena Verzero, Milena Grass y Cristián Opazo. Sábado, 12:45 p.m. Asistencia de 57 personas.

“Turbulencias del archivo: Otras imágenes para un orden sensible de la historia”.

Participan: Ana María Amado, Andrea G. Giunta, Gabriela Nouzeilles, Mariana R. Botey, Paola L. Cortés-Rocca y —la participación especial— del artista visual Fernando Bryce. Sábado, 6:00 p.m. Asistencia de 70 personas (aprox.)

Venezuelan Studies

Submitted by Vicente Lecuna, Secretary-Treasurer

I am pleased to report on the activities of the Venezuelan Studies Section (SVS)

and on our regular business meeting held during the LASA2016 meeting in New York City Hilton Midtown, New York, NY, Sunday, May 29, 2016.

On April 29, the Fernando Coronil Award for the most outstanding book on Venezuela was announced. The jurors Gustavo Guerrero (Université de Cergy-Pontoise), Graciela Montaldo (Columbia University), and Reuben Zahler (University of Oregon) unanimously awarded *Ficción adulterada: Pasiones ilícitas del entresiglo venezolano* (Beatriz Viterbo Editora), by Nathalie Bouzaglo, and *Barrio Rising: Urban Popular Politics and the Making of Modern Venezuela* (University of California Press), by Alejandro Velasco. Both awardees and three juries were present in the business meeting, May 29.

The section business meeting was held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2016. Thirty-one members attended. Section Chair Javier Guerrero presided. Guerrero proceeded with the formal agenda, previously approved by the members. Guerrero reported that the Venezuelan Studies Section has 148 members. This figure means that SVS will be able to sponsor three panels for LASA2017, one more than 2016.

Members voted on the inclusion of Portuguese as an acceptable language (among already accepted Spanish and English) for the Best Article on Venezuela Award and the Fernando Coronil Award. It was approved almost unanimously.

The *Declaración de Venezolanistas* document on the precarious situation of Venezuela and Venezuelan universities was read. Attending members agreed that the Executive Committee should consider a shorter version to be sent to all members of the SVS, asking for support.

Guerrero announced that the SVS will celebrate the fourth meeting of LASA Caracas in December 2016. The LASA Caracas committee is presided over by Vicente Lecuna.

Nominations were solicited via the section listserv. Elections were conducted online and hosted by LASA. President of the section for 2016–2017 is Vicente Lecuna (resident in Venezuela); secretary-treasurer of the section for 2016–2018 is yet to be elected; newly elected members of council, through 2017: Ronald Briggs, Víctor Carreño (resident in Venezuela), Iraida Casique (resident in Venezuela), Ana Rodríguez-Navas, Magaly Sánchez, José Delpino (graduate student); continuing members, through 2017: Nathalie Bouzaglo, Iria Puyosa, Cecilia Rodríguez (resident in Venezuela), Raul Sánchez Urribarri.

Guerrero announced that the SVS awarded six travel grants to professors residing in Venezuela. Funding for these grants was made possible by SVS memberships, Professor Iria Puyosa's crowd-funding campaign, and special donations by LASA members.

Visual Culture Studies

Submitted by Lisa M. Blackmore, Co-chair

The Visual Culture Studies Section has focused on increasing membership through increased engagement of members through a systematized communications program and the organization of scholarly and social events before, during, and after LASA. This had a positive effect, with membership rising to 130 before the LASA conference in New York. Activities included a collaboration with Film Studies to screen a vintage film at the Filmmakers' Cooperative; a public gallery tour, book

launch of recent publications by section members, and reception at Moment Art in Brooklyn; and a post-conference curator walk through at an exhibition of Latin American art at John Jay College, CUNY. Before the conference, Lisa Blackmore, Kevin Coleman, and Joaquín Barriendos convened a pre-LASA one-day workshop at New York University, which brought together twelve section members around the theme of "Dis/Placed Visualities: Archives, Amnesia, and Aesthetic Practices beyond the Commonplace." Scholars from Latin America, Europe, and the United States exchanged papers in the weeks leading up to the workshop and then responded to each other's papers during a day of intense but highly productive exchanges. At the conference itself, the section organized a double session workshop entitled "Latin/o American Visual Culture: Strategic Alignments from the Cold War to the Twenty-First Century," which took a broad approach to the intersections of the political and the visual and featured participations from visual artists, curators, and researchers: Esther Gabara, Pedro Lasch, Tatiana Flores, Andrea Giunta, Gabriela Rangel, Andrea Noble, Phill Penix-Tadsen, Celeste Olalquiaga, Sarah Montross, Claudia Calirman. Before the business meeting, the section held elections to complete the transition to a co-chair system of governance. Kevin Coleman was elected to a two-year post as co-chair, overlapping with Lisa Blackmore who shifts from chair to co-chair for the period 2016–2017. Three general members were also elected: Kaitlin Murphy, Niamh Thornton, and Liliana Gómez-Popescu. Anna Kingsley remains as secretary-treasurer and Joaquín Barriendos as a general member of the section. ■