LASA members are invited to suggest nominees for vice president, a graduate student member, and three members of the Executive Council for terms beginning June 1, 2018. Criteria for nomination include professional credentials and previous service to LASA. Each candidate must have been a member of LASA in good standing for at least one year prior to nomination. Biographical data and the rationale for nomination must be sent by September 15, 2017, to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas (milagros@pitt.edu).

The winning candidate for vice president will serve in that capacity until May 31, 2019; as president from June 1, 2019, to May 31, 2020; and then as past president for an additional year. Executive Council members and the graduate student member will serve a two-year term from June 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020.

The members of the Nominations Committee are Cynthia McClintock (Chair), George Washington University; María Hermínia Tavares de Almeida, Universidade de São Paulo; Juan Pablo Luna, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile; Jessica Stites, University of British Columbia; Mónica Espinosa Arango, Universidad de los Andes; Barbara Weinstein, New York University, who will serve as the liaison with the LASA Executive Council.

Guillermo O’Donnell Democracy Award and Lectureship
Deadline: September 21, 2017

The Guillermo O’Donnell Democracy Award and Lectureship was established in 2016 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 each 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 at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by September 21, 2017.

Members of the 2018 selection committee are Gabriela Ippolito-O’Donnell (Co-chair), Notre Dame University; Kevin J. Middlebrook (Co-chair), University College London; Alberto Olvera, Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico; Leonardo Avritzer, Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil; Manuel Antonio Garretón, Universidad de Chile; and Frances Hagopian, Harvard University.
Kalman Silvert Award
Deadline: September 21, 2017

The Kalman Silvert Award Committee invites nominations of candidates for the year 2018 award. The Kalman 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.


Nominations should be sent to LASA Executive Director Milagros Pereyra-Rojas, milagros@pitt.edu by September 21, 2017. Nominations must include a substantive nomination letter by a LASA member and the nominee’s current curriculum vitae.

LASA/Oxfam America Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship
Deadline: September 21, 2017

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

This distinguished lectureship is made possible largely by a generous contribution from Oxfam America, an organization committed to grassroots work and one with which Martin Diskin was closely associated. Past lecturers 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 Aída Hernández Castillo, CIESAS (2003); Jonathan Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz (2004); William Leogrande, American University (2006); Orlando Fals Bordas (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); Maria Mercedes Olivera y Bustamante, CESMECA (2016); and Daniel Mato, UNTREF-CONICET (2017).

Members of the 2018 Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship Committee are Daniel Mato (Chair), UNTREF-CONICET; Rocio Silva Santiesteban, Universidad Antonio Ruiz de Montoya; Kevin Healy, Oxfam America; and Katherine Hite, Vassar University.

Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome. A nomination should include a substantive nomination letter by a current LASA member, the nominee’s current curriculum vitae, complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than September 21, 2017, to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu. The award will be announced at the LASA2018 Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored.
LASA/Oxfam America Martin Diskin Dissertation Award
Deadline: September 21, 2017

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 Ph.D. All advanced Ph.D. candidates must demonstrate that they will complete their dissertation prior to the LASA International Congress. LASA limits recent Ph.D. recipients to those individuals who received their degrees after the LASA Congress prior to the one at which the award is to be received. LASA welcomes dissertations written in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.

The Award Committee will evaluate three criteria: (1) overall scholarly credentials, based upon the candidate’s curriculum vitae; (2) the quality of the dissertation writing, research, and analysis as determined by the dissertation outline and sample chapter submitted; (3) the primary advisor’s letter of recommendation. The definition of activist scholarship shall remain broad and 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, which exemplifies the author’s approach to activist scholarship; and a letter of recommendation from the candidate’s primary advisor which focuses explicitly on the candidate’s qualifications for the Martin Diskin Dissertation Award.

All application materials must be submitted electronically to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu and received by September 21, 2017. The Martin Diskin Dissertation Award recipient will receive a $1,000 stipend. LASA encourages wide distribution of this call for nominations to colleagues and students. The award will be announced at the LASA2018 Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored.

The 2018 selection committee consists of: Martín Benavides (Chair), Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú; Jo-Marie Burt, George Mason University; Kevin Healy, Oxfam America; and Daniel Mato, UNTREF-CONICET.

LASA Media Award
Deadline: September 21, 2017

The LASA Media Award for outstanding media coverage of Latin America is made at every LASA Congress. The award recognizes long-term journalistic contributions to analysis and public debate about Latin America in the United States and in Latin America, as well as breakthrough journalism. Nominations are invited from LASA members and from journalists. Journalists from both print and electronic media are eligible.

The committee will carefully review each nominee’s work and select an award recipient. The award will be announced at the LASA2018 Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored. LASA may invite the awardee to submit materials for possible publication in the LASA Forum.

Past recipients of the awards include: Gustavo Gorriti of Caretas, Lima, Peru (1998); Patricia Verdugo Aguirre of Conama, Chile (2000); Guillermo González Ubide of Número, Bogotá (2001); Eduardo Anguita, Buenos Aires (2003); Julio Scherer, Mexico (2004); María Ester Gilio (2006); Hollman Morris, Colombia (2007); Mario Osava, América Latina Inter Press Service (2009); Carlos Dada, El Faro (2010); José Vales, El Universal de Mexico (2012); Marcela Turati, Periodistas de a Pie (2013); Raúl Peñaranda, Página Siete (2014); Mauricio Weibel, Unión Sudamericana de Corresponsales (2015); Juan Luis Font, ContraPoder, Guatemala (2016); Mariano Castillo, Associated Press, USA (2017).

To make a nomination, please send one copy of the journalist’s electronic portfolio, complete mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by September 21, 2017.
Members of the Media Award committee 2018 are Claudia Ferman (Chair), University of Richmond; June Erlick, Harvard University; Raul Peñaranda, National Endowment for Democracy; Ted Henken, Baruch College; and Héctor Leyva, Universidad Autónoma de Honduras.

Charles A. Hale Fellowship for Mexican History
Deadline: September 21, 2017

This fellowship will reward excellence in historical research on Mexico at the dissertation level. It will be awarded at each LASA International Congress to a Mexican graduate student in the final phase of his or her doctoral research in Mexican history, broadly defined.

Selection will be based on scholarly merit and on the candidate’s potential contribution to the advancement of humanist understanding between Mexico and its global neighbors.

Members of the 2018 selection committee are Pablo Yankelevich (Chair), Colegio de México; Araceli Almaraz, Colegio de la Frontera Norte; Julia Preciado, CIESAS Occidente.

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

To nominate a candidate, send these materials no later than September 21, 2017, to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu. The award will be announced at the LASA2018 Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored.

Howard F. Cline Book Prize in Mexican History
Deadline: September 21, 2017

The Howard F. Cline Book Prize in Mexican History is presented at each LASA International Congress to the author of an outstanding book of major importance to the development of the field of Mexican history, published in English or Spanish. The name of the prize shall be exclusively and always the Howard F. Cline Book Prize in Mexican History to honor Howard F. Cline (1915–1971), Director of the Hispanic Foundation at the Library of Congress (1952–1971), who was a historian of Mexico and a founder of the Latin American Studies Association.

Books eligible for the 2018 award must have been published between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. Books will be judged on the quality of research, analysis, and writing and the significance of their contribution to the history of Mexico. Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers.

Persons who nominate books are responsible for confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to each member of the Award Committee, at the expense of the authors or publishers.

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. Packets should be sent directly to individual award committee members and to the LASA Secretariat by September 21, 2017. Applications for the Howard F. Cline Book Prize in Mexican History nominations can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the Award Submission Form and send it back to the
LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by September 21. For international shipping, please label all books as gifts and not as samples.

All books nominated must reach each member of the Award Committee and the LASA Secretariat by September 21, 2017. By January 20, 2018, the committee will select a winning book. The award will be announced at the LASA2018 Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award.

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Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award
Deadline: September 21, 2017

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 2018 award must have been published between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. 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 the authors or publishers. 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. Packets should be sent directly to individual award committee members and to the LASA Secretariat by September 21, 2017. Nominations for the Luciano Tomassini Latin American International Relations Book Award can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the Award Submission Form and send it back to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by September 21, 2017. For international shipping, please label all books as gifts and not as samples.
All books nominated must reach each member of the Award Committee and the LASA Secretariat by September 21, 2017. By January 20, 2018, the committee will select a winning book. It may also name an honorable mention. The award will be announced at the LASA2018 Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored. LASA membership is not a requirement to receive the award.

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Bryce Wood Book Award
Deadline: September 21, 2017

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 LASA2018 International Congress will be those published between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. 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 are normally not considered for the award. Books will be judged on the quality of 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 and to the LASA Secretariat, at the expense of the authors or publishers. A nomination packet should include copies of the nominated book (one for each member of the award committee and one for the LASA Secretariat), and the nominee’s complete mailing address, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail address. Nominations for the Bryce Wood Book Award can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the award submission form and send it to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by September 21. For international shipping, please label all books as gifts and not as samples.
Premio Iberoamericano

Deadline: September 21, 2017

The Premio Iberoamericano is presented at each of LASA’s International Congresses to an outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in Spanish or Portuguese in any country.

Books eligible for the 2018 award must have been published between July 1, 2016, and June 30, 2017. No book may compete more than once. Normally not considered 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 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 and the LASA Secretariat by September 21, 2017. Nominations for the Premio Iberoamericano can be submitted electronically. Please fill out the award submission form and send it to the LASA Secretariat at lasa.awards@pitt.edu by September 21. For international shipping, please label all books as gifts and not as samples. LASA membership is not a requirement for receiving the award. The award will be announced at the Awards Ceremony and the awardee publicly honored.

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Ford-LASA Special Projects, Twelfth Cycle
Deadline: September 15, 2017

LASA is pleased to announce the twelfth cycle of the Ford-LASA Special Projects competition, made possible by a contribution by the Ford Foundation to the LASA Endowment Fund. Funds provided will support such activities as transregional research initiatives, conferences, working groups, the development of curriculum and teaching resources, and similar projects organized and carried out by LASA Sections or by ad hoc groups of LASA members.

Proposers are encouraged to think creatively about how this funding might be used to advance the principles of hemispheric collaboration among Latin American Studies scholars and teachers. Proposals that do not assign priority to this objective will not be considered for funding.

Proposals should identify the participants in the proposed activity, the objectives of the project, and the process by which those objectives are to be achieved. The total amount requested in each proposal may not exceed $12,500. Grants may be combined with other sources of funding, and may be used to initiate projects that continue with funding from other sources. No project or group will be funded more than once.

Proposals of no more than five (5) single-spaced pages in length must be received by the LASA Secretariat by September 15, 2017. Please send the proposals to lasa.awards@pitt.edu. Proposals will be reviewed by a panel of LASA members appointed and chaired by the Vice President of LASA for each program cycle. Preference will be given to projects that involve transregional collaboration in the Western Hemisphere, and which are intended to result in publication of project results. It may be possible for LASA to disseminate project results, including conference papers, through its website, which would not preclude eventual publication in other media. Project directors are encouraged to consider submitting a panel proposal based on their preliminary work for presentation at the May 2018 LASA Congress. By June 30, 2018, the project directors will be required to submit a report on the activities undertaken with Special Project funding, suitable for publication in the LASA Forum.