

Section Reports 2016-2017

Asia and the Americas

Co-chairs: Monica DeHart, University of Puget Sound; Vladimir Rouvinski, Icesi University

On Saturday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m., the Section for Asia and the Americas held its business meeting. The co-chairs informed the meeting's 11 attendees about the section's activities over the preceding 12 months.

Pre-congress workshop: On Friday, April 28, the section hosted its sixth pre-congress workshop, entitled "La Alianza de Pacifico: El redescubrimiento latinoamericano de Asia." Seven panelists participated in a roundtable conversation about the Pacific Alliance from the perspective of the different member countries, moderated by Vladimir Rouvinski. Panelists were José Luis Parra (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), Gonzalo Paz (Georgetown University), Juan Pablo Prado (Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla), Camilo Pérez Restrepo (Universidad Eafit), R. Evan Ellis (US Army War College), and Victor Kheyfets (Saint-Petersburg University). The event drew an audience of approximately 20 people and was followed by continued conversation at a section-sponsored luncheon. Proceedings of the workshop are being compiled by Icesi University for circulation as working papers.

Section panels: The section sponsored two panels at LASA this year. The first, "Desaceleración económica y cambio de modelo en China: Su incidencia en la región," was organized by section member Leonardo Stanley with the participation of Ignacio Bartesaghi Hierro, Enrique Dussel Peters, and Alan Fairlie Reinoso. The second, "The Infrastructure of China-Latin American Relations," was organized by Monica DeHart with the participation

of Cui Shoujun, Victoria Chonn Ching, Benjamin Creutzfeldt, and Cynthia Sanborn. Both section panels and the other five panels that focused specifically on Asia-Latin American relations seemed to draw substantially larger audience this year, indicating a growing interest in the subject matter.

Membership: The section's membership now stands at 74, down one from 2016. This decrease was attributed to members who decided not to come to Lima this year and thus did not renew their memberships rather than a decrease in interest. Indeed, as noted above, section members discerned a growing interest in section themes across the congress. Nonetheless, meeting participants discussed ways to increase the visibility of the section and encourage those who presented papers on the subject matter, but who are not members of the section, to join. Monica will be sending follow-up notes to scholars identified as presenting papers related to Asia and the Americas but who are not currently members of the section to invite their membership.

Communication and outreach: 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 66 members. An "Asia and the Americas" tab was also created on Academia.org to further facilitate exchange of publications and information among section members.

Icesi University recently facilitated a survey among current Asia and the Americas members to probe interest in the launch of more continued outreach vis-à-vis a

newsletter and to elicit information about member areas of specialization. Given both consensus on the utility a newsletter and resources at Icesi to support it, Vladimir will be initiating a newsletter for the section membership that lists new projects and meetings, offers Call for Papers, and facilitates group conversation on important topics.

Section business: Given that the majority of the executive board members were absent from the business meeting (and/or LASA in general) and that all current members are serving a suggested three-year term, there was no need for new elections at this meeting. Nonetheless, Benjamin Creutzfeldt (SAIS) expressed interest in joining the board. Participants in the meeting approved of this proposal and, following the meeting, this news was circulated via e-mail to current board members for approval.

The co-chairs shared news of the approximately \$1,400 section budget and solicited ideas about appropriate spending. Members present agreed that \$250 of the budget should be devoted to supporting the production costs of the section newsletter. Additional fund allocation will be decided in conjunction with the executive board in consideration of LASA2018 proposals.

LASA2018: In considering options for a pre-congress workshop for LASA 2018 in Barcelona, and in keeping with the section's effort to focus these workshops on the meeting location, participants suggested exploring the topic of Triangular Relations between Europe-Asia-Latin America. Monica promised to circulate this idea and others via e-mail and encouraged members to post panel ideas and CFPs on the Facebook site.

The meeting was convened at 9:00 p.m.

Bolivia

XXXV Congreso Internacional (Abril 29–Mayo 1, 2017, Lima)

Número de miembros que pagaron sus cuotas hasta el 4 de abril, 2017: 107

Número total de miembros registrados en la sección: 107

Secretaria Sección (2016-2017): Núria Vilanova, American University, Washington DC

Miembros de la directiva: Raquel Alfaro (University of North Carolina, Pembroke); Martín Carrión, University of the Sciences, Philadelphia; Annabelle Conroy, University of Central Florida; Jessika Eichler (University of Essex)

Consejeras: Chris Krueger, Red Bolivia Mundo; Elizabeth Monasterios (ex secretaria Sección Bolivia)

Reunión de trabajo: La membresía de la sección se reunió el domingo 30 de abril de 8:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m. Asistieron 17 miembros.

Agenda de la reunión: Bienvenida y presentaciones

Informe de actividades de la sección

Informe sobre el estado actual de la membresía miembros. Debemos hacer esfuerzos para seguir aumentando el número de miembros

Informe sobre la presencia de Bolivia en LASA-Lima.

Informe de Linda Farthing sobre el primer año de implementación de 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 en 2018

Planes para los próximos congresos

La reunión fue muy positiva y confirmó el potencial y el entusiasmo de sus miembros para continuar creciendo y desarrollando actividades.

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 \$5000; actualmente la beca cuenta con unos fondos de \$5,785.19. En este momento, hay dos estudiantes en Bolivia, gozando de la beca. Hay que solucionar algunos temas de logística que están pendientes. Sobre todo, el acceso al dinero de los fondos.

Administradores de la Sección 2017–2018: La Directiva encargada de la sección desde mayo 2016, sigue su período hasta LASA 2018, con una vigencia de 2 años de servicio (resolución acordada en Puerto Rico). Ver arriba Miembros de la Directiva.

Actividades y planes futuros: Para el congreso en Lima, la sección preparó dos paneles y apoyó dos más:

“Una mirada interdisciplinaria a los velados antecedentes históricos que, desde la memoria colectiva indígena, predecía la emergencia de un estado plurinacional: Maria Ximena Postigo (organizadora), Elizabeth Monasterios (chair y comentadora), Waskar T. Ari Chachaki, Ximena Cordova y María Ximena Postigo (ponentes)

“Políticas bajo Evo Morales: éxitos, fracasos y desafíos”, Sesión 1: Linda Farthing (organizadora y chair), Moira Zuazo (comentadora), Jones Wolff, Kate Centellas, Hiroki Ishizaka (panelistas)

“Políticas bajo Evo Morales: éxitos, fracasos y desafíos”, Sesión 2: Roberta L Rice (organizadora, chair y comentadora), Erika M. Brockmann, John Cameron, Kirsten S. Francescone, Pablo F. Laguna (panelistas)

“Gamaliel Churata: Potencial político y desafíos estéticos del escritor andino menos comprendido del siglo XX”: Elizabeth Monasterios (organizadora), Núria Vilanova (chair), José Luis Ayala (comentador), Meritxell Hernando, Elizabeth Monasterios, Mauro Mamani (panelistas).

Todos los paneles gozaron de un gran número de asistentes, y originaron discusiones enriquecedoras. Los miembros de la sección Bolivia, presentes en LASA, mostraron gran satisfacción con estas circunstancias.

Además, la sección Bolivia se alegra mucho que se incluyera en el programa de cine LASA Film Festival 2017, un documental dedicado al Salar de Uyuni – *Salero* (2016) – y dos películas renovadas: *El bolillo fatal* o *El emblema de la muerte* (1927) y *Wara Wara* (1930).

Actividad pos-LASA: Conversatorio sobre la obra y proyección intelectual del escritor boliviano Gamaliel Churata, en el auditorio de la Facultad de Letras y Ciencias de la Universidad de San Marcos, en Lima. Participantes: Guissella González Fernández, Meritxell Hernando, Elizabeth Monasterios, Mauro Mamani.

Planes para el futuro: Seguir involucrando activamente a la membresía en las propuestas de paneles y talleres para los próximos congresos, muy especialmente LASA 2018 en Barcelona, España.

Fortalecer la página web de la sección, con la finalidad de: 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. d) de ser posible, crear un enlace a la publicación *Bolivian Studies Journal* (University of Pittsburgh)

Vincular la publicación *Bolivian Studies Journal* a la Sección Bolivia.

Seguir apoyando la beca Ben Kohl, mejorando temas de logística y de acceso a los fondos.

Organización del II Simposio de Bolivianistas de la Sección LASA-Bolivia, en American University, en la primavera del 2018.

Elecciones para la nueva dirección de la Sección 2018–2019.

Brazil

Joseph Marques and Tracy Devine Guzmán, co-chairs 2016–2017

Executive Committee: The Executive Committee of the Brazil Section for the year 2016–2017 consisted of the following members: co-chairs Joseph Marques and Tracy Devine Guzmán, treasurer Paulo Ferreira, Adam Shellhorse, Fabrício Chagas Bastos, Thomas Vicino, and Tereza Albuquerque.

Proposals during the year: In January 2017, the membership voted on four new initiatives:

Proposal 1: To change the executive structure of the Brazil Section's Executive Committee to include one co-chair based in Brazil. This proposal was approved with a vote of 71.87% in favor and 28.13% against.

Proposal 2: Three options were proposed regarding travel grants, as follows:

(A) 29.2%: When sufficient funds are available, offer partial travel awards on a competitive basis to graduate students whose papers have been accepted for presentation at LASA. The total amount granted will not exceed 15% of the Brazil Section's reserve funds. Criteria for selection will be determined by members of the Executive Committee and will include quality and originality of the work presented, as well as financial need.

(B) Approved 66.15%: When sufficient funds are available, offer partial travel awards on a competitive basis to currently enrolled graduate students, independent scholars, and unemployed scholars whose papers have been accepted for presentation at LASA. The total amount granted will not exceed 15% of the Brazil Section's reserve funds. Criteria for selection will be determined by members of the Executive Committee and will include quality and originality of the work presented, as well as financial need.

(C) 4.61%: Do not offer partial travel grants with Brazil Section funding.

Proposal 3: To publish a list of all articles, books, and doctoral dissertations submitted for the LASA Brazil Section Annual Prizes as a resource for all members. All

participating authors shall retain the option to omit their names/works from this list without impacting their eligibility to win a prize. Approved (yes 90.9%, no 9.1%).

Proposal 4: To separate the Brazil Section prizes (book, article, dissertation) into two categories, Social Sciences and Humanities, allowing authors of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary works to choose the category in which they wish their work to be judged. Beginning in 2017, the Brazil Section will award two Book Prizes, two Article Prizes, and two Dissertation Prizes instead of one. The Executive Committee shall reserve the option to combine categories if too few submissions are received to merit separate competitions in any given year. Approved (yes 71.2%, no 28.8%).

Section panels at LASA2017: The following panels were selected for sponsorship by the section: Workshop: "The State of Brazilian Studies in North America," chair: Marshall Eakin, Joseph Marques, Ivani Vassoler, Barbara Weinstein, Barry Ames, Sonia Roncador, Richard Gordon.

Panel: "Rio de La Plata Basin, Conflicts and Cooperation: Rio Grande do Sul and Its Borders, 1835–1870" (unfortunately, this panel was cancelled at the last minute due to difficulty securing funding from participants' host institutions), chair: Vitor Izecksohn, César Guazzelli, Miquéias Mugge, Discussant: Hendrik Kraay.

Panel: "The International Amazon," chair: Sarah Townsend, Camilo Useche López, Deneb Kozikoski Valereto, Camilo Jaramillo, Carolina Correia dos Santos.

Panel: "Ações Afirmitivas em instituições públicas no Brasil: mudanças, contradições e desafios à luta antirracista," chair:

Georgina Helena Lima Nunes, Cassiane de Freitas Paixão, Georgina Helena Lima Nunes, Joana Célia dos Passos, Marcilene Garcia de Souza, Discussant: Sales Augusto dos Santos.

Section prizes: Section members continue to produce a significant amount of high quality academic research. The winners of this year's awards for best article, dissertation, and book are as follows.

Best Book: Benjamin A. Cowan, *Securing Sex: Morality and Repression in the Making of Cold War Brazil* (University of North Carolina Press, 2016). Honorable Mentions: Teresa Cribelli, *Industrial Forests and Mechanical Marvels: Modernization in Nineteenth-Century Brazil* (Cambridge University Press, 2016); Christopher Dunn, *Contracultura: Alternative Arts and Social Transformation in Authoritarian Brazil* (University of North Carolina Press, 2016).

Best Article: Mary Ann Mahony, "A vida e os tempos de João Gomes: Escravidão, negociação e resistência no Atlântico Negro," *Revista Crítica Histórica*, no. 13 (2016). Honorable Mentions: Pedro Erber, "The Politics of Strolling," *Latin American Perspectives*, article first published online, May 5, 2016, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094582X16647717>; Nina Schneider and Rebecca Atencio, "Reckoning with Dictatorship in Brazil: The Double-Edged Role of Artistic-Cultural Production," *Latin American Perspectives* 43, no. 5 (2016): 12–28.

Best Dissertation: Aiala Teresa Levy (University of Chicago), "Forging An Urban Public: Theaters, Audiences, and the City in São Paulo, Brazil, 1854–1924." Honorable Mention: Miquéias H. Mugge (UFRJ), "Senhores da Guerra: Elites militares no Sul do Império do Brasil (Comandantes

Superiores da Guarda Nacional: 1845–1873)."

Travel grants: Following the approval of the proposal to provide travel grants this year, the following were chosen as recipients of Brazil Section travel grants to attend the Lima conference: Jana Leal, Universidade Estadual do Rio de Janeiro; Sílvia Cabral Teresa, Brown University; Cleber Gomes, Universidade Federal de São Paulo"; Gabriel Magalhães Rodrigues, Universidade Federal Rural do Rio de Janeiro; Ana Grimaldi, USP and King's College.

Elections: The results of elections for Executive Committee members for the 2017–2019 term were as follows: Tracy Devine Guzmán, Co-chair outside Brazil (two-year term); Nelson Cerqueira, Co-chair in Brazil (two-year term); Executive Committee (two-year term): Mónica González García and Odile Cisneros. The newly elected officers will join Paulo Ferreira, Thomas Vicino, and Fabrício Chagas-Bastos, who remain members of the Executive Committee for another year (2017–2018).

Section membership stands currently at 360 with a cash balance of \$13,376.21 in the section account.

Center Director

We had a great panel discussion with Alberto Diaz, Ginny Gerrard, Alina Camacho-Gingerich, and Diego Sanchez-Ancochea.

We solicited nominations for positions in the section that were conducted by e-mail in the three weeks after the Lima meeting. Only one person per position was nominated, and so (following LASA by

laws) they were automatically elected. The results are below.

Future plans: 1. The section should work with LASA leadership to approach large foundations about the future of funding for Latin American studies. We recognized that everyone is approaching Carnegie, Ford, Rockefeller, etc., these days, but that we could call on historical ties and on certain issues (inequality, collective actions problems with governance, the ways that geographically centered work is especially amendable to interdisciplinary work, and the role of Latin America in the emerging new world order).

2. We should survey (in collaboration with CLASP) LAS programs, collecting data on enrollment trends, areas of strength, funding, and other areas that knowing a baseline for would help us evaluate and situate our individual efforts.

3. Create a virtual forum for discussions to include the Stanford working paper that Scott Morgenstern has been working on (and that is available on the Pitt Panoramas website) and the new contribution from Alberto and others, pushing forward the intellectual project of LAS in the twenty-first century

4. Make this section a space for collaboration between U.S. based centers and those in Latin America, Europe, and Asia

Board: We have a new chair, secretary-treasurer, and two new council members: Laurie Medina, chair (2017–2019), Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Michigan State University (medina@msu.edu); Natasha Borges Sugiyama, secretary-treasurer (2017–2019), Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

(sugiyamn@uwm.edu); council members: Anke Birkenmaier (2016–2018), Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Indiana University (abirkenm@indiana.edu); Paloma Díaz (2017–2019), LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections, University of Texas at Austin (p.diaz@austin.utexas.edu); Pedro García-Caro (2017–2019), Latin American Studies Program, University of Oregon (pgcaro@uoregon.edu); Linda Newson (2016–2018), Institute of Latin American Studies, University of London (linda.newson@sas.ac.uk); Sandra Valdetaro (2016–2018), Programa de Investigación en Estudios Culturales, Universidad Nacional de Rosario, Argentina (sandravaldeitaro@gmail.com).

Central America

Business meeting: Fewer than ten people attended. We discussed nominations of chairs for 2017–2018; the section's activities and panels; and travel grants awarded.

Election results: Due to lack of nominees and quorum we could not hold elections. We conducted elections via online ballot with the assistance of LASA. New chairs and board for LASA2018: Leisy Abgrego, UCLA, co-chair; Steven Osuna, CSULB, co-chair; Kency Cornejo, UNM, secretary; Carlos Rivas, UCLA, graduate student representative; Suyapa Portillo, Pitzer College, board member; Alicia Estrada, CSUN, board member.

Review of term activities and plans for the coming term: Suyapa Portillo organized a workshop turned into a presidential session by LASA2017 PC, with Berta Zuniga Caceres (Copinh); Miriam Miranda (Ofrahneh); Chris Loperena (USF); and herself. Members proposed to invite

these leaders at LASA2016 in NYC, and voted online. vote. CC also reviewed and accepted two paper panels.

Suyapa Portillo and Alicia Miklos authored a report for *LASA Forum*.

Incoming chairs need to figure thematic focus for next year.

Financial report: Total \$3,267.48; spent \$2,046.43; left \$1,221.05.

Section travel grant winners: Miroslava Arely Rosales Vásquez, CLACSO, \$530; Carmen Elena Villacorta Zuluaga, CLACSO, \$220; Benjamin Schwab, Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, \$250; Regina Fuentes Oliva, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala: \$250.

Invited guests/featured speaker: Bertita Zuniga Caceres, airline ticket for \$596 and \$50 per diem (total \$200).

Colombia

Miembros y equipo directivo: El día sábado, 29 de abril 2017, nos reunimos 18 de los 150 miembros de la sección LASA -Colombia en el Salón H311 de la Universidad Pontificia Católica del Perú, desde las 8 p.m. a las 8:45 p.m. Todos los asistentes se presentaron y compartieron brevemente sus intereses de investigación. Tomamos lista de los asistentes.

Tras una bienvenida pasamos a hacer un anuncio del equipo directivo compuesto por Felipe Martínez-Pinzón, Brown University, y Sandra Beatriz Sánchez, Universidad de los Andes (co-presidentes); Annie Mendoza, East Stroudsburg University (Tesorera); Diego Bustos, University of New Mexico

(Secretario-Editor boletín mensual); Carlos Gardeazábal Bravo, University of Connecticut (Representante Estudiantil y redes sociales).

Revisión del término de actividades: Acto seguido pasamos a dar un resumen de actividades del año académico 2016–2017.

Auxilios: Este año académico dimos cinco auxilios de transporte por 200 dólares a los siguientes estudiantes: David Leonardo García León (University of Ottawa), Diego Andrés Lugo Vivas (University of Miami), Orlando Deavila Pertuz (University of Connecticut), Javier Enrique García León (University of Ottawa), Rodolfo Armando Castiblanco Carrasco (Universidad de Los Andes).

Paneles: Así mismo, este año tuvimos tres paneles patrocinados en el marco del Congreso. “La ineludible ruralidad de la modernidad en Colombia”, chair, Benjamin S Johnson, Instituto Caro y Cuervo; “Implications of a Post-conflict Scenario in the Land Markets and Property Regimes in Colombia”, session organizer: Diego Andres Lugo Vivas; “Instituciones, conflicto y redistribución en Colombia”, chair, Laura Gamboa-Gutierrez, Utah State University.

Premios: De igual manera, otorgamos el diploma por el Premio Michael Jiménez al mejor libro de historia de Colombia a Marcela Echeverri (Yale University) por su libro *Indian and Slave Royalists in the Age of Revolution* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). El jurado estuvo compuesto por Joshua Rosenthal (Western Connecticut University), Sandra Borda (Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano) y Lina María del Castillo (University of Texas at Austin). Ésta última entregó el premio y leyó el veredicto que lo motivó durante la reunión anual en Lima. Lamentablemente la autora no estuvo presente, pero en su lugar estuvo

el profesor Sinclair Thomson (NYU), quien lo recibió y dio unas palabras. Aparte del reconocimiento de sus pares académicos, el premio cuenta con un cheque por \$250 que la sección ha dispuesto se provea de los fondos del Premio Montserrat Ordóñez, para lo cual se pidió aprobación a Ghisselle Blanco.

Comunicaciones: Por último, la sección notificó a sus miembros de que una página de Facebook llamada Colombianistas se ha abierto para circular información de la sección, y así apoyar desde esta red nuestra presencia tanto en Twitter, como con el boletín virtual y la página web.

Planes para el próximo año: Tras dar el premio de este año, se anunció el del próximo. De acuerdo con nuestra agenda académica, el próximo año será entregado el Premio Montserrat Ordóñez al mejor libro de crítica literaria o cultura sobre cuestiones de género en Colombia. Para este comité contamos ya con el liderazgo de Carolina Alzate (Universidad de Andes), a quien acompañarán en el jurado Catherine Vallejo de Concordia University y Diana Guzmán de la Universidad Jorge Tadeo Lozano. Los términos de la convocatoria serán circulados a partir del próximo mes de junio, vía Boletín, redes, contactos y demás plataformas de difusión de la Sección. La fecha de entrega de textos concursantes es el 1 de octubre. El anuncio del ganador se hará en el LASA 2018 que se llevará a cabo en Barcelona.

El próximo año intentaremos recaudar fondos para el Premio Michael Jiménez de tal manera que podamos constituir un fondo para proveer este importante reconocimiento para futuras entregas. El profesor Sinclair Thomson nos ha dado algunos contactos de profesores que pueden estar interesados.

La sección se planteará expandir el número de registrados como miembros de la sección y, por recomendación de la presidenta anterior, revisar los estatutos para darle mayor claridad a las funciones de los miembros.

Por último, el co-presidente Martínez-Pinzón anunció que la reunión social sería en Pardo's Chicken adonde se dirigieron todos los asistentes.

Colonial

Business meeting (Sunday, April 30, 2017): presiding, Mónica Díaz; secretary, Kelly McDonough. Mónica Díaz, chair of the section, gave a report of activities and an update on the number of members, number of guaranteed sessions for next year's congress, results of elections, update on journal, and update on members of the Executive Committee. Thirteen members attended the meeting.

Term activities and plans for the coming term: four issues of the section's newsletter were published and will continue to be published. The new peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *Journal of Colonial Latin American Studies* (JCLAS), is in the works. The journal has issued a call for papers and is in the process of launching a new platform for publication. We plan to increase our presence in social media, mainly Facebook.

Section prizes and travel awards: 2017 Maureen Ahern Award for Best Dissertation in Colonial Latin American Studies: Christopher Heaney, "The Pre-Columbian Exchange: The Circulation and Study of the Ancient Peruvian Dead in the Atlantic World and Americas." Next year the section prize will be for the Best Article in Colonial Latin American Studies.

Elections: The new Executive Committee members are Pablo García Loaeza (chair), Kelly McDonough (vice-chair and chair of Awards Committee), Nathan Gordon (secretary-treasurer), Caroline Egan (council member), Mónica Díaz (council member).

Cuba

Carlos Alzugaray, Co-chair, and Iraida H. López, Co-chair

The section organized five different sessions for the 2017 Congress in Lima:

"Repensando el trabajo de la Sección Cuba de LASA a 20 años de su creación," chaired by Milagros Martínez (UNEAC); "¿Saberes de quién? La juventud cubana y los desafíos del cambio," chaired by Sheryl Lutjens (California State University, San Marcos); "Cómo investigar sobre Cuba," chaired by Elier Ramírez (UNEAC); "La actualización de las relaciones internacionales de Cuba en el último decenio," chaired by Carlos Alzugaray (UNEAC); and "Cuba, encrucijada de saberes: Un abordaje desde las epistemologías del sur," chaired by Jaime Gómez Triana (Casa de las Américas).

The first of these five sessions offered an overview of the section's work over the years and recommendations for the future, such as the need to involve junior scholars, especially those residing in Cuba outside of Havana, and to assess how recent developments both in Cuba and the United States may affect academic exchanges. Also addressed was the perceived need to provide some sort of continuity to the dialogue among colleagues initiated at any LASA Congress. Some felt that the opportunities the LASA congresses provide ought to be conducive to long-term

projects and relationships. Additionally, the desirability of collaborating with other LASA sections was mentioned, as well as the possibility of widening the thematic interest of the section panels to include the Cuban diaspora. We also considered the obstacles faced over the years to reach the full potential of academic collaboration with scholars residing in Cuba, such as the denial of visas to enter the United States and the still-limited access to the Internet in Cuba. These are some, but by no means all of the issues that were raised. The panel's organizers will soon provide a summary. All of these panels attracted a large audience and generated lively discussions.

The business meeting likewise was well-attended, with an estimated 70 members in attendance. Co-chairs Carlos Alzugaray (UNEAC) and Iraida López (Ramapo College of New Jersey) outlined the work accomplished since they assumed the leadership of the Section in August 2016. Our membership went from an all-time high of about 800 members at the time of the New York Congress, which was not surprising given the appeal of the Big Apple, to the current 408 members. At the meeting the section treasurer, Stephen Wilkinson, reported on the section finances. Just before the Congress the section's account had a balance of \$5,681.83. The Domínguez Prize endowment was \$10,750.00. The cost of the section reception at the San Isidro Swissôtel was \$3,697.96, leaving a balance of \$1,983.87.

The winners of the Lifetime Achievement and the Premio Domínguez Awards were announced, as well as the names of the winners of the section elections (see below). The section thanked the outgoing members, Co-chair Iraida H. López and Executive Committee members Keyla Estévez and Sheryl Lutjens. It highlighted the long-standing commitment to the section that

Sheryl Lutjens and Milagros Martínez have demonstrated since it was founded. The section is indebted to both. Finally, Jorge Domínguez reported on the felicitous return of a stolen atlas from the Biblioteca Nacional de Cuba at the initiative of the Boston Athenaeum, which acknowledged its origin. Other pleasant news was the donation of valuable books from Franklin Knight's library to Casa de las Américas in Havana.

Since the Congress took place outside of the United States no issues regarding the denial of visas were encountered. The Ford Foundation, and Sarah Doty of the Social Science Research Council, offered financial support to 48 scholars residing in Cuba for LASA2017. Our sincere thanks for their support. The overall number of scholars from Cuba who were accepted for the Congress and received travel grants from LASA was not available as of this writing.

Elections: The section conducted elections for the new leadership before the 2017 Congress. The timing allowed officers of the previous leadership to communicate with the new leadership about matters of importance to the section at the Congress or immediately thereafter. This will no doubt smooth the way for the ongoing work of the section. The co-chairs for the planning of the Barcelona Congress in 2018 are Carlos Alzugaray (Unión de Escritores y Artistas de Cuba/UNEAC) and Guillermo Grenier (Florida International University). After much deliberation, the section decided to stagger the co-chairs newly adopted two-year terms (instead of one-year terms) so as to ensure continuity. This is all the more necessary given the yearly congresses. Michelle Chase (Pace University), Sarah Doty (Social Science Research Council), Jaime Gómez Triana (Casa de las Américas), Julio César Guanche (UNEAC and FLACSO-Ecuador),

Elier Ramírez (UNEAC), and Stephen Wilkinson (International Institute for the Study of Cuba) are the members of the new Executive Board.

The Elections Committee included Lillian Manzor (chair, University of Miami), Félix Masud-Piloto (DePaul University), and Hamlet López (Centro de Estudios de la Cultura Cubana Juan Marinello). The committee sent out the call for nominations in February. It followed up with the nominees and created the ballot that was sent to the LASA Secretariat, which ran the elections electronically. The committee sent e-mails to all 408 members three times, on March 25, April 7, and April 14. A total of 106 members, or 26% of the membership, cast their vote. This represents a significant increase from the 15% that voted last year. However, further work is needed to encourage more participation.

Section awards: The section awarded the 2017 Premio a la Excelencia Académica de la Sección Cuba or Lifetime Achievement Award to Pedro Pablo Rodríguez (Centro de Estudios Martianos), who has devoted his life to the study of José Martí's oeuvre. The committee created for this purpose was comprised of Milagros Martínez (chair, UNEAC), Devyn Spence Benson (Davidson College), Tania García (UNEAC), Arturo López Levy (University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley), and Alfredo Prieto (UNEAC). The committee received five nominations. Previous winners include Miguel Barnet (1998), Louis A. Pérez (2004), Rafael Hernández (2006), Roberto Fernández Retamar (2007), Helen Safa (2009), Jorge I. Domínguez (2010), Nancy Morejón (2012), Aurelio Alonso (2014), Carmelo Mesa-Lago (2015), and Ambrosio Fornet (2016).

It also awarded the 2016 Lilia Rosa de la Carrera de Domínguez y Jorge

José Domínguez Morejón Prize, which recognizes the best paper presented at the LASA Congress. The winner is Lidia Sánchez Fujishiro (Asociación de Historiadores, Sección Santiago de Cuba) for “El ayer colonial de la mujer afro-descendiente cubana del Siglo XIX: Riqueza legitimada.” The essay was selected in part because of its originality, as stated in the jury comment: “El trabajo se destaca por su extrema originalidad, y también por vincular el análisis realizado a la vida y acción de la afro descendiente cubana de mayor aporte a la riqueza patriótica de Cuba: Mariana Grajales Cuello. Es de resaltar también la contribución de esta investigación al reconocimiento legitimador de la mujer negra cubana desde el ayer, incorporando ópticas nuevas a las investigaciones históricas sobre las diversas realidades que conforman la nación cubana.”

Federico Sulroca Domínguez (Grupo Azcuba) received an Honorable Mention for “La agroindustria de la caña de azúcar en Cuba, retos y perspectivas.” The Award Committee, which received 18 submissions, was composed of Antonio Romero (Universidad de La Habana), Marlén Sánchez (Universidad de La Habana), and José Gabilondo (Florida International University). The Domínguez Award was created to foster excellence in Cuban studies at the LASA congresses. This is the second time the prize, which includes a \$500 cash award, has been granted.

The section launched the call for the 2017 Lilia Rosa de la Carrera de Domínguez y Jorge José Domínguez Morejón Award. The call was sent out by the committee handling the selection process, composed of Zaida Capote (chair, Instituto de Literatura y Lingüística), Jorge Duany (Florida International University), and Ana López

(Tulane University). They will review the submissions over the summer.

Section pages: The section created a group page on Facebook that can be accessed at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CubaLasa/>. The section co-chairs will moderate the page and a member of the Executive Board will be in charge of updating it. Additionally, the section began to populate and maintain the section page within the LASA website, <http://lasa.international.pitt.edu/sections/cuba/>.

Defense, Public Security & Democracy

The section is comprised of 109 LASA members.

Business meeting (April 30, 2017): The following members attended: Raúl Benitez Manaut, Bertha García-Gallegos, José Manuel Ugarte, Carolina Sancho, Rafael Martínez, Gabriel Aguilera, Maiah Jaskoski, Sabine Kurtenbach, Carlos Solar, Brett Kyle, and Gerardo Rodríguez (will subscribe to the section).

We debated several logistical issues associated with integrating the section’s workshops into the LASA program as well as challenges with processing of members’ payments on behalf of LASA, which made it impossible for some members to participate in the workshops.

The following commitments were made for 2017–2018: chair, Lilian Bobeá; co-chair, Maiah Jaskoski; Advisory Board, Carolina Sancho and Rafael Martínez.

Section prizes: General Achievement Prize for Section Member in Defense, Public Security, and Democracy; Best Paper Award for research presented at LASA 2016 and LASA 2017 on Defense, Public Security,

and Democracy; Best Publication Award for research published in a scholarly journal or edited volume on Defense, Public Security, and Democracy.

Topics for proposed workshops at LASA2018, Barcelona: Workshop on Intelligence and Democracy. Organizers: Carolina Sancho and José Manuel Ugarte. Workshop on New Transnational Threats and their Consequences for Security and Defense Institutions. Organizers: Bertha García-Gallegos y Maiah Jaskoski.

The section agreed to organize a pre-LASA one-day seminar on May 22, 2018, at a site to be determined for several roundtable workshops. The purpose is to provide more time and space for more in-depth presentations, discussion, and debate for LASA2018 attendees. Organizer: Rafael Martínez, University of Barcelona. Location: University of Barcelona with support from nearby institutions such as CIDOB.

Proposal: We will issue a call to the section for proposals under the heading of Defense, Public Security, and Democracy in order to organize roundtable discussions. It was determined that the theme of the panels should be built around the proposals submitted by section members. The roundtables should take into account the diversity—institutional affiliation, residence, and nationality—of the participants.

The number of roundtables will depend upon on the number of section members who commit to attend the seminar on May 22.

Seminar organizer Rafael Martínez has been granted discretion to invite non-LASA colleagues from the security and defense research community in Spain and Europe to participate in the seminar. Similarly,

LASA members may also be invited even if they are not members of the section. This was proposed to broaden and enrich debates and discussion.

Economics and Politics

Tony Spanakos, President; Steven Samford, Treasurer; Executive Committee: Gabriel Ondetti (Ex-president), Eduardo Silva, Susana Nudelsman, Antonio Botelho, Alberto Gago.

The Economics and Politics Section Business Meeting for 2017 was held Saturday, April 29, at 8:00 p.m. It was convened by Gabriel Ondetti (Executive Committee member) in the absence of Tony Spanakos (chair) and Steve Samford (treasurer).

Section status: The section has some 128 members. It has roughly \$5,736 in its account. This number is prior to the awards for the LASA 2017 conference.

Section news for the academic year 2016–2017: The Early Career Committee did not offer an award this year. The Open Career Committee awarded its prize to Chris Tilly, for Hugo Sarmiento, Chris Tilly, Enrique de la Garza Toledo, and José Luis Gayosso Ramírez, “The Unexpected Power of Informal Workers in the Public Square: A Comparison of Mexican and US Organizing Models,” *International Labor and Working-Class History* 89 (2016): 131–152. The Travel Grant Committee awarded \$500 grants to José Manuel Puente, Elena Alvarez, and Jorge Mangonnet.

We thank the members of the committees for their service, particularly Juan David Gutierrez-Rodriguez and Tasha Fairfield (Early Career); Joe Marques, Samantha

Saghera, and Fabricio Chagas Bastos (Open Career); and Hector Gertel, Steve Samford, and Tony Spanakos (Travel Grant).

The section had two section-sponsored panels at the 2017 LASA Congress: “Economic Elites and Democracy in Latin America,” organizers: María Belén Fernández Milmanda, Harvard University, and Jorge G. Mangonnet, Columbia University; chair: Ben Ross Schneider, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. “¿Democratización? Los desafíos de una transición: Política y económica en Venezuela,” organizer: Juan M Trak Vásquez, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello; chair: Margarita López Maya, Universidad Central de Venezuela/ CENDES; discussant: Aníbal Pérez-Liñán, University of Pittsburgh.

Leadership: Given the expiring terms of the section officers and several of the Executive Committee member the section plans to convene elections in the coming weeks.

Ecuadorian Studies

Results of section business meeting: The section meeting was relatively well attended compared with previous years, with 13 people in attendance. The attendees were very enthusiastic about participating in the activities of the section, which was encouraging. There were also a total of 86 presentations in the LASA Congress program on Ecuadorian topics, including one panel sponsored by the section. This shows the amount of interest in Ecuadorian studies and the potential for the growth of the section, which is coming back to life after a period of decline. The following actions were taken in the meeting:

- Solicited volunteers for three committees: Prize Selection Committee, Ad Hoc

Social Media Committee, and Travel Scholarships Committee. These committees are currently being formed based on volunteers from the meeting and volunteers by e-mail.

- Solicited volunteers for two open council member positions: Although we elected all four new council members last year (because of the prior low activity of the section), we are following Ms. Blanco’s advice to have two council members continue on and replace two others. The president and secretary-treasurer are in the first year of their two-year term.
- Presented the first-ever Premio Dolores Cacuango al Mejor Ensayo sobre Estudios Ecuatorianos and two Honorable Mentions.
- Discussed ideas for topics for two section panels in Barcelona 2018; more ideas will be collected from members through e-mail.

Section elections: Because we want to have the maximum participation possible in our elections (both candidates and voters), we decided to hold electronic elections once again. This method worked well last year, and we expect more competitive elections and more voting this year given the renewed energy among section members. We already have three volunteers for two open council seats and hope to get a few more candidates and hold elections sometime in June 2017.

Fortunately, we have some stability on the council, with two continuing members in addition to the president and secretary-treasurer, so we did not have to rush elections through in the business meeting.

Term activities and plans: The section is in a process of rebuilding and growth after

a few years of low participation and lack of leadership. However, once we renewed communication with our members through the section listserv, people stepped up to contribute to the section. We inaugurated a new Article Prize, with a committee of four scholars evaluating approximately 20 submissions from Ecuadorianists around the world. This was a success in getting people interested in the section and its activities. We honored the winner with \$200 and a personalized plaque, and the Honorable Mentions were awarded a certificate. The section reception, although quite costly (we respectfully request that LASA investigate more economical options for receptions at future congresses), was attended by approximately 40 people, which is an excellent turnout for a section with about 100 members. We hope that the reception will spur new memberships. Many current members expressed positive opinions about the reception and the activities of the section during the Lima Congress.

Our future plans include instituting travel scholarships, increasing our online presence, and continuing the Awards Committee. The section had not awarded travel scholarships for the past few years, but section members are very interested in beginning to do this again, and we are forming a committee to handle the details of number and amount of scholarships and eligibility rules. We will also create a Social Media Committee (as an ad hoc rather than standing committee for now) to take charge of updating our section website, www.ecuatorianistas.org, which is administered by Marc Becker. This committee will also work with Paloma Díaz to explore the possibility of starting a section Twitter account and possibly a Facebook account. We will also have a new Prize Selection Committee, who will continue the Article Award and consider

implementing a Book Award or a Student Paper Award for 2018.

The president will lead the efforts to plan the two section panels for Barcelona, with the input of council members and section members. Several possible topics have been suggested already.

We are also investigating the possibility of having a joint, off-site reception with one to two other small sections during the 2018 Congress.

Although this is not an immediate plan, we would eventually like to return to the section's previous tradition of having meetings in Ecuador every couple of years. Once member participation increases enough to manage the logistics of such an event, we will revisit this idea.

Winners of section awards: Winner of the 2017 Premio Dolores Cacuango al Mejor Ensayo sobre Estudios Ecuatorianos (Dolores Cacuango Prize for Best Article on Ecuadorian Studies): Taylor C. Nelms, University of California, Irvine, "The Problem of Delimitation: Parataxis, Bureaucracy, and Ecuador's Popular and Solidarity Economy." Honorable Mentions: Jean Muteba Rahier, Florida International University, "From Panacea for Harmonious Race Relations to Ideological Tool for Oppression and National Identity Imagination: Reflections from the Andes on Mestizaje through Time and Space"; Kathleen Fine-Dare, Fort Lewis College, "Hidden Histories of Indigeneity in Urban Andean Ecuador: Transubstantiation, Ceremony, and Intention in Quito."

Educación y Políticas Educativas en América Latina

Informe de la reunión general de la sección, 29 de abril del 2017

Por: Jorge Enrique Delgado, Co-chair 2017–2018

La reunión general de los miembros de la Sección de Educación y Políticas Educativas de LASA tuvo lugar el 29 abril del 2017 en la ciudad de Lima, Perú. La asamblea general contó con la participación de 49 miembros quienes eligieron al nuevo comité ejecutivo (2017–2018) que está compuesto por Dalila Andrade Oliveira (Universidad Federal de Minas Gerais, Brasil), codirectora; Jorge Enrique Delgado (Universidad de Pittsburgh, EE. UU./Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia), codirector; y Fernanda Saforcada (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina) secretaria/tesorera; así como Adriana Pineda Robayo (Universidad del Atlántico, Colombia), José David Alarid Diéguez (Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, México), Gabriel Asprella (Universidad Tres de Febrero, Argentina), Javier Campos (Universidad de Massachusetts-Amherst, EE. UU.), Sérgio Roberto Kieling Franco (Universidad Federal del Río Grande del Sur, Brasil), consejeros.

En el 2017, los premios Paulo Freire en Educación en sus modalidades "Trayectoria en Investigación Educativa en América Latina" y "Trabajo de Investigador en Formación Doctoral" se declararon desiertos. El nuevo comité ejecutivo de la sección analizará los términos actuales y propondrá cambios a los premios.

Durante el 35o Congreso de LASA, la Sección de Educación tuvo tres paneles invitados:

“La integración académica e institucional en la educación superior”, organizado por Bettina Steren dos Santos (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Río Grande del Sur, Brasil); “Saberes, políticas públicas y educación” organizado por Fernanda Saforcada; y “Educación y movimientos de resistencia en América Latina” (propuesto por los coordinadores de la línea Políticas Educativas y Pedagogía—PEP del Congreso).

Este año, Norma Georgina Gutiérrez Serrano (UNAM, México), junto con Bret Gustafson (Universidad Washington en St. Louis), fue una de los dos coordinadores de esta línea en representación de la sección, lo cual fue resultado del trabajo del comité ejecutivo del periodo 2015-2016. Se recibieron cerca de 300 propuestas de ponencias individuales. Los trabajos aceptados se organizaron en 40 paneles de los cuales la mitad habían sido presentados como paneles.

Para el Congreso del 2018, LASA invitó a Norberto Fernández (Universidad Tres de Febrero) y Lorenza Villa Lever (UNAM) a servir como coordinadores de línea PEP.

Algunos de los proyectos que el nuevo comité ejecutivo tendrá en el periodo 2017–2018 incluyen identificar los ejes y paneles invitados para el congreso del 2018 mediante comunicación con los miembros de la sección, actualizar la página en Internet de la sección, crear otros medios de comunicación en las redes sociales, revisar los premios y determinar la posibilidad de otorgar becas a los ganadores, crear una red internacional para reunir a los investigadores de la educación latinoamericana, revisar el proceso de elección de la junta directiva y buscar mayor participación de la sección en la elección de coordinadores de la línea PEP y

la selección y organización de paneles para el congreso.

El correo electrónico de la sección es educacionlasa@gmail.com.

Environment

Miriam Melton-Villanueva, Co-chair

We begin by thanking the Lima Organizing Committee for their excellent work in support of all the scholars of Latin America in attendance, and especially in support of LASA excursions and pre-LASA events this year in terms of geographical logistics, financial logistics, website support, publicity, and the thousands of responses to urgent e-mails. It went smoothly for all participants because you all, and especially Ghisselle Blanco, helped produce and facilitate meaningful Environment Section events.

Summary of Environment Section business meeting: Co-chair Miriam Melton-Villanueva opened the meeting of four members at 8:10 p.m. Agenda presented and action items added by members present. Discussion about elections. No one present was available to be co-chair. Voted unanimously for chairs to send section list a letter requesting volunteers to co-chair the section for the Barcelona 2018 meeting. Dr. Bayer has agreed to stay on as senior co-chair; junior co-chair is being sought from the membership. Dr. Melton-Villanueva will remain as acting co-chair until a replacement is found. Discussion about amount to donate to NGO sponsoring excursion. Voted unanimously to donate US\$300 to \$600, depending on the availability of funds. Co-chair agreed to ask Ghisselle about account totals and decide on the maximum amount possible within the approved range.

Discussion about Barcelona panel theme: Increased membership allows us to sponsor a panel in addition to the yearly workshop. Voted unanimously to suggest that chairs choose a topic somehow related to Barcelona LASA theme. Voted unanimously to suggest the chairs ask the section list for panel topics.

Discussion of scholarships for Barcelona: Strong consensus for sponsoring scholars from Latin America to attend distant Barcelona meeting. Voted unanimously to sponsor at least two scholars from Latin American institutions. Voted unanimously to sponsor at least one student from Latin American institutions.

Discussion of Mentoring Circle: proposal to find ten people available to inhabit our Facebook page as a positive, informative, and helpful presence to our membership and for other students of the environment.

Elections: No one present was able to act as co-chair with Sherie Bayer in the next cycle for Barcelona 2018. Unanimously agreed to ask section list for volunteers. Miriam Melton-Villanueva will continue to act as co-chair until replacement is found. Sherie Bayer will continue as senior co-chair.

Activities: Workshop, “Emerging Issues in Latin American Environmentalism” full attendance, 19 different scholars shared their research, creating much excitement and inspiration.

LASA business meeting: Miriam Melton-Villanueva met with Juliet Hooker to discuss the logistical issues that have arisen since the track was renamed “Environment”; many people write to the section with track programming issues. She asked us to write a formal letter to her with

the details at juliethooker@asutin.utexas.edu to consider naming issues.

Attended Section Chairs Meeting. Received excursion cash from Ghisselle.

Post-LASA urban environment excursion: Visited organizing NGO, Ciudad Saludable, ave Diez Canceco 442 piso 10, Miraflores, Lima; Formally donated US\$600,00; visited “Los tigres de las 200 millas” en Villa El Salvador, calle 07 con avenida el sol; had lunch in neighborhood; visited “cambio de vida en avance” no veno sector 3 mz P Lote11, Villa El Salvador; La Punta for ceviche dinner.

Barcelona 2018: Panel themes discussed but left undecided. Voted to prioritize scholarships because it will be difficult for Latin American scholars to visit Barcelona. Discussed having business meetings midday, because end of the day is difficult.

Expenses 2017: Catering for excursion US\$195; taxis for excursion \$458 + estimated 70 = US\$528; donation to NGO Ciudad Saludable US\$600. Total spent \$1,323; previous balance 4,658; total reserves after expenses \$3,335 (plus any excursion registration income to be announced).

Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples

Carmen Martínez Novo, Chair

Business meeting and elections: The ERIP Section held its business meeting at the LASA Congress in Lima on April 29, 2017. There were ten people present. The chair explained that we asked the membership via e-mail for nominations for chair and two council members. Three members of the Section Council would like to continue serving. There were no nominations or

self-nominations, and the chair invited two members of ERIP to join the council, since two members already completed their terms. Since few people were present at the meeting, we will hold elections via e-mail to ratify the new members of the council. The council is formed as follows: Carmen Martínez Novo, University of Kentucky, chair (will continue for a second period); council members: Mara Viveros, Universidad Nacional de Colombia; Gisela Carlos Fregoso, Cambridge University; Marco Calderón, Colegio de Michoacán; new members (to be ratified by the membership via e-mail): Juan Carlos Callirgos, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú; Julia Rodríguez, University of New Hampshire. Two members are leaving the council: Olivia Gall, Universidad Nacional de Mexico; Lucas Savino, University of Western Ontario. The Section thanks Olivia and Lucas for their excellent service. Lucas did a great job creating and maintaining our Facebook page. We also thank Marc Becker for the pro-bono maintenance of the ERIP webpage and listserve and Paloma Díaz for creating and maintaining our Twitter page.

The members present at the business meeting suggested that it would be important to hold cultural activities (such as music and performances) during the Morelia conference. They also suggested that it would be interesting to give attention to the issue of indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation in several Amazonian countries. They proposed to celebrate one decade since the approval of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as well as to invite indigenous writers to the conference. The chair and other members welcomed these great suggestions and encouraged the members who proposed them to organize special panels on the topics detailed above.

Our main activity during this period has been the organization of the ERIP Conference in Morelia, Michoacán. The conference will take place on October 4–6, 2017. The conference is organized by ERIP in collaboration with the Journal *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies (LACES)* and Universidad Michoacana San Nicolás de Hidalgo. To find information about our conference and to send proposals of panels and papers please go to <http://www.erip2017.umich.mx>.

The new deadline to submit proposals is June 1, 2017. Our keynote speakers will be Marisol de la Cadena, Universidad de California, Davis, and Alcida Rita Ramos, University of Brasília. Our distinguished speakers will be Jean Rahier, Florida International University; Pedro Pitarch, Universidad Complutense de Madrid; and Maya Lorena Pérez Ruiz, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Mexico.

We have not used any of the budget yet because we are planning to use it for travel grants for Latin American scholars to attend the ERIP conference in Morelia. There, the journal *LACES* will organize a prize for the Best Article by a Graduate Student that, pending arbitration, may be published by the journal.

In addition, at the LASA meeting in Lima we sponsored four panels on the following topics: “Artistas y agentes culturales afrodescendientes y su acción anti-racista,” organized by Colectivo Aguaturbia, Bogotá; “The Logic of Racial Science,” organized by Julia Rodríguez, University of New Hampshire; “Comunidades en lucha: Identidades y movilización social en Colombia,” organized by Virginie Laurent, Universidad de los Andes; “Lasting and Resurgent Racisms after Recognition and the Decolonial Turn in Latin America,”

organized by Pavel Shlossberg, Gonzaga University, and Carmen Martínez, University of Kentucky.

Europe and Latin America

En el Congreso LASA 2017 hemos lanzado por primera vez el Call for grants for Young Researchers (con 500 dólares de beca para asistir al congreso). Hemos tenido 6 propuestas y aprobamos las 3 siguientes: Jonathan Ordóñez, “Regionalismos en Latinoamérica y Europa: Nuevos paradigmas y viejos desafíos”; Jean-Marie Chenou, “El viejo mundo se muere. El nuevo tarda en aparecer. Y en ese claroscuro surgen los monstruos”: los proyectos regionales en Europa y América latina frente a la crisis global; Francisco José Verdes-Montenegro (ICEI-UCM), “La (de)securitización en UNASUR (2008-2015): Un estudio de caso para revisar la TCSR y el regionalismo ‘posliberal’ una década después.

La experiencia ha sido muy positiva en términos de incorporación de nuevos miembros y de calidad de sus intervenciones, aunque Jonathan Ordóñez no puedo entrar en Perú por problemas de visado inesperados. Estamos gestionando con la Asociación si tiene derecho o no a la beca.

Actividades LASA 2017: Hemos desarrollado dos actividades de la sección en Lima. Por un parte, el panel sobre regionalismo en crisis (ver fichero adjunto) que fue el único panel de la sección aprobado por la organización. El panel se celebra el sábado 29 a las 12:00. Asisten tres de los jóvenes investigadores apoyado por la beca de la sección.

El otro panel sobre interregionalismo no fue aprobado para nuestra sorpresa

porque confiábamos en que los dos serían aprobados pese a las normas. Ya nos han comunicado que en el congreso de Barcelona la sección tiene sólo derecho a uno. Otros colegas de la sección participan o han promovido paneles sobre nuestros temas clásicos.

La segunda actividad de la sección fue la Business Meeting que se celebró el sábado 29 a las 20:00.

Miembros de la sección: A marzo de 2017, somos 68 miembros, algo más que antes del anterior congreso en el que alcanzamos la cifra de 63 miembros. Hay varias incorporaciones y algunas bajas. Insuficiente para que nos concedan dos paneles para la sección en el próximo congreso donde sólo tendremos derecho a uno oficial.

Redes sociales: Hemos tenido alguna actividad en redes sociales. Tenemos 119 followers desde los 16 de mi último mensaje en la cuenta de Twitter que abrimos en junio y 716 seguidores la cuenta de Facebook que lleva abierta algunos años. También aquí hemos crecido desde los 453 seguidores de mi último mensaje. Invertir un cierto esfuerzo en esas redes podría ayudarnos a incrementar en número de miembros.

Presupuesto: El año pasado teníamos \$2,391.33. Habremos crecido con las cuentas de este año y tenemos un gasto de entre 1000 y 1500 dólares por el programa de jóvenes investigadores.

Election of co-chair: La Business Meeting de la sección en Lima eligió a Pedro Caldentey y Alain Fairlie co-chair (2017–2018). Pedro Caldentey del Pozo continued his co-chairmanship and became senior co-chair.

Election of members of the Advisory Council: La composición actual es: Susanne Gratiou, Miriam Saraiva and Joaquin Roy (2015–2017). Delftef Nolte was elected for 2016–2018. Treasurer: Roberto Domínguez 2016–2018.

Tras las votaciones, el Advisory Council estará formado por: Pedro Caldentey (senior co-chair 2016-2018); Alan Fairlie (co-chair, 2017-2019), Roberto Domínguez (treasurer, 2016-2018); Joaquin Roy (vocal, 2017-2019), Anna Ayuso (vocal, 2017-2019), Jean Marie Chenou (vocal, 2017-2019) y Delftef Nolte (vocal, 2016-2018).

Propuesta de paneles para el año que viene: Tenemos pendiente la propuesta de panel oficial de la sección (una solamente) que podemos proponer para Barcelona.

Además de la propuesta de panel oficial, y con la coordinación de Anna Ayuso, habrá un panel en colaboración con la sección Cuba de LASA sobre las relaciones UE-Cuba (Cuba-Unión Europea: Caminos de la cooperación académica). No sería un panel de nuestra sección, si no de la de Cuba, pero estaría abierto a alguno de sus miembros.

Por otra parte, CIDOB organizará en colaboración con varios Centros un Special Event vinculado al Congreso su sede de Barcelona, también sobre las relaciones UE-Cuba.

EL Advisory Council está planteando algunas propuestas de panel especial, con invitados institucionales, para la reunión de Barcelona.

Film Studies

Por Paul A. Schroeder Rodríguez, Chair

La Sección de Estudios de Cine inauguró dos proyectos importantes este año: un premio anual al mejor ensayo, y el Latin American Cinema and Media Annotated Bibliography (LACMAB), un proyecto de humanidades digitales para desarrollar colaborativamente una bibliografía en línea sobre cine latinoamericano.

El proyecto bibliográfico comenzó como una iniciativa entre nuestra sección, el Latinx Caucus del SCMS (Society for Cinema and Media Studies), y Cinegogía, un portal a cargo de Bridget Franco, profesora en la Universidad de Holy Cross en Massachusetts. Durante la conferencia en Lima anunciamos la primera fase del proyecto, y AsAECA (Asociación Argentina de Estudios sobre Cine y Audiovisual) y SEPANCINE (Asociación Mexicana de Teoría y Análisis Cinematográfico) se incorporaron al mismo. El próximo año académico comenzaremos la segunda fase del proyecto bibliográfico, e inauguraremos un premio anual al mejor libro.

En Lima tuvimos con dos eventos pre-conferencia: un panel sobre estudios de cine latinoamericano en varios países, y una ponencia sobre la digitalización de acervos audiovisuales en América Latina. A la reunión de la sección asistieron 19 miembros. Anunciamos la nueva directiva: chair, Carolina Rocha (2017–2018); secretaria/tesorera, Jo Pertkiewicz (2016–2018); vocales, Michelle Farrell (2016–2018), Valentina Vázquez-Zvierkova (2016–2018), Vania Barraza (2017–2019), Anita Simis (2017–2019).

Anunciamos los siguientes premios. Premio al Mejor Ensayo: Andrea Cuarterolo, “Fantasías de nitrato: El cine pornográfico

y erótico en la Argentina de principios del siglo XX”, disponible en: <http://www.vivomatografias.com/index.php/vmfs/article/view/37>. Premio al Mejor Ensayo de un/a Estudiante Graduado/a: Julia González de Canales, “Marginalidad cinematográfica: Centroamérica y la obra de Julio Hernández Cordón”, disponible en: <http://istmo.denison.edu/n32/articulos/15.html>.

Food, Agriculture, and Rural Studies

By Fina Carpena-Méndez, Chair

In line with the decisions taken at the New York Congress in 2016, the agenda for the FARS section was to organize two section sessions, a panel, and a workshop which would be articulated to the field trips exploring the theme of LASA2017 in Lima, Diálogos de Saberes. The section sponsored two well-attended sessions at the congress, the panel “Enough Talk! The Chilling Effect of Latin America’s Reactionary Turn on ‘Dialogues of Knowledge’ in the Countyside,” and the workshop “Agricultura familiar, Afro-indígena y campesina en América Latina desde el Diálogo de Saberes.” Using section funds, two Peruvian leaders of peasant organizations, Proyecto Andino de Tecnologías Campesinas (PRATEC) and Asociación Bartolomé Aripaylla (ABA), were invited to participate in the workshop.

Preceding the Congress, on April 28, the section organized a field trip to the Andean peasant community of Tupicocha. An essential component was a reception and discussion with community authorities and presidents of *ayllus* (traditional form of community sections) on the use of ancestral quipus, the social organization of agricultural practices, and their projects

to address challenges brought by climate change. Also included were visits to the artisanal lagoons or ponds that store water for irrigation and human consumption; and to their reforestation project. Seventeen individuals participated.

After the congress, on May 2, the section organized a second field trip to a migrant Amazonian community in Lima, the Shipibo-Konibo of Cantagallo. At the community center, we met with leaders of Shipibo organizations. We also visited the women artisans working to preserve Shipibo cultural knowledge and practices. Twenty-six individuals participated. The section thanks Camilo León Castro for helping in the organization of the field trips.

Section officers made an effort this term to recruit new section members, especially students and young researchers. Section membership stands at 133. The section awarded a travel grant in the amount of US\$500 to a young Latin American researcher, Mercedes Ejarque (Universidad de Buenos Aires). The grantee agrees to join the section council and to organize a section activity (workshop or panel) for the LASA congress in 2018.

Twenty-five members participated in the business meeting. The meeting confirmed the continuing terms of the section’s chair, Fina Carpena-Méndez; the secretary-treasurer, Thais Thartalha; and council members Maite Yie, Marcela Crovetto, and Cliff Welch. New officers were elected: Horacio Mackinlay (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana-Iztapalapa), chair-elect; José Sobreiro Filho (Federal University of Pará, Belém), council member; and Mercedes Ejarque (Universidad de Buenos Aires), council member.

The section discussed the need to fund-raise in order to continue to subsidize the participation of leaders of peasant organizations or social movements in the section's workshops and to award travel grants for young Latin American researchers. The criteria for selecting the section's travel grantee were revised. The profile of the grantee will be limited to PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers who have pursued their doctoral program at a Latin American university, and are currently resident of a Latin American country and affiliated with a Latin American academic institution. The organization of our 2018 section activities will reflect the following themes: the contributions of Latin American studies to the comparative understanding of global processes affecting rural territories and agrifood systems in other regions; and perspectives from other regions on Latin American rural phenomena and agrifood systems.

The field trip will be maintained as an important activity for socializing and enhancing membership. In Barcelona, field trip plans include a visit to rice farms and the tourist activities organized around rice farming in Delta de l'Ebre. We decided to discuss with LASA payment options for field trips (fees to cover the cost of transportation and meals). To guarantee the individual cost budgeted and announced in the listserv, fieldwork participants could directly deposit the fees, instead of collecting the money on the day of the field trip.

Haiti / Dominican Republic

Submitted by Elizabeth Manley and Karen Richman

Report of business meeting: Section co-chair Elizabeth Manley led the meeting. We discussed the section panel and general state of the field as well as the award process. Three additional section members attended (Eve Hayes Kalaf, Christina Davidson, and Rodrigo Bulamah).

Elections: There were no new elections of officers. Co-chairs Elizabeth Manley (emanley1@xula.edu) and Karen Richman (krichman@nd.edu) will continue serving in their positions for another year.

Activities: This year included a revision of the award structure, addition of a new Article Prize, nomination and organization of Award Selection Committees, and the organization of the section panel and joint reception with Latino Studies. Plans for next year include implementation of the new award structure and nomination and selection of Award Committees.

Section prizes, winners, and amounts of awards: Isis Duarte Book Prize (\$200), Lorgia García-Peña, *The Borders of Dominicanidad: Race, Nation, and Archives of Contradiction* (Duke University Press, 2016); Honorable Mention, Anne Eller, *We Dream Together: Dominican Independence, Haiti, and the Fight for Caribbean Freedom* (Duke University Press, 2016); Special Honorable Mention for Service: Ginetta Candelario, Elizabeth Manley, and April Mayes, *Cien años de feminismos dominicanos* (Santo Domingo: Archivo General de la Nación, 2016).

Section Article Prize (\$100), Brandon R. Byrd, "The Transnational Work of Moral Elevation: African American Women and

the Reformation of Haiti, 1874–1950," *Palimpsest* 5, no. 2 (2016); Honorable Mention: Ginetta Candelario, "La ciguapa y el ciguapeo: Dominican Myth, Metaphor, and Method," *Small Axe* 20, no. 351 (2016).

Guy Alexandre Paper Prize (\$100), Christina Davidson (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), "Redeeming Santo Domingo: North Atlantic Interpretations of Dominican Religion and Black Missions"; Honorable Mention: Rodrigo Bulamah (State University of Campinas), "Governing Mobility: Citizenship and Suspicion in Pequeño Haití, Santo Domingo."

Health, Science, and Technology

By Raul Necochea, Chair (UNC School of Medicine)

At the 2017 LASA Congress in Lima, the HST section sponsored the panel "Medicine and Food in Latin America." Presenting were Bianca Premo (Florida International University), who also organized the panel; Diego Armus (Swarthmore College), Monica Lugo-Velez (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Carlos Dimas (Albright College), and Megan Gargiulo (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign).

The section also awarded one travel grant (for US\$500) to Elize Massard da Fonseca, Ph.D. (INSPER, São Paulo). On January 30, 2017, the section council voted to award merit prizes (for best article, dissertation, and book) biennially, rather than annually. Therefore, the section did not issue a call for proposals for merit prizes for 2017. It will issue a call for proposals for 2018.

Five colleagues joined our section business meeting in Lima. We had to elect a new

chair and one new member of the council. There was only one volunteer for each post, therefore, that person was appointed. Our new section leadership is composed of the following: chair, Mary Clark (Tulane University), 2017–2018; council: Jonathan Ablard (Ithaca College), 2016–2019; Jadwiga Pieper Mooney (University of Arizona), 2015–2018; Rebecca Hester (Virginia Tech), 2015–2018; Lucia Guerra (Indiana University, Bloomington), 2017–2020.

The HST section had 57 members as of May 2016. As of April 2017 it had 72 members. That means it will be allowed to sponsor one event for the Barcelona 2018 congress. Proposals from all members are welcome! We already have one about “big data and public health” to consider.

Historia Reciente y Memoria

La Sección Historia Reciente y Memoria celebró cuatro actividades en el Congreso LASA 2017. Comenzamos con el primero de dos paneles oficiales de la sección, titulado “Continuidades y rupturas en la historia reciente y memoria latinoamericana”. Los ponentes participantes fueron Vera Carnovale (CONICET/Universidad Nacional de San Martín), “Violencia revolucionaria y humanismo en la experiencia argentina”; Isabel Piper-Shafir (Universidad de Chile), “Memorias de la violencia política durante la transición a la democracia en Chile: ni víctimas ni héroes”; y Francisca Márquez (Universidad Alberto Hurtado), “Conmemoración y ruptura en la memoria de la nación: Centros de detención y tortura en Santiago y Buenos Aires”. El panel fue moderado por el Co-Presidente de la sección Emilio Crenzel (CONICET/UBA).

El segundo panel oficial de la sección fue titulado “Articular historias reciente y memorias marginalizadas”, y fue organizado y moderado por la Secretaria de la sección Marie-Eve Monette (University of Alabama). Los panelistas que participaron del panel fueron Marie Cruz (NYU), “Narrando la lucha: Historia reciente y memoria en Vieques, Puerto Rico”; Alejandro Cerda García (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Xochimilco), “Memoria y creación estética en los movimientos sociales: ¿Expresión de problemáticas o construcción de realidades?”; Maria Paula Nascimento Araujo (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro), “História, literatura e testemunho: Algumas reflexões sobre a literatura testemunhal brasileira e latinoamericana em contextos pós redemocratização”; Mauricio Paredes (Syracuse University), “Seguridad y violencia de Estados Unidos en Chile antes de la Guerra Fría: el caso de represión a japoneses durante la Segunda Guerra Mundial”; y Patricia Castillo (Universidad Academia Humanismo Cristiano), “Historia y memorias marginalizadas: Niñas y niños en contextos de violencia de estado”.

Además de estos dos paneles oficiales, organizamos un tercer panel con miembros de la sección que fue elegido por la convocatoria abierta del congreso. El título de este último fue “Nuevos debates sobre la historia reciente del Cono Sur: Dictaduras, violencia política y memorias”. Los participantes fueron Juan R. Hernández García (Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras), “Arqueologización de la violencia extrema: Historia reciente y memoria de los objetos en Chile”; Claudio Barrientos (Universidad Diego Portales), “Nuevas batallas por las memorias de la dictadura y la transición en Chile: El colectivo de declasificación popular, Chile 2004–2016”; Alberto Aldo Marchesi (Universidad

de la República), “Memorializando la revolución: Los dilemas de contar la historia de los sesentas en el Uruguay contemporáneo”; Gabriela Águila (CONICET/Universidad de Rosario), “Investigar la represión en la historia reciente argentina: Debates y dilemas entre la historia, la memoria y la justicia”; y Emilio Crenzel (CONICET/UBA), “Avances y obstáculos en la construcción del conocimiento sobre los desaparecidos en la Argentina: Una mirada crítica”. El panel fue moderado por Lenny A. Ureña Valerio (University of Florida).

Este año celebramos el Concurso Mejor Artículo de Historia Reciente y Memoria 2017. El Jurado, compuesto por Marie-Eve Monette (University of Alabama), Maria Paula Nascimento Araujo (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro) y Alejandro Cerda (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana de Xochimilco), escogió el ensayo ganador de Jo-Marie Burt (George Mason University), “From Heaven to Hell in Ten Days: The Genocide Trial in Guatemala,” *Journal for Genocide Research* 18 no. 2–3 (2016): 143–169, <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14623528.2016.1186437>.

Se dio una mención especial al ensayo de María Eugenia Ulfe (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Perú) titulado “Neoliberal Reforms, Reparations, and Transitional Justice Measures in Torn-Apart Peru, 1980–2015.”

La última actividad de la Sección fue el Business Meeting, atendido por 12 miembros. Se discutieron el estatus actual de la sección, especialmente el crecimiento en los últimos años, y formas de organizar las actividades para el próximo Congreso LASA2018 en Barcelona. Para el 2018 tenemos ya asegurados dos paneles oficiales como sección, que estaremos organizando

en los próximos meses. También se celebró la premiación del Concurso Mejor Artículo de Historia Reciente y Memoria 2017. Fueron elegidos como Co-Presidentes Emilio Crenzel (CONICET/UBA) y Cath Collins (Ulster University) y, como Secretaria, Marie-Eve Monette (University of Alabama). El Consejo quedó compuesto por Katherine Hite (Vassar College), Juan R. Hernández García (Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras), Marie Cruz Soto (NYU), Eugenia Allier-Montaña (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México), Mariana Joffily (Universidad de Florianópolis) y Mauricio Paredes (Syracuse University).

International Migrations

According to decisions made in our business meeting held during LASA's 2016 Congress, New York, we organized a field trip, a call for panels to be presented at the Lima Congress, and the Section Award 2017.

Panels and workshops: According to the number of members that we had in New York, we were able to organize the panels for the Lima Congress. We distributed the call for panels among our members, and we selected the following panels that were presented in Lima, Peru: "Latin American Immigrants Studying Their Own in the Global North: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue Workshop," co-organizers Sara Poggio and Anahi Viladrich (chair), presenters: Hector Cordero-Guzmán, Elena Sabogal, Patricia Tovar Rojas, Ramona Hernandez. This workshop invited Latin@ immigrant scholars to reflect on how their backgrounds (as members of diverse immigrant and racial/ethnic groups) has informed and built upon their respective theoretical and methodological standpoints. Scholarly discussions

concerning knowledge production rightly acknowledge the existing divergences between research agendas concocted in the South versus the North. Still, little is known on how "researchers from the South" defy mainstream narratives of cultural production, by bringing innovative — and experiential — notions about the meanings of migration, identity, gender, race, ethnicity, class, etc. During this session, Latin@ immigrant participants from different disciplines — will reflect on the impact of their subjective positions in shaping their scholarly agendas in North America and Europe.

"A Liberal Tide? The Expansion of and Challenges to Liberal Migration Policies in Latin America" (workshop), organizer, Diego Acosta Arcarazo; presenters, Erika Busse Lorena Izaguirre, Tania Vasquez Luque, Luisa Feline Freier. Many Latin American countries have recently liberalized their migration discourses, and to a lesser extend policies and laws, in contrast to restrictive policies in the United States and much of Europe. This interdisciplinary panel brings together scholars of law, political science, sociology, and anthropology to discuss the historical and sociopolitical processes of knowledge exchange and policy diffusion that have led to this liberal paradigm shift. The panel discusses to what extent and why liberalization spread from Argentina to other countries in the region. The panel also addresses the historical precedents of more and less liberal tendencies in managing human mobility the region

"Miradas críticas desde el Sur y marcos teóricos continentales sobre las migraciones: Localizando el conocimiento" (workshop), organizer, International Migration Section; presenters, Michael Hill, Sara Poggio, Maria Amelia Viteri Burbano (chair).

"Este panel interdisciplinario analiza los fenómenos migratorios tanto a nivel nacional como internacional, enfatizando los aportes de cada disciplina a la comprensión del fenómeno migratorio y su impacto a nivel local como regional y global, a lo largo del continente Americano. La producción de conocimiento alrededor de dichas movilidades ha estado centrada en las Últimas décadas en el norte del continente Americano, particularmente México y Estados Unidos. Sin embargo, al Sur y Centro del continente empiezan a desarrollarse miradas críticas al mostrar los límites de marcos referenciales pensados desde EEUU y/o México para explicar otros flujos migratorios con otras características. En este contexto, algunas de las preguntas centrales que forman el nodo de esta convocatoria son las siguientes: ¿Cuáles son las controversias teóricas y/o metodológicas para explicar los fenómenos migratorios entre las distintas regiones de América Latina y Los Estados Unidos? Dado que estas narrativas están entrelazadas tanto con realidades locales como con las políticas migratorias tanto nacionales como internacionales. ¿Cómo incluyen las mismas en dichos abordajes?

International Migration Section Award 2017: The purpose of the International Migration Section Award is to promote and contribute to the debate on international migration studies from and to Latin America. Papers could be original, unpublished work, and could include papers presented at the 2016 LASA meeting. The Selection Committee was formed by Thania Munoz, Cecilia Menjivar, Sofia Zaragocin, Daniela Celleri, Maria Amelia Viteri, and Sara Poggio. First Prize (\$700), Amelia Frank-Vitale (University of Michigan) for "Stuck in Motion: Migrants, Victims, and Smugglers in Central American Transit Migration." Second Prize (\$300), Felipe Filomeno

(University of Maryland, Baltimore County) for “Global Cities and Local Immigration Policies in Latin America.” Honorable Mention, Elizabeth Aranda (University of South Florida) and Elizabeth Vaquera (George Washington University), for “Deferred Action For Childhood Arrivals and Its Implications for Young Undocumented Immigrants and Their Families.”

Field trip: Visit to the community of Catangallo Lima, Peru, May 2, 2017. The field trip was done with the Rural Studies Section and was attended by twenty-five persons, who stayed one day after the end of the Lasa Congress and participated in the trip. There were a lot of enthusiasm, among our members about this opportunity of knowing more about Lima.

Business meeting: Attendees at the business meeting were Maria Amelia Viteri, Ximena Poo, Camelia Tigau, Daniela Celleri, Sara Poggio (via Skype), Thania Lizarazo, Thania Munos, and Carolina Ramirez. We informed the members who were present at the meeting about the advances of the Section of International Migration and the activities we prepared such as the field trip and the successful panels sponsored by the section. We announced the winners of the International Migration Award 2017. The members were informed about our activities for LASA2017 that are described above, and we brainstormed themes for pre-conference, call for papers for three section-sponsored panels, and other activities for LASA2018. We decided to continue with these activities for LASA 2018.

Pre-conference: The members present agreed to attempt to work with other LASA sections to share costs and resources for the organization of the pre-conference. One possibility that was discussed was

to invite the Gender and Feminist Studies and the Sexualities Studies sections in the organization of the pre-conference, among others. These arrangements with other sections are in general cost-effective while they allow for events of great interest to members of LASA. Mobility and Sexualities in a very broad sense were used to define the topic for the pre-conference in Barcelona in 2018. The idea is to invite local organizations of scholars, immigrants, and students in Barcelona.

Themes for the Call for Panels for Barcelona 2018: The theme of the 36th Congress of LASA in Barcelona is “Latin American Studies in a Globalized World.” The group gathered in Lima agreed on the following topics for the call for panels for Barcelona 2018: (1) mobility, bodies, gender, and sexualities; (2) displaced people due to political violence, war, and economic need; (3) migration and global cities in the South; (4) Latino immigrants in Spain; and (5) Latino immigrants in Europe.

Governance: Co-chair for North America, Sara Poggio (University of Maryland, Baltimore County); co-chair for Latin America, Daniela Celleri (University of Hanover, Germany); secretary-treasurer, Anahí Viladrich (Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York); Section Council members: Maria Amelia Viteri (University of San Francisco, Quito, Ecuador); Felipe Filomeno (University of Maryland, Baltimore County); Thania Munos, (University of Maryland, Baltimore County); Camelia Tigau (Center for Research on North America, National Autonomous University of Mexico); Ximena Figueroa Póo (Institute of Communication and Image of the University of Chile). Sara Poggio continues as co-chair for North America and Daniela Celleri as co-chair for Latin America.

Labor Studies

Reunión de negocios: La reunión de negocios de la sección se realizó el domingo 30 de Abril de 2017, y contó con la asistencia de 35 miembros de diferentes países, incluyendo México, Brasil, Argentina, Chile, Estados Unidos, Canadá, Perú. En primer lugar se realizaron presentaciones individuales de todos los presentes. Luego, el orden del día incluyó los siguientes temas: (1) Informe de los co-presidentes Rodolfo Elbert y Carlos Salas sobre el estado de la sección y las actividades realizadas durante el año; (2) Informe de la secretaria Katherine Meach sobre los candidatos a becas de viaje de sección y entrega de becas para los premiados; (3) Informe del co-presidente del comité estudiantil Pablo Perez-Ahumada sobre la presencia de la sección en redes sociales y actualización de la página de internet.

Luego de los informes, se pasó a la renovación de autoridades de la sección. Teniendo en cuenta las finalizaciones de mandato, la nueva conformación elegida por unanimidad entre todos los presentes es la siguiente:

Co-presidents: Carlos Salas (México/Brasil) 2016–2018, csalasp51@gmail.com; Mariela Quiñones (Uruguay) 2017–2019, mariela.quinones@cienciassociales.edu.uy. Secretary-Treasurer: Katherine Maich (USA) 2016–2018, kmaich@gmail.com. Council: Rodolfo Elbert (Argentina) 2017–2019, elbert.rodolfo@gmail.com; Nora Goren (Argentina) 2017–2018, norgoren@gmail.com; Ana Miranda (Argentina) 2016–2018, amiranda@flacso.org.ar; Mauricio Padron Innamorato (México) 2016–2018, mauriciopadron@gmail.com. Graduate Student Council Co-President: Pablo Perez (Chile/US) 2016–2018, po.perez.a@gmail.com; Lucila D’Urso

(Argentina) 2017–2019, lucilafdurso@gmail.com. Graduate Student Council: Lucas Cifuentes (Chile) 2016–2018, lucas.cicro@gmail.com; Anibal Nicolas Saldias (Ecuador/Canada) 2016–2018, nicolas.saldias@utoronto.ca.

Término de actividades y planes para el próximo período: Durante el año la sección estuvo muy activa en diferentes aspectos. En primer lugar, cumplimos con una actividad votada en LASA 2016 para realizar un almuerzo de los miembros de la sección presentes en el congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología del Trabajo, realizado en el mes de agosto de 2016 en la ciudad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. El almuerzo contó con la presencia de aproximadamente 40 personas.

Asimismo, durante el año 2016 la sección renovó su página de internet y la mantuvo permanentemente actualizada con información enviada por los miembros. Cumpliendo con los objetivos propuestos, además de la página de internet se creó una página de Facebook donde se publica información de las publicaciones de los miembros de la sección y de noticias del mundo laboral, sindical y académico de América Latina. La información publicada es enviada por los miembros más activos de la sección. Luego del éxito de la página de Facebook, iniciamos una colaboración con Paloma Díaz Lobos para la creación de una cuenta de twitter de la sección. La cuenta @LASALABOR publica información proveniente de las páginas de internet y de facebook de la sección, así como información enviada por los miembros.

El esfuerzo de los miembros de la sección a lo largo del último año en dar publicidad a nuestras actividades se tradujo en crecimiento del 40% en la membresía,

llegando a los 115 miembros de cara a LASA 2017.

El objetivo para el próximo período es seguir incrementando la presencia de la sección en redes sociales y poder continuar con el crecimiento en la membresía. Asimismo, se votó realizar un encuentro de los miembros de la sección que participen del congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericana de Sociología, a realizarse en diciembre de 2017 en la ciudad de Montevideo, Uruguay.

Becas de viaje: Se otorgaron 4 becas de viaje a estudiantes de la sección. El comité de selección estuvo integrado por Carlos Salas, Rodolfo Elbert y Katherine Maich. Se recibieron 7 ponencias, por lo cual se realizó una primera lectura conjunta de todas las ponencias enviadas, y luego cada jurado puso una calificación de 1 a 10 de dos ponencias que leyó con mayor profundidad. Finalmente, se realizó un ranking de todas las ponencias en base a su puntaje. En caso de empate de puntaje, otro miembro del jurado realizó una nueva lectura de las ponencias en cuestión para dirimir cuál sería merecedora del premio. Fueron otorgadas las siguientes becas de viaje a miembros estudiantes de la sección: Primer premio (\$500): Omar Manky (Cornell University, USA); Segundo premio (compartido): Julieta Haidar (Conicet y Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, \$250) y María Agustina Miguel (Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, \$250); Tercer premio (\$250): Domingo Javier Perez Valenzuela (Centro de Estudios del Conflicto y Cohesión Social, Chile).

Mass Media and Popular Culture

By Matthew Bush and Pablo Albarces, Co-chairs

Our meeting in Lima was brief, as there were only five people in attendance. This was due, in part, to several members attending the benefit concert held at the same time as our meeting. Several colleagues reached out to me to express that they weren't able to attend our meeting because of this conflict. We held no elections at this function, so all elected positions remain the same. Similarly, no section prizes or travel awards were granted as we continue to save money for such funding in the future. Ultimately, our plans for the upcoming year remain similar to those of last year: to increase membership and communication on social media among our section colleagues. Also, Pablo Albarces and I remain very interested in a founding a publication, likely web-based, anchored by our section, offering our colleagues a potential venue to publish their research.

Mexico

By Brian L. Price

Co-chairs: Brian L. Price y Maricruz Castro Ricalde (2016–2017); Andrae Marak y Gabriel Martínez-Serna (2017–2018). Secretario-tesorero: David Dalton (2016–2018). Miembros que terminan su periodo: Andrae Marak, Juan Rojo, Rebecca Janzen. Miembros que continúan: Diego Zavala, Ana Sabau, Jorge Téllez. Nuevos miembros: Amanda Petersen, Paul Fallon, Miguel García. Comité 2016–2018: Diego Zavala Scherer (Tecnológico de Monterrey-Guadalajara), Ana Sabau (University of Michigan), Jorge Téllez (University of Pennsylvania); Comité

2017–2019: Amanda Petersen (University of San Diego), Paul Fallon (East Carolina University), Miguel García (University of California, Davis)

Se otorgaron 10 becas a los siguientes estudiantes: Sandra Álvarez Orozco, Bertha Alicia Bermúdez, José Alfredo Contreras, Arturo Díaz Cruz, Michel Feder-Nadoff, Tania Gómez Zapata, Sandra J. Gutiérrez, María Gutiérrez de Jesús, Pablo Silva, Jr., Cristina Urías Espinoza.

Best Thesis: Mónica del Carmen García Blizzard, “The Indigenismos of Mexican Cinema Before and Through the Golden Age: Ethnographic Spectacle, ‘Whiteness’, and Spiritual Otherness” (Ohio State University). Comité: David Dalton (chair), Samuel Steinberg, Elena Jackson Albarrán y Matthew Cleary.

Best Social Science Article: Brian Palmer-Rubin, “Interest Organizations and Distributive Politics: Small Business Subsidies in Mexico,” *World Development* 84 (2016): 97–117. Comité: Steve Bunker (chair), Brian L. Price, Maricruz Castro Ricalde, and David Dalton.

Best Humanities Essay: Paul K. Eiss, “Playing the Mestizo: Festivity, Language, and Theatre in Yucatán, Mexico,” *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies* 11, no. 3 (2016): 242–265. Jurado: Brian L. Price (chair), Sara Potter y Emily Hind.

Best Social Science Book: Megan Crowley-Matoka, *Domesticating Organ Transplant: Familial Sacrifice and National Aspiration in Mexico* (Duke University Press, 2016). Mención honorífica: Dana Velasco Murillo, *Urban Indians in a Silver City: Zacatecas, Mexico (1546–1918)* (Stanford University Press, 2016). Jurado: Andrae Marak (chair), Caroline Beer, Paul Eiss, and Aurea Toxqui.

Best Humanities Book: Mark Z. Christensen, *The Teabo Manuscript: Maya Christian Copybooks, Chilam Balams, and Native Text Production in Yucatán* (University of Texas Press, 2016). Jurado: Maricruz Castro Ricalde (chair), Anadeli Bencomo, Teresa García Díaz, Roberto Domínguez.

Nineteenth Century

Business meeting: The Nineteenth-Century Section held its business meeting at this year’s Congress with thirty-eight members in attendance. Ronald Briggs and Adriana Pacheco (2016–2017 co-chairs) discussed the section’s achievements since June 2016: (1) membership growth, as the number of members now exceeds 100; (2) new section webpage on the LASA site; (3) continued expansion of the Facebook community (310 members) and new presence on Twitter (65 followers); (4) acceptance of a panel sponsored by section members to the 2017 American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA) conference.

Results of the section elections: co-chairs, Myra Bottaro (bottaro@uoregon.edu) and Ana Peluffo (aopeluffo@ucdavis.edu); secretary-treasurer, Ty West (thillwest@gmail.com); board, 2017–2018, Laura Demaría (ldemaria@umd.edu) and Marcel Velázquez (mmvelazquez@pucp.pe); board 2017–2019, Laura Cucchi (lcucchi@gmail.com), Sarah Moody (stmood@ua.edu), and Ana Sabau (asabau@umich.edu).

Winners: Briggs and Pacheco announced the winners of the inaugural section Book and Article Prizes: María Aguilar Dornelles (Article Prize, \$200); Joseph M. Pierce (Article Honorable Mention); Nancy Appelbaum (Book Prize, \$200). Original works published in 2016 were eligible for these prizes, which were decided by two

Prize Committees named by the section’s leadership and board: Nancy LaGreca, Silvia Arrom, Vanesa Miseres, Kari Soriano Salkjelsvik, and James Sanders (Article Prize); Víctor Goldgel-Carballo, Carmen McEvoy, Juan Poblete, Alicia Ríos, Jens Andermann, and Graciela Batticuore (Book Prize).

Plans: 2017–2018 co-chairs Ana Peluffo and Myra Bottaro discussed priorities for 2017–2018, which included the continued expansion of membership numbers and social media communications as well as the development of a section Dissertation Prize.

Peru

Comité directivo: María Eugenia Ulfe, Olga Gonzales (Co-chairs), Alejandra Ballón (Tesorera- Secretaria); Comité Consultivo: Natalia Sobrevilla, Cynthia Vich, Rocío Ferreyra, Ivan Ramirez y Paolo Soza.

Actividades: El nuevo Comité Directivo asumió su gestión (1 de junio de 2016). El Comité Directivo se reunió con el Comité anterior (Jo-Marie Burt y Eduardo Dargent) para compartir los lineamientos organizativos de la gestión (Junio). El Comité Directivo envió un comunicado de bienvenida a sus miembros (Junio). Envío de convocatoria para recibir propuestas para paneles y talleres para ser patrocinados por la sección Perú con fecha límite 1 de agosto del 2016 (Julio). Comunicado de los resultados de los paneles y talleres para ser patrocinados por la sección Perú (Agosto). Inscripción de paneles en intranet LASA (Agosto–7 Setiembre). Convocatoria de becas de viaje (Octubre). Conformación de jurados para los premios de artículo y libro (Diciembre). Convocatoria de nominaciones de premios para los premios de artículo y libro (Diciembre). Decisión y comunicación a

ganadores para los premios de artículo y libro (Abril 2017). Comunicado de resultados de los ganadores de becas (Marzo). Convocatoria a nominaciones para elección de los miembros del nuevo Comité Directivo y comité Consultivo (Marzo). Votación electrónica (Abril). Reunión de la sección Perú en LASA 2017 (Abril).

Paneles y talleres: Se recibieron 10 propuestas de paneles. De los cuales escogimos dos con el apoyo del comité consultivo: “The Punk of Politics in Wartime Perú”, organizado por Fabiola Bazo y Shane Greene; “Perú Digital: Diálogo de saberes”, organizado por Anita Say Chang. Se recibió una propuesta de taller para discutir el libro *Earth Beings: Ecologies of Practice Across Andean Worlds* de Marisol de la Cadena. Hubo un panel especial dedicado al tema “Neoliberalismo y Cultura” organizado por la Sección Perú con la participación de Carlos Monge, Narda Henríquez, Patricia Oliart, Francisco Durand y Félix Lossio. Recomendamos que este sea organizado antes de fines de julio para que los posibles participantes no tengan otros compromisos a priori.

Membresía: Estado de membresía: la sección sigue creciendo. De menos de 180 (aproximadamente) miembros en 2014, a 211 en 2014–2015, a 235 en 2015–2016. En 2016–2017 la sección tiene 401 miembros lo cual da derecho a 8 sesiones en LASA 2017–2018 ya que cada 50 miembros da a la sección derecho a una sesión.

Premios de libros y artículos: Se recibieron un total de 14 artículos postulados y 4 libros, de los cuales se premiaron los siguientes. Criterios de selección: originalidad; relevancia con respecto a Latinoamérica y en su disciplina; calidad

de la escritura; rigor académico en términos metodología, evidencia, análisis e interpretación; actualidad bibliográfica. Premio “Jose María Arguedas” al Mejor Artículo (entrega de certificados por Cecilia Méndez y Gisela Cánepa): dos co-ganadores: Rafael Ramírez Mendoza, “Una lectura crítica de la memoria emblemática de la CVR desde los testimonios de la masacre de Lucanamarca”, en Francesca Denegri y Alexandra Hibbett, editoras, *Dando cuenta: Estudios sobre el testimonio de la violencia política en el Perú (1980–2000)*, 211–236 (Fondo Editorial de la Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, 2016); Gabriel Ramón, “Bourbon Maneuvers in the Plaza: Shifting Urban Models in Late Colonial Lima”, *Urban History*, 2016, doi:[10.1017/S0963926816000535](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0963926816000535). Mención honrosa: Susan Vincent, “Mobility of the Elderly in Peru: Life Course, Labour and the Rise of a Pensioner Economy in a Peruvian Peasant Community”, *Critique of Anthropology* 36, no. 4 (2016): 380–396. Premio “Flora Tristán” al mejor libro (entrega de certificado por Nelson Peryera): una ganadora, Rocío Quispe-Agnoli, *Nobles de papel* (Iberoamericana Vervuert, 2016). Premio por Legado y Trayectoria (Lifetime Achievement Award), dos ganadores póstumos: César Ramos (entrega de certificado por Olga González), hermana, Pilar Ramos; Giuseppe Campuzano (entrega de certificado por Makena Ulfe), hermana, Gladis Campuzano.

Reporte financiero: Becas, \$2,350; Exposición Museo Itinerante, \$600; Concierto benéfico, \$195; Impresión de certificados, \$168; Saldo Final, \$1,707.69.

Becas de viajes: Se tomó la decisión de apoyar a los cinco candidatos con un máximo de 500 dólares por persona o el costo total en caso este sea menor. Agata Crisitina Cáceres Sztorc, NGO Mujeres

Mundi, Belgium, \$500; María Roxana Escobar Nañez, University of Toronto \$500; Jeffrey Gamarra Carrillo, Universidad Nacional de San Cristóbal de Huamanga, \$350; Verónica Beatriz Hurtado Lozada, University of British Columbia, \$500; Diego Armando Uchuypoma Soria, Escuela de Altos Estudios en Ciencia Política de Paris, \$500.

Elecciones y nuevos cargos: Por primera vez la Sección Perú convoca a nominaciones y posterior votación electrónica. Este año la votación se realizó en abril. Basadas en esta experiencia recomendamos que la votación se realice anualmente antes del 31 de marzo que es cuando vence la membresía.

Comité directivo: El nuevo Comité Directivo queda conformado por: co-chairs, Angelina Cotler y Carmen Ilizarbe; tesorera-secretaria, Alejandra Ballón; y Rocío Silva Santisteban.

Cambios al Comité Directivo: Se ha agregado un nuevo cargo, Comunicador/ Comunicadora de Redes Sociales y Website. La actualización de la website queda para la próxima gestión como un pendiente. Comunicadora, Rocío Silva Santisteban. El nuevo Comité Consultivo queda conformado por: Erika Busse, Iris Jave, Giovanna Pollarolo, Iván Ramírez y Paolo Sosa Villagarcía.

Otros: Redes Sociales: Cambio de nombre de la página de Facebook de la Sección. Pasó de Friends of Peru a LASA Sección Perú y la administración de la página también cambió de administradoras. Se recomienda que cada año la administración de la página pase a cargo de la comunicadora de la sección Perú.

Actividades pre-LASA: La sección colaboramos con la convocatoria para las

rutas de la memoria a cargo de EPAF. Esta iniciativa se realizó como continuación al taller pre LASA sobre memoria realizado en NY en el 2016.

Museo Itinerante Arte por la Memoria: La sección propuso la realización de la exposición de parte del Museo durante dos días del congreso LASA 2017.

Scholarly Communication and Research

Report on LASA 2017 Business Meeting (attendees: 8)

Election results: chair: Jade Madrid, Georgetown University; secretary-treasurer: Tracy North, Library of Congress; Council members: Carlos Capellino, Universidad San Ignacio de Loyola; Frank Egerton, University of Oxford; Gayle Williams, Florida International University; Sarah Buck Kachaluba, University of California San Diego.

Agenda at business meeting: Getting section membership up; using LASA funds in the future; LASA2018 panel planning; ideas around granting section awards; new section social media accounts; creating connections between this section and the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM); meeting long distance during the year.

Moving forward: Continued outreach efforts with other LASA sections and members; creating a “master” list of list-serves we can reach out to; continued work on 2018 panel and reception.

Sexualities Studies

Claudia Salazar, Brooklyn College, CUNY

Business meeting: La reunión de la sección se llevó a cabo el 29 de abril con la participación de veintiséis miembros. Se trabajaron los siguientes temas. (1) Se realizó la entrega de los premios de la sección. (2) Se propuso que para el próximo año, los premios incluyan el pago de la membresía y la asistencia al Congreso de los ganadores (dependiendo del presupuesto). (3) Para tener una presencia más consolidada de la sección en el próximo LASA, Joseph Pierce propuso un trabajo conjunto entre los chairs del Track y de la Sección Sexualidades, de manera que además de los tres paneles de sección se pueda agregar uno de más desde el Track (Joseph Pierce y Yolanda Martínez son chairs del Track de Sexualidades). (4) Se acordó que las próximas elecciones del consejo directivo (dos chairs y tesorero) sean electrónicas y que se realicen antes del Congreso. (5) Se acordó presentar una moción en la reunión de chairs de LASA para insistir en que las becas de viaje vuelvan a cubrir los gastos del pasaje aéreo. Este tema fue presentado en la reunión de chairs de secciones a la directiva de LASA. (6) Se comprobaron los resultados de diversos actos para impulsar el número de miembros de la sección, al aumentar este número y obtener tres paneles para el Congreso de LASA Barcelona. Hace varios años que la sección no tenía más de dos paneles, por lo que se perciben como buenas noticias el aumento del número de miembros.

Resultados de las elecciones de la sección: La votación durante la reunión de la sección dio estos resultados por unanimidad: Erika Almenara (almenara@uark.edu) fue elegida como co-chair. Oscar Laguna (oscarlaguna1@gmail.com) fue

elegido como co-chair. Quedó pendiente la elección del cargo de Tesorero, que se realizará durante el mes de mayo y donde se pondrá a prueba la votación electrónica.

Premios de la sección: Premio Sylvia Molloy al mejor artículo peer-reviewed de humanidades: El jurado del Premio Sylvia Molloy compuesto por: Carlos Riobó, Dara Goldman y Vincent Cervantes, nombró ganador Javier Guerrero por su artículo: “Casa de citas: José Martí, Oscar Wilde y el renacimiento de la fotografía de autor”. Asimismo, hizo una mención honrosa a Joseph Pierce por su artículo “Regulating Queer Desire in Carlos O. Bunge’s La Novela de La Sangre”.

Premio Carlos Monsiváis al mejor artículo peer-reviewed de humanidades: El jurado del Premio Carlos Monsiváis compuesto por: Héctor Carrillo y Salvador Vidal-Ortiz, nombró ganadores ex aequo a: Oscar Emilio Laguna Maqueda, autor de “Crítica a los conceptos homoparentalidad y familia homoparental: alcances y límites desde el enfoque de las relaciones y vínculos parentales de las personas de diversidad sexual” y a José A. Langarita Adiego y María Alenadra Salguero Velázquez, autores de “Sexiled in Mexico City: Urban Migrations Motivated by Sexual Orientation”. También se hizo una mención honrosa a Carlos Eduardo Henning por su “Na minha época nao tinha escapatória: Teleologias, temporalidades e heteronormatividade”.

Actividades: La sección organizó una Pre-Conferencia en la sede de la Casa de la Literatura Peruana, el viernes 28 de abril, desde las 9 a.m. a las 7 p.m. La actividad se realizó en co-organización con la Sección de Género y Estudios Feministas, trabajo que no se realizaba en conjunto desde el LASA de San Francisco. El resultado fue bastante alentador pues hubo bastante

asistencia de público (miembros de las secciones y público en general, dado que la entrada era de libre acceso).

Se presentaron cinco paneles, dos organizados por Sexualidades, dos por Género y uno en común: “Saberes, educación superior y producción de conocimiento”, “Activismos, movimientos y militancias TRans Latinoamericanas”, “Movilizaciones, estrategias, discursos: Activismo y academia”, “Corporalidades femininas/queer contemporáneas: Literatura, intercambio y legalidad”, y “Activismo feminista: El movimiento Ni Una Menos en el Perú”.

Paneles en LASA: De acuerdo al número de miembros, este año contamos con dos paneles en el congreso de LASA: “De homofobia, transfobia y cosas peores: Génesis y continuidad de las prácticas disciplinarias corpo- genéricas desde el Imperio español a las naciones latinoamericanas contemporáneas” y “Neoconservadurismos religiosos, sexualidad y derechos”.

Cena de aniversario: La sección tuvo una cena para celebrar el 25° aniversario de su creación. Se llevó a cabo del 28 de abril en el hotel Los Delfines. Luego de la convocatoria e invitación, se inscribieron y reservaron 36 miembros. Fue una celebración con gastronomía peruana que muy del gusto de los invitados.

Futuros planes: Como se mencionó anteriormente, en la reunión de la sección se acordó integrar las actividades de los chairs de las secciones y de los tracks para tener paneles.

La votación de los próximos coordinadores se realizará de manera electrónica antes del Congreso.

Southern Cone Studies

Por Fernando Blanco, Chair; Cristián Opazo, Treasurer

En el marco de LASA 2017, May 29–Apr 1, 2017, Lima, Perú, la Sección de Estudios del Cono Sur destaca los siguientes hitos.

Temas tratados: Cuenta anual de la mesa directiva: actividades, publicaciones y gestión académico-administrativa; presentación de preparativos para el II Simposio de la Sección Estudios del Cono Sur, Montevideo 2017; premiación del concurso Mejor Libro de Humanidades; Presentación de lineamientos estatutarios para próximo proceso de constitución de mesa directiva. Asistencia: 30 miembros.

Recepción: En el marco de su recepción anual, la sección realizó a un diálogo abierto de sus miembros con la destacada académica Sara Castro-Klaren. Se ofreció una recepción de camaradería.

Paneles destacados: De acuerdo con su membresía (más de 300 investigadores activos), la sección organizó cuatro paneles destacados: “Signos de horror y el naufragio en la época de la imaginación desgarrada”; “Saberes subalternos en América Latina (1): Saberes de abajo, ética y resistencia”; “Saberes subalternos en América Latina (2): Los saberes del cuerpo”; “Teatros latinoamericanos en la historia reciente: política, memorias y subjetividades”.

Premio Mejor Libro de Humanidades: Como es tradición, la sección convocó a su premio anual de Mejor Libro de Humanidades. El jurado compuesto por los académicos Sául Sosnoswki (University of Maryland), Carolina Pizarro (USACH) y Sebastián Díaz-Duhalde (Darmouth College), emitió el siguiente veredicto:

Primer premio: Camilo D. Trumper, *Ephemeral Histories: Public Art, Politics and the Struggle for the Street in Chile* (University of California Press, 2016); Mención honrosa: Raymond B. Craib, *The Cry of the Renegade: Poetry and Politics in Interwar Chile* (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Publicación sostenida de revista de la sección: De acuerdo con lo estipulado, la sección continua con la publicación puntual de su revista, espacio editorial que se propone circular, a través de las américas, los debates suscitados en las conferencias anuales de nuestra asociación: <https://conosurconversaciones.wordpress.com/>

Convocatoria: La sección informa sobre la convocatoria a su segundo simposio regional: “Modernidades, [In]dependencias, [Neo]colonialismos”, Montevideo 2017 (19–22 jul.). El equipo organizador junto al comité académico aceptó más de 550 ponencias individuales.

Student Section of LASA

The Student Section of LASA was created after the last congress in New York, making 35th congress in Lima our first. At this moment, we count with 93 members. In April the section announced a call for candidates to its leadership positions. In the congress, the Student Section organized its first business meeting, one roundtable, one prize, and helped in the workshop “Building a Career in Latin America and the United States,” organized by the Executive Council. Since the call for candidates resulted in fewer candidates than positions to be filled, elections weren’t necessary and the students who had volunteered were elected. The new Executive Council: chair, Marcus Rocha

(Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul); treasurer, Amy Kennemore (University of California); Executive Council members: María de los Ángeles Picone (Emory University), two years; Dámaso Rabanal (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile), two years; Maria Cristina Monsalve (University of Maryland), one year.

Eight members attended the business meeting on April 30. Elections results were ratified, the award winner and the honorable mentions were recognized, and further actions to improve communication among members discussed. We hope that for the next congress we will be able to discuss our activities with the membership of the section in a more participatory way. We will make efforts to increase our membership and hold decentralized activities along the year.

The roundtable “Publish or Perish: Publishing Advice for Young Researchers” took place on April 29, with a good and very participative audience (35 attendees). Presenters addressed issues regarding publication from different points of view.

The first “Best Student Paper Award” aimed to recognize the best paper presented by a graduate student at LASA2017. Besides a \$300 prize, the winner and the honorable mentions will receive mentoring from one of the 13 journals supporting the award in order to finish their papers for a successful submission. Indeed, we consider that this educational process is the best feature of award. The Evaluation Committee was chaired by Amy Kennemore (University of California) and also composed by the current chairs of the section and an external body formed by Angus McNelly (University of London), Andrea Marston (Berkley), and Cara Snyder (University of Maryland). The selected works are: First Place: Karla Luzmer Escobar Hernández,

(Universidad de los Andes, Instituto Max Planck para la Historia del Derecho Europeo), “Quintín Lame y los retos de pensar en una cultura jurídica indígena a los inicios del siglo XX”; Honorable Mention: Johnathan Abreu (University of California, San Diego), “Freedom and Flight on the Frontier: Brazilian Quilombos and Territoriality in Western Maranhão, Brazil (1860–1880)”; Honorable Mention: Grit Kirstin Koeltzsch (CEIC Centro de Estudios Indígenas y Coloniales, Universidad Nacional de Jujuy), “Cuando la danza lleva a la liberación. Prácticas dancísticas en el Valle de Lerma (Salta, Argentina).”

Venezuelan Studies

Prepared by Iria Puyosa, Secretary-Treasurer

Business meeting: The section business meeting was held on Saturday, April 29, from 8:00 to 8:50 p.m. in room H331, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Thirty members attended. Section Chair Vicente Lecuna presided. To start the meeting Lecuna read the agenda, approved by the members in attendance. Lecuna reported that the Venezuelan Studies Section (SVS) currently has 150 registered members, which will allow us to sponsor three panels for LASA2018, the same number as in 2017. Lecuna officially reported the new composition of the Section Executive Committee, recently elected: president, Vicente Lecuna (will hold the position until May 2018); secretary-treasurer, Iria Puyosa (will hold the position until May 2018); Executive Committee members 2016–2018: Ronald Briggs, Víctor Carreño, Iraida Casique, Ana Rodríguez-Navas, Magaly Sánchez, and José Delpino (graduate student representative); Executive Committee

members 2017–2019: Verónica Zubillaga, Alicia Ríos, Nathalie Bouzaglo, Andrés Cañizález, Armando Chaguaceda, and Raúl Sánchez Urribarri.

Grants: This year four grants were awarded to assist researchers residing in Venezuela to attend the LASA congress. These grants were awarded with funding obtained through the section’s crowd-funding and generous donations provided by LASA members at the time of registration for the conference.

Panels: Lecuna invited members to attend the section-sponsored panels: “El cuerpo visible de la energía: Ensamblajes petroleros en la cultura venezolana (1907–2014)”; “Venezuela post-chavista: Crisis, conflictos y transformaciones” y “‘Golpistas, apátridas, escuálidos y disociados’: Rol de los discursos en la instauración del chavismo”.

Jornadas LASA Caracas 2016: Lecuna presented the report on the IV Jornadas of the Venezuelan Studies Section in Caracas (see details in the corresponding section of this report). The assembly decided to congratulate the Organizing Committee of the LASA Conference in Caracas for the effort made to convene an academic event in the difficult political and economic circumstances experienced by Venezuela.

Statements and resolutions: The assembly discussed the importance of keeping the SVS active in denouncing the situation of the violation of civil, political, social, and economic rights suffered in Venezuela. In that regard, the issuance of statements at different moments of grave conjuncture were highlighted: Declaration of Venezuelan researchers (June 21, 2016); Statement of the SVS on the suspension of the Referendum and nullification of the National Assembly (October 31, 2016);

Statement by the SVS of LASA on Supreme Court decisions limiting the National Assembly (April 4, 2017).

Professor Daniel Levine informed the assembly that to date no official response had been received from the LASA Executive Council on the request for a Resolution on Venezuela, presented by Professors Daniel Levine, Vicente Lecuna, and Ana Rodríguez Navas, and endorsed by more than 50 LASA members.

The assembly considered it necessary that the SVS insists that the Executive Council approve the resolution in the terms in which it was presented, without attempting to dilute the government's responsibility for the economic, social, and political crisis, as well as for the repression of protests.

Likewise, the majority favored insisting that LASA prepares a detailed report on the situation in Venezuela. In the event that members of the Executive Council cannot visit Venezuela because of risks to their safety, the report may be commissioned to LASA members residing in Venezuela.

The assembly also welcomed the Executive Council's initiative to issue the following statement on the situation in Venezuela (April 3, 2017): "The Latin American Studies Association (LASA) expresses deep concern about the ongoing situation in Venezuela. The decision of the Supreme Tribunal of Justice to deprive the National Assembly of its legislative functions represented a decisive step towards authoritarian rule. The attempt to dissolve the National Assembly suppressed the constitutional tenet of separation of powers and the will of the Venezuelan people, expressed in the legislative elections of December 2015. With almost half of its members in Latin America, LASA is an international organization that

affirms in the strongest terms possible the principles of academic freedom and the protection of human rights. LASA calls upon the Venezuelan government to respect the Bolivarian Constitution, respect the legislative functions of the National Assembly, and release all political prisoners" (https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/members/news/venezuela_04032017.asp).

The issue of verbal attacks and hostilities towards the SVS from groups favorable to the government presided by Nicolás Maduro was presented to the assembly by one of our members. Most of the attendees were of the view that there was no need to comment on that matter.

Funds for Venezuelans to attend LASA Congress: The problem of difficulties in attending the conference (and even in maintaining membership in LASA) that Venezuelan researchers face was again mentioned. Iria Puyosa, secretary-treasurer, indicated that the crowd-funding initiative is insufficient to meet the demands of funds for researchers in Venezuela, much less to meet the growing demand for recent expatriates who also lack funding. A proposal to seek funds from private foundations that could finance the attendance of researchers in panels sponsored by SVS was presented. This idea should be developed in detail to assess its feasibility. It is considered necessary to find general solutions to the problem of financing Venezuelan researchers, with the active collaboration of the LASA Executive Council.

Barcelona 2018: Section members drew attention to the fact that holding the Congress of LASA 2018 in Barcelona (Spain) exacerbates the problem of founding for Venezuelan researchers. Travel costs to Europe are very high for academic

researchers residing in South America in general and totally beyond the reach of Venezuelan academic researchers.

Barcelona is a city with high costs for accommodations and food, which is inconvenient for our members. In addition, the dates of the congress, very close to the summer when the city is overloaded with tourists, will make it necessary to plan trips well in advance, which conflicts with the times for the approval of travel funds from universities and also from LASA. All this will complicate the assistance of our researchers.

Awards: At the end of the meeting of the SVS, the section awards were given to the Best Papers on Venezuela in Social Sciences and Humanities. Chair Vicente Lecuna and juror Paula Vásquez Lezama were in charge of handing over the statuettes and diplomas to the winners. The article "The Denouncers: Populism and the Press in Venezuela" by Robert Samet, *Journal of Latin American Studies* (2016), won the Best Social Sciences Paper on Venezuela Award. The jury, made up of Charles Briggs, Manuel Llorens and Paula Vásquez Lezama, also decided to award a Special Mention (Social Sciences) to the paper "Ser oído, ser visto: Poder ocular y comunidad carismática," by Colette Capriles. The Best Humanities paper on Venezuela Award was awarded to Rebecca Jarman's article "Bolivarian Landslides? Ecological Disasters, Political Upheavals, and (Trans) National Futures in Contemporary Venezuelan Culture," *Ecozon* (2017). The jury, made up of Álvaro Contreras, Beatriz González S., and Lisa Blackmore, awarded a Special Mention to the article "De espaldas a la alabanza: (Sonoridad, afecto, memoria en la obra de Igor Barreto)," by Gina Saraceni.

Sponsored panels: The SVS sponsored three panels that were academically compelling and well attended: “El cuerpo visible de la energía: Ensamblajes petroleros en la cultura venezolana (1907–2014), organizer and chair, Santiago Acosta; discussant, Javier Guerrero; presenters, José Delpino, Santiago Acosta, Miguel Angel Hernández, Vicente Lecuna. “Venezuela post-chavista: Crisis, conflictos y transformaciones,” chair and organizer, Armando Chaguaceda; presenters, David Smilde and Jennifer Triplett, Carlos Gabriel Torrealba Méndez, María Isabel Puerta Riera and Armando Chaguaceda, Emiliano Terán Mantovani, Yorelis Acosta. “‘Golpistas, apátridas, escuálidos y disociados’: Rol de los discursos en la instauración del chavismo,” organizers Iria Puyosa and Magaly Sánchez-R; chair, José Manuel Puente; discussant, Paula Vásquez; presenters: Iria Puyosa, Magaly Sánchez-R., Pedro E. Rodríguez.

Fernando Coronil Award 2016: The SVS organized a formal presentation of the two winning books of the Fernando Coronil 2016 award for the Best Book on Venezuela, *Ficción adulterada: Pasiones ilícitas del entresiglo venezolano*, by Nathalie Bouzaglo (Beatriz Viterbo Editora, 2016); and *Barrio Rising: Urban Popular Politics and the Making of Modern Venezuela*, by Alejandro Velasco (University of California Press, 2015). The award-winning books were commented on by Javier Guerrero (Humanities) and Armando Chaguaceda (Social Sciences).

LASA Caracas 2016: The IV Jornadas de la SVS was celebrated in November 2016 in Caracas. The SVS-LASA Caracas Committee was presided over by Vicente Lecuna. The conference in Caracas was organized with 12 sessions, 50 paper presenters, and 6 keynote speakers (Margarita López Maya, Jennifer

McCoy, Miguel Gomes, Javier Lasarte, Isabel Arredondo, and Julie Skurski). Complementarily, two readings were made with three writers (Ana Teresa Torres, Miguel Gomes, and Alberto Barrera), and a film forum, with the screening of the documentary “The Case of Magic Socialism” by Michele Calabresi.

The presence of keynote speakers based abroad was made possible by a grant from the U.S. Embassy in Caracas. Scholarships were awarded for participants from the interior of the country. Scholarships were financed with donations from members of the SVS. Payments for the registration of the conference covered some overhead expenses. The facilities in which the conference was held were given free of charge by CIAP and Cultura Chacao. Donations were also received in materials from the UCAB, the IESA, and Editorial Ex Libris. The graphic design work was donated by Ana Palmero Cáceres, Yafi Nosé donated the work of computer support and Araya Goitía donated the work of social media management. The protocol and logistical support work was carried out ad honorem by students of the Universidad Central de Venezuela and the Universidad Simón Bolívar.

Visual Culture Studies

By Kevin Coleman, University of Toronto, and Jessica Stites-Mor, University of British Columbia

Business Meeting: Twelve members in attendance. We discussed: (1) welcome to newly elected members of the section council; (2) the section’s activities and panels; (3) the idea of establishing an annual prize for best essay written by a member of the VCS; (4) plans for LASA 2018 in Barcelona.

Election results: co-chair, Jessica Stites Mor (2017–2019); secretary-treasurer, Meghan Tierney (2017–2019); council member, Elena Rosauero (2017–2019).

Board for VCS, 2017–2018: co-chairs, Kevin Coleman (2016–2018) and Jessica Stites Mor (2017–2019); secretary-treasurer, Meghan Tierney (2017–2019); council members, Joaquín Barriendos Rodríguez (2016–2018), Kaitlin Murphy (2016–2018), Niamh Thornton (2016–2018), Lilian Gómez-Popescu (2016–2018), Elena Rosauero (2017–2019).

Review of Term Activities and Plan for Coming Term: Good news: the Visual Culture Section membership increased to 188 members. For Lima 2017, there was a strong selection of visual culture panels. Kevin Coleman served as co-chair of the Track for Art, Architecture and Visual Culture, with Marco Curatola Petrocchi (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú) and Maria Angela Dias (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro). The track received 53 individual paper proposals (34 accepted), and 37 panel proposals (35 accepted). For Barcelona 2018, Lisa Blackmore and Liliana Gómez-Popescu will chair the Track for Visual Culture and Performance Studies.

Last year, we launched an open call for two sponsored panels on visual culture and we received really compelling proposals. The following three panels were selected: Panel: “Figuraciones estético-políticas del archivo,” discussant, Irene Depetris Chauvis; presenters, Natalia Taccetta, Cecilia Macon, Mariano Veliz, Julia Kratje. PANEL: “Cultura digital en América Latina,” discussant, Phil Penix-Tadsen; presenters, Anahí A. Re, Thea Pitman, Osvaldo Cleger, Cristian Aguilera, Carolina Gainza. Workshop, “Telling Stories: Filmmaking and Academic

Richard Fagen Receives O'Higgins Award

Research,” Malcolm Rogge, *Under Rich Earth* (2011); Lisa Blackmore, *Después de Trujillo* (2016), Claudia Sandberg, *Películas escondidas* (2015), Claudia Ferman, *Buscando a Bolaño* (in progress), Respondent: Liliana Gómez-Popescu

We held our VCS Business Meeting 2017 at the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo de Lima. Following the Business Meeting and in collaboration with the MAC, we co-sponsored the launch of: JUAN ACHA: Despertar revolucionario; Commentaries/ Participan: Mario Acha, Joaquín Barriendos, Gustavo Buntinx, Marie-France Cathelat.

Financial report: As of April 25, 2017, the VCS had a balance of \$3,536. During the 2017 Congress, the section spent \$100 on a bus for a social event at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Lima. ■

On March 27, 2017, Professor Richard Fagen received Chile's highest civilian honor awarded to a non-Chilean citizen, the Order of Bernardo O'Higgins, named for a leader in Chile's War of Independence from Spanish rule. Fagen is Gildred Professor of Latin American Studies, Emeritus, at Stanford University, and Past President of LASA (1975–1976). He received LASA's Kalman Silvert Award in 1995 in recognition of his distinguished lifetime contribution to the study of Latin America.

Professor Fagen demonstrated his solidarity with Chile through his work with the Ford Foundation in Santiago during the presidency of Salvador Allende and in the aftermath of the 1973 coup, when the Foundation extended invitations to hundreds of Chilean academics to work and study in the United States.

In presenting the O'Higgins Award, Juan Gabriel Valdés, Chilean ambassador to the United States, commented: “The resolution by President Michelle Bachelet awarding the medal of Bernardo O'Higgins to Professor Richard Fagen echoes the gratitude of a generation of Chilean intellectuals and academics . . . towards an American academic who, during a tumultuous and extraordinary period of our history, dedicated the best of his efforts to understand Latin America and its processes of change and revolution, and then . . . acted decisively to welcome and protect some of those Chilean intellectuals persecuted by the dictatorship.” ■