



CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES
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*Re-imagining Nation, Rethinking
Citizenship: Indigenous and Popular
Movements in Latin America
and the Caribbean*

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2008

Keynote Presentation

3:00-5:00 pm

Rooms 303 and 305 International Center

"Indigenous Rights, Citizenship and Social Cohesion in Latin America"

Dr. Leon Zamosc

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
University of California, San Diego

Reception (all welcome)

5:00-6:00 pm

Room 302 International Center

Please help us recognize Outstanding CLACS Faculty and Students

CLACS Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Rocio Quispe-Agnoli
Dr. Irvin Widders
Mary Jo Zeter
Dr. Jonas Zoninsein

**CLACS Outstanding
Graduate Students**

Ronald Cox
Sonia Robles
Dante Vergara

**CLACS Undergraduate
Study Abroad Scholarships**

John Connolly
Melissa Liszewski
Lauren Verbiscus

**CLACS Outstanding
Undergraduate Students**

Cora Bebiak
Caitlin Guthrie
Brian Hejka
Melissa Liszewski
Joao Mattos
Christopher McTaggart
Liliana Torres

Salsa Dancing

9:00 p.m.

(lessons begin at 7:00)
McDonnell Hall Kiva
East Shaw Lane, MSU campus
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THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2008

Registration

8:30-4:00 Third floor lobby, International Center

9:00-10:15 Room 302

Panel #1: INDIGENEOUS MOVEMENTS, COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION & CHANGE

Moderator: Dr. Laurie Kroshus Medina, CLACS Acting Director

"Indigenous Movements and Human Rights in Guatemala," Amber Skupski, Anthropology major, College of Social Science, MSU

"Guatemala's 30 year Civil War," Lauren Tomaszczyk, International Relations major, James Madison College, MSU

"The Role of Media on Workers and Indigenous Movement During Industrialization in Ecuador," Olivia Render, International Studies and Political Science major, College of Social Science, MSU

"¡Ya Basta! Enough!," Ann Marie Gordenier, International Relations, and Social Relations and Policy major, James Madison College, MSU

"Los Zapatistas y los efectos en Mexico (The Effects of the Zapatistas on Mexico)," Lauren Theodosia Kelly, Secondary Education – Spanish major, College of Education and College of Arts and Letters, MSU

10:15-11:30 Room 305

Panel #2: CONFLICT, PEACE AND HISTORICAL MEMORY

Moderator: Nicolas Gisholt, Undergraduate Advisor, Global and Area Studies (GLAS-Latin America), College of Social Science

"Costa Rica: A Different Kind of Power," Cora Bebiak, International Relations major, James Madison College, MSU

"The Effect of Mexico's Fragile Economy as the Leading Catalyst of the Mexican Revolution of 1910," Caitlin Kennel, International Studies and Political Science major, College of Social Science, MSU

"Myth, Memory, and Cultural Markers of National Identity: Contemporary Perceptions of the 1948 Conflict in Costa Rica," Rebecca Taylor, History and Latin American Studies, Grinnell College

"Female Roles in Peru's Sendero Luminoso," Allison Horowski, International Relations major, James Madison College, MSU

"Role of Argentine Women," Mary Murray, Spanish major, College of Arts and Letters, MSU

10:30-12:00 Room 302

Panel #3: EL FUTURO DE AMERICA LATINA, BROADENING THE DEFINITION OF LATIN AMERICA: UNITING LATINOS FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE US

Moderator: Dr. Tomas Rios, Associate Vice President, Student Affairs and Services

Jack Edukere, Co-Chairman for Culturas De Las Razas Unidas (CRU), Biological Science major, College of Natural Science, MSU

Laura Sologuren-Sanchez, Office of Cultural and Academic Transitions Aide and President of Latinos on the Move, Special Education major, College of Education, MSU

Sergio Espinoza, President, Sigma Lambda Beta, and Spanish major, College of Arts and Letters, MSU

Matt York, Internal President, Native American and Hispanic Business Students, and Advertising major, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, MSU

Federico Combs, Vice-President, Phi Iota Alpha, and Family and Child Development/Education major, College of Social Science, MSU

11:00-12:15 Room 204

Panel #4: POPULAR CULTURE (FILM, LITERATURE AND MUSIC) IN MEXICO AND BRAZIL

Moderator: Dr. Eduardo Guizar, Assistant Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese

"City of God (An Inside Look)," Sergio Gerardo Espinoza, Spanish major, College of Arts and Letters, MSU

"The Use of Popular Culture in Brazilian Protest Music and Film," Jessica Wayne, International Relations major, James Madison College, MSU

"Indigenous Languages in Mexico: Literature as a Tool for Survival," Elizabeth Aislinn O'Brien, MSU

"La memoria que le enciende a la juventud," Rebecca Bintrim, Hispanic Studies and Biology, William and Mary College

"The Origins and Social Functionality of Traditional Mexican Music: Early Rancheras through the Contemporary Period," Thomas Roe, Spanish and Portuguese major, College of Arts and Letters, MSU

Lunch

12:15-1:30 Spartan Room "C" Crossroads Foodcourt

Food vouchers are provided for all conference presenters and moderators (at registration table)

1:45-2:45 Room 302

Panel #5: ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Moderator: Dr. Gerald Urquhart, Assistant Professor, Lyman Briggs College

"Ethics of Animal Agriculture in Latin America: A Contemporary Analysis and Case Study," Melissa Liszewski, Animal Science major, MSU

"Encouraging Sustainability and Growth within Disadvantaged Populations: Addressing Problems within Participatory Research Programs," Alyn Gladys Kiel, Agriculture and Natural Resources, and International Studies major, College of Social Science, MSU

"Sustainable Development and Design in Latin America," Christopher McTaggart, International Studies major, College of Social Science, MSU

2:30-4:15 Room 305

Panel #6: POVERTY ALLEVIATION AND SOCIAL WELFARE POLICIES

Moderator: Dr. Adan Quan, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology

"Neoliberalism, Poverty Alleviation, and Social Welfare Policies in Latin America," Maura Carney, Social Work major, College of Social Science, MSU

"Evaluating the Justness of Healthcare Provision in the U.S. and Costa Rica," Nicholas Reale, Spanish major, College of Arts and Letters, MSU

"Una isla olvidada (A Forgotten Island): Globalization, Sweatshops, and Natural Disasters in the Dominican Republic," Anne Desiderio, Anthropology and Spanish major, College of Social Science, MSU

"Latin America and Community Colleges," Ryan Horn, Global and Area Studies – Latin America major, College of Social Science, MSU

2:30-4:15 Room 302

Panel #7: CULTURAL CONTOURS OF AFRICAN DESCENDANTS OF THE CARIBBEAN

Moderator: Dr. Manuel Chavez, CLACS Associate Director

"Abakua Secret Society: An Exploration of Religion, Race and Culture," Andrew Woodson, Sociology major, College of Social Science, MSU

"Haitian Vodou: The Development of the Petro Loa and the Haitian Revolution," Crystal Nicole Eddins, Lifelong Education, MSU

"The Drama of a King Shotaway: The African Grove Theater and the Second Carib War," Nastassja Whitman, Theater major, College of Arts and Letters, MSU

"St. Vincent and the African Aesthetic," Angela Nurse, Social Relation Policy major, James Madison College, MSU

4:15-5:30 Room 305

Panel #8: POLITICS AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE ANDEAN REGION

Moderator: Dr. Jonas Zoninsein, Professor, James Madison College

"Economic Nationalism in Venezuela," Cory Connolly, International Relations, James Madison College, MSU

"US Economic Relations with Colombia," Lauren Veribiscus, International Relations, Comparative Cultures and Politics, James Madison College, MSU

"US Economic Relations with Peru," Kelly Steffen, International Relations and Economy, James Madison College, MSU

"The Informal Economy and Latin America," Jennifer Seager, International Relations, James Madison College, MSU

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