

LATIN AMERICAN & CARIBBEAN STUDIES - Michigan State University

October 2, 2009 Bulletin

THANK YOU!!

On September 17 we had a fruitful retreat with much discussion on issues related to the *Evaluation of Academic Programs and Curricula*. We are interested in feedbacks from all, even those unable to attend. An online comment form is now available via the LACS web site: <http://isp.msu.edu/clacs/retreat.php>

We look forward to hearing from you.

NEWS...

This is the last newsletter in this format. We will be using an e-newsletter format beginning in the next few weeks. Please also stay tuned for our new website which is coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE!

Latin America & Caribbean Studies Retreat #2

Thursday, October 22, 2009

303 International Center, 9:30-3:30pm (come for as much or as little time as you can)

Focus: "Research Experience and Outreach"

All faculty, staff, administrators and graduate students are welcome.

Upcoming Events:

SEMINARS

October 06

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series

"*Eloisa Cartonera*: Publisher of *Avante Gard* Latin American Writers"

María Soledad Gómez and Washington Cucurto. Presentation and exhibition (Host: Maria Mudrovcic)

W449 Main Library, 4:00 pm

October 07

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series

"Two Fronts of the Michigan State Brazil Initiative: The Bioeconomy and Race, Nation-building and Globalization"

Panelists: Cynthia Simmons, Geography; Robert Walker, Geography; Nathan Moore, Environmental and Resource Sciences, Zhejiang University, and Geography; and Anthony D. Kendall, Geological Sciences

201 International Center, 3:00 pm

October 15, 2009

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series

“Borges and MSU”

Donald A. Yates will speak about his long relationship with the acclaimed Argentine writer

Jorge Luis Borges

303 International Center, 4:00 pm (reception following)

October 21

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series

“Territorial Development in Northeast Brazil: A Case for Semi-arid Northern Bahia”

Videoconferenced panel presentation from the Federal University of Bahia (UFBA) and the

Bahia Secretariat of Planning; Coordinators: Jonas Zoninsein, James Madison College; and

Gilberto Almeida, UFBA

1220 Engineering Bldg., 4:00 pm

October 28

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Seminar Series

“Indigenous Issues in the Americas”

Panelists: Laurie Medina, Anthropology and Eduardo Guizar-Álvarez, Spanish and

Portuguese

201 International Center, 3:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS**Hispanic Heritage Month Events:****October 06, 2009**

Film Series

Cesar Chavez Learning Center, Gannon Building 262, 1:00-3:00pm

Lansing Community College

Latin Dance Workshop

YMCA Downtown Wellness Center, 6:30-8:30pm

Lansing Community College

October 08, 2009

Latino Identity Dialogue

Cesar Chavez Learning Center, Gannon Building 262, 12:00pm

Lansing Community

October 09, 2009

Literary Workshop

Herman Conference Center Sunroom, 12:00pm

Lansing Community College

October 13, 2009

Guest Speaker: Ruben Navarrette
Saginaw Valley State, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Space is limited, to RSVP, call (517) 483-1610/483-9804

October 14, 2009

Film Series
Cesar Chavez Learning Center, Gannon Building 262, 1:00-3:00pm
Lansing Community College

October 16, 2009

Hispanic Heritage Month Cultural Show: Carnaval
Dart Auditorium, 6:00pm-8:00pm
Lansing Community College

Other Events:**October 16**

26th Annual World Food Day Teleconference
"Global Food Crisis: Opportunities, Responsibilities, and Solutions"
12:00pm - 3:00pm
For additional information on the World Food Day Teleconference or other World Food Day resources and event planning ideas please contact Patricia Young, National Coordinator (patricia.young@fao.org). For more information on World Food Day, visit www.worldfooddayusa.org.

October 4

Soldaderas Opening Reception
1:00-4:00 pm
Show runs from October 04th-October 31st, 2009
Honora Bird Studio and Gallery
1207 Turner St. Old Town Lansing, MI 48906
Soldaderas, New works of Amazing Women from the Mexican Revolution of 1910

November 5

"Sones de México, Ensemble Chicago"
Music Building Auditorium, West Circle Drive, MSU Campus, 8:00 pm
Free and open to the public
A special musical performance celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Julian Samora Research Institute. Presenting the Michigan premiere of ARMONIA a crossover community project pioneered by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and MSU faculty member Ricardo Lorenz.

FILMS**October 9**

Romance Language Film Series
“EL CALLEJON DE LOS MILAGROS”

Four interlacing vignettes chronicle the lives of three neighbors in this slice-of-life drama, which plays out in a tumbledown section of Mexico City (in Spanish, English subtitles)
5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

October 23

Romance Language Film Series
“O CÉU DE SUELY”

Abandoned by her husband, new mother Hermila moves back home and raffles herself off for a night of passion to raise funds, shocking her rural neighbors with a bold declaration of female empowerment (in Portuguese, English subtitles)
5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

October 30

Romance Language Film Series
“CARNE TRÉMULA”

One of the best of Almodovar’s films, this one tells the story of Victor. Born on a bus to a prostitute Victor accidentally shoots a policeman and gets sent to prison. He returns to stalk his old love, Elena (in Spanish, English subtitles), 5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

November 13

Romance Language Film Series
“LA MISMA LUNA”

Rosario works illegally in the United States to provide a better life for her son Carlitos, who remains in Mexico. Longing for his mother, Carlitos stows away on a van that's headed for the border (in Spanish, English subtitles), 5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

November 20

Romance Language Film Series
“MEU NOME NÃO É JOHNNY”

Based on the novel that recounts João Estrella’s life, this film tells the story of a young middle-class bon vivant who became a big-time cocaine dealer in Rio de Janeiro in the early 1990s (in Portuguese, English subtitles), 5:00pm, 206 Old Horticulture Building

STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION MEETINGS

October 14

Community Engagement Service Learning in Peru
Irv Widders, Horticulture; and Brian Thompson, Mechanical Engineering
201 International Center, 3:00 pm

October 7

ARGENTINA: Globalization, Politics and Social Capital
Summer 2010
4:00 pm - 75 Agriculture Hall

October 29

BRAZIL: The Transformation of Modern Latin America and the Caribbean
Summer 2010
4:30 pm - 335A Case Hall

November 19

ARGENTINA: Globalization, Politics and Social Capital
Summer 2010
5:00 pm - 75 Agriculture Hall

JOBS & INTERNSHIPS**Center for Gender in a Global Context Internship**

(For undergraduate students and graduate students)

GenCen Internship Applications for Spring Semester 2010

Submission Deadline: November 1

www.gjec.msu.edu/internship.htm. Electronic submissions are encouraged. Students interested in international internships should contact the GenCen Internship Coordinator, Marisa Rinkus, at gencenic@msu.edu as soon as possible to discuss programs and specific deadlines.

GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**Fulbright Fellowships**

Participants will be informed about the objectives, requirements, and deadlines for each program as well as how to: 1) develop a more competitive application, 2) select a host country, and 3) make necessary host country contacts. Fulbright Fellowships are prestigious and career-enhancing. They confer special status on winners during and following their foreign study, as outstanding, officially recognized representatives of the United States.

The Fulbright Program funds students, faculty, and other professionals to undertake graduate study, advanced research, and teaching at all levels: elementary, secondary, and university in more than 140 countries. Most grantees plan their own programs. Projects may include university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or life sciences, or some combination. The grants pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance, and, in some cases, tuition waivers and research allowances.

The approximate application submission deadlines for selected Fulbright Fellowship Programs for the 2010-2011 academic year are:

Faculty/Professional Programs Fulbright-Hays Faculty Research Abroad Program

Approximate Deadline:

November 9, 2009

Student/Graduate Student Programs

- 1) Fulbright U.S. Student Program September 24, 2009
- 2) Fulbright-Hays DDRA Program Approximate Deadline: November 1, 2009

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

Spring 2010

ACR 848 (formerly RD 823)

“Community-Based Natural Resource Management in Developing Countries”

Instructor: John Kerr

Wednesdays, 4:10pm-7:00pm

This course analyzes rural natural resource management in developing countries, focusing on the factors that lead to natural resource outcomes, e.g. conservation, productivity, and income distribution. The course begins with a look at how human and natural systems interact, then addresses a variety of issues that influence natural resource management including people’s perceptions of the natural resource scarcity, poverty and population density, tenure security, property rights regimes, collective action and its determinants, and governance. It also examines policy tools for promoting conservation where benefits are off-site.

CONFERENCES

The Samora Institute’s 20th Anniversary Conference

Latino Communities in the Midwest

Thursday, November 05 to Sunday, November 07, 2009

East Lansing, Marriot at University Place

Conference Registration Form required (Available at the CLACS Office)