



Center for Latin American and
Caribbean Studies Bulletin
Friday, January 25, 2008

CALL FOR PAPERS!

5th Annual CLACS Undergraduate Conference, 3rd floor International Center, MSU. February 29 is the deadline for submitting proposals for the conference (April 16-18, 2008). Undergraduate students may submit an individual presentation proposal or organize a panel. Contact CLACS if you are interested in volunteering or serving as a faculty moderator.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 25 - Romance Languages Spring Film Series: DURVAL DISCOS, Durval is a 30-something man who owns a record store and still lives with his mother. He convinces his mother to hire a maid, which will drastically change their lives (in Portuguese), 5:00 pm in 206 Old Horticulture, free and open to the public.

January 29 - Study Abroad information meeting: Argentina - Globalization, Environment, Policy and Social Capital, Summer 2008, 4:00 pm - 204 International Center

January 30 - CLACS Seminar Series: "Opportunities and Challenges for a U.S. - Mexico Transnational Dialogue," Professor Silvia Nunez, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico (UNAM), 3:00 pm, room 201 International Center, free and open to the public.

January 31 - Study Abroad information meeting: Costa Rica - Ethics and History of Development and Health Care, Summer 2008, 5:00 pm - 207 Bessey Hall

February 1 - Romance Languages Spring Film Series: LA FAUTE FIDEL - A 9-year-old girl weathers big changes in her household as her parents become radical political activists in Paris in the early 1970s (in French), 5:00 pm in 206 Old Horticulture, free and open to the public.

February 6 - CLACS Seminar Series: Cultural agency or cultural imperialism? Garifuna and the consumption of 'Black America' in Honduras, Dr. Mark Anderson, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Santa Cruz, 3:00 pm, room 201 International Center, free and open to the public.

February 8 - Romance Languages Spring Film Series: VOCES INOCENTES - The drama of a young boy who must choose between enlisting in the Salvadoran army or joining the guerrillas (in Spanish), 5:00 pm in 206 Old Horticulture, free and open to the public.

February 13 - CLACS Seminar Series: A few lessons for linguistic theory from lowland

South America, " Dr. Andres Salanova, Professor, Department of Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 3:00 pm, room 201 International Center, free and open to the public.

February 15 - Romance Languages Spring Film Series: CATERINA VA IN CITT - When her father is transferred to Rome from the small town of Montalto Di Castro, Caterina discovers a politically divided world (in Italian), 5:00 pm in 206 Old Horticulture, free and open to the public.

February 20 - CLACS Seminar Series: Brujos y cimarrones/witches and maroons: Racializing performances in Cuban popular religion and folklore, Dr. Kristina Wirtz, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, 3:00 pm, room 201 International Center, free and open to the public.

February 22 - Romance Languages Spring Film Series: BENJAMIM - Benjamim Zambraia is a lonely man with a tragic past. One day, he casually meets a woman who looks like his former love. Could she be the daughter of his great love? (in Portuguese), 5:00 pm in 206 Old Horticulture, free and open to the public.

February 27 - CLACS Seminar Series: "Seducing America: The Relationship between the Mexican Government and American Intellectuals: 1920 and 1990s," Dr. Jesus Velasco, Center for Government and International Studies, Harvard University and the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas (CIDE), Mexico, 3:00 pm, room 201 International Center, free and open to the public.

February 29 - Romance Languages Spring Film Series: CAUTIVA - An Argentinean teenage girl is told that her parents are not her biological parents; instead, she discovers that she was taken from a revolutionary couple during Videla's dictatorship (in Spanish), 5:00 pm in 206 Old Horticulture, free and open to the public.

FELLOWSHIPS

The 2009-2010 Fulbright Faculty/Professional Scholars Fellowship Program and the **2009-2010 U.S. Student Fellowship Program** will open, respectively, on March 1 and May 1, 2008. These programs provide outstanding opportunities for MSU faculty, graduate students and graduating seniors to develop international scholarly experience that can enhance their careers and enrich their lives. Grants are available for over 140 countries. They pay for air travel, a monthly living stipend, health and accident insurance, and, in some cases, tuition waivers and research allowances. Informational Workshop schedules for these Fulbright Programs are available at the International Studies and Programs website. MSU faculty should visit:

<http://www.isp.msu.edu/faculty/funding/us.php> Graduating seniors/graduate students visit: <http://www.isp.msu.edu/students/funding/fulbright/> For additional information contact Dr. Frank M. D'Itri, the MSU Fulbright Program Advisor, at: ditri@msu.edu.

2008 Library Travel Grants - The Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida will again offer Library Travel Research Grants for summer 2008. Application Deadline: March 01, 2008. These awards are funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Their purpose is to enable faculty researchers from other

U.S. colleges and universities to use the extensive resources of the Latin American Collection in the University of Florida Libraries, thereby enhancing its value as a national resource.

As many as 12 awards of up to \$750 each will be made to cover travel and living expenses. Awardees are expected to remain in Gainesville for at least one week and, following their stay, submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project and offer suggestions for possible improvements of the Latin American Collection. Researchers' work at the Latin American Collection may be undertaken at any time during the summer, starting May 15th, but must be completed by August 14, 2008. At least one grant will be made to a scholar from a Florida college or university. Information on the UF Latin American Collection is available on the Internet at: <http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/lac>. You can also e-mail Richard Phillips, Director of the Latin American Collection, for further information.

NEW STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Intensive Portuguese in Brazil - Florianópolis, Brazil - May 15 – July 10, 2008. For more information visit: <http://studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/brazilprt.html>

The Transformation of Modern Latin America and the Caribbean - Salvador Bahia, Brazil - June 7 - July 6, 2008. For more information visit: http://ntweb11.ais.msu.edu/osa_db/search.asp?cmd=e&id=102367

COURSES

Quechua Online - The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign offers two Online Quechua Courses for Spring 2008: LAST 445 A01 & LAST 445 A02. To access U. of I.'s course catalog, visit: <http://www.continuinged.uiuc.edu/outreach/courses.cfm> For more information, contact Angelina Cotler at cotler@uiuc.edu or Clodoaldo. Soto at s-soto3@uiuc.edu or visit: www.clacs.uiuc.edu

Intensive Summer Quechua Course at the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign will offer a summer intensive language program in Quechua. The program will be offered from June 9-August 2, 2008 by Prof. Sixto Clodoaldo Soto, a native Quechua speaker from Peru, a linguist with vast experience in teaching, and author of teaching materials. This is a FLAS-approved summer language program. Full program details and application instructions could be found at <http://www.clacs.uiuc.edu/quechua/summer.html> Please direct all inquiries to Renata Johnson, Outreach Coordinator at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at renata@uiuc.edu or at (217) 244-2790

Intensive Summer Nahuatl Institute in Guerrero, Mexico by Yale-Chicago/Columbia-NYU Nahuatl Institute. The course will run for 6 weeks, June 16 – July 25, 2008. For more information visit:
<http://www.yale.edu/macmillan/lais/programs.htm>

Intensive Introductory, Intermediate & Advanced Ycatec Maya University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán (Mérida, Mexico), & 4 week field study in Yucatán. June 2-July 12, 2008. Application deadline is March 28, 2008. For more information contact: Sharon Mujica at smujica@email.unc.edu or
<http://isa.unc.edu/maya/apply.asp>

CONFERENCES & CALL FOR PAPERS

11th Annual Ohio State University Symposium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures, Cultures, and Linguistics: (Re)Defining Identities in Moments of Transition. April 18th-19th, 2008. On behalf of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the Graduate Student Symposium Committee invites the submission of abstracts and panel proposals. Contributions may be in Portuguese, Spanish, or English, and can be situated within any subfield of the culture and literature, and linguistics areas. Keynote speaker in Literature: Prof. Rocío Quispe-Agnoli, Keynote speaker in Linguistics: Prof. Richard Cameron. Deadline for submissions of abstracts: February 22nd, 2008. Notification of acceptance: March 7th, 2008. For more information, contact: Petra Rozell and Ian Tippets. Symposium Organizing Committee, symposium_sppo@osu.edu

16th Latin American Studies Symposium at Birmingham-Southern College - BSC Latin American Studies Program invites proposals for the 16th Annual LAS Symposium hosted by the Birmingham-Southern College on March 14-15, 2008. This interdisciplinary conference aims to promote undergraduate research focused on Latin America. All topics pertaining to Latin America are welcome. The presentations should be 15 minutes in length. We encourage proposals of panels and invite faculty members to serve as panel chairs and discussants. Papers in English, Spanish and Portuguese will be considered. Registration: All participants have to register for the conference. The registration fee is \$20.00. Submissions: Please send panel/paper proposals to the address below or submit online. Deadline: January 31, 2008
By Mail: Dr. Barbara Domcekova Latin American Studies Symposium,
Director Birmingham-Southern College 900 Arkadelphia Road, Birmingham, AL 35254 Phone: (205) 226-4975 Fax: (205) 226-3089 Online: <http://www.bsc.edu/academics/las/symposium.htm>

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