



Dr. Claudio Padua

Distinguished Alumnus Award 2008

The University of Florida recognized Dr. Claudio Padua (MALAS 1987, PhD Wildlife Ecology and Conservation 1993) with a Distinguished Alumnus Award for 2008. Claudio — one of Brazil's foremost scientists — is recognized internationally for his local, national, and international efforts in the field of biodiversity conservation. In 2002, he was selected by Time Magazine, together with his wife Dr. Suzana Padua (MALAS 1991), as one of the planet's "Conservation Heroes." The Distinguished Alumnus award was presented to Padua at the 2008 Spring College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony on May 2, 2008.



CARLY VOIGHT

▲ Claudio Padua speaks at the Keene Faculty Center.

Claudio received a degree in Business Administration in 1974 from the University of Economy and Finances of Rio de Janeiro and worked in this field until 1980. Unhappy with the loss of biodiversity in Brazil, Claudio abandoned the business world and decided to study biology and work for the conservation of Brazil's endangered primates. He graduated from the University Gama Filho (Rio de Janeiro) in 1982 and in 1984 began his graduate studies at the University of Florida. Claudio's graduate research focused on the Black Lion Tamarin, a species of primate long thought to be extinct. His analysis of population viability was the foundation for establishing protected areas for this charismatic species, as well as bringing the issue of biodiversity conservation to the attention of the Brazilian public.

After completing their graduate degrees and returning to Brazil, Claudio and Suzana co-founded the Institute for Ecological Research

(Instituto de Pesquisas Ecológicas, IPÊ), which integrates research on threatened species, environmental education, habitat restoration, community involvement, and corporate partnerships to promote sustainable development and biodiversity conservation. Since its inception, IPÊ (<http://www.ipe.org.br>) has become one of the largest and most respected NGOs in Brazil. IPÊ's conservation programs in the highly-threatened Atlantic and Amazonian rain forests, coupled with its active program of corporate partnership, have made it a reference point for conservation organizations in Brazil. Its accomplishments include the conservation and management of more than 1 million hectares, the creation of conservation programs that helped to increase the income of more than 1000 people in rural Brazil, and the planting of over three million trees.

Claudio has received many important national and international awards in recognition of his conservation and education efforts. These awards include the Henry Ford Award for Conservation, the Whitley Continuation Award from the Royal Geographic Society, the Conservation Award from the American Association of Primatology, and the Achievement Award from the Society for Conservation Biology. He is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Brasilia, Vice-President of the Brazilian Fund for Biodiversity (FUNBIO), an Associate Researcher at Columbia University (New York), and a coordinator of the Wildlife Trust Alliance. He has edited two books and published more than 40 scientific articles and book chapters.

While on campus for commencement, Suzana and Claudio both delivered public lectures on their experiences working in biodiversity conservation in Brazil. Suzana, an environmental educator with a PhD from the University of Brasilia who is the President of IPÊ, spoke at Tropilunch, the weekly lecture series coordinated by the graduate students of the Tropical Conservation and Development Program. She discussed how IPÊ's environmental education efforts have evolved in the past two decades to better integrate social and environmental needs of communities.

Claudio's lecture at the Keene Faculty Center focused on the development of IPÊ as an organization and detailed their innovative programs for conservation and sustainable development in Brazil's

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Director's Corner

NATALIE GAULA



Dr. Carmen Diana Deere

The Center had an excellent spring semester in terms of securing new external grant funding. Marianne Schminck, Director of the Tropical Conservation and Development program (TCD), in collaboration with Daniel Zarin (SFRC) received a \$2.1 million three-year award from The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation for the continuation of the UF Amazon Conservation Leadership Initiative. This project supports applied research and capacity building in the Andes-Amazon region and will provide graduate fellowships and scholarships for conservation practitioners and leaders to study at UF. It will also fund faculty exchanges with universities in Brazil and Peru.

Elizabeth Lowe (LAS) and M.J. Hardman (Linguistics) received a \$156,992 three-year grant from NSF's Documenting Endangered Language program to preserve the Jaqaru and Kawki languages of Peru. The World Bank has funded my own \$50,000 project on improving data collection on gender and assets in Latin American household surveys.

Mary Risner (LAS) received a USDE Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Award for \$66,574, for a project with Florida K-12 teachers. Ten teachers will travel to Ecuador and Peru in July for the purpose of curriculum development. Mary Risner also received a \$12,460 award from the Florida Humanities Council to hold a film and lecture series next fall on Caribbean migration to Florida. Elizabeth Lowe collaborated in securing these two grants.

Through our various graduate student competitions, the Center awarded a total of \$503,465 this spring in research grants and fellowships for summer 2008 and AY 2008-09. With funding from the Tinker Foundation (matched by the Vice President for Research) and income from the TCD Ford/State and other endowments, 35 awards were made for Summer Graduate Student Field Research Grants. Thanks to our Department of Education Title VI grant, we awarded eight Foreign Language and Area Study (FLAS) summer fellowships for the study of Portuguese, Quechua and Kich'e Maya. Seven graduate students were awarded academic year FLAS fellowships for the study of Portuguese and Haitian Creole. The TCD program awarded 13 AY fellowships and assistantships from its Ford/State endowment and its grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. Twenty-nine percent of the total funding was awarded to students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 27 percent to students in IFAS, with the remainder going to MALAS students and a student in the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

We are very proud of these accomplishments. They are the bright spot in what is otherwise a dismal fiscal situation for the University and the Center. Due to the downturn in Florida's economy, the University suffered a \$22 million cut in general state funding in October 2007 and faces a \$47 million cut come July 1. As a result, all campus units suffered a 4% budget cut this academic year and will face a 6% cut next year. The Center has been spared having to lay-off staff or faculty, primarily due to attrition among our Center-based faculty. Elizabeth Lowe has resigned to accept the directorship of a new Translation Studies Center at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She will be greatly missed. Terry McCoy retired this year, but continues to direct the Latin American Business Environment Program on a part-time basis.

We hope that you can join us for Dr. McCoy's Retirement Celebration on November 8, 2008, which will be held in conjunction with the Latin American Business Symposium and Career Workshop. The workshop marks the 10th anniversary of the LABE Program with the theme, "Business in Latin America: The Past 10 Years, the Next 10 Years." It is open to students, faculty, alumni, members of the business community, and interested public.

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Winners and Losers in Free Trade Agreements The View from the South

Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar Lecture by Ottón Solís

Ottón Solís, Costa Rican economist and former Minister of Planning and Economic Policy, was the Center for Latin American Studies' Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar in Spring 2008. Founding president of the Citizens Action Party, currently the second major party in Costa Rica, Solís has twice been a presidential candidate, losing the 2006 elections by approximately one percent of the vote. Solís delivered his Bacardi Lecture, entitled "Winners and Losers in Free Trade Agreements: The View from the South," to a large turnout at Emerson Alumni Hall in late February. Focusing on the region's experiences and outcomes under several free trade agreements (FTAs), Solís highlighted four main points of contention in Latin America: that the negotiation process is very undemocratic; that FTAs are more than just about trade; once signed, they are more difficult to amend than national constitutions; and that the agreements are asymmetrical. Ultimately, he called for the emergence of a more pragmatic approach to trade agreements, rooted in particular contexts, rather than Latin American countries blindly accepting a one-size-fits-all model designed in Washington, D.C.

Among the asymmetries of the FTAs, is that Latin American countries must open their agricultural and industrial sectors completely, while the US is allowed to keep its agricultural subsidies and continue to protect its sugar, textile and steel industries. Another is that the agreements tend to reduce competition by enhancing intellectual property rights, while promoting competition in state service industries. These provisions go way beyond those required by the World Trade Organization and should not even be part of a FTA. He considered the "negative list on services" to be particularly damaging to Latin American countries since it requires liberalization of everything not mentioned in the agreements. The ultimate asymmetry is that the agreements promote the free mobility of capital through extraordinary protections to foreign investment while remaining silent with respect to labor mobility. Solís also considers the environmental and labor standards in these agreements to be without teeth.

According to Solís, the current FTA model undermines state sovereignty as well as democratic ideals by protecting investors' interests above the well being of citizens. He noted that NAFTA had failed to deliver the miraculous growth and progress promised by its promoters. Mexico's average GDP growth (3.1%) after 13 years of NAFTA has been no better than that of Latin American countries without FTAs. In fact, ten out of 18 Latin American countries have out-performed Mexico during this period. Moreover, in Mexico there have been detrimental social consequences to NAFTA, particularly in rural areas, with millions of people continuing to migrate to the U.S. every year, fueling tension

between the two countries. The main winners from NAFTA, he said, have been Latin American and U.S. multinational investors.

Solís emphasized that he is not opposed to free trade, which has the potential to enhance the development of certain sectors of the economy. The problem is that the U.S. seeks to impose the same FTA on all less developed countries, whether Costa Rica or Morocco, irrespective of the local context or stage of development. What he cannot accept is the proposition that pure free trade is in the interest of all less developed countries, and that the one-size-fits-all model is the best for everyone. He noted that the outcomes of the FTAs need to be carefully analyzed, and that these agreements would need to be revised so that they were mutually beneficial pacts, where not just a few benefit. Otherwise, the negative outcomes of NAFTA will be replicated throughout the entire continent, exasperating many of the problems these agreements were supposed to alleviate in the first place.

Commentary on Solís' lecture was provided by Dr. Mark Rosenberg, Chancellor of the State University System of Florida and an expert on Central America. He noted that the Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) was probably a bad deal for Central American countries, but perhaps it was the best deal that could be struck under the circumstances. Small countries have relatively few options, nonetheless, he considered the asymmetry in the free trade agreements highlighted by Solís to be unacceptable. Rosenberg stressed how the future of Central America lay in investing in education. Only by educating its citizenry would these countries be able to compete in the world economy on a basis other than cheap labor.

An audio transcript of Solís' talk is available at:
<http://www.latam.ufl.edu/People/bacardi.stm>.

—Contributed by Alexandra Anda, MALAS student



▲ Ottón Solís.

Visions of Bahia, Brazil

from the Collection of Frances F. Switt

In conjunction with the opening of the exhibition “Visions of Bahia, Brazil from the Collection of Frances F. Switt” in Grinter Gallery, the Center for Latin American Studies in collaboration with George A. Smathers Libraries hosted a very special program of recognition and remembrance in honor of Frances Switt and Ambassador Clarence Boonstra on March 20, 2008.

Frances F. Switt was a career foreign service officer who served with the U.S. Information Agency in Brazil, France, Haiti and Argentina. Her first love was always Brazil, and she was decorated by the Brazilian government for her cultural contributions to Brazil. She had a home in Salvador, Bahia, a city that adopted her as an honorary citizen and where she was an active participant in the cultural scene. Her collection of Brazilian art and literature reflects her many friendships with Brazilian artists from the 1960s on. Her brother Joe and sister-in-law Cristine Switt, residents of Ocala, FL, donated a selection of her art and literature collection to the Samuel P. Harn Museum of Art and the George A. Smathers Libraries (see accompanying article on the donation).

Clarence Boonstra was a career foreign service officer who served in Peru, Argentina, Mexico, the Canal Zone, and was Consul General in Rio de Janeiro and Ambassador to Costa Rica. After retirement he and his wife Margaret Boonstra, who had also been a foreign service officer and Peace Corps administrator in Latin America, moved to Gainesville in 1974. Two of their daughters and two granddaughters are UF alumnae. At the March 20th event, Margaret Boonstra announced the creation of the Boonstra Family Research Fellowship at the Center for Latin American Studies in recognition of the family’s long-standing interest and involvement in Latin America (see accompanying article).

While Frances Switt and Clarence Boonstra never met, their lives intersected through the many friendships they formed in the foreign service, and particularly, in Brazil. Joining us at the event to remember them were former Ambassadors Diego Asencio and Alexander F. Watson.

Diego Asencio served as US Ambassador to Colombia and to Brazil as well as Assistant Secretary of State for Consular Affairs, among other postings. While Ambassador to Brazil he worked closely with Frances Switt and also worked with Margaret Boonstra in the Bureau of Inter-American Affairs. Ambassador Clarence Boonstra was one of his role models.

Alexander Watson served as Ambassador to Peru and Deputy Chief of Mission in Brasilia, Bogotá and La Paz, and as Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations. In his last assignment, from 1993–96, he was Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs. He served with Frances Switt in Bahia, Brasilia and New York, and considers Clarence Boonstra to have been his mentor in the Foreign Service.

Other speakers at the event included Paul Losch (Latin



COURTESY OF JOE AND CRISTINE SWITT

▲ Portrait of Frances Switt by Edmard, circa 1966.

American Library Collection), Kerry Oliver-Smith (Harn), Charles A. Perrone (RLL) and Elizabeth Lowe (LAS). Center Director Carmen Diana Deere served as mistress of ceremonies and Dean Judith C. Russell (Libraries) gave a welcome.

The program was followed by a reception in Grinter Gallery, where those gathered viewed the exhibition and enjoyed the music of UF’s Jacaré Brazil Guitar Ensemble. We are grateful to Shi Chen, Grinter Curator, Amy Dickinson, Director of University Galleries, College of Fine Arts, and Paul Losch for making this fine exhibition and special event possible.



JOHN SCHERT

▲ The Jacaré Brazil Guitar Ensemble performs at the reception in Grinter Gallery.

Special Class and Guest Lecture on Jorge Amado

In conjunction with the Grinter Gallery art exhibit “Visions of Bahia, Brazil from the Collection of Frances F. Switt,” Charles Perrone (RLL) created, with the support of a curriculum grant from the Center, a new upper-division class entitled, “Jorge Amado and the Bahian Imaginaries.” The course addressed customs and expressive cultures of the city of Salvador and of the state of Bahia, Brazil through the fiction of the world-renowned author Jorge Amado (1912–2001) as well as through the contributions of artists with whom he collaborated over the decades, such as graphic artist Carybé and singer-songwriter Dorival Caymmi. Like the art on display, the course material was multi-disciplinary, encompassing cultural geography, cuisine, architecture, religion (candomblé, folk Catholicism), dance (capoeira, samba), and folk/popular musics. Beginning with nationalist and regionalist modernism of the 1930s, the class followed the development of Amado's fictional universe, and of Bahian identities, through localism, (quasi) socialist realism, populism, and the dramas of modernization and diversification. Amado's fiction— and its manifestations in popular culture, film, television, song— have provoked ample debate concerning representation of subalterns, gender roles, exoticism, and image-marketing. Guest lecturers included Bryan McCann (Georgetown University), Elizabeth Lowe (LAS), and Elizabeth Ginway (RLL).

The featured invited speaker was Piers Armstrong (California State University Los Angeles) who spoke to a full house in the Ruth McQuown Room on February 22 on “The Social Contract Question: Afro-centrism, Exoticism and Authenticity in Jorge Amado's Carnivalia.” The talk addressed the tension between high and popular culture which is a key feature of twentieth-century history. Over several decades in the mid-twentieth-century, Amado faced resistance from the critical establishment in Brazil because of his embrace of popular culture and his remarkable popularity in a country where readership is limited. Early in his career some called Amado a poor stylist, and when Brazil was under military dictatorship (1964–1985), others said he was opportunist, a purveyor of exotic sensuality. Yet Amado was a communist militant for 30 years, and during this time both a congressman and a political exile. As for artistic merit, he was admired by Camus and Sartre and was a good friend of Picasso and Neruda. Armstrong's talk provided an overview of Amado's career with a view to such issues and stimulated lively discussion. Probing the writer and his work, Armstrong considered “popular” phenomena in general and made comparisons between Brazil and the U.S.

—Contributed by Charles Perrone, RLL

Switt Donation to UF Libraries

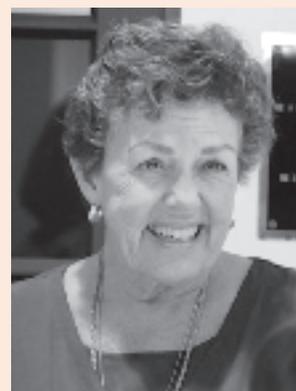
The UF Latin American Collection was fortunate to receive a donation of over 500 books from the personal library of Frances F. Switt. Many of these items were presentation copies from the authors to Ms. Switt, who had met many of the leading writers and artists of Latin America during her 30 years in the United States Information Agency. Of special interest are the many signed works by the novelist Jorge Amado, the artist Carybé and other notable intellectuals of Bahia, Brazil. Special items, such as these, will be housed in the Rare Books Collection, but most of the gift is going into the circulating collection, which actively supports the research, teaching and outreach work of the UF Center for Latin American Studies.

—Contributed by Paul Losch, Latin American Collection

The Boonstra Family Research Fund

The Boonstra Family Research Fund was created by Margaret Boonstra and her children to honor the memory of Clare Boonstra and in recognition of their family's dedication to hemispheric understanding and cooperation.

Income from the endowment will support research grants to outstanding graduate students in Latin American Studies to pursue thesis or pre-dissertation research in Latin America or the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. The research grants will be awarded through the Centers' Graduate Student Summer Field Research competition. Students in any UF department will be eligible, with priority given to those pursuing a MALAS degree or a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies. Consideration shall be given, but not limited, to students in the fields of agriculture, food and resource economics, forestry, natural resource management, environmental engineering, law, political science, and contemporary music and art.



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▲ Margaret Boonstra.

Center's 57th Annual Conference Keynote Address

Social Partnering in Latin America

Roberto Gutiérrez Poveda, Associate Professor at the Universidad de los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia delivered the opening keynote address at the Center's 57th Annual Conference on Multi-Sector Partnerships and Strategic Communications in the Americas in early February. Gutiérrez co-coordinates the Social Enterprise Knowledge Network (<http://www.sekn.org>), a group of ten universities in Latin America, the U.S., and Spain, that seeks to advance knowledge and practice in social enterprise. Gutiérrez has published articles related to alliances, social enterprises, and education and development in popular media and academic journals. He co-edited a book entitled *Effective Management in Social Enterprise: Lessons from Business and Civil Society*. He received his PhD in Sociology from Johns Hopkins University.

Gutiérrez's keynote address, entitled "Social Partnering in Latin America: Lessons Drawn from Collaborations of Businesses and Civic Society

Organizations," focused on research related to partnerships between non-profit organizations and corporations. He outlined three types of alliances, or relationships, between corporations and non-profit organizations. A philanthropic alliance is characterized by a donor-benefactor relationship and has a low level of engagement between the two organizations. A transactional relationship involves the exchange of items other than money, such as core competencies and logistical infrastructure. Integrative alliances, which have the highest level of engagement, feature collaborations that create new joint competencies and have a broad scope to their joint activities.

Gutiérrez discussed how such alliances can create value through alignment and leveraging of resources. Alignment refers to how compatible the organizations are with one another, which can be complicated by different values and goals. Leveraging resources creates synergy and a collective competitive edge. Finally, he discussed the advantages that businesses receive from non-profit organizations and vice versa. Businesses gain emotional satisfactions, good will, and connections to stakeholders, while non-profits gain access to cash, capacity building and credibility. He suggested that to maintain value in these partnerships, there must be balance in value exchange and consistent relationship renewal.

In his concluding remarks, Gutiérrez addressed issues related to managing social partnerships. He stressed the importance of value creation, or the formation of a "win-win" situation for both partners. Most importantly, he emphasized the necessity of managing the relationship through clear delineation of responsibility for organizational tasks, effective communication, accountability, and the building of trust.



▲ Terry McCoy (LAS), center, talks with conference speakers Tim Scerba, left, and Raul Romero.

Welcome New Center Affiliates, Staff and Visitors!

Affiliate Faculty

Agronomy

Lynn Sollenberger
(Jamaica, Mexico)

Chemistry

Valeria Kleiman (Argentina)
Gustavo Moriena (Argentina)

Horticultural Sciences

Jonathan Crane
(Caribbean, Mexico,
Costa Rica)

Industrial & Systems

Engineering

Cristián Cárdenas-Lailhacar
(Chile)

Law

Winston Nagan
(Ecuador)

SFRC

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Renata Peixoto (Brazil)
Visiting Scholar, Federal
University of Minas Gerais

Ottón Solís (Costa Rica)
Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar

Sondra Wentzel (Germany)
Visiting Scholar, GTZ

Upcoming Events

58th Annual Conference

January 29–30, 2009

The Urban Divide in Latin America: Challenges and Strategies for Social Inclusion

Latin America has the largest percentage of urban population of any world region in addition to the most unequal distribution of income. This inequality is most apparent in cities, where the richest and the poorest live in close proximity, and social inequality becomes tangible and flagrantly evident in spatial terms. How can urbanists affect policies that foster social inclusion?

This multidisciplinary conference aims to gather scholars and professionals dedicated to improving the quality of life in urban Latin America. This forum will provide participants an opportunity to share their research and experiences, and to engage in dialogue to generate ideas and identify solutions to advance social inclusion in Latin American cities. The conference is co-hosted by the UF Center for Latin American Studies and the UF College of Design, Construction and Planning. Joseli Macedo, UF Assistant Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, and Martha Kohen, UF Professor of Architecture, will co-chair the conference.

We seek contributions on a wide range of urban research reflecting the rich variety of work undertaken in the field. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- social and spatial equity in historical perspective
- informal economies
- access to employment and services
- strategies for equitable growth
- human capital investment and capacity building
- crime and violence
- epidemics and the health system
- emergency management and disaster planning
- supportive urban systems (infrastructure, transportation)
- political representation and community activism
- environmental quality and conservation in urban areas
- urban greening
- sustainable development practices
- professional practice

The conference will include keynote plenary sessions and paper presentations organized in panels. Invited keynote presenters include: Alan Gilbert, University College London, Department of Geography and Jaime Lerner, former Mayor of Curitiba, Brazil.

Abstracts are welcome from researchers at any stage of their careers, as well as planning practitioners and others dedicated to studying Latin American cities. The submission deadline for abstracts is September 1, 2008. More information on the conference can be found at: <http://conferences.dce.ufl.edu/las/>.

Retirement Celebration for Terry McCoy

7 pm, Saturday, November 8, 2008

Hilton University of Florida Conference Center

Gainesville, Florida

Held in conjunction with the Latin American Business Symposium and Career Workshop
“Business in Latin America: The Last Ten Years...The Next Ten Years”
 November 7 & 8, 2008

For more information on these events, go to: www.latam.ufl.edu/Alumni/mccoy.stm

In honor of his work, alumni and colleagues have established the McCoy Scholarship Fund. Please consider making a gift to support it. For more information contact: Janet Bente Romero (352) 392-9418 or jromero@uff.ufl.edu

Interview with 2008 Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar

Ottón Solís

Ottón Solís, Costa Rican economist and former Minister of Planning and Economic Policy, held the Center for Latin American Studies' Bacardi Family Eminent Scholar Chair during the spring 2008 semester. As the Bacardi Scholar, Solís taught a graduate seminar on Free Trade Agreements in the Americas and lectured both on campus and in Gainesville. The Latin Americanist interviewed Solís about his experience at the Center and his views on free trade agreements.

LA: Tell me about your experience at UF. What is your perception of the University?

OS: I have been positively impressed by the broad range of knowledge at this university, and the opportunities that I have had to attend conferences and seminars, see on-going research, and be updated on topics of my interest in history, economics, and law. I have learnt that the Center for Latin American Studies is truly interdisciplinary. In many other places in the world I have seen interdisciplinary efforts, but history, culture, music, and anthropology tend to be left out. They concentrate on one or two areas. Finally, I have taken advantage of the first class cultural and sports life at UF.

LA: What has been your experience with the students at UF?

OS: I have been very impressed. I have taught at universities in the UK and in Costa Rica. The share of students here who are truly committed to excellence is much higher than at the other institutions. I am impressed at the degree and the quality of class participation. It is sometimes very difficult to get young people to ask questions and set forth their ideas. And here they do. They challenge the professor and come up with very interesting ideas.

LA: You have given many talks and lectures around the University and in Gainesville. What has been the reaction of the audience to your "view from the South" regarding free trade agreements (FTAs)?

OS: There has been tremendous interest. I gave a talk to an undergraduate class in economics and the students did not stop asking questions. We had to extend the class an extra half hour. It was the same at the other public lectures that I have given. This shows how in a free society, people take advantage of research and information from very different perspectives. Even though I have stated explicit opinions against U.S. government trade policies, I have not received any complaints. No one has concluded that I am anti-American, pro-President Chavez or communist, as happens with the current government of Costa Rica when you question FTAs. The willingness of the UF and Gainesville communities to listen and to debate without prejudices and presumptive ideological objectives, demonstrates the development, maturity and self-confidence of U.S. democracy.

LA: Talking about US policy for FTAs, what do you think about the current debate in the Democratic presidential campaign regarding the issue of FTAs and revising NAFTA? What do you think are the issues and challenges and what is your opinion about this debate in general?

OS: It is very good that the Democratic Party is asking for a revision and renegotiation of FTAs. The evidence from Mexico [under NAFTA] speaks very badly about the actual outcomes of FTAs and leads us to ask who the actual beneficiaries are. The outcomes in Mexico have had an impact on this country in terms of the increase in Mexican migration. The time has arrived for U.S. and Latin American leaders who have doubts about FTAs, but that want a close trading relationship between our countries, to democratically and transparently develop a new generation of FTAs. We need to address issues like the environment, intellectual property, workers rights, investors' excessive protections, government procurement, the negative list approach, weapons production and trade, agricultural subsidies, etc. There are leaders in Latin America, like President Chavez and others, who oppose FTAs with the US altogether. But that is not the case with most Latin Americans. We want trade agreements, but driven by people's welfare and not by the interests of corporations. Therefore, FTAs as a campaign issue have a positive impact in bettering U.S.–Latin America relations.

LA: Can you tell me about your future plans? What is next?

OS: I am going back to Costa Rica. We have elections in 2010 and hopefully I will not be looking at the elections from the sidelines. Our party [the Citizen's Action Party] is the second largest in the country, or perhaps even the first. We have a tremendous responsibility, not only regarding the economic development model, but also with respect to ethics in government. Government and politics in our country, like many others in Latin America, are affected by corruption and by a blind commitment to the neoliberal economic model. We will fight corruption with all our strength. We have set forth development policies of a more eclectic nature, derived from rigorous analysis of the data, and from other countries' successes and failures. Our manifesto does not derive from ideologies or dogmas, but from real world experiences. In that context, the experience here in Gainesville has been of enormous importance for me. I have been able to take advantage of a top-class university. Seeing how much money UF spends on research, the number of graduate students, and the infrastructure dedicated to research and technological development has been very revealing. In Costa Rica, we need to invest more in education and in research and development. I have also come to appreciate the value of the truly multidisciplinary education offered at the Center. Many policy makers in our countries have a sharp understanding of how to deduct tax revenues from expenditures in order to calculate the fiscal deficit, but they are completely indifferent and/or ignorant of the history and the anthropology of their countries when perhaps these factors are key for the management of the economy.

—Contributed by Alexandra Anda, MALAS student

Faculty News and Publications

Florence Babb (Women's Studies & Gender Research) co-organized a session on "Eyes on Cuba" (with R. Behar) and presented the paper "Yearning for Cuba: Tourism and Ambivalent Desires in a Time of Globalization" at the Cuba 2008: Counterpoints in Continuity and Change Conference of the Cuban Research Institute at Florida International University in Miami in February. She gave the keynote lecture "Sex, Sentiment, and Tourism in Contemporary Cuba" and was the plenary speaker and discussant at the Persistent Divides: Marginalization and Exclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean Symposium at Grand Valley State University in Michigan in March. She gave a paper at the Conference on Cuba at UC Irvine on "Sex and Sentiment in Cuban Tourism" in May.

Allan Burns (Anthropology) has been elected President of the Society for Applied Anthropology. He will serve for one year as president-elect, followed by two years as president.

Nick Comerford (Soil & Water Science) was named a UF Research Foundation Professor for 2008–2011. The recognition goes to faculty members who have a distinguished current record of research and a strong research agenda likely to lead to continuing distinction in their fields.

Kathleen Deagan (FLMNH) *The Archaeology of Colonial Encounters: Comparative Perspectives* (Book Review) by G. Stein. *Journal of Field Archaeology*, 31(3) 2006: 333–334; Eliciting Contraband through Archaeology: Illicit Trade in Eighteenth–Century St. Augustine. *Historical Archaeology*, 40(3) 2007; The Strange Case of the Earliest Silver Extraction by European Colonists in the New World (with A. Thibideau, D. Killick, and W. Lyman). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 104 2007: 3663–3666.

Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE) received a grant from the World Bank to carry out a study on improving data collection on gender and assets in Latin America and to develop a training module for capacity building among the Latin American statistical offices. She presented an invited paper in May, "The Rise

and Impact of National and Transnational Rural Social Movements in Latin America," (co-authored with **Fred Royce** [Agricultural & Biological Engineering]) at the Conference on Agrarian Questions: Lineages and Prospects organized by the *Journal of Agrarian Change* at the University of London. She also co-organized and chaired a panel on Property Rights, Land Tenure and Reform and Rural Violence at the Annual Conference on Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas of the UF Law and Policy Program (CGR/Levin College of Law) in May at the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.

David Dilcher (FLMNH) New Gymnosperm Related with Gnetales from the Crato Paleo Flora (Lower Cretaceous, Santana Formation, Araripe Basin, Northeastern Brazil): Preliminary Study (with J.C.M. Fanton, F. Ricardi-Branco, and M. Bernardes-de-Oliveira). *Geociencias*, 25(2) 2006: 205–210; *Iara Iguassu*, A New Taxon of Aquatic Angiosperm from the Crato Paleoflora (Lower Cretaceous, Santana Formation, Araripe Basin, Northeastern Brazil) (with J.C.M. Fanton, F. Ricardi-Branco, and M. Bernardes-de-Oliveira). *Geociencias*, 25(2) 2006: 211–216.

Francisco Escobedo (SFRC) Estimación Preliminar de la Descontaminación Atmosférica por parte del Arbolado Urbano de la Ciudad de México (with A. Chacalo Hilu). *Interciencia*, 33 2008: 29–33.

Clyde Fraisse (Agricultural & Biological Engineering) received a grant from the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research to study the impact of climate variability on crop production in Paraguay and Brazil (in the state of Rio Grande do Sul).

David Geggus (History) gave an invited presentation at Tel Aviv University in December 2007 on the ending of slavery and the slave trade, and he spoke at the American Historical Association conference in January in Washington, DC on a presidential panel entitled "Where is the Haitian Revolution?" He also gave a video-taped interview for a federal government project concerning Haiti.

Susan Gillespie (Anthropology) presented a Distinguished Lecture on "El Modelo de la

'Sociedad de Casas' en la Arqueología de la Vida Cotidiana" at the Coloquio Pedro Bosch Gimpera Arqueología de la Vida Cotidiana: Espacios Domésticos y Areas de Actividad en el México Antiguo y Otras Zonas Culturales at the Instituto de Investigaciones Antropológicas of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in March 2008. Publications: When is a House? In R. Beck, ed., *The Durable House: Architecture, Ancestors, and Origins*. Carbondale, IL: Center for Archaeological Investigations, Southern Illinois University, 2007; Blaming Moteuczoma: Anthropomorphizing the Aztec Conquest. In R. P. Brien and M. A. Jackson, eds., *Invasion and Transformation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Conquest of Mexico*. Niwot: University Press of Colorado, 2008.

María Christina Gurucharri (Landscape Architecture) was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

Benjamin Hebblethwaite (RLL) presented "Linguistic Neo-Colonialism: Education, Canon and Curriculum in Haitian Creole Post-Colonialism" at the British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference at Georgia Southern University in February. In March, he introduced his adaptation of Haitian Creole Scrabble to 20 primary and 20 secondary students in Belle-Riviere, Haiti. Lastly, he received an Internationalizing the Curriculum Award from the UF International Center to develop a new Introduction to Haitian Creole Linguistics course.

Karen Kainer (LAS/SFRC) Sustainable Forest Use in Brazilian Extractive Reserves: Natural Regeneration of Brazil Nut in Exploited Populations (with L.H.O. Wadt, C.L. Staudhammer, and R.O.P. Serrano). *Biological Conservation*, 141 2008: 332–346.

William Keegan (FLMNH) was nominated as the 2007 UF International Educator of the Year by the FLMNH. Publication: Human Impacts and Adaptation in the Caribbean Islands: An Historical Ecology Approach (with S.M. Fitzpatrick). *Earth and Environmental Science Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh*, 98 2007: 1–17.

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Michael Leslie (Telecommunication) received a U.S. State Department Speaker Award to participate in a video conference on “Race and Politics in the United States and Cuba” with selected Afro-Cuban dissidents, hosted by the U.S. Interests Section in Havana, Cuba in February and March. He also delivered an invited paper on “Intercultural Communication for Journalists” at the 1st Inaugural Meeting of the Association of Afro-Colombian Journalists in Cali, Colombia, sponsored by USAID and the International Organization for Migration, in October 2007. He received a grant from the UF Office of Faculty Development to develop a Faculty Learning Community for “Campus-Wide Intercultural Communication Education and Training Needs Assessment.”

Elizabeth Lowe (LAS) will be leaving UF in August 2008 to begin her duties as the first Director of the Center for Translation Studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Lowe will hold appointments in Comparative Literature and Spanish, Italian and Portuguese in the School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics at UIUC.

Maxine Margolis (Anthropology) was an invited commentator on the video *My Grandma Has a Video Camera* at the CineBrasil Festival at Brown University in March. In April, she presented an invited paper entitled “September 11th and Transnationalism: The Case of Brazilian Immigrants in the United States” at the Brazilian-Americans in Georgia and Beyond: A Multi-Disciplinary Symposium at the University of Georgia and Georgia State University. Publications: *Race in Brazil*. In J. Moore, ed., *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008; *September 11 & Transnationalism: The Case of Brazilian Immigrants in the United States*. *Human Organization*, 67(1) 2008: 1–11.

Joceli Macedo (Urban & Regional Planning) was nominated as a 2007 UF International Educator of the Year by the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

Jerald Milanich (FLMNH) Foreword. In W. F. Keegan, ed., *Taino Indian Myth and Practice: The Arrival of the Stranger King*. Gainesville, FL: University Press of Florida, 2007

Gerald Murray (Anthropology) received an Internationalizing the Curriculum Award from the UF International Center to develop a new course on the Anthropology of Religious Violence.

Winston Nagan (Law) has been re-appointed as Abogado Defensor by the Federación Interprovincial de Centros Shuar in Ecuador.

Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo (Anthropology) delivered an invited lecture on “Cambios Ambientales y Culturales en el Alto Amazonas: Una Perspectiva de Ecología Histórica” at the Ibero-amerikanisches Institut Preussischer Kulturbesitz in Berlin in February. He also gave an invited paper on “Looking at the Forest as a Fragmented Archaeological Artifact: Toward the Archaeology of Anthropogenic Tropical forests” at the Archaeology of Anthropogenic Environments Visiting Scholar Conference at Southern Illinois University in May 2007. Publications: *Ritual Paraphernalia and the Foundation of Religious Temples: 4. The Case of the Tairona-Kágaba/Kogí, Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Colombia* (with M. Fischer). *Baessler Archiv*, 54 2007: 145–162; *Early Prehistoric Sedentism and Seasonal Animal Exploitation in the Caribbean Lowlands of Colombia* (with P. Stahl). *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology*, 26(3) 2007: 329–349; *Late Prehispanic Chiefdoms of Northern Colombia and the Formation of Anthropic Landscapes*. In H. Silverman and B. Isbell, eds., *Handbook of South American Archaeology*. New York, NY: Springer, 2008.

Alfonso Pérez-Méndez (Architecture) was nominated as a 2007 UF International Educator of the Year by the College of Design, Construction and Planning.

Charles Perrone (RLL) presented the paper “Três Séculos, Três Américas: Irmandades Epicas e Imperativos Hemisféricos” at the seminar entitled “Em Mar Aberto – Poesias em Português e nas Línguas da Espanha: Um Diálogo Histórico, Uma Futura Aliança?” in São Paulo, Brazil at the Casa das Rosas Instituto Cervantes in November 2007. He was an invited discussant for the “O Som do Poema: Da Oralização à Música” at Projeto Verbivocovisual at the Instituto Tomie Ohtake in São Paulo in September 2007 and was the

invited moderator for the Brazilian poetry panel at the Miami Book Fair International in November 2007. He presented “Further to ‘A Linguagem do Iauareté’ and Transcendence” at the Modern Language Association in December 2007 in Chicago and “Counting Anthropophagic Scripts: Textual Navigations and Oswaldian Prescience” at the Brazilian Studies Association International Congress at Tulane University in March. Publications: *De Noigandres & Navilouca a Coyote & Oroboro: Las Revistas Brasileñas de Invención y las Antologías Antinormativas*. *Nerter*, 10 2007: 77–81; *Topos and Topicalities: The Tropes of Tropicália and Tropicalismo*, published online at Tropicália.com.br; translations of poems by Haroldo de Campos in A.S. Bessa and O. Cisneros, eds., *Novas: Selected Writings of Haroldo de Campos*. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 2007; *Famished for Form: Haroldo de Campos and the Foundations of Concrete Poetry*. In B. McGuirk and E. R.P. Vieira, eds., *Haroldo de Campos In Conversation: In Memoriam 1929–2003*. London: Zoilus Press, 2007; *Do Bebop e o Kaos ao Chaos e o Triphop: Dois Fios Ecumênicos no Escopo Semimilenar do Tropicalismo*. In N. Barros da Costa ed., *O Charme dessa Nação: Discurso, Cotidiano e Práticas Culturais da Música Popular Brasileira*. Fortaleza: UFEC-SECULT, 2007; *Tigertail: A South Florida Poetry Annual—Brazil Issue* (edited with H. Costa). Vol 6, 2008.

Hugh Popenoe (Soil & Water Science) has announced that he and his family have donated their colonial house in Antigua, Guatemala to the Francisco Marroquin University of Guatemala. The donation of the home, constructed in 1634, includes its collection of colonial household furnishings and artwork. Antigua was the capital of Mesoamerica (from Chiapas to Panama) until 1775 when it was destroyed by an earthquake. Marroquin University plans to continue its present use as the Popenoe Museum. The university runs two other museums, Ixchel (Mayan crafts) and Popul Vu (Mayan archeology), in Guatemala City. The Popenoe Museum will also serve as a base for visiting scholars in all disciplines and for training programs. Marroquin University is inviting other universities to collaborate in these activities.

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Stephen Powell (Law) Should or Must? Nature of the Obligation of States to Use Trade Instruments for the Advancement of Environmental, Labor, and other Human Rights. *Alberta Law Review*, 45(2) 2007; Toward a Vibrant Peruvian Middle Class: Effects of the Peru–United States Free Trade Agreement on Labor Rights (with P. Chavarro). *Florida Journal of International Law*, 20(1) 2008; Peru–U.S. Trade Promotion Agreement: The New Economic Model for Civil Society. In *Acuerdo de Promoción Commercial Peru–Estados Unidos*. Lima, Peru: Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas, 2007; *Small Steps: Ending Trade’s Splendid Isolation from Human Rights*. Rio de Janeiro: PUC–Rio Nucleo de Direitos Humanos, 2008.

Mark Thurner (History) received an Internationalizing the Curriculum Award from the UF International Center to develop a new course on Latin American History and Culture for a study abroad program in Costa Rica.

Edil Torres Rivera (Counselor Education) presented a paper on “Language Implications for Counselors in International Settings” at the International Counseling Conference in Shanghai, China in December 2007. He delivered two invited papers in April on “Herencia Taina: Identidad Liquididad” at the University of Puerto Rico in Rio Piedras and

“Re-examining Picó’s ‘El día menos pensado’: An Overview of Puerto Rican Prison Population Mental Health Issues” at the InterAmerican Conference of Counseling in Managua, Nicaragua. He received a grant from the UF Office of Faculty Development to develop a Faculty Learning Community for “Contesting Racism in the Academy.” Publication: Using Psychoeducational Groups with Latino (a) High School Students (with L. Phan). In D. Viers, ed., *The Group Therapist’s Notebook: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Use in Psychotherapy*. Binghamton, NY: The Haworth Press, Inc., 2007.

Pilar Useche (LAS/FRE) received the Henry C. Taylor Best Doctoral Dissertation Award for 2006–07 from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her dissertation was also nominated for the Best Dissertation Award competition of the American Agricultural Economics Association. She presented a paper on “Technology Adoption in Poorly Specified Environments” at the American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings in July 2007. In October 2007, she presented “A Mixed Multinomial Model of Technology Adoption” at the Latin American Econometrics Association Meeting. Lastly, she received a USDA grant in collaboration with the UF–ESPOL team for a project to improve the

welfare of small-scale rice farmers in Ecuador through new technology transfer and microcredit.

Manuel Vásquez (Religion) appeared on the *Bill Moyers Journal* on the PBS television network in November 2007. He discussed his collaborative research with **Philip Williams** (Political Science) on Latino immigration, religion, and inter-ethnic relations in the New South. Publication: A Igreja É Como a Casa da Minha Mãe: Religião e Espaço Vivido entre Brasileiros no Condado de Broward (with L. Ribeiro). *Ciências Sociais e Religião*, 9(9) 2007: 13–29

Jorge Villegas was recognized as Teacher of the Year for the College of Journalism and Communications.

Jeff Wade (Law) delivered a paper on “Social and Environmental Challenges of Wetland Protection” at the Congresso Internacional de Direito Agroambiental at the Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso in Cuiabá, Brazil in September 2007.

Daniel Zarin (SFRC) Beyond Reaping the First Harvest: Management Objectives for Timber Production in the Brazilian Amazon (with M. Schulze, E. Vidal, and M. Lentini). *Conservation Biology*, 21: 916–925.

UF Acronyms	
FLMNH	Florida Museum of Natural History
FRE	Food and Resource Economics
LABEP	Latin American Business Environment Program
LAS	Latin American Studies
MALAS	MA in Latin American Studies
PGL	Partnership in Global Learning
RLL	Romance Languages and Literatures
SFRC	School of Forest Resources & Conservation
SNRE	School of Natural Resources & Environment
WEC	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation

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Atlantic and Amazonian forests. These innovations include offering academic short courses, managing public and private protected areas, and starting a for-profit company working in carbon sequestration. IPÊ has partnerships with two prominent Brazilian corporations, Natura and Havaianas. They collaborated with Natura, a cosmetics and toiletries company, to build a graduate school offering a professional master’s program in conservation and sustainability. They partnered with Havaianas, the sandal manufacturer, to create a line of flip-flops featuring Brazilian wildlife. Seven percent of the income from the sale of the flip-flops goes to IPÊ.

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Department of Wildlife Ecology and Conservation are proud to have Claudio and Suzana as alumni and are honored to have nominated Claudio for the Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Recent Latinamericanist Faculty Retirements

Ten Latinamericanist faculty have retired from UF in the past year. We are thankful for their dedication to Latin American Studies and we wish them the best in their retirement.

Andrés Avellaneda (RLL-Spanish) specializes in Spanish American literature and literary theory. He received an Undergraduate Teaching Award and chaired the 2004 Bryce Wood Best Book Award Selection Committee for the Latin American Studies Association.

H. Russell Bernard (Anthropology) is an expert in anthropological research methods. He is the author or editor of over 15 books and numerous articles. His books include *Research Methods in Anthropology: Qualitative and Quantitative Approaches* (2006, fourth edition) and *Social Research Methods* (2000).



Bernard received a UF Doctoral Mentoring Award in 2004 and the Franz Boas Award for Exemplary Service to Anthropology from the American Anthropological Association in 2003.

Carlton Davis (FRE) came to UF in 1970 and was named a Distinguished Professor in 1990.

His research interests cover topics in international trade and development, Caribbean agro-economic issues, and food and agricultural policy. He co-edited *Facilitating Safer U.S.–Caribbean Trade: Invasive Species Issues* (2005) and has published widely, particularly on the



English-speaking Caribbean. Davis received the George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Award from Tuskegee University, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, and the Distinguished Professional Contribution Award from the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society. Davis continues to work part-time in FRE on a number of Caribbean Basin initiatives.

Clyde Kiker (FRE) specializes in natural resource and ecological economics, with emphasis on public goods from ecological resources. His field experience has been in the Caribbean and southern Africa.



Maxine Margolis (Anthropology) is an expert in Brazilian culture and society, transnational migration, and gender roles in the U.S. and cross-culturally. Her most recent research has dealt with Brazilian immigration to the United States. Margolis is the author of *An Invisible Minority: Brazilians in New York City* (1998) and *Little Brazil: An Ethnography of Brazilian Immigrants in New York City* (1994). Since



retiring from UF, she has continued her research, writing and lecturing on Brazilian immigration in the U.S. She is currently working on a book on the Brazilian diaspora worldwide. Margolis has been named Adjunct Senior Research Scholar at the School of International and Public Affairs and the Institute for Latin American Studies at Columbia University.

Terry McCoy (LAS/Political Science) is a specialist on the political economy of Latin America. His current research focuses on the Latin American business environment and regional integration. He publishes the annual *Latin American Business Environment Report* and contributes to newspaper commentary on Latin American events. From 1985–1996, McCoy served as Director of the Center for Latin American Studies. In retirement he continues to direct the Latin American Business Environment Program at the Center and serve as Associate Director of CIBER. He was the 2006 UF International Educator of the Year.



Jerald Milanich (FLMNH-Archeology) is an expert in pre-Columbian southeastern U.S. native peoples and colonial period native American-European/Anglo relations in the Americas. He authored *Laboring in the Fields of the Lord: Spanish Missions and Southeastern Indians* (2006), *Florida's Lost Tribes: Through the Eyes of an Artist* (2004), *Florida's Indians from Ancient Times to the Present* (1998), as well as other books and articles. Milanich has been the principal



investigator of over 70 grants and contracts and has served on more than 125 graduate committees. In retirement, he continues to serve as an Academic Trustee for the Archeological Institute of America and as a Contributing Editor for *Archeology* magazine. He also is working on several book projects.

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Tony Oliver-Smith (Anthropology) is a specialist in displaced peoples and disasters, including post-disaster social organization and class, race, ethnicity, and gender-based patterns of differential aid distribution, with particular emphasis on the Andean region. He has authored and co-edited 6 books on disasters and displacement, the most recent being *Catastrophe and Culture: Anthropology of Disaster* (2002), as well as many articles.



Oliver-Smith received three Undergraduate Teaching Awards, a dissertation mentoring award and has served on the executive boards of the National Association of Practicing Anthropologists and the Society for Applied Anthropology. He is currently spending a semester as Greenleaf Chair of Latin American Studies at Tulane University and holds the Munich Re Foundation Chair of Social Vulnerability at the United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security in Bonn, Germany.

John Scott (Art History) has expertise in pre-Columbian and Latin American art. His books include *Latin American Art: Ancient to Modern* (2000), *Mexican, Central and South American Art* (1996), *Ancient Mesoamerica* (1987) and *Art of the Taíno of the Dominican Republic* (1985). His catalog from the Johnson Museum of Art at Cornell University has just been released as *A New World: Pre-Columbian Art from the Carroll Collection* (2008). Scott has published numerous articles in English and Spanish. He is Past President of the Association for Latin American Art.



Hernán Vera (Sociology) specializes in race relations, sociology of knowledge, and sociological theory. He has co-edited several volumes including *Handbook of the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations* (2007), *Liberation Sociology* (2001) and *White Racism* (2000). Vera was a Fulbright Scholar in Chile in 1997.

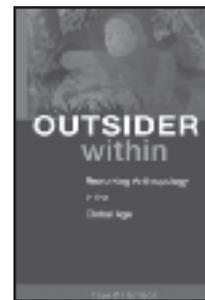


Recent Faculty Books

▲ **Faye Harrison** University of Illinois Press, 2008

Outsider Within: Reworking Anthropology in the Global Age

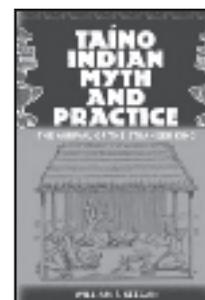
This book presents an approach to critically reconstructing the anthropology discipline to better encompass issues of gender and race. Drawing upon materials from Caribbean and African American studies, Harrison analyzes anthropology's limits and possibilities from an African American woman's perspective, while also challenging anthropologists to work together to transcend stark gender, racial and national hierarchies.



▲ **William Keegan** University Press of Florida, 2007

Taino Indian Myth and Practice: The Arrival of Stranger King

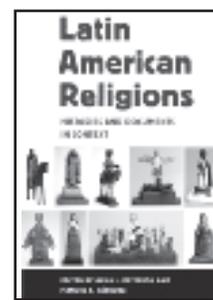
Applying the legend of the "stranger king" to Caonabó, the mythologized Taíno chief of the Hispaniola settlement Columbus invaded in 1492, Keegan examines how myths come to resonate as history. In this story, Caonabó, the most important Taíno chief at the time of European conquest, claimed to be imbued with Taíno divinity, while Columbus, determined to establish a settlement called La Navidad, described himself as the "Christbearer."



▲ **Anna Peterson and Manuel Vásquez** New York University Press, 2008

Latin American Religions: Histories and Documents in Context

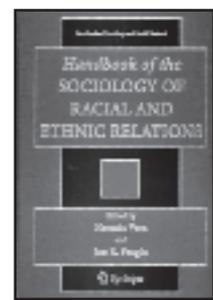
This book provides an introduction through documents to the historical development and contemporary expressions of religious life in South and Central America, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. A central feature of this text is its inclusion of both primary and secondary materials, including letters, sermons, journal entries, ritual manuals, and ancient sacred texts.



▲ **Hernán Vera** Springer, 2007

Handbook of the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Relations

This volume, co-edited with Joe Feagin, looks at contemporary racial and ethnic relations, one of the most studied aspects in sociology and sociological research. In both North America and Europe, many traditional cultures feel threatened by immigrants from Latin America, Africa and Asia.



NSF Grant Awarded for Preserving Endangered Jaqi Languages

The National Science Foundation recently awarded a three-year grant of approximately \$155,000 to M.J. Hardman (Linguistics) and Elizabeth Lowe (LAS) to create a linguistic research database in the endangered Jaqi languages. This project, entitled “An Accessible Linguistic Research Database of the Endangered Jaqaru and Kawki Language,” will be under the direction of M.J. Hardman, Howard Beck and Sue Legg. The award begins in July 2008. The team will transform a corpus consisting of 50 field notebooks of texts, corresponding audiotapes, 450 photographs and related linguistic data into an accessible, archived linguistic research database. A dictionary of the languages will also be created and entered into the database. The linguistic database will build on existing computational and linguistic work and will conform to the appropriate recommendations and standards. The materials will be archived and linked through two digital archives, the Archive of the Indigenous Languages of Latin America at the University of Texas, Austin (AILLA) and the UF Libraries Digital Collections. This project will make the field notes collected by Hardman over 50 years of linguistic field research in Peru available to the linguistic community. It also builds on the work of the “Aymara on the Internet” program funded by the U.S. Department of Education from 2004–07. The broader impact of the project will be to preserve and make available the texts, dictionary and grammar of two highly endangered Andean languages for linguistic research and for the use and future collaboration of heritage speakers. The linguistic material will be translated from Jaqaru and Kawki into Spanish and English. It is anticipated that the government of Peru will want to utilize this project for broader dissemination for bilingual education and language preservation purposes. The intellectual merit of the project lies in the rarity and scope of the linguistic material and the fact that it will reside in a multifunctional, widely accessible and web-based database. The coordinated archiving plan developed with AILLA and UF Digital Collections ensures that the materials will be accessible to diverse interdisciplinary and international user groups.

SECOLAS 2008 Annual Meeting

The Southeastern Council of the Latin American Studies’ (SECOLAS) Annual Meeting was held in Tampa, April 17–19, 2008. UF had a large delegation at the meeting. Twelve graduate students, 10 faculty, 2 visiting scholars, and 5 alumni presented papers, organized panels, and served as discussants. Richmond Brown (LAS) was a member of the local arrangements committee. Congratulations to Rachel Hallum (Sociology) for receiving Honorable Mention in the Edward Moseley Graduate Student Paper Award Competition!

Aymara on the Internet Program Introduced to Bolivian Ministry of Education and Culture

Elizabeth Lowe (LAS) and Howard Beck (Agricultural & Biological Engineering) traveled to La Paz, Bolivia at the invitation of the Ministry of Education and Culture in April. The purpose of the trip was to introduce the Aymara on the Internet program to Ministry officials and to discuss possible implementation plans for using the Aymara program in multiple settings in Bolivia. The new Bolivian constitution mandates bilingual education (Aymara-Spanish) for government workers, school teachers, K-12 education and other users. Prior to the trip, the technical teams at UF and at the Ministry were able to successfully install the program on the government server. It now resides on the Ministry education portal (Educabolivia), which in turn links to a larger Latin American education portal (Relpe). The program can be accessed at <http://aymara.educabolivia.bo/Aymara>.

During the four-day visit, Lowe and Beck had meetings with the Ministry and gave two half-day presentations on the Aymara project in public settings in La Paz and Cochabamba. Denise Arnold and Juan de Dios Yapita (Instituto de Lengua y Cultura Aymara–ILCA, a Bolivian NGO) participated in the Ministry meetings and in the presentation in La Paz. Attendees included representatives of universities, public and private institutions, government agencies and labor unions. The presentations covered the history of the project, an introduction to the student interface, pedagogical considerations, evaluation of the program and the structure and function of the database powering the interface. There was a high level of interest among the audience. Some can use the program immediately, while others are interested in modifying the program to meet the needs of local audiences and in adding other local languages, such as Quechua. The Ministry would like to add an assessment component to be able to award certification to users of the program. There is also an interest on the part of the Ministry in training for school teachers in the use of technology for language education, development of online materials and for training in database development for IT students in local universities.

The Aymara on the Internet program (M.J. Hardman, P.I. and Elizabeth Lowe, Co-P.I.) was funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Title VI International Research and Studies Program from 2004–07 and is the compilation of 50 years of research on the Aymara language by M.J. Hardman (Linguistics). The multidisciplinary project team included Howard Beck, Justino Llanque-Chana (Latin American Collection), Gillian Lord (RLL), and Sue Legg (LAS). It is a freely accessible online program offering twelve units of Aymara grammar, equivalent to two semesters of university-level instruction. The program contains exercises, cultural notes, a dictionary, a resource section, recorded dialogues and images.

Professional Learning Community Workshop

The Annual Spring Workshop of the Florida Foreign Language Instructors in Colleges and Universities was held at UF in February for the second year in a row. At this year's workshop, Diane Yendol-Hoppey (Teaching & Learning) shared her expertise on forming a professional learning community (PLC). The workshop was attended by 14 post-secondary foreign language instructors from nine institutions across the state. The workshop focused on the core components of PLCs, such as building relationships, finding shared focus with colleagues, analyzing student results collaboratively, and reflecting on one's own teaching through problem posing and solving.

The workshop concluded with a presentation by members of an existing secondary-level PLC group from Tallahassee. Hoppey's presentation, the comments from the Tallahassee group, and information on the protocols from the National School Reform Faculty fostered a good discussion of the benefits of PLCs for post-secondary foreign language instructors.

Jacaré Brazil Performs at Orlando High School

This spring, Jacaré Brazil performed a concert featuring samba and afro-beats at Dr. Phillips High School in Orlando. They were accompanied by Capoeira Luanda, a Gainesville-based capoeira group, who performed and conducted a workshop. Over 800 students from the Orange County performing arts program enjoyed learning about Brazilian music and culture. According to Sara Mendes, World Languages Department Curriculum Leader at Dr. Phillips High, "The music was great — I know some of the Brazilian students especially loved hearing the songs they recognized! Capoeira Luanda really wowed the students! They chose volunteers from the audience to come up and that just electrified everyone."

—Contributed by Elizabeth Smith, MALAS student

Outreach Lending Library Featured Items

Since the debut of cinematography in Buenos Aires in 1896, Argentine cinematographers have created more than 2,500 films. In recent years, film production in Argentina has greatly increased from 63 films in 2005 to more than 200 in 2007.

This semester, the Center's Outreach Lending Library added ten new Argentine films to its collection. They are *100 Veces no debo*, *Bialet Massé*, *Cachimba*, *Cara de queso*, *El buen destino*, *La demolición*, *La hija del cannibal*, *La parte del león*, *Teatro por la identidad*, and *Salvador Allende*. Ten Argentine films were purchased last year, so we now have 20 new films.

Most of the films are being used in film and literature classes created by Martin Sorbille (RLL). Course topics include Argentina's military dictatorship, Latin American

military dictatorships, internationalization of labor conflicts and class struggles, psychoanalytical theory, and Latin American film theory. "Thanks to these films, students are able to vividly apprehend critical problems of Latin American reality," said Sorbille. "The students' evaluations highlight precisely this point. Their response has been very positive."

All of the films have been added to the Outreach Program's online database. A search of the database will provide information on the length, subtitles, and plot of the movies. The database can be accessed through <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/outreach/catalog/catalog.asp>. All Outreach materials are available for free checkout and can be used in any educational endeavor. For more information, visit the Outreach Lending Library online at <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/outreach/library.stm> or contact Mary Risner at mrisner@latam.ufl.edu.





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Fulbright-Hays Group Project Grant for Ecuador and Peru

The Center for Latin American Studies, in collaboration with the UF College of Education and Florida's K–12 schools, has received a US Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad grant to support a four-week curriculum development project in Ecuador and Peru. The project is entitled, "The Andean HATSS Project: Reaching High Achievement for Teachers and Students of Spanish in Florida Schools." The project team consists of twelve K–12 Spanish teachers selected from 11 counties around the state. The group will be accompanied by UF faculty Mary Risner (LAS) and Cathy Cavanaugh (Teaching and Learning). The first phase of the project involves an online forum and a two day pre-departure training program at UF that will prepare participants to travel to Latin America as well as provide regional background knowledge and educational technology training. During the second phase, the group will spend four weeks in Ecuador and Peru to participate in academic seminars at FLACSO–Ecuador and the Catholic University of Peru, meet with local experts, and complete cultural site visits. Participants will also meet with educators at local schools to exchange ideas on educational practices, teaching methodologies, and materials development. In the final phase, participants will utilize their newly acquired knowledge, technologies, materials, and language skills to create curriculum units on the region. These instructional materials will be disseminated through the Center's outreach program, websites, and journals, as well as through state and national conferences.

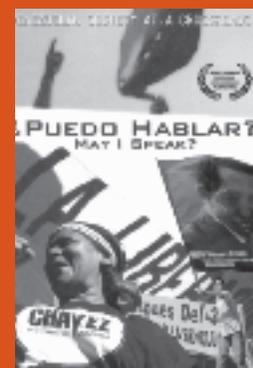
Movie Screening: *¿Puedo Hablar?* with Director Chris Moore

In early March, film director Chris Moore presented his documentary film *¿Puedo Hablar?* at the Reitz Union Cinema. The auditorium was filled with UF students and faculty as well as members of the Gainesville community. The documentary captured the debates that took place throughout Venezuela just prior to the re-election of President Hugo Chávez in December 2006. Moore spent two months in Venezuela following the two main presidential candidates during their campaign for the presidency.

The evening came to a close with a rich question and answer period with the director. Many questions, critiques and reflections were expressed regarding the film and Venezuela's current situation.

After graduating from Trinity College in Connecticut in 2006, Moore and two colleagues formed an independent documentary film production company, Sol Productions. Moore's visit to UF was part of a national tour of universities. The film is available for checkout and class use through the Outreach Library or the Latin American Collection at the UF Libraries.

—Contributed by Elizabeth Smith, MALAS student



Upcoming Caribbean Film and Speaker Series

The Center was recently awarded a grant from the Florida Humanities Council to sponsor a film and speaker series called "Through the Camera's Eye: Caribbean Migration to Florida" during the 2008–09 academic year. The series will consist of six films each presented by a scholar. The events, which will be free and open to the public, will take place from September 2008 through March 2009 at the Hippodrome State Theater in downtown Gainesville. The schedule is as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Film</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Scholar</u>	<u>Institution</u>
9/8/08	The Price of Sugar	Haiti/Dominican Republic	Karen Richman	University of Notre Dame
10/13/08	My American Girls	Dominican Republic	Frank Moya Pons	Independent scholar
11/10/08	Hasta Siempre	Cuba	Pedro Pérez-Sarduy	Independent scholar
1/12/09	90 Miles	Cuba	Lisandro Pérez	FL Intl. University
2/9/09	H-2 Worker	Jamaica	David Griffith	East Carolina University
3/2/09	Nuyorican Dream	Puerto Rico	Jorge Duany	University of Puerto Rico

UF Summer Study Abroad

Nicaragua

The UF in Nicaragua summer study abroad program, first offered in 2007, was established to provide students with an opportunity to study the dynamics of non-government development efforts in socio-economically marginalized communities, and Nicaraguan history and culture. The experience includes exposure to three non-governmental organizations' (NGOs) practices of grassroots development in communities in the western region of the country. Nicaraguan students also participate in the program, providing a more complete immersion and exchange experience. The program appeals to undergraduate students of anthropology, sociology, geography, political science, history, non-profit management, and social entrepreneurship. The founder and director of UF in Nicaragua is Tim Fogarty (PhD Anthropology 2005), an adjunct lecturer in the Honors Program and the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research.



Students on the six-week program earn six credit hours, three credits for NGOs, Social Movements, and Grassroots Development, and three credits for Culture of Nicaragua. Courses are taught by UF faculty, though daily presentations are given by Nicaraguan community leaders, leaders of NGOs and popular social movements and Nicaraguan academics. English translation of presentations is available.

The NGOs, Social Movements, and Grassroots Development course requires students to carry out participant observation of community activities to provide empirical data for an analysis of how NGOs operate in transnational grassroots development. During a two-week stay at each organization, students attempt to ascertain the organization's operative model of development, particularly in the dimensions of popular participation, long-term sustainability, and personal and social empowerment. The Culture of Nicaragua course provides an opportunity to reflect on the students' experience of cross-cultural communication. In addition to homestays, students are in contact with Nicaraguans of various ethnicities, genders, and socio-economic backgrounds through work and study opportunities.

Weekends are devoted to recreational activities such as visits to the Pacific coast, an organic coffee farm, a volcanic cloud forest, and a mountain eco-lodge. Such destinations enable students to interact with middle-class Nicaraguans whose lifestyle more closely approximates that of the students themselves and contrasts starkly with that of Nicaraguans of the popular classes with whom they work during the week.

—Contributed by Brie Bailey, MALAS student

Student Testimonial

“The UF in Nicaragua trip was such a wonderful experience. Not only did I learn about NGOs and how they interact with the culture, but we were able to be immersed in the Nicaraguan culture. The loving open arms of the Nica people is moving. I remember after hiking quite a long way through the mountains, we finally arrived at the small house of a 70 year-old man who had sculpted an entire mountain with a machete. All of us were very tired. He lived a very simple life with his sister and brother, no running water and very secluded. But as soon as we arrived, his sister opened her small home to us, feeding us bananas and mangoes and whatever else she had. Her love and kindness for us strangers was so overwhelming that many of us hugged her and cried together. This is just one example of the wonderful kindness many people show others in Nicaragua. You definitely leave there with a little of this Nica spirit.”

May 2008 GRADUATES

Undergraduate LAS Minors & Certificates

Johann Arias, Economics
 Billy Bender, Political Science
 Berenice Benjamin, Psychology
 Jennifer Bohning, Economics
 Josie Bolaños, Psychology
 Yolanda Brooks, Spanish
 Sarah Michelle Caba, Spanish
 Christine Calixto, Biology
 Luis Casas, Political Science/History
 Juan Pablo Castro, Political Science/Economics
 Stephanie David, Family, Youth and Community Sciences
 Christina Dunne, Spanish/Telecommunication
 Suzana Fiat, Marketing
 Emily Finamore, English
 William Graves, Business
 Monica Harvin, History
 Michelle Keba, Anthropology
 Nicole Kendra Levine, Food and Resource Economics
 Sarah Martin, Economics/English
 Omar Martínez, Political Science/Sociology
 Jon McCahill, Political Science/Spanish
 Rachel Parra, Anthropology
 Naya Pessoa, Political Science/Spanish
 Yesenia Rey, Criminology
 Patricia Rosales, Advertising
 Bradley Ruben, Spanish
 Carolina Saavedra, Political Science
 Benjamin Saver, Anthropology/Religion
 Charline Simon, Psychology
 Lance Williams, Spanish

Graduate Certificates

Katherine Fowler, Fine Arts
 Kevin Fox, International Business

MALAS Degrees

Mayra Aviles

Advisor: Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE)
 Thesis: “Narratives of Resistance: An Ethnographic View of the Emergence of the Huaorani Women's Association in the Ecuadorian Amazon”

Molly Dondero

Advisor: Charles Wood (LAS/Sociology)
 Thesis: “Language and Earnings of Latinos in Florida: The Effect of Language Enclaves”

Paula Hamsho-Diaz

Advisor: Allan Burns (Anthropology)
 Thesis: “Stigma and Tuberculosis Contact Investigation: A Perspective on a Mexican Community in Central Florida”

Student Funding

2008 Summer Research Grant Recipients

The following UF students were awarded funding from the Center for Latin American Studies and the Tropical Conservation and Development Program (TCD) to conduct field research in summer 2008. Funding of these awards was made possible by the TCD Ford Foundation/State endowment and grants from the Tinker Foundation and the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The country where the student is conducting research follows the reference to their degree program.

Laurel Abreu (PhD RLL) Puerto Rico
 Abib Araujo (PhD SNRE) Brazil
 Jennifer Arnold (PhD SNRE) Mexico
 Laura Avila (PhD SNRE) Costa Rica
 Jenny Basantes (MS SNRE) Ecuador
 Alison Boelter (MALAS) Mexico
 Anna Brodrecht (PhD Anthropology) Peru
 Carlos Canas (PhD Geography) Peru
 Jennifer Cannon (MA Urban and Regional Planning) Brazil
 Randy Crones (MA/PhD Anthropology) Brazil
 Willandia Didier (MS SNRE) Brazil
 Devin Dotson (MALAS) Chile
 Laura Fonseca (MALAS) Brazil
 Keli Garcia (MALAS) Venezuela
 Kate Goltermann (MA Anthropology) Brazil
 Aimee Green (MALAS) Brazil
 Raissa Guerra (PhD SNRE) Brazil
 Tatiana Gumucio (MA Anthropology) Bolivia
 Eric Knightly (PhD Anthropology) Bolivia
 Laura Kowler (MS SNRE) Peru
 Marina Londres (MS SFRC) Brazil
 Kari MacLauchlin (PhD SNRE) Barbados
 Ricardo Mello (MALAS) Brazil
 Noelle Nuebler (MALAS) Brazil
 Iran Rodrigues (PhD Political Science) Brazil
 Griselda Rodriguez (MALAS) Costa Rica

Mariano Roglich (MS SNRE) Argentina
 Samuel Schramski (MS Geography) Mexico
 Laura Schreeg (PhD SNRE) Panama
 Claudia Segovia-Salcedo (PhD Botany) Ecuador
 Eduardo Silva (PhD SNRE) Chile
 Alfonso Sintjago (MALAS) Venezuela

2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Recipients

The following UF students received U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships from the Center for Latin American Studies.

Summer 2008

Brie Bailey (MALAS), Kich'è Maya
 Kristen Bright (Anthropology), Portuguese
 Randy Crones (MALAS), Portuguese
 William Fischer (History), Quechua
 Kate Goltermann (Anthropology), Portuguese
 Cecelia Larsen (MALAS), Portuguese
 Noelle Nuebler (MALAS), Portuguese
 Arika Virapongse (SNRE), Portuguese

Academic Year 2008-09

Luis Caraballo (MALAS), Haitian Creole
 Randy Crones (Anthropology), Portuguese
 Laura Fonseca (MALAS), Portuguese
 Hector Galvez (MALAS), Portuguese
 Steve Minegar (MALAS), Portuguese
 Noelle Nuebler (MALAS), Portuguese
 Andrew Tarter (Anthropology), Haitian Creole

Grant Recipients

Congratulations to the following LAS and TCD students who recently received financial support from other UF departments and from outside funding agencies.

Diana Alvira (SNRE) was a finalist in the Madelyn Lockhart Dissertation Fellowship competition sponsored by UF's Association for Academic Women.

Sarah Martin (BA Economics & English 2008) received a Fulbright grant for her proposal entitled, "Microfinance and Poverty Alleviation in Guatemala."

Rafael Rojas (SNRE) received a Compton Fellowship in Environment and Sustainable Development for his research proposal entitled, "Agricultural Expansion and Sustainable Land Use Options in the Southern Peruvian Amazon."

Galo Zapata-Rios (WEC) received a Compton Fellowship in Environment and Sustainable Development for his research proposal entitled, "Changing Landscapes of the Andes: Ecological Consequences and Conservation Implications for the Mammalian Carnivores of the Ecuadorian Andes."

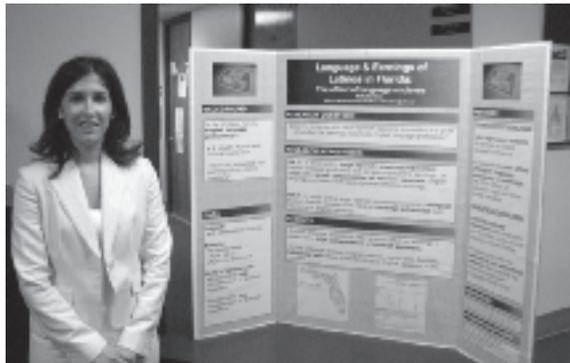
Vivian Zeidemann (SNRE) received a Compton Fellowship in Environment and Sustainable Development for her research proposal entitled, "Fostering Sustainable Forest-Based Livelihoods: The Case of Brazil Nut Management in Riozinho do Anfriso Extractive Reserve, Amazon, Brazil."

Latin American Studies Field Research Clinic and Poster Competition

Forty graduate students received field research grants in 2007 from the Center for Latin American Studies to carry fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean. The grants sponsored research in 18 countries by students from 14 different UF departments. In an effort to disseminate the results of such a broad and rich group of studies, the Center convened the annual Field Research Clinic (FRC) in February 2008. This year's event attracted more than 120 faculty and students from a broad variety of units across campus.

The FRC is designed to bring public focus to UF graduate student research in Latin America. At the two-part clinic, veteran graduate students run workshops on the field research experience for first-year students and subsequently participate in a research poster session open to the public.

The grand prize for best research poster was awarded to Masters student Karen Pereira (Anthropology) for her poster, "Plain But Not Simple: The Stone Monuments of Naranjo, Guatemala City." Karen's advisor is Susan



▲ MALAS student Molly Dondero stands with her prize-winning poster.

Gillespie (Anthropology). Posters were evaluated by Efraín Barradas (LAS/RLL), Claudia Romero (Botany), and Paul Monaghan (Florida Prevention Research Center, USF).

The FRC is one of several graduate student support activities sponsored the Center over the course of the academic year. These events serve to enhance the learning and professional preparation of LAS students.

—Contributed by Jon Dain, LAS/SNRE

'08 Poster Competition WINNERS

Grand Prize

Plain But Not Simple: The Stone Monuments of Naranjo, Guatemala City
Karen Pereira, Anthropology

Masters Level First Prize

Language Ability and Earning of Hispanic Men in Florida
Molly Dondero, MALAS

Masters Second First Prize

Perception of Q'eqchi and Mopan Maya People of Souther Belize toward the Guatemalan Link Highway Project
Joanna Reilly-Brown, Anthropology

Masters Level Honorable Mention

The Governance of Fire Management in FLONA Tapajos, Santarem, Brazil
Lucimar Souza, MALAS

PhD Level First Prize

Tassa Drumming as a Challenge to Dominant Nationalist Discourse in Trinidad and Tobago
Christopher Ballengee, Music

PhD Level Second Prize

Social Groups and Cattle Ranching in Acre, Brazil
Jeffrey Hoelle, Anthropology

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Natalie Arsenault (MALAS 2002) is Outreach Director at the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. She also serves as Outreach Chair for the Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP).

Seth Bassoff (BA History & LAS Minor/Certificate 1997) works for Morgan Stanley in Aventura, Florida.

Christopher Canaday (MALAS, 1991) lives in Puyo, Ecuador where he manages the Omaere Ethnobotanical Park. He also teaches at the Universidad Estatal Amazonica and is involved in ecological sanitation initiatives. He is married and has a son.

Charles Daniel (BS Forestry & LAS Certificate 1975) is President of RMK Timberland Group, a Regions Morgan Keegan Company with investments in Latin America.

Christine (Archer) Engels (MALAS 2002) has worked as an evaluation/outreach specialist at the Center of Biodiversity and Conservation at the American Museum of Natural History (NY) since receiving her MALAS degree. For the past 2 1/2 years, she has telecommuted from Gainesville, where she lives with her husband and daughter.

Hayley Froyland (MALAS, 1993) received her PhD in history at the University of Virginia. She is Assistant Professor of History at Indiana University, South Bend where she specializes in Latin American history.

Katie Pearl Halloran (BA Political Science & LAS Certificate 1999) works as a neighborhood planner for the city of Austin, TX. She plans to return to South Florida at the end of this year.

Michelle Gacio Harrolle (PhD Sports Management & LAS Certificate 2007) is Assistant Professor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC.

Eugenio Hernández (BA Spanish & LAS Certificate 1978) obtained an MA in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University and then returned to UF for his JD degree. He

is a founding member of Avila Rodriguez Hernández Mena & Ferri in Miami where he practices immigration law.

Levy Parajón (BS Finance 2000, MS Finance 2004, MALAS 2006) is a Senior Analyst for the Latin American mergers and acquisitions market at the Amerivest Group Capital Markets Team in Boca Raton, FL.

Steven Keats (BA Interdisciplinary Studies, LAS 1977) has had a 30-year career in the shipping and logistics industry. He is a partner in Kestrel Liner Agencies, which serves as a global logistics agent for Tropical Shipping and provides freight forwarding services from over 100 ports around the world to 45 destinations in the Caribbean and Latin America. In 2007, he and his partners formed Alpha Shipping Agencies, the east coast agent for Maruba Lines, an Argentine company.

Gary Nevins (BA Political Science & LAS Certificate 1973) is President and CEO of Plantation Publishing Company in Albany, GA.

Derek Lewis (MALAS, 2007) works in business development at Blackstone Management in Baton Rouge, LA.

Ann Laffey (BA Anthropology & LAS Minor 2007) manages the Organic Geochemistry Lab in the UF Department of Geological Sciences. She will start an MS in Interdisciplinary Ecology at UF in August 2008.

Rául Morin (BA Spanish & LAS Certificate 2003) is a partner at Starbucks Coffee Company in Miami.

Richard Ogburn (MALAS 1971) is Assistant to the Executive Director at the South Florida Regional Planning Council, a planning and public policy agency for the urbanized, but environmentally sensitive region of Broward, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties. He performs demographic and economic analysis of the region to support the Strategic Regional Policy Plan for South Florida, which guides implementation of Florida's growth management legislation in the region. Prior to joining the Regional Planning Council in 1989, he spent 15 years working for public planning agencies in Bahia, Brazil, where he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer. He has a Masters degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Jamie Parra, Jr. (BA Marketing & LAS Certificate 1980) is Director of Retail Services for Latin America for the Neilson Company in south Florida.

Patricia Piedrahita Baldwin (BA Political Science & LAS Certificate 1982) graduated from Stetson College of Law and served as a prosecutor in the 18th Judicial Circuit of Florida for 20 years until her retirement in April 1007. She is married with one child.

Ernesto Ráez-Luna (MALAS 1993) received a 2008 Whitley Award, one of the world's top prizes for grassroots nature conservation, from the Whitley Fund for Nature, a UK-based charity. He was recognized for his work in the Tambopata river basin of Peru where he coordinates a working group of 50 stakeholders dealing with potential threats to the environment from gold-mining, oil extraction, and construction of the new Peru-Brazil Highway. **Carlos Peres** (MS SFRC 1986) also received a 2008 Whitley Award for his work in taking economic drivers into account for land management plans for the 'Arc of Deforestation', near Alta Floresta in Mato Grosso, Brazil. Four other UF alumni have previously received Whitley Awards: **Laury Cullen** (MALAS 1997), **Gustavo Kattan** (PhD Zoology 1993), **Rodrigo Medellín** (PhD WEC 1992), and **Claudio Padua** (MALAS 1987 & PhD WEC 1993).

Valentin Saportas (BS Economics & LAS Minor/Certificate 2004) will attend Northwestern Law School in Chicago in September 2008.

Jóse Sariego (BA Journalism & LAS Certificate 1977) is Senior Vice-President for Business and Legal Affairs with HBO Latin America Group in Miami. He is also Secretary to the Board of Directors, comprised of representatives from Time Warner, Walt Disney and Sony Corporation. He received his JD degree from the University of Michigan.

Sally Schmidt (Mallalieu) (BA Romance Languages & LAS Certificate 1975) is a second grade teacher for the Hillsborough County School District in Plant City, FL.

Richard Taylor (BA History & LAS Certificate 1972) works for the Journey Into Hope Foundation in the Dominican Republic. He has also worked in Venezuela, Ecuador, and Colombia.

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Michele (Eck) Thomson (MALAS 1996) is a Special Agent with the Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration in Chicago.

Robert Turkovic (PhD History & LAS Certificate 1981) is a consultant in the area of communications/public relations for companies doing business in Latin America. He also teaches history and Spanish at several universities in South Florida.

Mary (Mitchell) Waters (MALAS 2007) has started a new job as Associate International Trade Specialist with the Georgia Department of Economic Development in Atlanta.

Stephanie Weinstein (MALAS 2000) is a full-time mom and lives in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Sondra Wentzel (PhD Anthropology 1989) works for GTZ as an Advisor for Indigenous Peoples and Territories in Brazil. She is currently on sabbatical at UF.

Amy Woodell (BA Management & LAS Minor 1997) is a Program Manager for Faculty-Led Abroad Programs at International Studies Abroad in Austin, TX.

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Jóse González (BA Political Science & LAS Minor 2000; MA Political Science 2003) is Vice President of Governmental Affairs at Associated Industries of Florida in Tallahassee where he is responsible for coordinating AIF's 20-member lobbying team and all research and advocacy efforts for the association. Prior to joining AIF, he was a legislative intern with the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. He is on the Board of Directors of College Leadership Florida and is a board member of the Florida Chapter of Hispanic Young Professionals and Entrepreneurs. José received an Outstanding Young Alumni Award from the UF Alumni Association in spring 2008. This award recognizes alumni who are 35 years of age or younger and have distinguished themselves in their profession and community. The Center was pleased to nominate José for this distinction.



▲ (from left to right) Janet Romero (UFF), Carmen Diana Deere (LAS), Jose Gonzalez and his wife, Angela.

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