



Dr. Helen Safa

Awarded LASA's Highest Honor

Dr. Helen I. Safa, Professor Emerita of Anthropology and Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, was presented the Kalman Silvert award of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) at its International Congress in Montreal, September 5–7, 2007. The Silvert award recognizes senior members of the profession who have made distinguished lifetime contributions to the study of Latin America and the Caribbean. The prize is named after the first president of the 5,700 member association.

Among the panelists at the Congress plenary in Dr. Safa's honor, were Carmen Diana Deere, Director of the UF Center for Latin American Studies, two of her former students— A. Lynn Bolles who received her degree while Safa was at Rutgers University and Nathalie Lebon, a UF Ph.D., and colleague Jorge Duany from the University of Puerto Rico.

Dr. Safa joined the faculty of the University of Florida in 1980 as the Director of the Center for Latin American Studies (1980–85). She was a core faculty member of the Center and the Department of Anthropology until her retirement in 1997.

Dr. Safa was President of LASA from 1983–85, and also served on the Executive Committee several times. Among her initiatives as LASA President was the first formal academic exchange program between U.S. and Cuban scholars, funded by a grant from The Ford Foundation. She was also instrumental in the founding and growth of the Gender and Feminist Studies Section, which helped transform LASA from a largely North American male organization in the 1960s and early 1970s into the more diverse organization it is today. She serves on the editorial board of the *Latin American Research Review*, among other journals.

Dr. Safa began her career as a Latinamericanist in Puerto Rico, where she subsequently pursued research for her masters' thesis and doctoral dissertation. Her doctoral studies at Columbia were partially funded by a scholarship from the University of Puerto Rico. Considered to be one of the pioneers in the field of urban anthropology, her early research resulted in *The Urban Poor of Puerto Rico* (1974).

Her continued interest in the Caribbean is reflected in UF's Caribbean Migration Program, which in the 1980s brought students and faculty from the Caribbean to the University; and a fellowship program on Afro-American identity and cultural diversity which culminated in a major conference and a special issue of the journal *Latin American Perspectives* (1998) on Race and National Identity in the Americas.

Throughout her career, Dr. Safa has pursued an interest in the causes

and consequences of inequality, focusing on class issues in her early work on poverty and urbanization, moving to gender in the 1970s and 1980s, and in her most recent work in incorporating race. *The Myth of the Male Breadwinner: Women and Industrialization in the Caribbean* (1995) compares women industrial workers in Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Her interest in the social impact of women's paid labor force participation is reflected in her earlier co-edited publications with June Nash, *Sex and Class in Latin America* (1976) and *Women and Change in Latin America* (1986), while her participation in the international women's movement contributed to another co-edited publication with Eleanor Leacock entitled *Women's Work* (1986).

In addition to her books, Dr. Safa has published over 60 articles and book chapters on issues of poverty and urbanization, migration, gender and development, social movements, *mestizaje*, and family structure. Dr. Safa has been honored as a founder of Puerto Rican anthropology by the Puerto Rican Association of Anthropology and the American Ethnology Society. She received the 2003 Conrad Arensberg award from the Society for the Anthropology of Work of the American Anthropological Association. At UF, the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research awarded her its 2006 Uppity Woman Award.

UF Center Director Carmen Diana Deere noted at the 2007 LASA Congress plenary in Safa's honor that, "It is precisely because our Helen is an Uppity Woman that we are gathered here today, to recognize her notable scholarly contributions to the field of Latin American Studies and her years of distinguished leadership and committed service to the Latin American Studies Association. It is worth noting that Dr. Safa is only the third woman to receive the Kalman Silvert award among 17 honorees."



▲ Dr. Helen Safa.

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Director's Corner

MATALE CAULA



Dr. Carmen Diana Deere

Among my priorities has been to increase the opportunities for student study abroad in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mark Thurner of the History Department will be leading the Center's first semester-length group study abroad program to the University of Costa Rica in San José in Fall 2008. In addition, we have signed a new reciprocal exchange agreement with the Catholic University of Peru which will allow up to four UF students a year to study at that institution in Lima and bring PUCP students to UF.

I am also pleased to report that two UF faculty members have received FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Secondary Education, DOE) awards for student exchanges with Brazilian universities. Emilio Bruna (LAS/WEC) is

leading a program on Energy, the Environment and Sustainable Development in collaboration with the Federal Universities of the Amazon and of Rio de Janeiro. Nick Comerford's (Soil and Water Science) program focuses on Rainforest Ecosystems Services in collaboration with the Federal Universities of the Amazon, Viçosa, and Paraná. U.S. students interested in learning Portuguese are eligible for FIPSE scholarships to spend a semester at one of these universities.

The Latin American Studies Association Congress in Montreal this year was quite special, since Helen Safa was the recipient of the Kalman Silvert award, the Association's highest honor (see cover). Also, UF alum Orlando Fals Borda was the recipient of the LASA-Oxfam America Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship award (p. 18). Twenty-seven UF faculty members and graduate students participated on the program (p. 12). With support from our Title VI grant and state funds we were able to partially fund the travel of 16 faculty members. With income from the new Safa Graduate Student Travel Fund endowment and the LAS Alumni Travel Fund, we were pleased to partially fund the travel of three graduate students to present papers at the Congress.

The Center's Fall reception this year was co-hosted with the College of Fine Arts and held at the Harn Museum of Art in conjunction with the exhibition "Cuba Avant-Garde." The reception was preceded by a talk by one of the artists, Glexis Novoa, on "Living in Miami and Havana." Soon after, we celebrated the opening of another exhibition at Smathers Library on Brazilian Padre Cícero (p. 3). A third exhibition focused on Latin America adorned the Grinter Gallery this fall, "A Private Eye: Latin American Prints from the Efraín Barradas Collection," (p. 4).

The Fall semester featured two symposia and a large number of invited speakers from Latin America. The graduate students in the Department of Romance Languages and Linguistics hosted their third Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Hispanic/Latin American Literature, Linguistics and Culture in October. The Department of Political Science, along with UF's three Title VI area studies programs, hosted a workshop on "Democratization by Elections," which brought prominent political scientists to campus in December, including Latinamericanists Jonathan Hartlyn (UNC), Jennifer McCoy (Georgia State) and Gerardo Munck (USC).

The Center co-sponsored two lectures on the women's movement in the region with the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research —by Rhoda Reddock, Director of the Center for Gender and Development Studies at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad and Tobago, and sociologist Neuma Aguiar, (p. 3). Two indigenous leaders from Pastos, Colombia spent a week at the Center, with former Senator Efrén Félix Tarapues Cuaical lecturing on religiosity and ecological sustainability in the Nudo de los Pastos. The Spring 2008 semester promises to be as rich and varied in Latin American and Caribbean events.

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Distinguished Brazilian Sociologist Lectures on Comparative Women's Movements

The Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research co-hosted a lecture by Dr. Neuma Aguiar, a prominent sociologist at the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil, in October 2007. Dr. Aguiar's lecture, "Comparative Perspectives on the Women's Movements in Latin America, Asia and Africa at the End of the 20th Century," was held at Ustler Hall (home of the UF Center for Women's Studies and Gender Research). The lecture drew a crowd that included students and faculty interested in Brazil, women's studies, and sociology.

Dr. Aguiar discussed the role of feminism and sociology in the context of the developing world during the late 20th century. She talked about debunking the myth, very prevalent outside of the U.S., that feminism is a Western concept, and that it has nothing to do with the lives of women in developing countries. Dr. Aguiar challenged this statement by declaring that there are different feminisms, which manifest in different forms for different societal structures. She stressed that these movements are local in character, and work differently in the differing patriarchal societies in which they operate.

Dr. Aguiar then went on to compare feminist movements around the world, including those in Brazil, Peru, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Kenya and Morocco, to name a few. Due to her own life-long involvement, leadership and scholarship in women's movements, Dr. Aguiar was able

to offer an interesting and candid view of the state of these movements and what their role for the future might be. By offering a brief historical overview of world-wide women's movements, Dr. Aguiar was able to both discuss the ramifications of these groups in sociological terms, and show that crises will not stop the women of the world from organizing and changing society for their and their children's benefit.

Dr. Aguiar is the director of the Center for Quantitative Research in Sociology and the Quantitative Methodology Program in the Social Sciences at the Federal University of Minas Gerais. She is the author of *Desigualdades Sociais, Redes de Sociabilidade e Participação Política (Social Inequalities, Social Networks and Political Participation)*. She is an expert on gender and society, with an emphasis on gender and social stratification; time use research; and women's movements in developing countries. In 2007 she was awarded a grant by the Interdisciplinary Institute for Higher Studies at the Federal University of Minas Gerais to organize a collection of her writings published outside of Brazil. In addition, she was recently awarded the Florestan Fernandes Prize, by the Brazilian Society of Sociology, for her life-time contributions to the field of sociology. She holds a Ph.D. in sociology from Washington University in St. Louis.

—Contributed by Molly Dondero, MALAS student

The Ralph della Cava Gift on Padre Cícero and Popular Religion in Northeast Brazil

A significant gift to the University of Florida Latin American Collection was donated by Ralph della Cava and includes books, journals, and newspapers, as well as rare archival materials on the social, religious and political history of Northeast Brazil. Among its most valuable materials are hundreds of late 19th century and early 20th century archival and printed sources that document the life and times of Padre Cícero Romão Batista (1844–1934) and the popular religious movement that he inspired. A sampling of the holdings include published and unpublished monographs, special format items (broadsides, separate newspaper issues and flyers), posters, photographs of archives, handwritten notes from Padre Cícero and taped interviews with his contemporaries. The collection is the product of forty years of Professor della Cava's research in northeastern Brazil and is a testimony to his efforts to provide a reliable account of a complex historical figure and an important period of Brazilian history.

Ralph della Cava is Emeritus Professor of History, Queens College, City University of New York and currently Adjunct Senior Research Scholar, Institute of Latin American Studies, Columbia University. He is the author of *Miracle at Joazeiro* among many other books and articles on religion, politics and society in Brazil, Latin America, Western and Central Europe, and the former Soviet Union.



▲ Jacaré Brazil performs at UF Libraries.



▲ Ralph della Cava presenting the Padre Cícero gift to the UF Libraries, Fall 2007.

A Hammock with a History

This article was contributed by Susan Milbrath, Curator of Latin American Art and Archaeology, Florida Museum of Natural History. It recounts the acquisition by the Florida Museum of a unique Brazilian artifact.

Last June, Bonnie Georgiadis of Tarpon Springs showed us an antique hammock she had acquired from her great uncle, Ed Backus, who was the American consul to Brazil under Presidents Hayes, Garfield, and Arthur. For decades it had hung in the family's Villa Plumosa Hotel in Tarpon Springs, but now needed a new home. Carmen Diana Deere (LAS) facilitated the initial contact and came with Bonnie to see what we might be able to tell them about the hammock. Sonia Pessoa, a Brazilian graduate student working with Michael Heckenberger (Anthropology), joined us to offer her expertise on contemporary Amazonian material culture. When the hammock was unrolled we were intrigued by a fringe of lace-like fiber interwoven with feathers, a decorative floral design that included iridescent plumage. The hammock, woven with palm fiber on a loom, was not a style that Sonia had seen before, but she remembered photos of similar hammock in one of my books. To our delight, a catalogue documented two related pieces with very specific collection information. One was purchased in the 19th century in Manaus, Brazil, and the other was "made by the Indians of Río Negro, a tributary of the Mecta [Meta] en the republic of Colombia," according to the Museo de América catalogue entry (p. 100 of *Arte Plumário Amazônico*, 1984). The entry notes that it had been sent from Bogotá to Madrid in April 1872, and concludes that both hammocks were made by Arawak Indians of the Río Negro, who were in the area of Manaus in the 19th century. Forming part of the border between Colombian and Venezuela, the Río Negro then passes into Brazil and joins the Amazon just beyond Manaus. This river route helps explain the why three different countries are mentioned in the catalogue entry.

Contemporary ethnographic accounts describe Arawak hammocks woven on looms in northwest Brazil, and the *Handbook of South American Indians* (1963:127) also notes that among the Central Arawak

"there is much trade in hammocks with the Whites." Apparently this trade is a long-standing tradition, because the 19th century Arawaks responded to the European-American tastes, weaving hammocks with garlands flowers made of delicate feather work designed to please foreign buyers. Today such a hammock would never make it through customs, since import of rare Amazonian feathers are prohibited under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Consul Backus received the hammock as a diplomatic gift, around the time the King of Portugal recognized his service to Brazil by appointing him "Commendador" on August 17, 1905. More than a century later, thanks to Bonnie Georgiadis and Carmen Diana Deere, the Florida Museum of Natural History can offer a new home to the Consul's "hammock with a history."



▲ Detailed view of the palm fiber hammock interwoven with feathers, recently acquired by the Florida Museum of Natural History.

A Private Eye: Latin American Prints from the Efraín Barradas Collection

UF's Grinter Gallery presented "A Private Eye: Latin American Prints from the Efraín Barradas Collection" from September 4, 2007 to January 11, 2008. Printmaking has played an important role in Latin American arts since the 19th century. Some countries, such as Mexico and Cuba, have developed a strong graphic tradition, but the medium is popular in all of Latin America. The unique Barradas collection is not a comprehensive example of prints from all of Latin America, but one that represents the collector's taste and knowledge of Latin American art.

Still, this selection shows that Latin American artists have made of prints another important reflection of their social and historical reality. Barradas is Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures and Latin American Studies at UF. His current research concerns the uses of popular culture in Latin American literature and art and the iconography of Mexican artists.

Jacaré Brazil

Fall 2007 Concert

Jacaré Brazil's Fall 2007 concert, Jacaré Sinfónico, featured Latin American Artists in Residence Julio Cesar de Figueiredo (piano) and Roberto Sion (saxophone and flute). Directors Welson Tremura (LAS/Music) and Larry Crook (Music) were joined by David Waybright (Music) and the University of Florida Wind Symphony. The first half of the concert featured UF's Wind Symphony performing Latin American music with voice, accompanied by Julio Cesar de Figueiredo. This world-renowned pianist and arranger performed Paul Basler's *Carnival* and the *Paulistana Suite*, a homage to the city of São Paulo. Roberto Sion, one of Brazil's premier saxophonist and flutist, performed after intermission accompanied by Jacaré Brazil's percussionists and instrumentalists for a session of Brazilian Jazz.

The concert revealed a new side of Jacaré Brazil as it explored a different range of musical sonorities with emphasis on instrumental and symphonic repertoires among various Brazilian traditions. The ensemble increased and expanded its instrumental possibilities by combining traditional music with the sounds of a symphonic wind ensemble. This unique blend created an exciting texture and provided new grounds for



▲ Welson Tremura, singers and musicians performing in the Fall 2007 Jacaré Brazil Concert.

the exploration of sounds. The symphonic wind ensemble added a new dimension to Jacaré Brazil's performance repertoire by expanding its palette of instrumental possibilities.

—Contributed by Welson Tremura, Assistant Professor, LAS/Music

Center's 57th Annual Conference

Uniting for Solutions. Multi-Sector Partnerships and Strategic Communications in the Americas: Business, Community, Government

Hosted by the University of Florida's Center for Latin American Studies and the College of Journalism and Communications

February 7–8, 2008

J. Wayne Reitz Union – University of Florida

Gainesville, Florida

Overview

This conference will provide a multidisciplinary perspective to inform the stages of successful alliance formation and social change initiatives. The combined magnitude of the social, political and economic challenges facing Latin America calls out for collaboration among business, government, nonprofits and civil society to build multi-sector alliances to affect social change. In order to achieve synergy, the creation of alliances between organizations focusing on corporate social responsibility, philanthropy, strategic planning and sustainability requires agreement on common symbols and key messages, and clear expressions of collective commitment and contributions. Strategic communication refers to the combined use of advertising, public relations, print and broadcast journalism, new media, and alternative or community media to align and maintain multi-sector partners working under the same vision and goals.

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2008 Latin American Business Symposium and Career Workshop

The fourth Latin American Business Symposium and Career Workshop will take place on the UF campus November 7–8, 2008. The event will mark the tenth anniversary of the Center's Latin American Business Environment Program (LBE) with the theme, "Business in Latin America: The Past 10 Years, the Next 10 Years." It is open to students, faculty, members of the business community, and interested public. The Retirement Celebration for Terry McCoy, Director of LBE and former Director of the Center, will be held in conjunction with the symposium on Saturday, November 8. Save the date!

New WID Collection at UF Library

The UF Library has recently established a collection on Women in Development (WID). Several prominent Latinamericanists at UF have worked in this area, notably Helen I. Safa, Professor Emerita of Anthropology/LAS, who has donated all her primary research materials to the collection. This collection will be digitized, making it available on the web to scholars worldwide. Joining Dr. Safa in this effort is Anita Spring, another UF anthropologist who specializes in women and development in Africa. Anne Chaney recently donated her sister Elsa's documents, research materials and books, which will constitute the initial, important resource for this collection. Mary Elmendorf's papers, given to the library in the 1980s and already catalogued, will be linked to

this collection.

To facilitate the process of digitization and cataloguing of this material, Dr. Safa has made an outright gift of \$10,000 to the UF library, and has established another \$15,000 in a challenge grant to be matched by contributions of \$500 or more. Anne Chaney has already donated \$1000 to this challenge grant. The Library welcomes other research contributions to make this a truly outstanding collection. Requests for information on adding to this collection or making a donation should be directed to the director of development at the UF Library, at (352) 273-2505.

Faculty News and Publications

▣ **Andrés Avellaneda** (RLL), *Política y literatura: Antes y después de Cortázar*. *Revista del CELEHIS*, 13(16) 2006: 121-134; El discurso de represión cultural (1960-1983). *Escribas*, 3 2006: 31-44; Cabecitas y oligarcas: Literatura argentina de los 40. *Hispanérica: Revista de literatura*, 104 2006: 111-119.

▣ **Florence Babb** (Women's Studies) gave a seminar on "Antropología y turismo: El caso de Perú" at Universidad Nacional de Ancash - Santiago Antúnez de Mayolo, Huaraz, Perú in July 2007. In September, she gave a guest lecture on "Feminismo, Identidad, Diáspora—Un comentario sobre las prácticas transnacionales," for the art exhibition Cara a Cara/Face to Face: Diálogos y Confrontaciones Fronterizas, Narraciones de Género, Raza, Inmigración y Diásporas at the Centro Cultural Español in Miami.

▣ **Emilio Bruna** (WEC/LAS) delivered an invited paper on "Top-down Effects in Neotropical Savannas" in July at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Tropical Biology & Conservation in Morelia, Mexico. Publication: Changes in Tree Reproductive Traits Reduce Functional Diversity in a Fragmented Atlantic Forest Landscape (with L. C. Girão, A. V. Lopes, and M. Tabarelli). *PLoS ONE*, 9 2007: e908.

▣ **Carmen Diana Deere** (LAS/FRE) served as the Chair of LASA's 2007 Nominations Committee and continues as a member of LASA's Finance Committee. She is also serving on the Advisory Board for the University of Wisconsin BASIS/AMA CRSP project of the

US Agency for International Development, and served as consultant for the World Bank project on Collecting Data on Individual Assets. Publication: Agrarian Reform and Poverty Reduction: Lessons from Brazil (with L. Medeiros). In H. Akram-Lodhi, J. Borras and C. Kay, eds., *Land, Poverty, and Livelihoods in an Era of Globalization: Perspectives from Developing and Transition Countries*. London: Routledge, 2007.

▣ **Kitty F. Emery** (FLMNH) presented papers on Mesoamerican zooarchaeology at the Annual Chacmool Conference, Calgary, Alberta (with L. Brown, E. Anderson, E. Thornton, and M. LeFebvre) in November 2007 and at the Annual Meetings of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin TX (with L. Brown) in April 2007. Publications: Assessing the Impact of Ancient Maya Animal Use. *Journal of Nature Conservation*, 15(3) 2007:184-195; Bone Tool Manufacturing in Elite Maya Households at Aguateca, Guatemala (with K. Aoyama). *Ancient Mesoamerica*, 18(2) 2007:69-89; Soil Carbon Isotopes at Motul de San Jose (with E. Webb, H. Schwarcz, C. Jensen, R. Terry, and M. Moriarty). *Geoarchaeology*, 22(3) 2007:291-312; Soil Resources of the Motul de San José Maya: Correlating Soil Taxonomy and Modern Itzá Maya Soil Classification within a Classic Maya Archaeological Zone (with C. Jensen, M. Moriarty, K. Johnson, R. Terry, and S. Nelson). *Geoarchaeology* 22(3) 2007: 337-357.

▣ **Francisco Escobedo** (SFRC) presented a paper on the variability of ecosystem services

along urban gradients in Chile at the Emerging Issues along the Urban/Rural Interface II conference in Atlanta in April 2007. Publication: Analyzing the Cost-Effectiveness of Santiago, Chile's Policy of Using Urban Forests to Improve Air Quality (with J. Wagner, D.J. Nowak, C.L. de la Maza, M. Rodríguez, and D.E. Crane). *Journal of Environmental Management*, 86 2008: 148-157.

▣ **Joan Frosch** (Theatre & Dance) won the 2007 UF International Educator of the Year Award in the Senior Faculty category.

▣ **David Geggus** (History) spoke on recent research on Toussaint Louverture at an international colloquium on the French Atlantic at FSU in November 2007. Publications: Print Culture and the Haitian Revolution: the Written and the Spoken Word. In *Liberty, Égalité, Independencia: Print Culture, Enlightenment, and Revolution in the Americas, 1776-1838*. Worcester, MA: American Antiquarian Society, 2007; Toussaint Louverture and the Haitian Revolution. In R. W. Weisberger, ed., *Profiles of Revolutionaries in Atlantic History, 1750-1850*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2007; Toussaint Louverture avant et après le soulèvement de 1791. In F. Midy, ed., *Mémoire de révolution d'esclaves à Saint-Domingue*. Montréal: CIDHICA, 2006.

▣ **Susan D. Gillespie** (Anthropology) presented an invited paper entitled, "El modelo de las 'casas' en la estructura política maya" at

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the Congreso Internacional de Mayistas in Mérida, Mexico in July 2007. She also presented an invited paper entitled “Inside and Outside: Residential Burial at Formative Period Chalcatzingo, Mexico” at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Austin in March 2007. Her invited paper entitled “‘Were They Mad?’ Memory, Visibility, and Ritual Deposition at La Venta Complex A” was presented at the Theoretical Archaeology Group meeting at the University of Exeter in December 2006. Publication: Toltecs, Tula, and Chichén Itzá: The Development of an Archaeological Myth. In C. Kristan-Graham and J. K. Kowalski, eds., *Many Tollans: Chichen Itza, Tula, and the Epiclassic–Early Postclassic Mesoamerican World*. Washington DC: Dumbarton Oaks, 2007.

Elizabeth Ginway (RLL) participated in the roundtable “As Mulheres Presentes na Literatura Fantástica” with authors Helena Gomes and Finisia Fideli at the Fantasticon held in São Paulo, Brazil in July 2007. She also presented “Finisia Fideli: Finding the Female Voice in Brazilian Science Fiction” at the International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts in Ft. Lauderdale in March 2007. She delivered the Luso–Brazilian Keynote Luncheon address “The Body Politic in Latin American Science Fiction: Implants and Cyborgs” at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in April 2007. She was interviewed for an Internet television program “HQ & Cia” in Portuguese in São Paulo in June 2007.

Publications: Do implantado ao ciborgue: O corpo social na ficção científica brasileira. *Revista Iberoamericana*, outubro–diciembre 221 2007: 787–99; Recent Brazilian Science Fiction and Fantasy Written by Women. *Foundation* 99, Spring 2007: 49–62. Her short introduction “Finisia Fideli, encontrando a voz na ficção científica brasileira” appeared online in Terra Magazine’s features of regular columnist Roberto de Sousa Causa on Nov. 3, 2007.

M.J. Hardman (Linguistics) gave a demonstration of the “Aymara on the Internet” project at the “Toward the Interoperability of Language Resources” workshop at Stanford University in July 2007 with Howard Beck (Agricultural & Biological Engineering), Sue Legg (LAS) and Elizabeth Lowe (LAS).

Miriam Medina Hay–Roe (McGuire Center for Lepidoptera and Biodiversity, FLMNH) delivered an invited paper on “Behavioral and Ecological Studies in Heliconius Butterflies” in May at the Conference on Neotropical Lepidoptera at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama. Her invited paper on “Comparative Processing of Cyanogenic Glycosides and a Novel Cyanide Detoxification Enzyme in Heliconius Butterflies (Lepidoptera: Nymphalidae)” was presented in June at the United States Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense in Maryland. Publications: Pre- and Postzygotic Isolation and Haldane Rule Effects in Reciprocal Crosses of *Danaus erippus* and *Danaus plexippus*

(Lepidoptera: Danainae), Supported by Differentiation of Cuticular Hydrocarbons, Establish their Status as Separate Species (with G. Lamas, and J. Nation). *Biological Journal of the Linnean Society*, 91(3) 2007: 445–453; Spectrum of Cyanide Toxicity and Allocation in *Heliconius erato* and *Passiflora* Host Plants (with J. Nation). *Journal of Chemical Ecology*, 33(2) 2007: 319–329.

Eric Keys (Geography) was awarded an NSF Geography and Regional Science Small Grant for Exploratory Research (with colleagues from UF and other institutions) to study the impacts of Hurricane Dean on southeastern Mexico in September 2007. Keys and **Corene Matyas** (Geography) led a team of 11 graduate students and faculty on a week long rapid assessment of hurricane damage and social assessment.

Karen Kainer (SFRC/LAS) delivered an invited paper on “Integrating Local Stakeholders into Conservation Research” (with M. DiGiano, A. Duchelle, L. Wadt, E. Bruna and J. Dain) in July at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Tropical Biology and Conservation in Morelia, Mexico. She presented two invited papers in Spanish on “Variation in Brazil nut production in Western Amazonia” and “Natural regeneration of Brazil nut in Western Amazonia” (with L. Wadt) in June at a Bolivian “experts” workshop on best

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Welcome New Center Affiliates and Visitors!

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Alfonso Flores–Lagunes (Mexico)

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Moore Visiting Fellow

Ludmila Ribeiro (Brazil)

Visiting Scholar

Rosa Julieta Vargas (Bolivia)

Moore Visiting Fellow

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management practices for Brazil nut management. The event was hosted by the Forestry Directorate of the Bolivian Ministry of Biodiversity, Forest Resources and the Environment, CIFOR (International Center for Forestry Research) and PROMAB (Bolivian Amazon Forest Management Program) in Cobija. Publications: Explaining Variation in Brazil Nut Fruit Production (with L. Wadt and C. Staudhammer). *Forest Ecology and Management*, 250 2007: 244–255; Population Structure of *Carapa guianensis* in Two Forest Types in the Southwestern Brazilian Amazon (with C. Klimas and L. Wadt). *Forest Ecology and Management*, 250 2007: 256–265; Evaluating Future Crop Tree Damage in a Certified Community Forest in Southwestern Amazonia (with C. Rockwell, C. Staudhammer, and C. Baraloto). *Forest Ecology and Management*, 242 2007:108–118; Ecological Limitations of Reduced Impact Logging at the Smallholder Scale (with C. Rockwell, N. Marcondes, and C. Baraloto). *Forest Ecology and Management*, 238 2007: 365–374.

Martha Kohen (Architecture) attended the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture Directors meeting in November in Minneapolis. She is collaborating on the preparation of the General ACSA Convention to be held in Houston in March 2008 where a joint meeting will take place between the heads of Latin American Schools and their North American counterparts.

Elizabeth Lowe (LAS) organized a virtual panel using videoconferencing for the Conference of the American Literary Translators Association in Dallas in November 2007 with the Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, México, featuring writers Miguel Covarrubias and José Eugenio Sánchez. At the same conference she gave an invited lecture on Gregory Rabassa, who was being honored by the Association for lifetime achievement in literary translation.

Maxine Margolis (Anthropology) was an invited speaker at Columbia University's Brazil Seminar in January 2007 with a paper titled "Transnationalism and 9/11: The Case of Brazilian Immigrants in the United States." She also presented an invited paper at the Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies at The

City University of New York in May 2007 entitled, "Brazilian Immigrants in the United States: A Case Study of Transnationalism." She gave an invited lecture at Denison University in October 2007 on "Becoming Brazucas: Brazilian Identity in the United States." Publication: *Becoming Brazucas: Brazilian Identity in the United States*. In J. Falconi and J. Mazzotti, eds., *The Other Latinos: Central and South Americans in the United States*. Cambridge, MA: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 2007.

Susan Milbrath (FLMNH) presented a paper on the influence of Central Mexico in Postclassic Mayapan at the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Ethnohistory at Colonial Williamsburg in November 2006. She also presented a paper on Venus calendars in Mesoamerica at the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Austin in April 2007. Her invited lecture on "Postclassic Maya murals at Murals at Mayapan: A Window into the Mesoamerican World View" was delivered at the Fourth Annual Tulane Maya Symposium in New Orleans in February 2007. Publications: Ethnoastronomy in Cultural Context. *Cambridge Archaeological Journal* 16(3) 2006:364–368; Astronomical Cycles in the Imagery of Codex Borgia. In C. Ruggles and G. Urton, eds., *Cultural Astronomy in New World Cosmologies*. Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2007.

Juan-Carlos Molleda (Public Relations) gave a paper (with B. Martínez and A.M. Suárez) on "Building Multi-Sector Partnerships for Progress with Strategic Participatory Communication: A Case Study from Colombia" at the 2007 Convention of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication in Washington, D.C. He presented an invited keynote lecture entitled, "La reputación de las empresas" at the Primer Congreso Internacional de Relaciones Públicas in October 2007 in Mexico City.

Gerald Murray (Anthropology) delivered a paper entitled "Santa, Scrooge, and the NGO: The Issue of Subsidies in the Implementation of Development Projects" at the Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Tampa in March 2007. He appeared twice on

Dominican TV programs to discuss his recent book on the Dominican education system.

Alfonso Pérez-Méndez (Architecture) presented a paper at the ACSA Conference in Austin in October 2007 entitled, "Mapping Water in Rural Placemaking." He was invited by the Instituto Nacional de las Bellas Artes de México to present his book, *Las Casas del Pedregal, 1947–1968* (co-authored with A. Aptilon, Editorial Gustavo Gili, 2007), with a lecture and round table at El Palacio de Bellas Artes in Mexico City. He was also invited by Radio UNAM to participate in a talk show on his book. Publication: *The Cultural Context of the Houses of el Pedregal*, Arquine. *International Journal of Architecture*, 41, Autumn 2007: 98–113.

Jeffrey D. Needell (History) was awarded the Warren Dean Memorial Prize for 2006–2007 by the Conference on Latin American Studies 2008 annual meeting for his book *The Party of Order: The Conservatives, the State and Slavery in the Brazilian Monarchy, 1831–1871*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2006. The Warren Dean Memorial Prize recognizes the book or article judged to be the most significant work on the history of Brazil published in English during the two years prior to the award year. The same book was also awarded the Roberto Reis BRASA Book Award, which recognizes "the two best books in Brazilian Studies that contribute significantly to promoting an understanding of Brazil."

Stephen Perz (Sociology) received a Faculty Achievement Award from the Office of the Associate Provost. He delivered an invited paper on "Land-use Decision-making and the Future of Amazonia" for the Climate Change and the Fate of the Amazon conference at Oriol College, University of Oxford in March 2007. Publications: Spatial Processes in Scalar Context: Development and Security in the Brazilian Amazon (with C. Simmons, M. Caldas, S. Aldrich, and R. Walker). *Journal of Latin American Geography*, 6(1) 2007: 125–148; Unofficial Road Building in the Brazilian Amazon: Dilemmas and Models of Road Governance (with C. Overdeest, E. Arima, M. Caldas, and R. Walker). *Environmental Conservation*, 34(2) 2007: 112–121; Socio-spatial Processes of Unofficial **Faculty News...** *continued on page 9.*

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Road-building in the Amazon: Socioeconomic and Biophysical Explanations (with M. Caldas, E. Arima, and R. Walker). *Development and Change*, 38(3) 2007: 529-551; Theorizing Land Cover and Land Use Change: The Peasant Economy of Amazonian Deforestation (with M. Caldas, R. Walker, E. Arima, S. Aldrich, and C. Simmons). *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 97(1) 2007: 86-110; Road Investments, Spatial Spillovers, and Deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon (with A. Pfaff, J. Robalino, R. Walker, S. Aldrich, M. Caldas, E. Reis, C. Bohrer, E. Arima, W. Laurance and K. Kirby). *Journal of Regional Science*, 47(1) 2007: 109-123.

Stephen Powell (Law) presented a paper in April 2007 on "MERCOSUR Trade and Business Opportunities and Needs" at the Legal and Policy Issues in the Americas Conference in Gainesville. He also presented a paper on the "Lessons of NAFTA Chapter 19's Unique Dispute Settlement System" at the May 2007 Universidad Nacional de Tres de Febrero Conference in Buenos Aires on Commercial Defense, Safeguard, and Escape Clause Measures. He delivered a version of the NAFTA Chapter 19 paper at the Annual Congress of L'Association Internationale des Jeunes Avocats in Toronto in August 2007.

Maria Rogal (Art and Art History) presented a paper on "Beyond the Border: Experiential Fieldwork and Ethnography Enriches the Design Practice" at the Design/Culture: Icoграда World Design Congress in Havana in October 2007.

Helen Safa (Anthropology/LAS) was invited to the 50th anniversary of FLACSO-Ecuador in October 2007 to participate in a dialogue with Maxine Molyneux on Gender and Citizenship. She delivered a paper in Spanish entitled, "Equality in Difference: Afrodescendent and Indigenous Women's Struggle for Citizenship in Latin America." Publications: Racial and Gender Inequality in Latin America: Afro-Descendent Women Respond. *Feminist Africa: Diaspora Voices*, 7 2006: 49-66; Globalización, desigualdad e incremento de los hogares encabezados por mujeres. In M.L. Femeninas, ed., *Perfiles del Feminismo Iberoamericano Vol. 3*. Buenos Aires: Catálogos, 2007.

Marianne Schmink (LAS/Anthropology) Cows versus Rubber: Changing Livelihoods among Amazonian Extractivists (with D. Salisbury). *Geoforum*, 38 (6) 2007: 1233-1249.

Anita Spring (Anthropology) was selected President-elect of Culture and Agriculture, a

section of the American Anthropological Association (AAA). She presented a paper entitled, "Ester Boserup's WID Paradigm Based on Agriculture: Can We Revise it Now?" at the annual meeting of the AAA in Washington in December 2007.



Neill W. Macaulay, Jr.

Professor Emeritus of Latin American History, passed away on October 28, 2007. Born in Columbia, SC in 1935, he earned his B.A. at The Citadel (1956) and then served two years with the U.S. Army in Korea. In 1958, he joined the 26 of July Revolutionary Movement of Fidel Castro in Cuba. Disillusioned by the turn of the revolution, he returned to the U.S. in 1960 and earned a M.A. at the University of South Carolina (1962) and a Ph.D from the University of Texas (1964). He began teaching Latin American history at the University of Florida in 1964, retiring in 1986. He was the author of *The Sandino Affair* (1967), *A Rebel in Cuba* (1970), *The Prestes Column* (1974), and *Dom Pedro* (1986). He co-authored (with David Bushnell) *The Emergence of Latin America in the Nineteenth Century* (1988).

UF Acronyms

FLMNH	Florida Museum of Natural History
FRE	Food and Resource Economics
LABE	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
UFF	UF Foundation
WEC	Wildlife Ecology & Conservation

Recent Faculty Books

▲ Richmond Brown

University of Nebraska Press, 2007

Coastal Encounters: The Transformation of the Gulf South in the Eighteenth Century.

This edited volume describes the changes in the Gulf South in the eighteenth century from a number of disciplinary perspectives. The essays support the importance of this region of the American South in U.S. colonial history.

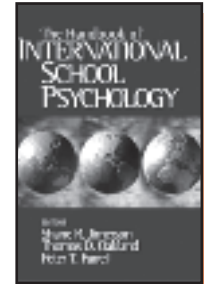


▲ Thomas Oakland

Sage Publications, 2006

Handbook of International School Psychology.

This reference book, co-edited with Shane Jimerson and Peter Farrell, provides a description of the specialty of psychology devoted to the global provision of services to children and youth, their teachers, and parents. Authors from 43 countries provide information and insights regarding the numerous facets of school psychology. The book includes chapters on Peru, Puerto Rico, Jamaica, Brazil, Venezuela, and Brazil.



▲ Carmen Diana Deere

Routledge Press, 2007

Women and the Distribution of Wealth.

This co-edited collection focuses on documenting the gender distribution of wealth and addressing how and why it matters. The essays include historical, comparative, analytical, and policy-oriented work in a variety of geographical contexts.



▲ David Pharies

University of Chicago Press, 2007

A Brief History of the Spanish Language and Breve historia de la lengua española.

This book includes development of the language beyond the Iberian Peninsula, especially in the Americas.



▲ Elizabeth Lowe

University Press of Florida, 2007

Translation and the Rise of Inter-American Literature.

This book, co-authored with Earl E. Fitz, touches on issues of language, culture and national identity in the Americas, combining theories and histories of literature, translation, reception and cultural studies. Fitz and Lowe argue that the role of the translator is an essential part of the reception process of Latin American literature.

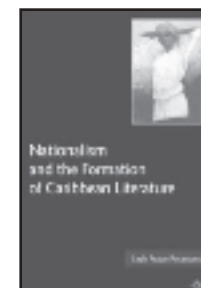


▲ Leah Rosenberg

Palgrave MacMillan, 2007

Nationalism and the Formation of Caribbean Literature.

This book tells the story of how intellectuals in the English-speaking Caribbean first created a distinctly Caribbean and national literature.



PURC/IADB Benchmarking Workshop for Water Utilities in Central America

Utility managers, policy-makers, and regulators from Central America learned about sustainable and cost-effective benchmarking procedures, and reviewed resource allocation issues associated with water utilities in Central American nations during this workshop delivered by the UF Public Utility Research Center (PURC) and the Inter-American Development Bank in San José, Costa Rica in October 2007. The workshop identified the strengths and weaknesses of current data collection procedures. It also served as a forum for obtaining feedback on PURC's benchmarking work and for developing institutional mechanisms for maintaining a regional database. The Inter-American Development Bank (IADB) funded PURC to assemble the data, conduct an analysis of utility performance, and organize the workshop in San José. The 40 attendees included data providers from Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Panama, and El Salvador, a legal consultant from Bolivia, a regulator from Belize, and representatives from the IADB, The World Bank, and The United Nations. More information can be found on the Water Initiatives page of the PURC web site: <http://www.cba.ufl.edu/purc/research/water.asp>.



▲ Participants of the PURC/IADB Water Utilities workshop.

LAS Course Development Grants

Six affiliate faculty members received Latin American Studies Course Development Grants to develop new courses with 100% Latin American content. The grants may be used for travel related to course development activities, software, course materials, or student OPS assistance. Funding was provided by the Center's Title VI National Resource Center grant from the US Department of Education. The grantees and their courses are as follows:

Susan Gillespie (Anthropology): Maya Civilization

Elizabeth Ginway (RLL): Latin American Science Fiction and Fantasy

Juan-Carlos Molleda (Public Relations) and Marilyn Roberts (Advertising): Latin American and U.S. Hispanic Communications Industries

Gerald Murray (Anthropology): Anthropology of Cuba, Hispaniola and Puerto Rico

Augusto Oyuela-Caycedo (Anthropology): Origins and Development of Latin American Agriculture

Charles Perrone (RLL): Jorge Amado and the Bahian Imaginaries

2007 Latin American Business Environment Report Released

Copies of the 2007 LA Business Environment Report, which reviews developments relevant to business in the region over the past year and assesses the outlook for the region and the 18 largest economies in 2008, are available electronically at: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/LABER2007.pdf> or by contacting Terry McCoy at tlmccoy@latam.ufl.edu.

FALL 2007 Colloquium Series

August 30
Amy Gorelick Sr. Acquisitions Editor, University Press of Florida. "From Proposal to Publication: An Introduction to Scholarly Publishing."

September 20
Lance Gravlee Assistant Professor, UF Anthropology. "Cultural Construction of Ethnicity in Puerto Rico: Implications for the Concept of Race."

October 4
Belio Martinez, Jr. Assistant Professor, UF Public Relations. "Building Multi-Sector Partnerships for Progress with Strategic, Participatory Communication: A Case Study from Colombia."

October 18
Paul Dosal Professor of History, University of South Florida. "Manhunt: The Covert Campaign to Capture Che Guevara in Bolivia."

November 1
Jesse Aaron Assistant Professor, UF RLL, Spanish. "Endangered Ways of Speaking: Tradition and Innovation in New Mexican Spanish."

University of Florida at the LASA 2007 International Congress, Montreal

The following UF faculty and graduate students participated at the LASA Congress in Montreal, September 5–7, 2007.

José Álvarez (FRE), panel organizer, “Retos Técnicos, Económicos y Sociales de la Reestructuración de la Agroindustria Azucarera de Cuba.”

Leslie Anderson (Political Science), panel organizer and chair, “Environmental Activism, Citizen Rights and Social Justice,” and presenter, “Idealism and Realism as Democracy Consolidates: Electoral Issues and Citizen Concerns in Nicaragua’s 2006 Election.”

Tom Ankerson (Law), presenter, “It’s Not Just About the Conservation: The Role of ‘Proto–tenure’ in Development, Social Justice, and Conservation in the Maya Forest.”

Andrés Avellaneda (RLL), presenter, “Periodismo y literatura en tiempos de cólera.”

Florence Babb (Women’s Studies and Gender Research), panel organizer, “Afro-Latin and Indigenous Peoples: Races and Ethnicity in Latin American and Caribbean Tourism,” and presenter, “Cultural Tourism in Post-Conflict Chiapas and Andean Peru.”

Efraín Barradas (LAS/RLL), presenter, “Belkis Ramírez entre el texto y la imagen,” and discussant, “Variations on a Theme: Narratives of Return in the Cuban and Dominican Diasporas.”

Gregory Bates (LAS), presenter, “The Inter–American Convention Against Corruption: A Commentary on Trade & Human Rights.”

Hannah Covert (LAS), panel organizer and chair, “Evaluation Practices at Latin American Studies Centers.”

Carmen Diana Deere (LAS/FRE), panel chair and discussant, “Género y Justicia: Dinámicas históricas y contemporáneas en América Latina;” panelist, Kalman Silvert Award Plenary.

Joan Flocks (Law), presenter, “Responses to International Environmental Justice.”

Tace Hedrick (English), panel organizer, chair, and discussant, “Blackness and Comparative Racial Politics in U.S. Afro–Latina/o, African American, and Latin American Writing and Culture.”

Deicy Jiménez (RLL), presenter, “Mestizaje y Revolución: La mulatez cubana en la poesía de Exilia Saldaña.”

Oswaldo Jordan (Political Science), panel organizer, “New Forms of Multiculturalism.”

Ilvia Larragán Osceola (Teaching & Learning), presenter, “Critical Issues in Bilingual Education Today: A Case Study of a Texas Rio Grande Valley Two–Way model School District.”

Ana Margheritis (LAS/Political Science), presenter, “Argentina’s Foreign Policy, Democracy, and Inter–American Relations.”

Terry McCoy (LAS/Political Science), panel organizer and chair (with **Meredith Fensom**), “Law and Economics in Latin America.”

Sean O’Neil (Religion), panel chair, organizer and presenter, “New Evangelisms” and “Latin America’s Via Media?”

Antonio de la Peña (Anthropology), presenter, “Ethnography, History and Social Network Analysis: An Alternative to the World Bank’s Social Capital Applications.”

Maria Rogal (Art & Art History), panel chair, “Afro-Latin and Indigenous Peoples: Races and Ethnicity in Latin American and Caribbean Tourism,” and presenter, “The Maya Imaginary: Cultures of Consumption in the Yucatán.”

Helen Safa (LAS/Anthropology), panel organizer, “Race and Ethnicity in the Caribbean Women’s Movement;” and discussant, “Holistic Vision of the Caribbean;” chair and discussant Kalman Silvert Award Plenary

Marianne Schmink (LAS/Anthropology), presenter, “Challenges of Grassroots Conservation Initiatives: Extractive Reserves in Acre.”

Martín Sorbille (RLL), presenter, “Psicoanálisis y política en Tiempo de revancha.”

Manuel Vásquez (Religion), presenter, “Religião mediúnica entre imigrantes brasileiros na area metropolitana de Atlanta: Relações de gênero e poder.”

Philip Williams (Political Science), presenter, “Constructing Mexican Identities in Metro Atlanta.”



New Acquisitions for Outreach Lending Library

The Outreach Lending Library recently added 47 new items to its collection. A main focus of these acquisitions was the environment, with the Library adding 15 new video resources to support the TCD Program. Recent purchases include the *Planet Earth* series from BBC–Discovery, the *Decade of Destruction* series about the Amazon, two IMAX features on the Galapagos Islands and wildlife, a National Geographic special on jaguars, and several new shows from *The Living Edens: The Lost World* series on Venezuela and Peru to Patagonia.

The Library also increased its holdings for K–12 audiences. Five new resources on foreign language in elementary schools and a holiday video on Cinco de Mayo were added. For general audiences, new Spanish and Portuguese–language movies include *Whiskey, Nada+*, *Buena Vista Social Club*, *Mi Mejor Enemigo*, *Cuba Feliz*, and *The House of Sand*.

The Library's holdings on economics, development and human rights were enhanced by seven new items including

resources from the *Ethical Markets* television show, *Cashing in on Ecotourism*, and video debates of the U.S.–Costa Rica Free Trade Agreement. The Library also added ten new history resources that include biographies of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo, *The Pinochet File* — a book of previously censored documents recently released by the U.S. government, The History Channel specials *Hispanics in America* and *Mexico: Courage and Conquest*, as well as resources about Incan mummies and Mayan astronomy.

The Outreach Lending Library includes resources such as videos, books, maps, suitcases about Latin American countries, music and more covering Latin America. The new items, as well as previous acquisitions, can all be viewed in the Library's online database at: <http://www.latam.ufl.edu/outreach/catalog/catalog.asp> —Contributed by Mary Risner, Associate Director, Outreach

Day of the Dead Observance at the Florida Museum of Natural History

The *Día de los Muertos* Celebration was a big success! Close to 300 guests spent the evening of November 1 at the Florida Museum of Natural History (FLMNH) to honor the Mexican tradition of remembering the spirits of deceased loved ones. UF professor and Center affiliate, Susan Gillespie (Anthropology), opened the evening with a presentation on the Aztec notion of souls and the pre–Colombian roots of the holiday. David Steadman, Curator of Ornithology for the museum, gave a virtual bird–watching trip through the Mexican desert.

In addition to the talks, visitors of all ages gathered to admire the festive altar adorned with memorable photos, flowers, favorite foods and other small offerings. Other activities consisted of the craft tables where age did not limit those who participated in coloring Mayan–inspired masks, making giant tissue paper flowers and cutting *papel picado* designs. The museum was a wonderful setting for this special co–sponsored event by the FLMNH, the Center, the student group, *Mexicans in Gainesville*, and Chipotle Restaurant.

In respect for the significance of this holiday to Mexican culture, the Center for Latin American Studies Outreach Program has created a Day of the Dead traveling suitcase. This is a great tool for cross–cultural education at all levels. Please visit



▲ Day of the Dead altar at Florida Museum of Natural History.

the Outreach website for details (<http://www.latam.ufl.edu/outreach/outreachlib.html>).

—Contributed by Mary Risner, Associate Director, Outreach



Outreach News, con't.

Portuguese Faculty from Across Florida Gather to Discuss New Portuguese Textbook

The Center for Latin American Studies Outreach Program organized the first meeting of K–12 Portuguese faculty from throughout the state of Florida on May 3, 2007. Twenty-four faculty members, TAs and supporters gathered at Valencia Community College in Orlando to preview a new Portuguese textbook, *Ponto de Encontro*. The book has been adopted and is being used in Portuguese language instruction at UF and other institutions offering Portuguese.

In addition to the textbook presentation, the meeting laid the foundation for future collaborations among Portuguese faculty. At the meeting, the faculty established the gathering as an annual event where they will work to share resources and course materials. A list-serve was established to keep the faculty in touch with each other. Attendees will also promote a large Portuguese showing for next year's American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) conference, which will be held November 20-23, 2008 in Orlando.

The group was honored by the attendance and participation of Ambassador João Almino, Consul General at the Brazilian Consulate in Miami. Other special guests were Professor Luci Moreira of Charleston College (co-author of new text) and members of the Central Florida Brazilian Chamber of Commerce. Institutions represented were FSU, FIU, UF, Valencia Community College, Cypress Creek High School, and Dr. Phillips High School. The event was co-sponsored by Valencia Community College and Prentice Hall. Parties interested in the Portuguese textbook viewed at the meeting can visit <http://www.prenticehall.com> for further information. Anyone interested in working with this group of Portuguese faculty can contact Mary Risner at risner@latam.ufl.edu.



▲ Dr. Charles Perrone introducing Ambassador João Almino at the statewide Portuguese Faculty meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Student News



▲ New MALAS students at the August 2007 orientation.

MALAS Graduates 2007

August 2007

Jessica Joy Gonzalez Thesis: "The Role of the Catholic Church in Colombian Social Development Post World War II."

Margaret J. McClelland Thesis: "Gender and Family Roles in George Lopez: A Textual Analysis and Audience Study."

Priscilla M. Medina Thesis: "Milk Production in Cañete, Peru: Research on Child Nutrition and Health."

Luciana da Cunha Monteiro Thesis: "Cross-Dressed Poetics: Lessons and Limits of Gender Transgressions in Brazilian Popular Music."

Jacob Schultz Thesis: "Contemporary Brazilian Trade Policy: Content, Processes, and Politics."

December 2007

Juliana Azoubel Thesis: "Frevo and the Contemporary Dance Scene in Pernambuco, Brazil: Staging 100 Years of Tradition."

Jessica Bachay Thesis: "Banking on Remittances to Mexico: Business Opportunities and Challenges"

Megan Barolet-Fogarty Thesis: "The Female Sterilization Controversy: Framing Reproductive Rights at the Intersection of Race and Gender in Brazil."

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Lourdes I. Catala Thesis: “The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control: Effects of International Tobacco Regulation in Brazil, 1990–Present.”

Mary Mitchell Waters Thesis: “From Partnership to Collapse: Argentina and the International Monetary Fund through Economic Crisis and Recovery.”

Undergraduate Minor and Certificates in Latin American Studies 2007

The following students completed an undergraduate minor or certificate in Latin American Studies, or both, in Fall 2007.

Kathy Mari, Spanish

Nicole Rohrmann, Public Relations

Ana Segura, Political Science

Marina Spewak, Family, Youth & Community Services

Celia Tobin, Photojournalism

Paul Weaver, Business Administration

Two TCD Students Awarded Grassroots Development Fellowships

Two Ph.D. students enrolled in the Center’s TCD Program were awarded prestigious Grassroots Development Fellowships from the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) in July 2007. The Fellows were selected on the strength of their academic record, the quality of their research proposals, and their potential contribution to grassroots development, and will conduct dissertation research in Latin America during the coming year. Nationwide, only 11 students were awarded IAF Fellowships this academic year.

Christine Lucas (WEC) will pursue research on the management of forest resources in the Brazilian Amazon under the supervision Emilio Bruna (LAS/WEC). Mason Mathews (SNRE) is advised by Marianne Schmink, TCD Director, and will be carrying out field research on social networks in Amazonia.

The IAF was created in 1969 by the United States Congress to fund the self-help initiatives of the organized poor in Latin America and the Caribbean and the groups that support them. Together the IAF and its grantees have improved conditions for hundreds of thousands of poor families in communities throughout the hemisphere.

UF Graphic Design Project in Mexico

Maria Rogal (Art and Art History) had a Fulbright in Yucatán, Mexico during the 2006–07 academic year. In spring 2007, her students in the UF graphic design studio (“Mint”) and colleague Doug Barrett traveled to Mexico to work on a project with a cooperative of honey farmers in the southern part of the state, near the archeological site of Uxmal. Their project was to design honey labels for the Lol–Bal Ché honey cooperative in Santa Elena.

The cooperative of 40 honey farmers just finished building a new processing and bottling factory with government grants. Now the cooperative is preparing to bring their honey directly to market. They hope to export their product to Europe and the U.S. in the near future.

The objective of the graphic design students was to design labels that are modern, sophisticated, and culturally responsible. In conversation with their clients, they decided to share labels with potential consumers for feedback by conducting a survey that gave them information on how to make their designs more culturally appropriate. All the labels are bilingual (English and Spanish). Images of the labels are located online at: http://mintinmexico.ufdesigners.com/honey_june07/.



▲ Students observing the honey harvest at Santa Elena, Yucatán.

Doctoral Teaching Awards

The Center for Latin American Studies is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2007 Latin American Studies Doctoral Teaching Awards. The two awardees, both PhD candidates, will each develop and teach an upper-level undergraduate interdisciplinary seminar (LAS 4935) in the spring and fall 2008. The winners and the seminars are:

Fleming Daugaard–Hansen (Anthropology)
Transnational Migration in the Americas

Oswaldo Jordan (Political Science) Racial and Ethnic Politics in Latin America

Center Programs in Latin America

Latin American Business Study Tour to Brazil

The Latin American Business Study Tour, now in its seventh year, returned to Brazil in October 2007. The one-week, two-credit tour annually rotates among Brazil, Argentina and Chile. This year's tour, which was led by Andy Naranjo (Finance) and Terry McCoy (LAS) and hosted by the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), featured an outstanding mixture of academic lectures on Brazilian finance and economics and visits in the greater Rio metropolitan region to the National Development Bank, the national oil company PETROBRAS, the mining company CVRD, and the production facilities of the Globo media conglomerate, among others. The 23 student participants came from UF's MBA, MAIB and Masters in Finance programs. The next tour will go to Chile in March 2008. The Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER) in UF's Warrington College of Business Administration co-sponsors the study tour.



▲ Terry McCoy (LAS) and Andy Naranjo (Finance) with Latin American Business Study Tour students in front of the National Development Bank in Rio de Janeiro, October 2007.

2008 Business in Brazil Program

The Center's Business in Brazil summer study program, another Center joint undertaking with CIBER and PUC-Rio, is changing its format. For its eighth year, the program will take place during four weeks in June instead of six weeks in July and August as was the case since its inception in 1999. The first three weeks will be in Rio and combine lectures in English by PUC professors on finance, marketing, human resources, business ethics and outlook for the Brazilian economy along with visits to companies based in the Rio and Portuguese language instruction oriented to the needs of business students. While in Rio, students live with local host families. For the final week, the program shifts to São Paulo, the finance and industrial heart of Brazil. There students will visit the stock and futures markets, investment banks, consumer goods and heavy industries. The program is open to advanced undergraduates and graduate students from UF and other universities with business-related majors. For more information contact Terry McCoy (tlmccoy@latam.ufl.edu) or Mary Risner (mrisner@latam.ufl.edu).

2008 Semester in Costa Rica

The Center for Latin American Studies has developed a new semester-length study abroad program for undergraduate students at the Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR) in San José. The program will be directed by Mark Thurner, Associate Professor of History, and will be UF's first semester-length group program in Latin America. All program participants will enroll in intensive Intermediate or Advanced Spanish (taught by UCR faculty) and in Latin American History and Culture (taught by Dr. Thurner). Program participants will also enroll in 1 or 2 elective courses taught in English through UCR's Academic Program for International Students. It is anticipated that 15 students will participate in the inaugural program in Fall 2008. Undergraduate students from any major with one year of Spanish language study (or the equivalent) are welcome to apply.

For further information on the 2008 semester in Costa Rica, contact Angela Grindal, Study Abroad Adviser, at adikeman@ufic.ufl.edu or Mark Thurner, Program Director, at mthurner@history.ufl.edu.

Partnership in Global Learning

The UF Partnership in Global Learning (PGL) was established by the Center for Latin American Studies with a grant from the Lucent Foundation in 1999. PGL is an international e-learning consortium that has the mission to build and sustain public-private partnerships between universities, schools, government agencies and companies for the production and distribution of e-learning solutions and infrastructure in the areas of teacher training, research and corporate training. PGL is comprised of five charter universities, including UF, the Universidad Tecnológico de Monterrey, México; Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Universidade Estadual de Campinas, Brazil; and the Fundação Getúlio Vargas in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. In October 2007, PGL sponsored a panel at the International Conference on Technology and Educational Innovation at the Universidad Tecnológico de Monterrey with presentations on the PGL instructional design module, the Aymara on the Internet project, the Chiapas Online Learning Project, Ontology-Driven Interoperability of Learning Objects, and Rapid Prototyping of Learning Objects. Participants from UF included PGL Director Elizabeth Lowe (LAS), PGL Research Director Sue Legg (LAS), and Fedro Zazueta (Academic Technology). Howard Beck (Agricultural & Biological Engineering) participated by videoconferencing. More information on PGL can be found at: <http://www.pgl.ufl.edu>.

UF Summer Study Abroad

— Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico

The “UF in Mérida (Mexico)” Summer Program, established in 1985, is the oldest UF Overseas Study Program in Latin America, and includes summer, semester and year-long exchanges with the Autonomous University of Yucatán. Over the last 23 years, more than 600 UF students have participated in the Mérida programs, most of them taking advantage of the summer programs in Anthropology or Tropical Ecology. The program has recently added short term study trips to Mérida in collaboration with the Colleges of Medicine, Public Health, Dentistry, and Veterinary Medicine. These short term experiences are now part of the Health Sciences Global Health initiative to develop a certificate in international health.

Students on the summer program earn 9 credit hours, including 5 credits of Anthropology or 5 credits of Tropical Ecology, and 3 credits of Spanish language. Anthropology and Ecology classes are taught in English by faculty members from both UF and the Autonomous University of the Yucatán (UADY). Spanish classes are taught by UADY faculty members.

The Anthropology course addresses topics including Mesoamerican archaeology, Mayan linguistics, colonial history, sociology and cultural anthropology in Yucatan, and emerging urban issues. The Tropical Ecology course covers topics including climate and karst geology, and explores ecosystems such as freshwater cenotes and lakes, coastal lagoons and mangroves, marine reefs and beaches, and several tropical forest types. Both courses involve classroom lectures and weekly field trips. The Anthropology and Ecology classes are offered in the morning and

afternoon, respectively. All students are welcome to attend both classes. Field trips generally run from Thursday through Saturday. Students visit contemporary Mayan villages, artisan’s workshops, ancient Mayan archaeological sites, local markets, colonial churches, haciendas, caves, coral reefs, cenotes, springs, tropical forests, indigenous agricultural systems, sea turtle nesting beaches, and mangrove ecosystems. The Anthropology and Ecology groups take joint field trips to kitchen gardens [solares], a colonial fort in Campeche, and the spectacular archaeological site of Palenque in the state of Chiapas. Mark Brenner, the coordinator of the Tropical Ecology program, has ongoing research on ancient climates and climate change in the region. Allan Burns, the coordinator of the Anthropology program, is a specialist on contemporary Mayan communities and social change in Mexico and Central America.

Outside of class, students enjoy immersion in the local language and culture. Mérida is a modern city of nearly one million people. It is one of the safest cities in the world and has a rich history. Students take advantage of abundant cultural offerings, including museums, live music, theater, crafts, markets, and local cuisine. They are encouraged to meet and interact with local students, artists, musicians, vendors, and laborers. UF students live with local families in Mérida, attend classes at UADY, and travel widely throughout the Yucatán Peninsula during weekly, class-related field trips. Interactions with local people provide students with abundant opportunities to practice their Spanish language skills. The beach at Progreso is only a half-hour bus ride away!

There are no pre-requisites for this program, nor is the program limited to any major. Graduate students with interest in the region also regularly attend the program. Scholarships are available for students who can demonstrate financial need.

Details for the 2008 summer B program in Mérida, Mexico

Dates: June 25–August 2, 2008

Cost: \$3960 (includes 9 credit hours, room and board with family, all excursion costs, and administrative fees.) Does not include airfare or incidentals.

Scholarship deadline (February 1, 2008):
see www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu or visit UFIC in 170 Hub.

Application deadline (March 3, 2008). Apply online at: www.abroad.ufic.ufl.edu

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▲ University of Florida students on the 2007 Mérida program.

ALUMNI NEWS & NOTES

Stephen Fafulas (BA Spanish & LAS Certificate 2005) is currently enrolled in the graduate program in Hispanic Linguistics at Indiana University, Bloomington, and employed as a Spanish instructor. He spent 2006 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar.

Caleb P.S. Finegan (PhD History 1999) is Associate Professor of History at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He recently won a Distinguished Faculty Award for “providing students at IUP with valuable opportunities for service.” Dr. Finegan established the Latin American Studies minor at IUP in 2002.

Bolivar Fraga (MALAS 1997) after serving as a US Air Force intelligence officer, completed a Masters in Social Work and a MA in Pastoral Studies (2006) in a dual degree program offered by St. Louis University and the Aquinas Institute of Theology. He is now a faith-based community organizer with Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) in St. Louis, MO. MCU works for systemic change in education, health care, economic development, and immigration reform.

José “Tito” Gobbi (MALAS 1994, PhD Interdisciplinary Ecology 2006) works at the Instituto Nacional de Tecnología Agropecuaria (INTA) in Argentina on quantification and valorization of ecosystem services in the Chaco Region.

Darrin G. Gulla (BA Economics & LAS Certificate 1994) received his PhD in Economics in 2005 from the University of Georgia. He is currently a Lecturer in the Department of Economics at the University of Kentucky.

Eugenio Hernández (BA Spanish & LAS Certificate 1978; JD 1983), earned a MA in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University and after completing a JD degree at UF, became a founding partner

of Avila, Rodriguez, Hernández, Mena & Ferri in Miami. He specializes in the field of immigration, nationality and consular law.

Aleyda V. Kasten (BA Spanish & LAS Certificate 1979) is a Senior Advisor with the U.S. Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C.

Marixa Lasso (PhD History 2002) is Assistant Professor of Latin American History at Case Western Reserve University. Her book, *Myths of Harmony: Race & Republicanism during the Age of Revolution. Panama 1795–1831*, was recently published by University of Pittsburgh Press.

Elva Gonzalez Manzanero (BS Marketing & LAS Certificate 2002) earned an MA in Latin American Studies at FIU, writing a thesis on the role of Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez as a factor in the changing demographics of South Florida. She works for a marketing and production company, ICO UGO Productions, which develops marketing campaigns aimed at South Florida’s Hispanic community. She recently married and is expecting her first child.

Juan Carlos Marino (BA Political Science & LAS Certificate 1972) is Vice President of Investments at Merrill Lynch in Coral Gables, FL, covering Latin America.

Nita Mathis (BA Education & LAS Certificate 1977) is an ESOL Support Teacher for the Suwanee County Schools in Live Oak, Florida.

Maggie McClelland (MALAS 2007) is working as the Volunteer Coordinator at the New Tampa YMCA.

Geraldine Slean (MALAS 2005) started a new job as the program coordinator for Stanford’s Center for Latin American Studies.

Francisco Kennedy A. de Souza (MALAS 2006) is pursuing a PhD at Indiana University. He is working with the Anthropological Center for Training and Research on Global Environmental Change.

Angela Stuesse (BA Anthropology & LAS Certificate 1998) is a Weatherhead Fellow this year at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, NM. A doctoral candidate in the Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, she is completing her dissertation on the role of undocumented workers in the chicken processing industry in the U.S. South.

Orlando Fals Borda (PhD Sociology 1955) was the recipient of the 2007 LASA-Oxfam America Martin Diskin Memorial Lectureship. This distinguished award is presented at each LASA International Congress to an individual who combines a commitment to both activism and scholarship. Dr. Fals Borda was recognized as being one of the founders of Participatory Action Research (PAR), an interdisciplinary and “collaborative effort between community activists and researchers to ‘listen to people’s knowledge’ and engage in a dialectic of action and reflection towards transformation.” He also founded the Sociology Faculty at the National University of Colombia. Among his best known works are *The Challenge of Social Change* (1985), *Conocimiento y Poder Popular: Lecciones con Campesinos de Nicaragua, Colombia y México* (1986), and *Action with Knowledge: Breaking the Monopoly with Participatory Action Research* (1991). He is Professor Emeritus of the Instituto de Estudios Políticos y Relaciones Internacionales of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, and has been honored previously by an honorary degree from the Universidad Central de Venezuela, the Bruno Kresky Human Rights award, the Paul Hoffman United Nations award, and the Malinowski Award of the Society for Applied Anthropology.

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In September 2007, the University of Florida publicly launched its capital campaign – Florida Tomorrow – with the announcement of an ambitious \$1.5 billion goal. Florida Tomorrow aims to attract the much-needed financial resources that will enable UF to strengthen its role as an academic and research leader in Florida, the nation, and the world.

For UF's Center for Latin American Studies, one of the nation's preeminent area studies programs, Florida Tomorrow represents an important opportunity in its history. By more actively pursuing financial support, the Center can further enhance its renowned areas of excellence – and advance regionally focused, interdisciplinary programs across campus.

The increasing influence and impact of Latin America on the state of Florida and the U.S. is increasingly apparent. It is essential for UF to continue to build the academic and research programs that will prepare

students for interaction with this important region.

Support at all levels – from smaller annual gifts to the creation of endowed chairs and funds is needed and welcome. In combination, such gifts will allow the Center to initiate and expand research and training programs on a broad range of themes.

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—Contributed by Janet Bente Romero, Associate Director of Development and Alumni Affairs

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