Pre-Congress Program
OCTOBER 6, 2010  |  2:00PM – 7:30PM  |  SHERATON TORONTO

Inaugural Program

Dear Members:

In an effort to enhance the professional development of our membership, LASA 2010 is pleased to announce the first ever pre-congress program. We are offering three academic workshops* and a symposium on publishing.** Each event is led by renowned scholars. They each offer a rare opportunity for participants to discuss topics of potential interest in a variety of disciplines.

The events have been conveniently scheduled to take place during the afternoon of October 6, at the Congress site, right before the official opening of our congress that evening. We hope you consider participating in at least one of these events.

Yours,

Javier Corrales  Nina Gerassi-Navarro  Milagros Pereyra
Program Co-Chair  Program Co-Chair  LASA Executive Director

* Academic workshops will have limited attendance based on applications. Interested participants must submit application materials by June 7. See instructions after each workshop description. A registration fee of $10 (not included in the LASA Congress registration fee) will be required of all accepted participants. Fee will cover costs and beverages. Please apply to no more than one academic workshop.

** The symposium is open to all members, including those who participate in the academic workshops. There is no application fee. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.
ACADEMIC WORKSHOP 1

Democracy, Economic Growth, and Equity after the Crisis

Evelyne Huber, University of North Carolina and Robert R. Kaufman, Rutgers University/Columbia University

We will discuss recent work on the effects of the international financial crisis on Latin American countries, the response of different governments to the crisis, and the trajectories of economic growth, poverty, and inequality before, during, and after the crisis. We want to focus on the differences between the most recent crisis and earlier ones, and to examine possible lessons for the post-crisis period. We will look at both economic and political factors that have shaped responses to the crisis. Readings will be made available on a website well before the workshop, so all participants can come prepared to discuss the issues. In an effort to make the workshop as lively and interesting as possible, we will aim for a good mix of participants with different academic and geographical backgrounds and research interests.

Date: October 6, 2010
Time: 2pm – 4:30pm
Enrollment limit: 20, by application

Application Procedure:
Submit a brief (one or two pages) CV that includes a couple of sentences describing current research interests to: kaufrutger@aol.com and ehuber@unc.edu

In the subject line, type “LASA Workshop Application”

Application Deadline: Monday, June 7
Notification: Early August
Registration fee: $10 per participant

ACADEMIC WORKSHOP 2

Latin American Independence, a Bicentennial Perspective

John Chasteen, University of North Carolina

In the mid-to-late twentieth century, Latin American independence was rescued from simple patriotic, nationalist narratives only to become a non-event, “the revolutions that weren’t.” And so the wars of independence have remained, on many syllabi, into the twenty-first century—the obligatory end point of surveys on colonial Latin America, the obligatory beginning of surveys on modern Latin America, a series of events too disappointing to linger on, too complex to summarize without a disturbing level of over-simplification. Drawing on newly translated primary sources, this workshop will explore the more compelling meanings of Latin American independence that emerge from recent scholarship on collective identities and popular liberalism, meanings that make the period seem worthy of a little more class time.

Date: October 6, 2010
Time: 2pm – 4pm
Enrollment limit: 15, by application

Application Procedure:
Send CV and a brief paragraph describing interest to: chasteen@email.unc.edu

In the subject line, type: “LASA Workshop Application”

Application Deadline: Monday, June 7
Notification: Early August
Registration fee: $10 per participant
ACADEMIC WORKSHOP 3

Recent Trends in Latin American Cinema

Ernesto Livon-Grosman, Boston College and Ana M. López, Tulane University

We will discuss recent Latin American films in order to identify some of the trends, present themes and aesthetic approaches that have become dominant during the last two decades. The workshop will focus on the more recent film production, fictional as well as documentary. We will look at contemporary filmmaking practices across the continent and interrogate how the legacy of the New Latin American Cinema of the 60s and 70s has influenced (or not) the filmmakers of the new millennium. What remains of the legacy of the New Latin American Cinema? What new frontiers have been sketched out and/or conquered? Readings and a list of films will be made available on a website well before the workshop, so all participants can come prepared to discuss the issues.

Date: October 6, 2010
Time: 2pm – 5pm
Enrollment limit: 15, by application

Application Procedure:
Send a 1-2 page CV and include a couple of sentences describing pertinent research interests to: livongro@bc.edu and lopez@tulane.edu

In the subject line, type: “LASA Workshop Application”

Application Deadline: Monday, June 7
Notification: Early August
Registration fee: $10 per participant

PUBLISHING SYMPOSIUM

Exploring the Ins and Outs of Academic Publishing: An Insider’s View

Philip Oxhorn, McGill University and Latin American Research Review

For many researchers, particularly new ones, the publishing process remains one of the great mysteries of academic life. And with so many alternatives out there for publishing your work, including a growing number of online media, it only seems to be getting increasingly complex. The goal of this symposium is to help shed light on the publishing process by bringing together the key decision makers to discuss the trends in academic publishing, including the growing role of online media, and the strategies most likely to lead to success. This symposium will be divided into two parts. Part I will be led by the editors of the leading journals in research on Latin America to discuss trends in journal publishing, the process involved in submitting and reviewing article manuscripts, including choosing the appropriate journal for submission of particular kinds of articles. Part II will be led by editors from some of the principal publishers of monographs on Latin America to discuss trends in book publishing, the process involved in submitting and reviewing book manuscripts, including choosing the appropriate publisher for submission of particular kinds of books.

Date: October 6, 2010
Time: Part 1: 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Part 2: 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Open to all LASA members free of charge. Seating is open and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Participants can attend Part I, Part II or both.