The 2012 Bryce Wood Award Deliberations

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LASA’s award for “the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English” is named after Dr. Bryce Wood, an outstanding political scientist who studied the rise and fall of the U.S. Good Neighbor Policy. Writing forty years ago, Wood hailed the emergence of “new types of collaborative scholarly relations” including the founding of LASA. “Scholars are often lonely and usually restless,” he noted, but have always prized scholarly relations including the founding of LASA. “Scholars are often lonely and usually restless.”

Wood imagined scholarly exchange to be, not at all lonely. My thanks to the authors of all of books submitted, to the committee members and to the elected officials of LASA. Latin American Studies is very much alive.

Endnote