LASA and the Scholarly Paper
Maximizing the Flow
by
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LASA Executive Director

The Latin American Studies Association, like all professional associations, seeks to avail itself of as many opportunities as possible to broaden and deepen the stream of communication about topics of interest to its members. In this vein, LASA has expended significant energy and resources to obtain copies of the manuscripts of consenting authors who present papers at LASA’s international congresses and to make those copies available to the membership of the association. This dimension of LASA activity will be explored here in brief.

The International Congresses

LASA congresses are huge affairs, especially so when one considers the size of our membership and other indicators. According to data collected in 1990 by the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) about its constituent societies, the median attendance at annual meetings is about 45 percent of the total membership of the association. With year-end membership running at an average of 3,006 over the past three years, and the number of official participants at the 1994 Atlanta meeting at 1,827, LASA exceeds the median by 33 percent. The ratio of official participants to attendees, at 81 percent, is even more unusual: the ACLS reported the average to be about 30 percent.

Over the years the LASA leadership and members at large have aired the pros and cons of nearly every aspect of LASA’s international congresses. Many are of the opinion that the meetings have too many panels and too many official participants. Others counter that LASA meetings should be as open as possible to all comers and also that attendance depends on official participation in order for

Note from the LASA95 Program Committee
by
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The call for papers for the XIX International Congress of LASA, recently distributed to the membership, has begun to yield its harvest of interesting and informative sessions and paper proposals. Newly adopted procedures call for all proposals to be submitted, in duplicate, by November 1, 1994, directly to the LASA95 Program Office, 190 Uris Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca NY 14853-7601. The proposals will be grouped for further consideration and coordination by the 16 thematic and geographical Section Heads of the Program Committee, and final composition of the program of the Washington Congress will take place during the Spring of 1995.

Any member of the LASA community who might have missed the original mailing or who needs a duplicate set of the call for papers and the accompanying forms may request the packet directly from the Program Office. Requests or inquiries via e-mail to LASA95@cornell.edu are especially encouraged.

Another innovation in this program cycle is that all U.S.-based participants are required to preregister for the 1995 congress to be held September 28-30, 1995, at the Washington Sheraton Hotel. See the call for papers packet for more details, and watch your mail in the coming weeks for preregistration materials. Hope to see you there!

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Task II: Handing Them Over

LASA experimented with a new on-site distribution system for the LASA 1994 Atlanta meeting. Although presenters were spared taking multiple copies to the meeting, the 1994 system was not as successful as we would have liked: only one-third the number of copies of papers distributed in the 1992 Los Angeles meeting were distributed in Atlanta. We are in the process of evaluating what we have learned from the Atlanta experience. On behalf of LASA I wish to thank those of you who provided us with constructive criticism and suggestions about how we could do it better next time. Watch your mail for news about the system we will put in place for 1994.

Task III: Post-Congress Distribution

Unlike most associations that we have contacted, LASA continues to distribute copies of the papers after the meeting. We hold masters from meetings back to 1986 and receive requests for papers years after the congresses. Requests for papers are rolling in presently, even at this relatively "quiet" time in academia in the United States. To June 22, the LASA Secretariat itself has filled requests for 690 papers for the 1994 meeting. We have resolved to attend to these requests in a timely fashion, calling on extra people to fill orders during heavy periods.

A Few Comparisons

LASA is a member of NCASA, the National Council of Area Studies Associations, composed of the five largest U.S.-based areas studies associations. (See previous articles in the Forum about the Council). Only one of our counterpart area associations distributes papers on-site as well as after the meeting, and that association presently has 124 papers available from its secretariat. Another organization distributes only after the meeting, but manages normally to gather only about one percent of the potential manuscripts. Yet another association distributes on-site only, collecting about ten percent of the papers. Prior to this year, the remaining association made papers available only after the meeting, but recently announced that it will no longer distribute at either juncture. Clearly, given the number of titles with which we are working, LASA, among NCASA members, is the most intensely involved in on-site and post-meeting distribution of panel papers.

In sum, all indications are that there is a strong interest among the membership in accessing information presented at LASA International Congresses. We in the Secretariat thus intend to continue to seek the most economical methods possible for maximizing such access while continuing to
expand services to our members. However, we consider the support of paper presenters in future congresses to be critical as we explore alternative methods of performing the demanding functions associated with the distribution of panel papers.

It is gratifying that the vast majority of LASA members recognize the seriousness of our international congresses and the importance of preparing well-researched written presentations for meeting panels. As well, LASA members who are active researchers seem to be anxious to share their findings and their analyses with their colleagues in a public forum. (A fellow executive director informed me that many of his colleagues are reluctant to contribute copies of their meeting papers out of fear that their ideas, especially in working papers, might be lifted by their colleagues. I am pleased that this is not part of LASA's "associational culture").

There is much more about LASA in which its members can take pride, and we can feature those elements in future articles. The intention here has been to highlight what has been attempted and what has been achieved as we make a very great effort to disseminate information presented at LASA's international congresses. Our members are due a vote of thanks for their past efforts. LASA will continue to require your backing—and perhaps even some sacrifices—as we move to accomplish even more in this domain. ■

The LASA Endowment Fund

by

Sandra Klinzing

LASA Secretariat

The LASA Endowment Fund helps to assure that the association will continue to meet its primary mission of furthering the study of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Established in 1983 with a grant from The Ford Foundation, proceeds from the Endowment Fund will benefit special programs such as a visiting scholars program, junior lecturing fellowship program and travel awards for United States-based graduate students, and will provide critical resources for an expanded membership and development function. Gifts to the fund can be made at any time or can be undertaken through a new Life Membership program.

Life Memberships

LASA Life Memberships were created to provide critical resources for growth of the endowment fund, and to establish a vehicle for a substantial commitment to the association and its goals.

As LASA initiates the endowment fund campaign, the opportunity now exists to become a Founding Life Member, the first to be a part of endowing LASA's future. LASA acknowledges the following individuals for their generous commitment:

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HISTORY AND PURPOSE

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) is comprised of Mid-Atlantic region scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and interested professionals in all disciplines and pursuits. This region is comprised of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. MACLAS has as its objectives promoting and developing interest in Latin American studies and affairs. The organization was founded in Pittsburgh in 1979 and is one of the Latin American Studies Associations' (LASA) affiliated regional organizations.

ACTIVITIES

The MACLAS annual spring meeting features research-based panels and a business meeting. The association publishes a NEWSLETTER four times a year and LATIN AMERICAN ESSAYS once each year. NEWSLETTER editor is Juan Espadas (Ursinus). The ESSAYS are a selection of papers presented at the annual meeting. The inclusion of a paper in the ESSAYS is considered a publication in a refereed journal. The Associate Editors of the ESSAYS are: Harold Sims; Vera Reber; and, Juan Espadas. MACLAS also awards, annually, its Whitaker Prize for the best book, the Davis Prize for the best journal article, and the Street Prize for the best article in the ESSAYS.

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The affairs of MACLAS are governed by its Executive Committee. The Committee is composed of: President and Vice President, elected for one year terms; Secretary/Treasurer, appointed for a two-year term; and four additional members, elected for two-year terms. The Vice-President is President-elect. The Committee must meet at least twice a year.

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CALL FOR BIDS

TO EDIT AND PRODUCE THE

LATIN AMERICAN RESEARCH REVIEW

The Executive Council of the Latin American Studies Association announces a request for proposals to edit, produce, and mail the *Latin American Research Review (LARR)* commencing with Volume 32 (1997). Manuscript selection procedures will be assumed by the successful bidder in July 1995, and all other functions (copyediting, production, subscriptions, advertising, and mailing) in July 1996. It is assumed that the contract to edit and produce *LARR* will be for a five-year period, although the Executive Council reserves the right to award a contract for a different duration. Completed proposals must be received by October 1, 1994, and should be directed to Reid Reading, Executive Director, Latin American Studies Association, 946 William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

It is expected that the completed proposals will include a short statement of the proposed editorial direction of the journal and identify the proposed new editors and their qualifications, specify the nature and extent of the support provided by the host institution, and contain a letter from the president of that institution formally committing the resources and personnel of the institution as specified in the proposal.

In its present quarters at the University of New Mexico, the journal occupies two large offices and a large storage area, not including the offices of the faculty editors. The staff include the Editor (a faculty member with half-time release from teaching), two Associate Editors (faculty with one-third release time), a Managing Editor, a Subscription Manager, an Editorial assistant, and a work-study student. Journal revenues cover the costs of production and mailing of the publication, as well as the salary of the Managing Editor.

It is recommended that applicants contact the staff of LARR, c/o Latin American Institute, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131, for more information about journal operating requirements, host institution subvention, and procedures.
To the Latin American Studies Association:

In January of this year I took 13 students with me to experience life in a developing nation—one whose society and infrastructure had been devastated by the infamous Contra war. I write this article hoping to solicit other groups that are interested in having this experience—a promise I made to our hosts. After the election of the UNO conservative coalition in 1990 and the concomitant loss of the Sandinista revolutionary vanguard, interest and investment in Nicaragua has declined. Besides being an eye-opener for my students from a predominantly upper-middle class, white, suburban background, our stay was a boon to the local economy with an infusion of over $5,000 U.S.

Because of my experience conducting field research in Nicaragua in 1985, initiated through the now defunct Nuevo Instituto de Centroamérica (NICA), I had the contacts to set up a thorough one month immersion program for my group. All expenses were less than $1,500, including airfare (arranged by Travel One), Spanish classes, guest lectures, accommodation, food, ground transport, and spending money: Such a deal!

I made arrangements through the Nicaragua community organization (El Movimiento Comunal), in Esteli, a town in north central Nicaragua which was often embroiled in fighting in the revolution and contra war. The community movement, the most vital national movement today, works to provide shelter, potable water, latrines, and basic health care for poor neighborhoods, at reintegrating former contras into the community, and defending the gains of the revolution. Each group member was placed with a working class poor family which characteristically has open fire cooking and an out house. This enabled full immersion, not only in Spanish but in the culture of our host families. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were enjoyed with our host families, as well as spare time, particularly in the evenings. In the mornings Spanish lessons were given by teachers trained in teaching Spanish to English speakers. On site placement texts divided us into beginner, intermediate and advanced classes. (The region's teachers are seeking someone experienced in teaching English as a second language.)

Afternoons were spent attending lectures, on tours or doing volunteer work. All of these can be tailored to the visiting groups by the community movement. We requested a broad range of lectures, from the political and religious right to the left, on agriculture, education, health care, women and history. As a professor of anthropology/sociology, I gave additional classes on participant observation and interviewing and assigned exercises in these. These assignments, together with a daily journal and a grade given by the Spanish instructors, made for the students' final grades.

We chose to spend three weeks in Esteli so that we could come to know a people and our families. The final week of our stay was split evenly between a rest in a Pacific beach town, touring Masaya, Grenada and Lake Nicaragua (including souvenir shopping), and Managua. Our ground transportation and accommodations in Managua were provided by the Center for Global Education.

The group members used their journals to write a joint article that was published in local newspapers. All reported that the greatest advantage of their stay was living with individual families. This total immersion has an enormous advantage over whirlwind tours accompanied by hotel accommodations. The price is one such advantage, but the priceless advantage was becoming a member of a "third world" family, the majority of the world's population, attending their functions, sharing in their lives. From them we learned joy amidst the struggle for daily existence; an experience which gave us perspective on our own lives as we returned to the U.S. There was not a dry eye among our group, nor our host families, upon our parting.

We have much to learn from them. I invite all inquiries and will be happy to help any group which wishes to set up such a program.

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April 18, 1994

To the Latin American Studies Association:


In the conclusion, the report states that the LASA observers were "concerned by certain public statements that seemed to prejudice the electoral process," and cites a newspaper quote by the OAS Secretary General João Clemente Baena Soares. The Report also remarks that "One major problem with international electoral observation teams is that they usually focus almost exclusively on voting during the election day."

Unfortunately, those statements are misleading and leave
the wrong impression as to the role of the OAS Electoral Observation Mission in Paraguay. The LASA academic community should be informed of the following: The OAS began monitoring the electoral process in Paraguay in February of 1991, at the invitation of both the government and the opposition parties. Over the next six months, the OAS team (47 international observers) watched the electoral process leading to the Municipal elections of May 1991. For the Constituent Assembly elections in December of the same year, the OAS fielded 32 observers for a month. And for the general elections of May 1993, the observation began in August of 1992 with a pre-electoral one month monitoring of the electoral registry preparations. The final stage of the observation started in March of 1993 and, by the day of elections, the OAS had 90 observers throughout the country. The Mission ended when the winners were officially proclaimed in June of that year.

I have forwarded to LASA copies of the OAS Electoral Observation Missions Reports in Paraguay. These Reports describe in detail the organization, roles and findings of the OAS Missions. It will be noticed that, in contrast to other observer groups in Paraguay, the OAS Missions were long term, thorough, and impartial. Throughout the process, the Missions frequently cooperated with the contenders, at their request, in resolving conflicts and in facilitating the electoral process; they also tried to instill in the citizenry confidence and credibility in the process.

Finally, I would like to point out that, for the first time in Paraguay's political history, the opposition controls both Houses of a Congress which, under the new Constitution, now has the power to check and balance the traditionally all powerful Executive. In addition, the opposition won some of the most important governorships of the country (In 1991 it had already won the Municipality of Asunción). The electorate divided its votes and favored different candidates for different posts. In short, everybody won a portion of political power.

These facts (plus the findings of the OAS Mission) indicate that the elections were indeed valid and that the Colorado Party accepted the results and thus the loss of its hegemony.

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May 5, 1994 ■

To the Latin American Studies Association:

I am honored, delighted and surprised to be the recipient of this distinguished award, and sorry that the distance between Atlanta and Cape Town prevents thanking my colleagues in person. I am surprised because Death Without Weeping goes against the grain of so much contemporary literary and social science theory and practice. Death is an unrelentingly local study at a time when transnational and global analyses predominate. It is a frankly political work—engaged, partisan, and committed—at a time when such "concepts" (especially when practiced by an outsider) are generally thought of as misguided, inappropriate, and invasive. It identifies specific circuits of power, class, and gender oppression...at a time when power is generally seen as capillary, diffuse, global, and difficult to trace to any particular source. It identifies the tangled paths through which an exceedingly vulnerable people can collaborate with local political, medical, and ecclesiastical "institutions of violence" so that eventually the poor come to play the role of their own executioners...at a time when exposing such links is usually dismissed as "blaming victims," rather than seen as the primary task of a committed "negative intellectual worker." Finally, despite the powerful post-colonialist, postmodernist critiques of modern anthropology, I remain, in Death Without Weeping, guardedly optimistic about the practice of a "good enough" ethnography, I believe there is still value in the traditional role of "witnessing," and yes—I still dare to say it—in giving voice to those who have been silenced by illiteracy, by political violence, chronic hunger, and by death.

Seeing, listening, touching, recording can be, if done with care and sensitivity, acts of solidarity. Above all, they are the work of recognition. If I did not believe that anthropology could be used as a tool for critical reflection and human liberation, what kind of perverse cynicism would keep me returning again and again to disturb the waters of Bom Jesús de Mata? Or, even more recently, the study the vexing dilemma of the detainment of HIV+ Cubans in the Havana AIDS sanatorium? Or, now, to study the underbelly of political violence and terror in the Salt River Morgue and in the shebeens and makeshift mortuary chapels of Chris Hani squatter camp in the Western Cape of South Africa?

The answer to the postmodernist critiques is not a retreat from ethnography altogether, but rather an anthropology that is relentlessly self-critical, open-ended, and politically committed. If Death Without Weeping produces in the reader a certain malaise and discomfort with respect to its sometimes counter-intuitive claims and conclusions, then it has done the work of anthropology, the "difficult science": to affict our comfortable assumptions about what it means to be human, a woman, a mother, a life.

Nancy Scheper-Hughes
Cape Town, South Africa
March 6, 1994 ■
CLACSO Represented at NCASA Meeting

Marcia Rivera, Executive Secretary of the Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO), conducted a session at the May 14 meeting of the National Council of Area Studies Associations (NCASA), held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Among the projects of the five members of NCASA, the leading area studies associations based in the United States, is the strengthening of their ties with their counterpart associations off the mainland, and with research institutes abroad that are working in their areas of interest. Although the NCASA constituent societies are not organized to achieve the same objectives as CLACSO, Dr. Rivera's presentation provided the NCASA representatives with several ideas about how to enhance their efforts at international outreach.

CLACSO, now twenty-seven years old, is the most extensive coordinating body of centers for social science research in Latin America. Presently, 199 university and independent research institutes are affiliated. The Council has 26 commissions and working groups, involved in such areas as drugs and society; population; science, technology and development; and law and society.

CLACSO has extensive links with centers all over the world. It sees its global activities as involving seven broad issue-areas: 1) sustainable development, social policies, poverty and the work of NGOs; 2) global change, environment and development; 3) education; 4) culture, identity and diversity; 5) women, gender and family; 6) democracy, governance, human rights and peace; and 7) technology, information management and electronic networking.

For more information, contact the CLACSO Secretariat at Callao 875, 3° Piso Dto. E, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Telephone 54-1-811-6588; fax 812-8459; e-mail gus@clacso.edu.ar.

CALL FOR PREMIO IBEROAMERICANO BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS
Deadline: January 15, 1995

The Premio Iberoamericano is presented at each of LASA's international congresses for the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in Spanish and Portuguese in any country. Eligible books for this September 1995 award must have been published during the period of July 1, 1993 to December 1, 1994.

Books actually submitted to and received by the 1994 Premio committee for the previous round (in which no book was named) also will be considered, along with the new submissions published in the latest period, above.

No book may compete more than once. Normally not in contention for the award are anthologies of selections by several authors or re-editions of works published previously.

Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. Those nominating books are responsible for

CALL FOR BRYCE WOOD BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS
Deadline: January 1, 1995

At each International Congress, the Latin American Studies Association presents the Bryce Wood Book Award to the outstanding book on Latin America in the social sciences and humanities published in English in the United States. Eligible books for the September 1995 LASA International Congress in Washington will be those published between July 1, 1993 and December 31, 1994. Although no book may compete more than once, translations may be considered. Anthologies of selections by several authors or re-editions of works published previously normally are not in contention for the award. Books will be judged on the quality of the research, analysis, and writing, and the significance of their contribution to Latin American studies.

Books may be nominated by authors, LASA members, or publishers. Those nominating books are responsible for
confirming the publication date and for forwarding one copy directly to each member of the award committee, at the expense of those submitting the books. All books must reach each member of the committee by January 15, 1994. LASA membership is not a requirement for receiving the award. The author of the winning book will have most expenses paid by LASA to attend the congress, where the award will be presented during the business meeting.

The members and mailing addresses of the Premio Book Award Committee for 1995 are: Professor Tulio Halperin, Chair, Department of History, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720; Professor Scott Mainwaring, Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; Professor Isabel Vergara-Rodriguez, Department of Romance Languages and Literature, George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052.

**CALL FOR SILVERT AWARD NOMINATIONS**
**Deadline: October 14, 1994**


The selection committee consists of Carmen Diana Deere (chair), immediate past president; Lars Schoultz and Jean Franco, past presidents; and Gilbert Merkx, editor of **LARR**. Nominations should be sent to the LASA Secretariat by October 14, 1994. Please include biographical information and a rationale for each nomination.

**Preliminary Call for Nominations LASA Media Awards**
**Deadline: May 15, 1995**

The Latin American Studies Association is pleased to announce its competition for the 1994 LASA Media Award for outstanding media coverage of Latin America. This award is made every eighteen months to recognize long-term journalistic contributions to analysis and public debate about Latin America in the United States or Latin America, as well as for breakthrough journalism. Nominations are invited from LASA members and from journalists.

Journalists from both the print and electronic media are eligible. A three-member screening committee from the Award Committee will carefully review each nominee’s work and select the top five candidates. The entire Award Committee will then vote to determine the winner, who will be honored at the XIX International Congress in Washington, DC. LASA will invite the awardee to speak at a session and to submit materials for possible publication in the **Forum**. The association will pay most of the costs of the awardee’s travel to the meeting site.

Recent recipients of the award have included Kathy Ellison of the **Miami Herald, Caretas** (Lima, Peru), Alma Guillermoprieto of the **New Yorker**, Pamela Constable of the **Boston Globe**, Charles Krause of the McNeil-Lehrer Newshour, Bill Buzenberg of National Public Radio and John Dinges of National Public Radio. Watch for an announcement in the Fall 1994 issue of the LASA Forum, which will carry the names of the entire committee. To make a nomination, please send one copy of the journalist’s portfolio of recent relevant work, by May 15, 1995 to: Terry Karl, Director, Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. Telephone: 415-723-4444; fax: 415-723-9822.

**NOMINATIONS INVITED FOR 1995 SLATE**

LASA members are invited to suggest potential nominees for Vice President and three members of the Executive Council, for terms beginning November 1, 1995.

Criteria for nomination include professional credentials and previous service to LASA. Candidates must have been a member of the Association in good standing for at least one year prior to nomination. Biographic data and the rationale for nomination must be sent by January 1, 1995 to: Professor Evelyne Huber, Chair, LASA Nominations Committee, Department of Political Science, University of North Carolina, Campus Box 3265, Chapel Hill, NC 27599-3265.

The winning candidate for Vice President will serve in that capacity until April 30, 1997, and as President for an additional eighteen months. Executive Council members will serve a three-year term from November 1, 1995 to October 31, 1998.

The members of the Nominations Committee are Evelyne Huber, Chair; Marysa Navarro (as Executive Committee liaison), Dartmouth College; Douglas Massey, University of Pennsylvania; Carlos Santiago, SUNY/Albany; Saul Sosnowski, University of Maryland; Margaret Keck, Yale University.
EMLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Minnesota Libraries at Twin Cities seeks qualified applicants for the position of Iberoamerican Studies Librarian. This position is one of eleven in the Subject Bibliography Unit of Wilson Library, reporting to the Head of Collection Development for Humanities and Social Sciences. The Iberoamerican Studies Librarian serves the University's Latin American Studies Program and the Department of Spanish and Portuguese in the College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School, as well as persons with Iberoamerican interests in other colleges, schools and institutes at the University. The geographical scope of this position includes the Iberian Peninsula, South and Central America and the Caribbean, Lusophone Africa, and the Hispanic United States. Responsibilities: Development and management of the University Libraries' general collections concerning Iberoamerica in all languages and formats, including electronic texts and databases, and in all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences; service as the Libraries' principal liaison with faculty and students in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, the Latin American Studies Program, and related areas; reference and research assistance, bibliographic instruction and preparation of guides and bibliographies related to Iberoamerica; reference assistance at the Wilson Reference Desk; acquisitions and cataloging assistance to technical services staff; awareness of changing technology; maintenance of connections with other libraries for cooperative collection development; service as representative of the University in SALALM, CRL, and other organizations; research, publication, and/or professional association activity. Qualifications: Applicants must have an ALA-accredited MLS or its foreign equivalent, and a Master's degree in some aspect of Iberoamerican Studies, completed by December 31, 1994; proficiency in Spanish and Portuguese; knowledge of electronic information resources, familiarity with Internet access tools such as Gopher, and the commitment to apply changing information technology to instructional and research needs. Knowledge of the Latin American and Iberian book trades is desirable, as are experience in a research library performing bibliographic acquisitions, reference, or cataloging work, and participation in the Iberoamerican scholarly community at the national level (e.g., ACRL-CESS, SALALM). This is a twelve-month academic/professional position, with probationary appointment at the Assistant Librarian or Associate Librarian rank, and a minimum salary of $28,000. Applicants should send a letter of application discussing background and experience relating to the above description; a current resume; and names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references to: Linda DeBeau-Melting, Libraries Human Resources Officer, University Libraries, 453 Wilson Library, 309 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Applications should be received by September 20, 1994. Please identify application with UL#33. The University of Minnesota is committed to the policy that all persons shall have equal access to its programs, facilities, and employment without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, age, marital status, disability, public assistance status, veteran status or sexual orientation.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Tercer Congreso Internacional de Literatura Centroamericana. Date: February 22-24, 1994; place: Guatemala City. Address: Jorge Roman-Lagunas, Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Purdue University at Calumet, Hammond, IN 46323-2094. Telephone: 219-989-2632.

The Kellogg Institute is dedicated to advancing research in comparative international studies, with special emphasis on Latin America. For the 1995-96 academic year, the Kellogg Institute will offer up to five residential fellowships of one semester at the University of Notre Dame. Fellows work on individual or joint research projects related to the Institute's themes, and take advantage of Institute seminars and other meetings. Kellogg fellows have faculty status within the University. The Institute's research reflects commitment to democracy, development, and social justice, and focuses on five major themes: democratization and the consolidation of democracy, alternative paths to development, the role of religion and the Catholic Church in Latin America, popular sectors and public policies for social justice. The Institute seeks fellows of high scholarly accomplishment and promise, whose work and presence will contribute creatively to its major research themes. It welcomes applications from candidates of any country who hold a Ph.D. or equivalent degree (A.B.D. will also be considered) in any discipline of the social sciences or history. Candidates will be evaluated individually, but joint projects will be considered. Complete applications, including all documentation, must be received by November 15, 1994. Awards will be announced by January 31, 1995. For application forms and additional information, contact: Erika M. Valenzuela, Academic Coordinator, University of Notre Dame, The Kellogg Institute, 216 Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

On October 27-29, 1994, the Fourth Conference on Latin American Popular Culture will take place at Brown
University in Providence, Rhode Island. Co-sponsored by the Centers for Latin American Studies at Brown and the University of Connecticut, the conference will bring together major Latin- and Anglo-American scholars in panels that explore the development of popular culture studies in general and with specific attention to Latin America. Invited keynote speakers include Néstor García Canclini, Jesús Martín-Barbero, Sérgio Miceli, John Fiske, Harold Hinds and Jack Santino. The conference will feature panels on comparative perspectives on popular culture, gender, ethnic and cultural identity, and the politics and poetics of public space. The registration fee for the conference is $25. Information on registration may be obtained from: Dr. Regina Cortina, Center for Latin American Studies, Brown University, Box 1863, Providence, RI 02912. Telephone: 401-863-1068; fax: 401-863-1270.

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) will hold its sixteenth annual meeting on the campus of Albright College, Reading, Pennsylvania, March 31-April 1, 1995. Local arrangements are being handled by John Incledon of Albright College. The program is the responsibility of Professor Judy McInnis of the University of Delaware; panel proposals and sessions are now being accepted in all disciplines by Professor McInnis. Papers given at the annual meeting may subsequently be submitted to the Editor of the MACLAS Journal for review and possible publication in the annual issue. Of the total number of papers presented, only twelve are accepted for publication in the journal MACLAS Latin American Essays.

Call for papers on Spain or Latin America for the annual Southern Historical Association Meeting, November 8-11, 1995 in New Orleans. We plan on five-six sessions for the Latin American segment of the program and invite one-page proposals for individual papers and sessions. Deadline: October 8, 1994. Please send these, along with a brief curriculum vitae, to: Dr. Pamela Murray, Latin American Sessions Coordinator, History Department, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL 35294. Telephone: 205-934-8695 (office); 205-934-5634 (department); fax: 205-975-8360.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Explorations in the Political Culture of Latin America: A Symposium in Honor of Hugh Hamill" will be held at the University of Connecticut at Storrs on November 4-5, 1994. Former students of Professor Hamill, a noted historian of colonial and early national Latin American history who retired from the University of Connecticut Department of History in May, will present original papers on a range of historical topics that reflect their own research interests as well as intellectual debts owed to their mentor. Among those presenting papers will be: Lyman Johnson (University of North Carolina at Charlotte), Jacques Barbier (University of Ottawa), Thomas O'Brien (University of Houston), José Morales (Rutgers University), Dale Graden (University of Idaho), Eugenio Piñero (University of Wisconsin at Eau Claire), Alfonso Múñera (Universidad de Cartagena), and Charlotte Gradie (Sacred Heart University). In organizing this symposium, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Connecticut wishes to acknowledge Hugh Hamill’s many years of dedicated support for Latin American Studies at UConn as well as his contributions to the field of Latin American history. The symposium is free and open to the public. For information about the program and directions to the University of Connecticut, call the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at 203-486-4964; fax: 203-486-2963; Internet: LAMSADM@UCONNNVM. UCONN.EDU.

Florida International University’s Latin American and Caribbean Center (LACC) has implemented a prototype Internet Gopher server for the upcoming Summit of the Americas, a historic event which will bring the democratically elected heads of state of all the countries in the Western Hemisphere to Miami December 9-10, 1994. As the Internet is becoming more readily available throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, LACC fully expects usage of the Gopher by a national and international clientele. To serve this audience, the Summit Gopher will include, but not be limited to (1) news brief and press releases surrounding the Summit; (2) basic facts, statistics, and databases regarding each of the participating countries; (3) biographical information about the heads of state who will be participating; and (4) selected analyses of events leading to the Summit by specialists throughout the international public affairs community. Users can access the Summit Gopher by pointing their Gopher client software to SUMMIT@SERVAX.FIU.EDU. All information submitted for inclusion into the Summit Gopher server must be in electronic format. Text, when it is submitted in electronic mail, to SUMMIT@SERVAX.FIU.EDU, will be given priority consideration. Otherwise, ASCII or Wordperfect text, on IBM or Macintosh 3.5" floppies, can be submitted to Summit Gopher, LACC/FIU, University Park, DM 353, Miami, FL 33199. Relevant charts and graphics will also be considered for inclusion; they should be in GIF, PCX, TIFF or JPEG format.

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RESEARCH AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

1995 Fulbright Summer Seminar on South America Today, June 10-July 22, 1995: Twelve awards are available for U.S. professor in the social sciences to visit Brazil, Peru and Argentina. The seminar is designed to foster participants' professional development, enrichment of curricula at their home institutions, and establishment of academic linkages between the U.S. and Latin America. Program: Meet with academics and professionals to discuss current political, social, economic, and ecological developments. Time will be available also for field visits, individual appointments, and to explore future research opportunities. Eligibility: U.S. citizenship, Ph.D., teach at least one undergraduate course about Latin America in a four-year U.S. college or university, minimal prior experience in the countries of the seminar and Spanish or Portuguese fluency. Award terms: Round-trip international travel, per diem for living expenses, allowance for purchasing professional materials but grantees may not be accompanied by spouses or dependents. Application deadline: November 1, 1994. For information and application forms, contact: Ralph Blessing, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden St., NW, Suite 5-M, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Telephone: 202-686-6236.

The Institute for the Advanced Study of Culture invites applications from university faculty interested in participating in the Research Seminar on Theory and Culture. The Seminar’s field of inquiry for the 1994-95 academic year is "The Body in Cultural Context." The general intent of the Seminar is to provide an intellectual space outside of the academy, where scholars of diverse disciplines, departments, and universities—scholars who rarely come into personal and professional contact—can work together in an environment conducive to innovation. The Seminar is structured around reading and discussion of texts in cultural studies, to be announced in August. Discussion of these texts, prefaced at each meeting by a presentation, is intended to stimulate and enhance research projects (relating to the theme "The Body in Cultural Context") that are conducted concurrently and independently by members of the Seminar. At the conclusion of the academic year, in April 1995, the Institute for the Advanced Study of Culture hosts a public program during which members of the Seminar present papers resulting from their respective research and writing. The Seminar meets from 3:00-5:30PM on October 7, November 4, and December 2, 1994; and on January 13, February 3, and March 3, 1995. Cocktails, dinner, and informal discussion follow each Seminar meeting. Specific location in the greater DC area will be announced in September. Because the seminar is limited to six participants, it is expected that Seminar members attend all meetings. University faculty interested in the Research Seminar on Theory & Culture should send a curriculum vita and a brief letter describing their current or planned research to: Professor Sara Castro-Klarén and Professor Frank Graziano, Institute for the Advanced Study of Culture, Box 2, Waterford, VA 22190.

The National Humanities Center is an institute for advanced study in history, philosophy, languages and literature, and other fields in the liberal arts. Representatives of the arts, the natural and social sciences, and the professions may apply to pursue humanistic work at the Center. Scholars from any nation may apply. Applicants must hold a doctorate or have equivalent professional accomplishments. The Center awards fellowships to senior scholars of recognized accomplishment and to promising young scholars. Fellowships are for the academic year (September through May). Stipends are individually determined, depending on the needs of each Fellow and the Center’s ability to meet them. In most cases the Center cannot replace full salary. The Center provides round-trip travel for Fellows and their immediate families. Application deadline for the academic year 1995-96 is October 15, 1994. The National Humanities Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, or national or ethnic origin. For application material write to: Fellowship Program, National Humanities Center, P.O. Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2256.

The School of Historical Studies is concerned principally with the history of western and near eastern civilization, with particular emphasis upon Greek and Roman civilization, the history of Europe, Islamic culture, and the history of art. Qualified candidates of any nationality specializing in these fields are invited to apply for memberships for one or two terms (September to December, January to April). The School announces up to three memberships in the field of religious studies under a special program funded by the Mellon Foundation for the academic year 1995-96. Professor Peter Schäfer, Director of the Institut für Judaistik of the Freie Universität Berlin, is in residence as the two-year Visiting Mellon Professor at the Institute for the academic years 1994-96. During the second year, 1995-96, he will conduct a seminar on "Messianism," which will focus not only on the Jewish and Caribbean religions, but include similar phenomena in other religions, as well as related "secularized" manifestations. Scholars from various disciplines and with different methodological approaches are invited to apply. Approximately forty visiting Members are appointed each year. The Ph.D. (or equivalent) and substantial publications are required of all candidates. They may receive Member awards funded by the Institute for Advanced Study or, when eligible, by the National Endowment for the Humanities and other sources. Applications for 1995-96 are due by October 15, 1994. Further information and application materials may be obtained from the Administrative Officer, School of
Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 08540.

Fellowships on Latin American topics are offered by the Social Science Research Council for doctoral dissertation research in the social sciences and the humanities. Proposals on any topic are eligible for support, including projects comparing Latin American or Caribbean countries to others located outside this region. Eligibility: Full-time students, regardless of citizenship, who are enrolled in doctoral programs in the United States. Students should have completed all Ph.D. requirements, except the dissertation, before going into the field. Prospective applicants should write to request application forms, explaining their eligibility, after August 1, 1994. Application deadline: November 1, 1994. Applicants should contact: SSRC, 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158. Telephone: 212-661-0280.

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