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Richard Fagen, former director of Latin American Studies at Stanford University, is the 1995 recipient of the LASA Kalman Silvert Award.

LASA Past President Carmen Diana Deere, 1995 chair of the Silvert Award Committee, will present the award in a special panel at the XIX International Congress in Washington DC. Professor Fagen also will participate in the Kalman Silvert Award Panel. The schedule for the panel will be announced soon.

Richard Fagen was born in Chicago, raised in the northern suburbs of the city, and in 1954 graduated Magna Cum Laude from Yale with a degree in English. After serving in the Army in Puerto Rico, he entered Stanford in 1958, received an M.A. in Communication and Journalism in 1959, and a Ph.D. in Political Science with an emphasis on international relations in 1962.

That same year he was named an assistant professor at Stanford with a joint appointment in the Departments of Communication and Political Science—interests reflected in his first book, Politics and Communication (1966).

After receiving a two-year Ford Foundation fellowship to teach at El Colegio de México and do research in Jalapa (1965-66), he began to read extensively in Latin American history and politics. At the end of his fieldwork in Mexico, he resigned his appointment in the Department of Communication to concentrate on Political Science and Latin American Studies.

Spurred by a long-standing interest in Cuba, dating from his military service in Puerto Rico, he co-authored Cubans in Exile (1968). This study was followed closely by The Transformation of Political Culture in Cuba (1969)—a monograph which to date has sold over 15,000 copies.

After a year at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences, and the publication of Politics and Privilege in a Mexican City (1972), he moved to Chile as a consultant to the Ford Foundation and a Professor at FLACSO (Latin American Faculty of the Social Sciences).

Back in the United States after the golpe that overthrew the government of Salvador Allende, he increasingly turned to analyses of U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-Latin American relations, and the political economy of development. In the 1980s, much of his scholarly and policy attention was focused on Central America, particularly Nicaragua. Of the ten books he wrote or edited during the '70s and '80s, the most recent, Closer to Houston, is a novel set in Central America.

Appointed a full professor in 1970, he became the first holder of Stanford's Gildred Chair in Latin American Studies in 1981. He was a member of the Executive Council of LASA for four years before becoming President in 1975. He has also served as a member and Chair of the SSRC Committee on Latin American Studies, a member of the Selection Committee of the Guggenheim Foundation (Latin American Fellowships), a member and chair of several LASA committees, and the Director of Latin American Studies at Stanford.

His fellowships include awards from the Social Science Research Council, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the Guggenheim Foundation, and the Committee on Scholarly Exchange with the People's Republic of China.

In June, 1993, after chairing 25 dissertation committees and serving as second reader on 37 more, he retired from Stanford and moved to Lopez Island in Puget Sound, north of Seattle.
The Summit of the Americas: *Dichos and Hechos*

by

Richard E. Feinberg

Special Assistant to the President for Inter-American Affairs, National Security Council

Before the Washington Exchange

Washington, D.C., January 10, 1995

It gives me great pleasure to be with you again. Last September, at a similar dialogue, we spoke about the promise of the Summit. About how the Summit could set a new spirit and agenda for the hemisphere. Virtually everyone who was in Miami agrees that the Summit more than fulfilled our expectations.

The President labeled the Summit "a magic moment." Let me share a few "magic moments" that communicate the spirit of Miami.

The 36 leaders—the presidents and prime ministers plus Vice President Gore and President-Elect Cardoso—sat around a large, square table in the Vizcaya Villa for a full day of private, in-depth working sessions. In the center of the table was the Summit logo—the hemisphere inscribed in a circle. Not once during the dialogues did the leaders divert into futile discord or empty rhetoric. Throughout, the exchange was spirited, specific and responsive. If there was one common thread, it was this: we face common problems that demand cooperative solutions.

After the first session on trade, all of the presidents and prime ministers reassembled in the villa's magnificent gardens to announce to the world their commitment to a free trade area of the Americas by 2005. Speaking for the leaders of a free hemisphere, the President pictured the world's largest market—850 million consumers buying $13 trillion worth of goods and services. It was a high-water mark of hemispheric solidarity.

Also at the Vizcaya, the seven Central American nations signed with the United States an agreement to pursue an alliance for sustainable development. Remember, only a few years ago, this region was tearing itself apart in internecine strife. In Miami, Central America confirmed its dedication to strengthening its democracies, to husbanding its natural resources and investing in its people.

Throughout the Summit, speakers repeatedly invoked the patron saint of regional integration, Simón Bolívar. But in Miami it was absolutely clear that North America is part of these Americas. It was also clear that this renewed impetus toward hemispheric integration is rooted in shared democratic values.

At a post-Vizcaya press conference, Secretary Christopher drew attention to the plan of action's 23 initiatives and over 100 action items and said that in all his experience, "it's the most fully articulated summit of this kind that I've ever seen."

At the final plenary session, the leaders—two at a time—signed the declaration of principles and plan of action. By chance, President Calderón Sol and President Aristide signed simultaneously. It is hard to imagine two more different individuals. Yet their embrace was genuine and heartfelt. That embrace spoke eloquently of the good will and harmony that infused the Summit.

After these and other "magic moments," the President concluded the final plenary by invoking the "spirit of Miami." When the going gets rough, the President said, "beyond all of the specifics, perhaps most enduring is the friendship, the spirit of trust that has been built here." This week we are witnessing one example of this friendship: our close cooperation with Mexico to reestablish its financial stability.

**The Plan of Action**

The Summit strengthened the personal bonds among the leaders of the hemisphere. It also established the agenda for the hemisphere for the rest of this century and beyond. Many of you are familiar with the initiatives—because you helped to draft them.

Eight major initiatives to strengthen the community of democracies of the Americas. Strong and innovative action items on human rights, indigenous peoples, civil society. A call for comprehensive attacks on corruption, bribery, money laundering and narcotics trafficking. Initiatives to build democratic states that are transparent, accountable and accessible, where citizens actively engage in public-private sector partnerships.

Initiatives to create a partnership for prosperity through economic integration and free trade. A detailed work plan and calendar to attain the FTA of the Americas. Comprehensive plans for hemispheric integration—in capital markets, physical infrastructure, telecommunications.

Initiatives to attack poverty and discrimination. Encouragement for microenterprises. A historic statement on the rights of women. In education, commitment to a primary school completion rate of 100 percent by 2010 and a second-
ary school enrollment rate of 75 percent. In health, commitment to reduce child mortality by one-third and maternal mortality by one-half.

Three detailed initiatives on sustainable development. Partnerships for sustainable energy use, biodiversity and pollution prevention.

These initiatives, in my view, are good public policy. They build on past accomplishments. They codify what we want to legitimate. They seek to accelerate positive trends. They provide ammunition for individuals and groups working for good causes. They are visionary and specific, idealistic and pragmatic.

National Sovereignty and Hemispheric Security

Together, the Summit texts place a host of issues on the hemispheric agenda. Henceforth, issues like corruption and judicial reform, national park management and the lead content in gasoline, can be discussed in international fora without *ipso facto* infringement on national sovereignty. The Summit is another affirmation of President Clinton’s dictum that the dividing lines between domestic and international issues are blurring. The hemispheric agenda has become wider and deeper.

In effect, the Summit redefined hemispheric security. It left behind north-south confrontation and cold war fears. It overcame the chicken-and-egg riddle of which comes first, democracy or prosperity. Implicitly, the Summit locates our common security in democracy, prosperous integration and sustainable development. It affirms that these goals are consistent and mutually reinforcing.

The President spoke of a hemispheric "partnership for prosperity." This partnership builds upon the Good Neighbor Policy in that it promotes mutual respect and echoes the Alliance for Progress with its vision of social justice and economic growth. The partnership for prosperity goes beyond these policies by underscoring the mutuality of interests, by placing the United States squarely within Bolivar’s vision, and by locating the western hemisphere at the center of U.S. international economic policy. By fusing free trade, sustainable development and democracy, the partnership for prosperity proposes a new security paradigm for the western hemisphere in the twenty-first century.

The New Architecture for the Inter-American System

You may say, these are all fine words, but will they become deeds? Here are the reasons for optimism. We will create as the President said, "a whole new architecture for the relationship of the nations and the peoples of the Americas to ensure that *dichos* become *hechos,* that words are turned into deeds."

This architecture is spelled out in the appendix to the plan of action. It includes international institutions, periodic meetings of senior level officials and public-private sector partnerships.

This is an architecture for our times. We have entered an age where multilateral institutions have a chance to fulfill their promise. At the Summit, there was a powerful consensus to push the OAS to center stage. United behind a shared conception of good government, and accepting of the right, indeed the necessity, of international cooperation to advance that conception, the hemisphere has empowered its principal body for the defense of democratic values and institutions. And the new leadership at the OAS enjoys the full confidence of its member states.

The Inter-American Development Bank has also been mandated by its governors to tackle the critical issues of our times. The Summit bridged the gap between economics and politics. The bank will not only support the Summit’s economic and social objectives, but will also finance pro-democracy initiatives. To accomplish these vital tasks, the bank has been entrusted with $100 billion—also a vote of confidence in its leadership.

The second pillar of the new architecture is periodic senior-level meetings. Sector by sector, in narcotics, finance, energy, telecommunications, science and technology, labor, education and health, sustainable development. Agencies with the expertise and the interest will work together on common solutions to common problems.

The third pillar of the new architecture is public-private sector partnerships. Take trade. Trade ministers will meet in June to assess progress toward free trade. At the same time and place the new hemispheric trade and commerce forum will bring together private sector leaders and public officials to promote hemispheric integration. Take the environment. Each of the three partnerships calls for active public involvement in all phases of policy making.

The declaration of principles contains a blanket invitation: "to assure public engagement and commitment, we invite the participation of the private sector, labor, political parties, academic institutions and other non-governmental actors and organizations in both our national and regional efforts." The baton is there for the taking.

These are not belated invitations to participate. The OAS and the IDB, government experts in agencies around the hemisphere and many non-governmental actors have participated throughout the "Miami process." They participated in pre-Summit consultations, helped compose the plan of action and were present in Miami. As a consequence, each initiative has a constituency among public officials and
civil society. The lengthy pre-Summit consultations process generated a powerful momentum that we can all work to sustain.

In the plan of action, we have content. In the new architecture, we have form. There is reason to believe that we will also have the political will. The signatories to the Summit texts see their self-interest advanced in positive cooperation. This affirmation was rung time and time again at the Vizcaya conversations. Poaching by ships carrying flags of convenience. Pollution left behind by tourism. Mud slides that cross borders. The transborder threats of narcotics trafficking, international terrorism, fugitives fleeing charges of corruption. The positive dynamics of open markets, free trade and mutual prosperity. The leaders cited concrete example after concrete example of how such issues can best be addressed through regional cooperation.

In the end, whether the plan of action is realized, whether dichos become hechos, whether words become deeds, will depend on governments, on the OAS and IDB, but also on civil society. In the "spirit of Miami," we look forward to forging with you many productive partnerships.

Thank you very much.

[LASA appreciates this contribution of Richard Feinberg to the Forum. At the suggestion of the LASA Executive Council, the editor solicited responses from Ambassador Amber Moss, Director of the North-South Center and former ambassador to Panama, and from Professor Guadalupe González González, faculty member of the Division for International Studies at the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico City, and visiting scholar, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of San Diego. Those responses follow. Should Mr. Richard Feinberg choose to respond, we will include his rejoinder in the next issue of the Forum.

Please note that the plan of action includes four major areas of concern. Within these areas there is a total of 23 Summit initiatives. Should you be interested in a list of persons dealing with each of these initiatives, you may contact Usha Pitts at 202-994-6589. Copies of the complete Summit documents "Declaration of Principles and Plan of Action" may be obtained from: Summit Coordinating Office, Department of State Room 3250, 2201 C Street NW, Washington DC 20520.]

Response:
The Summit as the Beginning of a Process
by
Ambler H. Moss, Jr.

The Miami Summit, politically and artistically a flawless performance, was successful not as the realization of a goal but as the beginning of a process. Its agenda, finalized just in time for the meeting, gave Latin America and the Carib-

bean what it wanted from the United States, a clear commitment to partnership in a free trade area of the Americas. Its spirit, as Richard Feinberg states, fused trade, democracy and sustainable development.

NAFTA, after all, was only one of the 23 free trade agreements in the Hemisphere. Its approval by the Congress has been politically costly for President Clinton. The Summit showed that NAFTA was the beginning, not the end of a road. The approval of the GATT treaty, days before the Summit, further enhanced its credibility. So did the adoption of a Plan of Action, a detailed blueprint for governments and international organizations, complete with the dates of the first follow-up meetings.

There is also embedded in the Summit process the notion of "public-private partnership." The Declaration of Principles invites non-governmental actors to participate in the process, as Feinberg states, "The baton is there for the taking." How this is to be done is not spelled out and will be up to the actors' own initiative. They should begin early.

The new inter-American harmony is possible because of three major sea changes—the removal of the Cold War as a source of permanent conflict, the "lost decade" of debt which led to a shift in economic strategies and political trends, and the acceptance by both sides of the hemisphere of interdependence as a fact of life. Setbacks have already occurred since the Summit—the Mexican peso crisis, the Peru-Ecuador border conflict, and possible negative fallout in inter-American relations because of Washington's quasi-decertification of four Latin American countries in cooperation against drug trafficking. These should not alter the positive trend line, however, because the architecture of the Miami process is sound.

Response
by
Guadalupe González González

According to Richard Feinberg, the Summit of the Americas constitutes a milestone in the political and economic history of inter-American relations that inaugurates an unprecedented era of friendship and cooperation in the Western Hemisphere.

While I fully agree with Feinberg's characterization of the Summit as a complete diplomatic success, I do not share his strong optimism, especially about the prospects for regionalism in the Americas. The Summit surely moved in the right direction by stressing multilateralism as opposed to traditional unilateral responses to common regional problems, and the recent processes of democratization and economic liberalization in most Latin American and Caribbean countries facilitated the inter-American dialogue.

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THE 1995 ELECTORAL PROCESS IN PERU
Conclusions of a Delegation Report of the Latin American Studies Association

[Between February 19 and 26, fourteen members of the Latin American Studies Association visited Peru. The purpose of the trip was to observe the electoral process at that stage in order to make an assessment of the extent to which that process was free and fair. Although the group as a whole did not return to Peru to observe the actual election, several LASA members did so individually—we look forward to receiving manuscripts from one or more of them for possible publication in the Forum.

In the interim, we reproduce the conclusions from the full report of the delegation]

At the time of its visit, the delegation did not find evidence that the first-round election on April 9 would be fraudulent. If the incumbent administration were to attempt fraud on April 9, however, there are various ways in which it could do so. The most feasible include military pressure and manipulation of voting results and initiatives to take advantage of inaccuracies in the voter registration lists. Given the potential for abuse—within a context of opposition parties’ accusations of government manipulation of the 1993 referendum results—the delegation believes that rigorous scrutiny of this election by independent monitors is crucial.

A free and fair election is a necessary but insufficient condition for democracy. The delegation determined that Peruvian democracy is a fragile enterprise, and that overall the central government is not acting to fully strengthen the freedoms and civilian institutions that are the essential conditions of democracy.

Freedom of speech exists in Peru, but it is limited in some areas by a legacy of a decade or more of violence from both Sendero Luminoso and the armed forces.

There is freedom of the media, but that freedom is circumscribed to a degree by a television establishment from which most Peruvians get their information about issues and candidates that is largely pro-government and is under no legal obligation to provide equal time. An important segment of the print media, on the other hand, tends to be quite critical of the government and of [President Alberto] Fujimori but reaches a much smaller segment of the population.

Freedom of organization for civil society is evident, but government policy sometimes has the effect of undermining non-governmental, grassroots organizations in some parts of the country through the creation of parallel organizations that receive state largesse. Public works and reconstruction efforts in devastated areas are a legitimate function of government, but there are some instances in which the use of state resources constitutes an abuse (e.g., distributing goods purchased with public monies in the service of the electoral campaign) and/or constitutes a deliberate effort to weaken civil society.

Freedom of party organization and the ability to field candidates and disseminate political platforms exist, but are constrained by extremely disproportionate access to the media and to state resources for campaign purposes by government candidates.

 Civilians have control and oversight of the electoral process under the law, but concerns have arisen about the extent to which political preferences could be overridden by military personnel protecting the polling places. There are also concerns about the extent to which designated civilian overseers will be effective. For these reasons, a substantial presence of independent observers who must be able to play an effective role in the monitoring and transmission of complaints, especially in remote areas of the country, is needed.

There is, formally, an open, accessible voter registration process. The most serious problem with voter registration, however, is the fact that: the voting list has not been updated in ten years and thus contains substantial error from deceased still on the list and from displaced citizens who are registered in one place and living in another. This introduces an opportunity for vote manipulation by authorities.

State-sponsored terror is absent; however, the mere presence of the military or military-sponsored defense committees is having a chilling effect on local political organizations and activities in some areas.

The terrorism of Sendero Luminoso is, for the most part, only a painful memory in Peru; 1994 incidents and deaths were about one-sixth the 1990 figures. Sendero’s continued presence in some parts of the country, however, contributes to the political fear of local populations.

Finally, civilians exercise nominal control over the military, but that institution is clearly not absent from civil society. Indeed, in many rural areas the military is the only coherent and therefore dominant institution. At the time of the delegation’s visit, fifty-six provinces in Peru—about one-quarter of all provinces—were under emergency regulations that subordinate civilian to military authority there, except for Lima and Callao. These regulations are inappropriate in a country where the insurgency has been largely defeated.
If Peru is to move beyond electoral process to a more consolidated democracy, a number of challenges must be overcome. First, freedoms and civilian powers must be fully established. Second, the judiciary, still in the process of reorganization, should demonstrate its capacity to function efficiently under a rule of law. Third, since 1993 the capacity of municipal government to carry out local programs has been reduced, and mechanisms to restore their effectiveness should be found. Fourth, responsiveness to regional and local concerns is unlikely to result from the single electoral district congress, and this limitation on political representation should be addressed in future electoral legislation. Fifth, Peru’s political parties need to regroup, reorganize, and rediscover their capacity to act as effective channels of popular concerns in ways that complement the work of NGOs in addressing fundamental needs and in training a new leadership.

These challenges are formidable. Unlike 1990, however, Peru is no longer fighting for its very survival. The country now has both the political and economic space to meet these challenges of democratic consolidation. The next five years will provide clear indications as to whether or not Peru’s leadership has the political will to do so.

[For a copy of the full report, send $3.00 to LASA, 946 William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA 15260. For foreign addresses, send $4.50].

Members of the LASA Delegation pictured here from left to right are Tommie Sue Montgomery (who also was Report editor); Irene Silverblatt; Anthony Johnston; George Vickers; Bruce Kay; Federico Velarde (Director, Transparencia); Leda Pérez; Eugenia Becerra; David Scott Palmer; Catherine Conaghan; Cynthia McClintock; John Gitlitz; and Steve Stein. Missing are Susan Stokes and José Luis Renique (consultant).
LASA ELECTIONS, 1995

The following candidates have been nominated for the LASA vice presidency and membership on the Executive Council (EC). We at LASA believe that nomination to either of these offices is one of the greatest honors that LASA can accord a member of the association. A word about the process follows.

Every eighteen months, LASA members who are both outstanding scholars and outstanding citizens of our association are asked to run for the presidency and for the Executive Council. The nomination process is a long and careful one. First, the entire Executive Council deliberates on the composition of the Nominations Committee, which must be representative of our membership according to discipline, gender, and geographical region. After intensive discussion, usually involving conference calls, the Committee proposes a slate of candidates to the Executive Council. The slate is reviewed by the Council prior to final approval. It is our position that each one of the nominees would be a fine LASA official.

Our regret about this process is that not all these superb nominees can be elected. Concern about this led LASA 1992-1994 President Carmen Diana Deere to form a committee to consider possible changes in LASA’s election procedures. The committee was chaired by Executive Council Treasurer Michael Conroy, and included EC members Marysa Navarro and Augusto Varas. After a careful evaluation of our election procedures that took into account several letters on this issue submitted by LASA members, the committee recommended at the Executive Council meeting held in February 1995 that no changes in election procedures be effected. The committee’s report was discussed and approved unanimously. For us, as well as for members who corresponded with the committee, the democratic principles that are a LASA cornerstone require a competitive election. We continue to affirm that nomination itself is a high honor.

The winning candidate for vice president will serve in that capacity from November 1, 1995 until April 31, 1997, and as president from May 1, 1997 until October 31, 1998. The three winning candidates for members of the EC will serve a three-year term beginning November 1, 1995.

Nominees for Vice President:

Edna Acosta-Belén
Susan Eckstein

Nominees for Executive Council:

Arturo Arias
Charles Bergquist
Miguel Angel Centeno
Carlos Iván Degregori
Deborah Jakubs
Rose Spalding

Edna Acosta-Belén is a Distinguished Service Professor of Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Women’s Studies at the University at Albany, SUNY, where she also serves as Director of the Center for Latino, Latin American, and Caribbean Studies (CELAC). Her areas of research are Hispanic Caribbean and U.S. Latino literary and cultural history, and women’s studies. Some of her book publications include Women in the Latin American Development Process (with C.E. Bose, 1995), Researching Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (with C.E. Bose, 1993), The Way it Was and Other Writings by Jesús Colón (with V. Sánchez Korrol, 1993), The Hispanic Experience in the United States (with B.R. Sjostrom, 1988), The Puerto Rican Woman: Perspectives on Culture, History, and Society (1986, 1979), La mujer en la sociedad puertorriqueña (1980), Albany PR-WOMENET Database: An Interdisciplinary Annotated Bibliography on Puerto Rican Women (with C.E. Bose and A. Roschelle, 1991), and An Interdisciplinary Guide for Research and Curriculum on Puerto Rican Women (with C.E. Bose and B.R. Sjostrom, 1990). She is currently working on the book manuscript In the Shadow of the Giant: Colonialism, Migration, and Puerto Rican Culture to be published by Temple University Press. She has also published extensively in journals such as Latin American Research Review, Latin American Literary Review, Melus, Hispaniola, Homines, Plural, Callaloo, Gender & Society, Bilingual Review, and Revista Chicano-Riqueña; is on the Editorial Board of the journals The Americas Review and Explorations in Ethnic Studies; and is one of the founding editors of the Latino Review of Books. She has received grants or fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Southern Fellowships Fund, the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Information Agency, and the New York State Council for the Humanities. From 1989-1992 she served as Co-Chair of the LASA Task Force on Women and is currently a member of the LASA Task Force on Latino Issues and the LASA Humanities Committee. She was Chair of the Women’s Issues Program Section for the LASA ’92 Los Angeles Congress and the Program Chair for the LASA ’94 Atlanta Congress. She received her Ph.D. from Columbia University and has been a postdoctoral fellow at Yale and Princeton Universities.

Susan Eckstein is Professor of Sociology at Boston University. She is the author of Back from the Future: Cuba under Castro (Princeton University, 1994), The Poverty of Revolution: The State and Urban Poor in Mexico (Princeton University, 1977 and a 2nd edition in 1988), and The Impact of Revolution: A Comparative Analysis of Mexico and Bolivia (SAGE, 1976), and editor of Power and Popular Protest: Latin American Social Movements (University of California Press, 1989). She has published some four dozen articles on
urban issues, comparative revolutions, social movements, agrarian reform, democratization, socialist fiscal crises, political-economy, foreign aid, and inequality, mainly focusing on Cuba, Mexico, and Bolivia. She has served twice on the Executive Council of LASA, and three times on LASA’s Nominations Committee. She has also served on the editorial boards of the Latin American Research Review, Latin American Perspectives, Cuban Studies, and Mexican Studies. At the regional level she has served as President and member of the Executive Council (twice) of the New England Council on Latin America (NECLAS). Within the American Sociological Association she has served on several committees, in elected and appointed positions, and chaired two sections of the Association (Political Sociology and Political-Economy of the World Systems). Work of hers has been funded over the years by grants from the Tinker Foundation, the Radcliffe Bunting Institute, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Institute for World Order, the Social Science Research Council, and the Ford Foundation. She is a recipient of the Lourdes Casal and NECLAS publications awards.

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MISSING NEWSLETTERS

LASA archives are missing Volume 1 (all numbers) and Volume 2, Numbers 1,3 and 4. LASA would appreciate receiving originals or photocopies of any of these issues for its files and would acknowledge successful searchers in the LASA Forum. Before sending, e-mail or call the Secretariat to make sure someone else has not yet sent us copies. We will reimburse photocopying or related expenses. Thanks for helping.
LASA Endowment Fund Support

LASA members continue to show their support for the endowment campaign through both pledges and outright gifts. In the last issue of the LASA Forum we reported to you that 23 members had committed to Life Memberships. That number has now grown to 27! We take great delight in acknowledging the following new LASA Founding Life Members:

Michael E. Coaroy  Bruce Wayne Goldstein  Merilee S. Grindle  John Wirth

To date Founding Life Members have pledged $67,500 to the endowment fund!

Many LASA members show their support by "rounding up" on their annual membership renewal. Others have responded generously to appeals sent to upper dues-paying members on behalf of the campaign. We gratefully acknowledge the following contributors to the Humanities Endowment Fund:

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Please note that a gift to the Humanities Endowment Fund was incorrectly acknowledged to Clarence Tatum in the last issue of the newsletter. The actual donor of the gift was Charles Tatum. Our apologies to Dr. Tatum.

Every contribution takes us that much closer to our goals. We are very grateful to all the generous supporters of the endowment funds! •
Results of the LASA Membership Survey
by Sandy Klinzing
LASA Assistant Director for Institutional Advancement

Impetus and Response

The results of the Fall 1994 LASA Membership Survey are in, and we are extremely grateful to all those who took the time to respond. The purposes of the survey were threefold: To (1) determine members’ level of satisfaction with current services and elicit their recommendations for new ones; (2) inform members of current services; and (3) learn how best to apply scarce resources in attracting new members.

Surveys were mailed in October, 1994 to 5,353 current and lapsed LASA members with good addresses. (Lapsed or former members were included because it was important to us to know why members had not renewed.) A total of 1,360 responded, for a return rate of 25%.

Of the respondents, 1,239 or 91% were current members, and 121 or 9% were not. The major reasons given for nonrenewal by the remaining 121 individuals included "forgot" (36%), "lack of funds" (16%), and "on leave from my university" (9%).

Respondents who classified themselves as "teachers" and "students" responded in roughly the same proportion as they are represented in the LASA membership, that is, 60% and 19% respectively. The next largest groups of respondents indicated that they were retired (5%), researchers (4%) or administrators (3%).

The number of survey respondents by discipline also closely matched LASA membership by discipline. The largest number of respondents identified their field as "political science" (22%), followed by "history" (19%), and "literature" and "sociology" at (12%) each.

The majority of survey respondents, 44%, had been members of the association 4 or fewer years; 21% for 5 to 9 years; 13% for 10 to 14 years, 7% for 15 to 19 years; 8% for 20 to 24 years; and 7% for 25 years or more.

It was not much of a surprise to us that most respondents, (33%), said they were introduced to LASA through a colleague. Twenty-two percent said they learned of LASA through a teacher, 19% through LASA publications and 17% by attending a LASA congress.

Responses regarding the number of congresses attended since 1986 did prove to be a surprise. The largest group, (27%) had attended only one congress; 22% had not attended any; and 18% had been to two. Equally surprising were the responses regarding participation at LASA congresses since 1986: 40% of the respondents had participated in no congresses; 23% in one and 15% in two.

Items #8 a. b. and c. were designed to determine the degree of member involvement with volunteer activities and the degree of interest in participating in these activities. Respondents were asked if they had ever served on the Executive Committee, or on a LASA committee or task force, on which of these they had served, and if they would like to participate.

Of the 16% who indicated they had served on at least one of these, 45% had been part of a task force; 23% had served on a committee; and 17% had been members of the Executive Council. A full 68% of respondents indicated they would like to have more of a role in such activities.

Importance of LASA Member Services

The first graph depicts the value that respondents place on current member products and services. Members were asked to evaluate as (1) very important, (2) important, or (3) unimportant the following member benefits: Latin American Research Review (LARR) subscription, LASA Forum subscription, the opportunity to vote for LASA officers, the opportunity to serve on the Executive Council or a committee or task force, the opportunity to submit paper and panel proposals for LASA congresses, reduced congress preregistration and registration fees, access to congress papers, access to the congress printed program, the opportunity to make award nominations, the Journal of Latin American Studies (JLAS) and the Bulletin of Latin American Research (BLAR) subscription discounts, access to LASA’s electronic job bulletin board, discounts on offprints of the Handbook of Latin American Studies, listing in the LASA Membership Directory, delegation reports on election observations, task force activities, working group activities, the opportunity to network with U.S. colleagues and with Latin American colleagues, travel grants for Latin American junior lecturing fellows and travel grants for U.S.-based graduate students.

Most respondents (94%) rated as important or very important their subscription to LARR, followed by opportunities to network with U.S. colleagues (87%) and Latin American colleagues (87%). Next in order were the subscription to the LASA Forum (86%), the opportunity to submit paper and panel proposals (86%) and access to LASA congress papers (82%).

Respondents rated least important the opportunity to make award nominations (36%), discounts on offprints of the Handbook of Latin American Studies (33%) and access to the electronic job bulletin board (26%). However, note that significant numbers of respondents, 474 or 36%, were unable to evaluate the electronic job bulletin board. The graph
illustrates the extent to which this and other benefits were apparently unfamiliar to LASA members. As noted below, this kind of information was beneficial to us for future planning. It also was helpful, as well as gratifying, to learn that none of the benefits LASA currently is offering is perceived as "unimportant" by a majority of the respondents.

Quality of Member Services

Members were also asked to evaluate the quality of current member benefits as (1) excellent, (2) good, (3) fair, or (4) poor. Benefits in the survey included: the Latin American Research Review (LARR), the LASA Forum, the LASA Membership Directory, LASAs institutional directory Latin American Studies in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, information contained on the electronic bulletin board, ease of the member renewal procedure, ease of congress preregistration, ease of on-site registration, ease of ordering congress papers, general service of the LASA Secretariat and fulfillment of members' special requests.

Rated highest in quality (good or excellent) by respondents were LARR (93%), the LASA Forum (84%), ease of the member renewal procedure (82%) and ease of congress preregistration (75%). Again, where the percentage of "good" and "excellent" responses were low, as in the cases of the electronic job bulletin board and "fulfillment of member special requests," the "not able to evaluate" category loomed large. Although there clearly is work for us to do, it was gratifying to learn that in the case of only one benefit, "ease of ordering congress papers," did the combined "fair" and "poor" categories exceed 20%, and that the average of these two combined categories over all the items was less than 9%.

Additional Survey Items

The final two survey items (1) sought members' reaction to approaching various sources for campaign funding: corporations, foundations, members themselves, and interested individuals, and (2) requested the names of any who should be approached for campaign support.

Responses to item (1) were grouped as "yes", "yes with reservations" "strong yes", "no" and "strong no". Although there was concern that the integrity of the association not be compromised in seeking funding from corporations, 80% of respondents gave their approval to approaching corporations through some form of positive response. Ninety-nine percent of respondents believed funding should be sought from foundations, 92% agreed with seeking support from LASA members and 98% gave their approval to approaching interested individuals for campaign support.

Responses to the request for names of campaign prospects were many and varied. They included individuals with an interest in Latin America, corporations and foundations. All will be very helpful to LASA's campaign efforts.

Finally, many members responded to our request for additional comments or recommendations regarding new member services. Suggestions dealt with congress papers and panels, the congress paper distribution system, ways to simplify the paying of member fees, particularly for members living abroad, use of the electronic job bulletin board and the Internet, opportunities for involvement on committees and task forces, the type and quality of publications, job opportunities and the needs of graduate students, and the overall thrust of the association. These suggestions will be particularly helpful in the design of new member products and services.

Respondents' Suggestions and Planning for 1995-96

At its February 1995 meeting the Executive Council discussed the survey results and their implications. Clearly, while most respondents believed that LASA was doing a reasonably good job, more effort was needed in (1) disseminating information on member benefits, (2) facilitating member involvement on committees and task forces, and (3) expediting membership renewal through the use of credit cards. Several of these suggestions have already been implemented or are currently in process:

---Membership fees can now be charged on Visa or MasterCard;

---A New Member Packet has been developed, which details all benefits, and provides instructions on accessing the electronic job bulletin board;

---A new paper distribution system will be available at the Washington, DC congress;

---A plan for dissemination of information on the electronic job bulletin board and all member benefits will be developed. We must do a better job of alerting members to member services;

---Secretariat publications are being reviewed for appearance and content, beginning with the LASA Forum;

---Every attempt will be made to assist members in becoming more involved with LASA committees and task forces;

---New avenues are being explored to publicize job opportunities and to assist student members in their job search.
Again, our thanks to all who responded. Our special thanks to those who wrote kind words about the LASA Secretariat and the services provided. We look forward to working with you all in implementing your suggestions during the coming year. Please give us a call, fax us, or e-mail us at any time with any additional recommendations you may have.
LASA Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues  
Statement of Purpose  
by  
Daniel Balderston, Chair  
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Rationale

Scholarship on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues has been historically underrepresented in Latin American Studies, although there has been significant work in this area presented in the disciplinary meetings (Modern Language Association, American Historical Association, American Anthropological Association and so forth), and some work on Latin American issues at gay and lesbian studies conferences, both large and small. LASA has a unique role in Latin American Studies of bringing scholars and public figures together from a variety of disciplines and from all parts of the Americas. There have been a few panels on gay and lesbian topics at the last two congresses, as well as meetings of an informal gay and lesbian caucus. The Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues will sponsor activities at future congresses, encourage research on these issues in a variety of disciplines, provide a forum for sharing information on human rights issues in the gay and lesbian communities in Latin America, and serve to bridge the gaps between the gay and lesbian activist community in Latin America (and in the Latino community in the United States) and interested members of the academic community.

Goals

The specific goals of the task force are:

- to foster research in the various disciplines on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, including collaborative research across the disciplines
- to bring Latin Americanist scholarship into closer contact with gay/lesbian/bisexual scholarship and queer theory on other realms of knowledge
- to organize sessions at LASA meetings that explicitly address issues in sexuality studies, especially gay, lesbian and bisexual issues, and on gay, lesbian and bisexual human rights issues in Latin America
- to promote dialogue between Latin Americanist scholars and gay and lesbian activists in Latin America
- to promote the inclusion of material on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues into the curriculum of Latin American Studies courses and programs, including the pooling of curricular materials such as syllabi, bibliography, ancillary resources and so forth.

The LASA Task Force on Gay and Lesbian Issues is constituted by: Daniel Balderston, Chair, Tulane University, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, 304 Newcomb Hall, New Orleans, LA 70118; Tomás Almenar, University of Michigan; Electra Arenal, CUNY; Enrique Asís, San Francisco AIDS Foundation; Florence Babb, University of Iowa; Efraín Barradas, University of Massachusetts/Boston; Diana Belessi, poet and activist, Buenos Aires; Norma Chinchilla, California State University/Long Beach; Jorge Cortíñas, International Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Commission; Juan Gelpí, University of Puerto Rico; James Green, UCLA; Roger Lancaster, Columbia University; Amy Lind, Cornell; Nina Menéndez, University of Florida; Sylvia Molloy, New York University; Carlos Monsiváis, writer, Mexico City; Luiz Mott, Universidade Federal de Bahia; José Quiroga, George Washington University; Pete Sigal, UCLA; Lynn Stephen, Northeastern University.

Final Call for Participants  
LASA Research Seminar in Nicaragua  
June 20-30, 1995

As this issue of the LASA Forum goes to print, there are still some open places in the 11th annual LASA Research Seminar.

See the announcement in the Winter 1995 issue. See the 1994 fall issue of the Forum to see the kind of program you can expect.

Places for the June 1995 Seminar will be held in the order in which applications/deposits are received. Note that the $100 deposit is 90 percent refundable if you withdraw up to four weeks before departure.

Urgent: Write to Professor Richard Stahler-Sholk, Academic Coordinator, Pitzer College, 1050 Mills Ave, Claremont, CA 91711-6110. Or contact: Alice McGrath, Facilitator, by mail, phone or fax: PO Box 1782, Ventura, CA 93002. Telephone: 805-648-4560, any day from 8AM-7PM (Pacific Time). Fax: 805-653-6359 (24 hours a day, every day).

LASA GOES PLASTIC

In response to an increasing number of requests, especially from LASA members and candidates for membership from outside the United States, the association now accepts payment with Visa or MasterCard. A handling fee of $2.75 will be charged for membership and registration paid for by credit card.
XIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association
LASA95
Washington DC, September 28-30, 1995

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

■ Opening reception Wednesday evening at Georgetown University
■ Address by César Gaviria, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and former President of Colombia (invited)
■ Address by Alex Watson, U.S. Under Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs (invited)
■ LASA Award Presentations: Kalman Silvert Award, Bryce Wood Book Award, Premio Iberoamericano Book Award; Media Award
■ Address by Enrique Iglesias, President of the Inter-American Development Bank on "Development Challenges for the Twenty-First Century"
■ Special forum on the political economy of Latin America after the Miami Summit
■ Special performance and exhibition celebrating Chilean music and letters
■ Literati at LASA: Major Latin American Literary Figures Reading from Their Works
■ Plenary on the political situation in Mexico
■ On-line demonstration of electronic resources for academics, at the Hispanic Foundation of the Library of Congress, with reception to follow
■ Plenary report from the LASA delegation to the Fifth World Congress on the Status of Women, Beijing
■ Plenary discussion among representatives of Latino Studies Associations
■ Plenary on Latin American migration to the U.S. and policy responses
■ Special forum on Nicaraguan politics and economic issues, with representatives of major Nicaraguan political groups
■ Special forum on Spain, the European Union, and Latin America
■ Workshop for high school teachers on "Meso-American Tapestry: Pre-Colombian Culture and the Living Legacy"
■ The Gran Baile on Friday night

See final program for complete list of special sessions, with times and locations

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF REGULAR SESSIONS BY PROGRAM SECTION

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SESSION NUMBER/Session Title/Chair(first only if there are co-chairs)/Day/Starting Time

Session numbers are not necessarily sequential. They have been assigned for tracking purposes.
Day abbreviations: T=Thursday, 9/28, F=Friday, 9/29, S=Saturday, 9/30.
All regular sessions begin at the following times: 8AM, 10AM, 12noon, 2PM, or 4PM, and are planned to last 1 hour and 45 minutes, to allow time to the clear room for the next session.

Agrarian Issues and Indigenous Groups:

AGR01/'Reforming' the Latin American Agrarian Reforms: Privatization and Decollectivization in the Agricultural Sector/Deere/T/12
AGR02/Rural Responses to Economic Crisis: Cuba and Nicaragua/Enriquez/T/2
AGR04/Líderes indígenas analizan su creciente participación en la sociedad civil sudamericana/Kleymeyer/F/4
AGR05/"La mobilización por la vida": The Ecuadorian Uprising of 1994/Sawyer/F/2
AGR06/Paraguay's Agricultural Miracle: A Decade Later/Reed/T/8
AGR07/Changing The Agrarian Structure From Below: An Analysis of the Paraguayan Experience/Molinas/T/10
AGR08/Popular Responses to State Discourses on Privatization and Liberalism in the Mexican Countryside/Purnell/S/12
AGR10/Perspectives on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Central America/Dix/F/10
AGR11/Sociedad y cultura en el sureste de México/Vázquez Pasos/S/4
AGR12/Identidades y racismo en Guatemala, I/Hale/S/12
AGR13/Identidades y racismo en Guatemala, II/Palma/S/2
AGR14/Tourism as an Agent of Change: Forced Displacement of Fishing Communities Along the North Coast of Bahia, Brazil/Delaney/S/10
AGR15/Accommodating the Nation to Indian Identities, Realities, and Law/Garfield/S/8
AGR16/Restructuring Cuban Agriculture/Rosset/F/12
AGR17/Agricultural Transformations and the Mexican Ejido/Roberts/S/2
AGR18/National Parks, Sustainable Development, and Agricultural Technology/Bianco Bozzo/F/8

Caribbean:
CAR01/New Approaches to the Study of Caribbean International Relations/Romero/T/8
CAR02/Formas históricas de la cultura política cubana/Herrera/T/2
CAR03/Inventando naciones en el Caribe (Cuba y Puerto Rico)/Figueroa/S/8
CAR06/Race, Ethnicity, and National Identity in Nineteenth-Century Cuba/Díaz Quiñones/S/4
CAR07/The Trujillo Regime: Ideology, Militarism, Gender and Politics/Peguero-Lawlor/F/12
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Decisions taken by the LASA Executive Council will be discussed in the next President’s Report. Meanwhile, by majority vote of the Council, EC members attending the Washington meeting agreed to be rounded up for a photo for the Forum.

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The 1995 annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies (ATWS) will be held October 12-14, 1995, at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, Florida. The theme is "National Development, Imperialism, and Religion in the Third World." Latin Americans are encouraged to participate in this international conference. For additional information, contact: Dr. Michael B. Bishku, President-Elect, ATWS, Department of History and Philosophy, University of North Florida, 4567 St Johns Bluff Rd South, Jacksonville, FL 32224-2645. Telephone: 904-335-4123.

The Louisiana Conference on Hispanic Languages and Literatures 17th Congress, February 15-17, 1996, at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge, will consider papers on any area of Hispanic literatures or linguistics, but we especially welcome papers relating to the 1996 conference theme "El Escritor y su Público/O Escritor e o Público." Relevant topics might be: the politics of publishing; publishing houses as canon-formers; critics as canon-formers; hegemonic societies and hegemonic canons; Latino writers in the USA: marginal vs. mainstream; writing and money; combining creative and academic writing. A number of working writers will be at the conference to read from their current works and to discuss the above topics with conference participants. Please submit 1-2 page proposals for papers and panels by October 15, 1995 to: Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, 222 Prescott Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. Proposals should be directed to the following people: Lucia Guzzi Harrison, Peninsular literature from the beginning through the 17th century; Jesús Torrecilla, Peninsular literature, 18th century to the present; Leslie Bary or Janet Gold, Latin American and U.S. Hispanic literatures; Arnulfo Ramírez, Linguistics and popular/mass culture.

The Mexican Studies Program, University of Chicago will sponsor "The Future of Mexico-U.S. Migration: A Symposium for Academic and Advocates," May 5-7, 1995, at the Hyde Park campus of the University of Chicago. The panels will be held in Charles Hubbard Judd Hall, 5835 Kimbark Ave., Room 126. The symposium is free and open to the public, with early registration required to secure seating. Panels include "Migratory Labor Worldwide," "Legislative Initiatives--Diplomatic, Legal and Political Responses" and "Popular Resistance and Response." Lunch will be provided for all participants on Saturday and Sunday. Conference presentations will be given in Spanish and English; translation services may be provided. For further information, including questions regarding overnight accommodations, airport taxi service, parking or directions by car, please call Lisa Guare at 312-702-8420; or, fax: 312-702-1755.

NCCLA (North Central Council of Latin Americanists) seeks papers for "Everybody's Business: Linking the Americas," an interdisciplinary conference to be held October 26-28, 1995, at Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin. Proposals are invited from all disciplines. Suggestions for panels are most welcome; suggested themes include but are not limited to: borders/commerce/race/intercontinental relationships, from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego; those interested in chairing sessions are invited to contact the Program Chair; graduate student and advanced undergraduate student participation is encouraged. Up to six student travel grants of $80 are available. Conference presenters are eligible for NCCLA Research and Teaching Awards. Send abstracts and proposals by July 15, 1995 to: Elane Granger-Carrasco, Program Chair (NCCLA), Department of Foreign Languages/Literatures, Marquette University, 526 N Fourteenth St, Milwaukee, WI 53233. Telephone: 414-288-7063/3885.

The 1995 annual meeting of NECLAS will be held at Dartmouth College on Saturday, October 14, 1995. For registration information, contact: Secretary-Treasurer, New England Council of Latin American Studies, c/o Project on Women and Social Change, Smith College, Seelye Hall, Room 210, Northampton, MA 01063. Telephone: 413-585-3591; fax: 413-585-3593.

Las Segundas Jornadas Andinas de Literatura Latinoamericana (JALLA) se llevarán a cabo entre el 10 y el 15 de agosto de 1995 en la Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de la Universidad Nacional de Tucumán, Tucumán Argentina. Objetivos: Posibilitar una relación estable entre académicos que, desde una perspectiva andina, tienen como objeto de estudio las manifestaciones orales y escritas de la producción literaria latinoamericana, incorporando además los aportes relevantes de la antropología, la historia, la folklórica y otras disciplinas afines; generar un ámbito de reflexión sensible a las problemáticas específicas del objeto de estudio, a fin de promover la producción de conceptos capaces de dar cuenta de los procesos culturales y sociales de la región; establecer un espacio de mutuo conocimiento de los distintos proyectos de investigación para una posterior integración regional de los mismos. Paneles: En trabajo por comisiones, permitirán el mutuo conocimiento de investigaciones en curso sobre temas teóricos o de literaturas andinas o de literatura latinoamericana en general. Los trabajos se recibirán hasta el 15 de junio de 1995 en la Secretaría Sede de JALLA. Conferencias: A cargo de especialistas de reconocida trayectoria en cuestiones teóricas y/o el estudio de las prácticas discursivas orales o escritas andinas, que expondrán resultados de sus investigaciones más recientes. Talleres: En el curso de 1994, dos publicaciones de circulación internacional (Revista de Crítica Literaria
Siena College seeks papers for "World War II—A Dual Perspective" on May 30-31, 1996. Siena is continuing its sponsorship of annual, multidisciplinary conference on the Anniversary of World War II—but now on two levels. The foci for 1996 will be 1946, World War II—The Aftermath and 1936, World War II—The Preliminary Period. In the first focus, papers dealing with displaced persons, War Crimes Trials, Literary and Cinematic studies of the war, veterans affairs, the G.I. Bill and economic reconversion, as well as papers dealing with broad issues of earlier years will be welcome. In the second focus, papers on the rise of Fascism, Japan and China, Italy and Ethiopia, The League of Nations, Arms and Armament, Military Doctrine, The Spanish Civil War, Pacificism, the impact of World War I, etc. will all be appropriate as well as many others. In either focus, art, music, women's and minorities studies will be of interest. Other topics of relevance are also welcome. Inquiries from those wishing to Chair and/or Comment are also invited. Deadline for submissions: December 1, 1995. Send: Brief (1-3 page) outline or abstract of the proposal with some sense of sources, archive materials, etc., consulted and a recent c.v. or brief, current biographical sketch. Replies and inquiries to: Professor Thomas O. Kelly II, Department of History, Siena College, 515 Loudon Rd., Loudonville, NY 12211-1462. Telephone: 518-783-2595; fax: 518-783-4293.

The Southwest Historical Association will meet in conjunction with the Southwestern Social Science Association in Houston, Texas, on March 20-23, 1996. Proposals for complete sessions are especially encouraged, as are suggestions for interdisciplinary sessions, panels, and roundtables. The deadline for proposals is October 1, 1995. Paper prizes of $100 will be awarded in each of the three categories. Proposals for papers or sessions in U.S. History, European/Asian History, and Latin American/African History should be sent to: Professor Pedro Santoni,
STATEMENT ON TRAVEL TO CUBA

The Executive Council of the Latin American Studies Association has long been opposed to controls on travel to Cuba, and believes they are unconstitutional. The additional measures enacted by the Clinton Administration on August 20, 1994 rescind the general license for travel by professional researchers and thus impede scholarly exchanges, academic research, and cultural and intellectual contacts among members of both societies. They represent a violation of First Amendment rights and an indefensible infringement of academic freedom.

In the "post Cold War" climate of today, it is difficult to argue that national security needs override the rights of citizens to travel. The measures taken on August 20 of last year were justified on the grounds that they would pressure Fidel Castro into halting the flow of refugees leaving in small boats and press him to enter into an agreement with the United States on limiting the outflow of refugees. Cuba has complied on both counts, and the exodus of refugees stopped months ago. Yet the Clinton Administration gives no indication of any intention to cancel the new measures.

The Administration's actions are especially hard to understand in view of the fact that Cuban Catholic bishops, the Ecumenical Council, and many of the island's most prominent human rights activists argue convincingly that more visitors from the United States will improve the prospects for a more open society in Cuba.

On these grounds, the Executive Council registers its opposition to restrictions on citizens' rights to travel, and to the continuation of the August 20 measures that have further restricted professional and academic travel to Cuba.

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However, unless we want to create unrealistic expectations, it is necessary to recognize the many factors that might create conflict and disagreement, and the basic domestic constraints on governmental policies that might impede the construction of a "hemispheric partnership for prosperity."

From my perspective, the correct assessment of the Summit is not to expect more harmonious hemispheric relations naturally to emerge from the apparent regional consensus on democratic values and free market ideas, but rather a better working relationship based upon a realistic and rather open recognition of mutual differences.

Moreover, and more important, Feinberg's characterization of the conditions for greater international cooperation in the region is based upon a set of weak assumptions. The first is that the notion that cooperation arises from the goodwill and

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RESEARCH AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Fulbright Scholar Awards for lecturing and research opportunities are available in nearly 140 countries. Awards range from two months to a full academic year. Virtually all disciplines and professional fields participate. The basic eligibility requirements for a Fulbright Scholar award are U.S. citizenship and the Ph.D. or comparable professional qualifications (for certain fields such as the fine arts or TESOL, the terminal degree in the field may be sufficient). For lecturing awards, university or college teaching experience is expected. Language skills are needed for some countries, but most lecturing assignments are in English. The deadline for lecturing or research grants for 1996-97 is August 1, 1995. Other deadlines are in place for special programs: distinguished Fulbright chairs in Western Europe (May 1) and Fulbright seminars and academic administrator awards (November 1). Funding for the Fulbright Program is provided by the United States Information Agency, on behalf of the U.S. government, and cooperating governments and host institutions abroad. For further information and application materials, contact: Council for International Exchange of Scholars, 3007 Tilden St NW Suite 5M, Box GNEWS, Washington, DC 20008-3009. Telephone: 202-686-7877; e-mail (application requests only): CIES1@CIESNET.CIES.ORG.

The Research and Technological Development in Health Program (HDR) of the Division of Health and Development of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) announces a call for historians to present original research projects analyzing health reform in historical perspective in the region of Latin America and the Caribbean. The organization of this research competition stems from a belief in the explanatory, and not merely descriptive, capacity of historical analysis to further understanding of the origins, evolution, and current state of the problems and challenges facing public health and health services in the region. It is hoped that the products of this competition can be used to stimulate greater contemplation of the various political, technical, and social options that emerge in the health reform process. Objectives of the Competition on "Health Reform in Historical Perspective:" To enhance reflection upon the challenges and options arising from reform of health systems in the region through a historical examination of the debates, processes, and outcomes of past reform efforts; to strengthen the sense of identity in the field of public health by identifying and examining its trajectory and traditions. Through an exploration of health reform processes, an increased understanding of the patterns, trends, and social, political, and cultural responses characteristic of the dynamics of public health in Latin America and the Caribbean is anticipated. Research topics—The analysis of health reform in historical perspective should include one or more of the following subjects: The emergence of the welfare state and the rise of national health systems; the interplay of political, social, trade union, and professional interests in the founding and development of ministries of health and social security institutions since the 1920s; the history of local ideologies and/or doctrines regarding hygiene and public health that have served as a basis for reform; European, North American, and international agency influences upon health reform; the models of scientific knowledge that have formed the basis for health reform proposals; the relationship between campaigns aimed at controlling or eradicating endemic diseases—such as yellow fever and malaria—and the organization of health services; the role of the teaching and practice of public health in health reform; locally successful initiatives and options, including those promoted by grass roots organizations, that failed to be incorporated in national reform plans; the impact of past reforms upon health conditions. Types of research: Academic studies of the highest methodological and interpretive rigor that open new avenues for contemporary discussion on the social, political, cultural, and economic issues related to health policy are the expected results of this competition. The projects should be based upon analysis of primary sources; historiographic or purely descriptive studies will not be accepted. Prerequisites for prospective applicants: Applicants must be researchers in social history, history of science, or another area of history and have work experience in Latin America or the Caribbean; preference will be given to residents of Latin America or the Caribbean; the principal investigator must be sponsored by an institution (governmental, nongovernmental, or academic) that certifies its support for performance of the research project. Subsidies and duration of research: Research subsidies are not to exceed US$25,000, with a duration of between 1 and 2 years. The deadline for receipt of applications is September 15, 1995. Submission of proposals and deadline: The application forms and research protocol should be sent to PAHO headquarters to the attention of: Dr. Rebecca de los Rios, Research and Technological Development in Health Program (HDR), Research Competition on "Health Reform in Historical Perspective," 525 23rd St. NW, Washington, DC 20037-2895, USA. Fax: 202-861-8472. Selection of proposals: The proposals will be reviewed by recognized investigators from the field. Evaluation criteria include the relevance, appropriateness, and scientific merit of the research projects submitted and the suitability of the investigators. The proposals will also be judged on how appropriately they have been framed within the research topics outlined, and investigators will be evaluated according to whether they have met the specified requirements. The review process will conclude by December 15, 1995, and approved projects will receive subsidies to initiate research between December 1995 and January 1996. For additional information, prospective
applicants may address the PAHO/WHO Country Representative Offices or: Dr. Anne-Emmanuelle Birn, Consultant in History of Public Health, Department of Health Policy, New School for Social Research, 66 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011, USA. Telephone: 212-229-5339; fax: 212-229-5335. For Internet e-mail use: AEBIRN@NEWSCHOOL.EDU.

The mission of the North-South Center is to promote relations among the United States, Canada, and the nations of Latin America and the Caribbean by advancing knowledge and understanding of the major political, social, economic, and cultural issues affecting the nations and peoples of the hemisphere. The External Research Grant Program is central to that mission. The focus of the latest round of the Program is economic growth and sustainable development and proposals must address the significance of the research to this topic. The criteria for awarding grants include timeliness of the research, relevance to policy making, and the capacity of the research findings to advance knowledge and generate future research. Questions and requests for more information should be directed to the Grant Program Office at telephone 305-284-8951; fax 305-284-6370. You may e-mail us on the Internet at MACONDO2@UMAMI.UMI.EDU.

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the strengthening of the personal and official links among governmental leaders. Good intergovernmental relations are certainly a necessary condition for cooperation, but not a sufficient one. In general terms, prospects for regionalism in the Americas are favorable at the level of intergovernmental interactions. However, problems such as those encountered by the Clinton administration in getting NAFTA through congress, the increasing distress over Mexico's financial crisis, as well as the growth of both anti-immigration and isolationist sentiments suggest that further efforts to institutionalize the economic relationship in the Americas are not likely to lead in the near future to a free trade area encompassing the entire hemisphere.

Another problem is with Feinberg's assumption that the United States assigns a high priority to the region. There is little reason to believe that the U.S. will depart from its historical tendency to focus on the region during crises that are perceived to threaten its national security and economic interests and withdraw its attention after the crises have subsided. In crisis periods there are incentives for significant investment of political and economic resources in the region, producing heightened expectations. At this point in the political history of inter-American relations--one of relative normality, the rationale for widening and deepening the process of regional integration is not compelling for the United States in the short run.

International cooperation requires certain conditions. For one thing, there must be a consensus of values. There is general agreement with Feinberg's argument that presently in the hemisphere there is an unprecedented degree of convergence of view about the value of democracy and free trade and on the need to relax traditional views of nonintervention. However, it is not at all clear that this consensus will last, given the fragility of democratic institutions in societies with endemic poverty, economic stagnation and a high degree of social inequality. Even with respect to nonintervention, there is no agreement on whether the principle should be relaxed in order to enforce democracy and human rights.

Finally, in the interest of not debating questions that might lead to controversy, important questions were bypassed. One of these was the migration issue. Despite its current prominence, this problem has not been brought to light in any multilateral arena. Leaving the migration question unaddressed can trigger unanticipated diplomatic tensions that might put in jeopardy the cooperative tone of the Miami meeting.

In sum, we must be realistic. The prospects for a long-term continuation of the "Spirit of Miami" are uncertain. The persistence of the power differential between the United States and Latin America will continue to be an important source of mistrust and a threat to the future of multilateral cooperation. The main challenge ahead is to consolidate the early successes of the Summit through the adoption of modest, but realistic goals that, while maintaining in motion the process of regionalization, avoid perennial evils like protectionism and the regression to authoritarianism.
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