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## CLAG 2010 BOGOTÁ UPDATE

The 2010 CLAG meeting is moving ahead at full steam. There are about 90 papers and nearly 230 participants registered for the meeting. Besides Colombia, we have people from Mexico, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Poland, the United States and Canada. The meeting will kick off at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 26th. The key note speaker will be Marco Palacios, a well known Colombian historian that has used geography extensively as an important tool for his research. Marco will present how geography has been a vital component on his historical research.

The paper sessions will take place during Thursday and Friday (May

27th-28th). On Thursday May 27th, we will have the banquet at Tabula restaurant.

There are two fieldtrips planned, which still have a few spaces available. Visit to Chingaza National Park, near Bogotá, Most of it is part of the Paramo, a unique high altitude ecosystem that can only be found in Colombia, Ecuador, Perú, Venezuela and Costa Rica. It is essential that you are in relatively good shape to come to this One of Colombia's main agricultural products is the cut-flower industry. It appears there is a good chance of visiting a flower plantation, and to get some insights into this industry and the Flor Verde Certification program (an envi-

ronmentally based certification scheme). At this stage, there is a visit planned to a flower plantation on May 25th (morning and or afternoon, still to be decided, 25 people). The cost for each fieldtrip is USD\$30. To register, just send an e-mail to Andres Guhl ([aguhl@uniandes.edu.co](mailto:aguhl@uniandes.edu.co)) saying on which fieldtrip you want to come. You can pay in Bogota (in cash).

Please register and pay before the meeting at <http://eventos.uniandes.edu.co/CLAG/en/>

This is going to be a great meeting, and registration will be open until May 19th, 2010.

LATIN AMERICA PAPER WINS  
NYSTROM AWARD

Congratulations to Clark Gray, formerly a PhD candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and currently a Post-doctoral Associate at Duke

University, has won the AAG's Nystrom Dissertation Award at the Washington, D.C. AAG Meeting.

His paper, titled

"Environment, Land and Rural Out-Migration in the Southern Ecuadorian Andes," is based on his dissertation with his PhD advisor Thomas Whitemore.

# LETTER FROM THE CLAG CHAIR

As the 2009-2010 academic year comes to a close, I leave the CLAG Board as out-going Chair in late June knowing the organization is in good hands. Taylor Mack will take over the reins as Chair and we are in solid financial shape. We have a vibrant journal, with an increasing number of quality submissions, one that reflects most of our discipline's diversity in its pages. The conferences are always appreciated and usually productive for genuine reflection and commentary in and between sessions.

This year, it's Bogota, and many of us are faced with a sad reality: Getting there costs a penny, in a year when most of us are pinching pennies. As our institutions tighten salary and travel belts, many of us are hard-pressed to find the means to travel abroad if the institution cannot provide. That said, the good news is that over 200 people have registered for CLAG 2010 in Colombia, and I'm sure it will be another great venue and conference for Latin Americanist geographers.

The best part of serving CLAG has been the opportunity to read about new and exciting research by graduate students and faculty alike. The field award competition in 2010, for example, was absolutely fierce. The level of work being proposed, conducted, and reported on is magnificent. The same applies for student travel awards that get more graduate students to Colombia this summer. What a joy.

Is there a downside to serving CLAG? No, honestly, other than a few hours here and there every month (or week). Apart from copious amounts of e-mail tag, a few reports, keeping an eye on finances, and reading about the exciting work of our colleagues, the "duty" almost always feels light. Although 2008-2010 was not free of some controversy in Latin Americanist circles, I do earnestly hope that continued discussion of our fieldwork obligations, and research ethics in places far and near, will continue. They should serve a constructive purpose to producing better outcomes at the local level, and helping future Latin Americanists understand the challenges of working "in the field" with multiple commitments. The sheer amount of debate, discussion, and excitement in the air at AAG in Washington was reason enough to staycommitted to quality geographic work.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your Chair these past two years, and I hope you will lend Taylor the same level of support I enjoyed in CLAG.

Abrazos y saludos,

Eric Perramond  
Colorado College  
CLAG Chair

# LETTER FROM THE LASG CHAIR

The recently concluded AAG Meeting in Washington, DC reaffirmed the vibrancy and quality of research that characterizes our collective work. We sponsored or co-sponsored 24 sessions and panels this year, including the LASG & CLAG Plenary Session on research ethics. This well-attended panel coalesced many of the discussions and debates that have emerged in our discipline over the last several years, concerns that focus on the obligations and ethics for geographers undertaking field study. As those who attended the business meeting later that evening can attest, the vitality of the discussion extended well beyond the confines of the panel. In fact, much of our business this year concerned this important issue. We adopted the proposed Statement of Ethics for Latin Americanist Geographers; a final version will soon be posted on the LASG website. I will also be contacting both the AAG and the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group to discuss potential directions for this dialogue. Irrespective of any particular case, however, I believe this issue is worthy of constructive discussion, and will only be beneficial for the communities and individuals with whom we conduct research, as well as our profession as a whole.

We also elected a new slate of officers for LASG at this year's business meeting. I am honored to serve as Chair for the next two years. David Salisbury (University of Richmond) is our newly elected Vice-Chair, and Claudia Radel will continue for another year term as Secretary-Treasurer. Claudia has also taken over responsibility for the LASG website from David Robinson.

In 2010 we expanded our recognition for student research, with four total awards. Congratulations to the recipients of LASG Field Study Travel Awards: John E. Davis, Jr. (Master's level, University of Arizona), Julie M. Klinger (Ph.D. level, University of California, Berkeley), and Ingrid Haeckel (University of Texas, Austin). Congratulations also to Jeff Garmany (Ph.D. level, University of Arizona), this year's recipient of the LASG Best Student Paper Award.

Many thanks to our departing Chair Margaret Wilder, who has overseen two years of growth for LASG; her service is greatly appreciated by all. Additional thanks to Joe Scarpaci for serving as Vice-Chair over the last two years; Joe also took the lead role on the Ethics Statement Committee. Extended thanks to those who have served our group in various capacities over the last year, particularly the LASG Field Study Travel Award Committee (Phil Crossley, Eric Keys, Claudia Radel, Dan Klooster, and Cynthia Simmons) and the LASG Student Paper Committee (Kristen Conway-Gomez, Jeffrey Smith, Laura Schneider, Ellen Hansen, Jason Davis, and Sharlene Mollett). For anyone interested in serving on the 2010-2011 committees, your time will come - soon!

With summer upon us, I wish you all safe and productive travels and research!

Saludos a todos,

Craig S. Revels  
Central Washington University  
LASG Chair, 2010-2012

## NEW LASG CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR

Craig Revels, Central Washington University, is incoming Chair of LASG. Craig S. Revels is an Assistant Professor of Geography at Central Washington University. His research focuses on the cultural-historical geography of Honduras and greater Central America, with emphasis on historical commodities, settlement, and associated changes in the cultural landscape. Recent publications have appeared in the *Journal of Latin American Geography*, the *Yearbook for the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers*, and *Yaxkin*. He also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers.

David Salisbury, Assistant Professor, Geography and the Environment, University of Richmond, is incoming Vice-Chair of LASG. Salisbury holds degrees from University of Texas-Austin, University of Florida at Gainesville, and Middlebury College.

Claudia Radel, Assistant Professor of Geography at Utah State University, will continue as Secretary-Treasurer.

## LASG AWARDS

Congratulations to our 2010 LASG Student Award winners:

LASG Best Paper Award--PhD level—Jeff Garmany, University of Arizona - Religion and Governmentality: Understanding Governance in Urban Brazil

LASG Field Study Travel Award

Master's Level: John E. Davis, Jr., University of Colorado at Colorado Springs - Resplendent Quetzal (*Pharomachus mocinno*) Nesting Sites: Snag Availability and Occupancy in the Sierra de las Minas, Guatemala

PHD Level: Julie Michelle Klinger, University of California, Berkeley - The Geography of China's Aid and Investment in Brazil

Ingrid Haeckel, University of Texas, Austin - Tradeoffs and benefits of carbon sequestration and water supply in Mexican pine plantations

## RESULTS OF LASG BUSINESS MEETING

AAG Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., Thursday, April 15, 2010

- 1) Agreed to increase LASG dues for regular (non-student) members from \$6 to \$8, with the exception of individuals who join from Developing Areas (special dues of 0); and to increase student dues from \$1 to \$2
- 2) Adopted the draft Ethics Statement for Latin Americanist Geographers, with minor (but important!) changes to be incorporated regarding informed consent of communities
- 3) Authorized the LASG Chair to make a formal proposal to the AAG Leadership to develop a Research Ethics Training Module to guide students, faculty, and professional geographers in developing research projects in accordance with ethical guidelines; and
- 4) Under new business introduced from the floor: Authorized the LASG Chair to consult with the Indigenous Peoples Specialty Group regarding a formal request to the AAG Leadership to respond to the letter of petition from the community of San Miguel Tiltepec, Oaxaca regarding the Mexico Indígena Project.

## LASG SERVICE - 2010

From departing LASG Chair Margaret Wilder, University of Arizona, many thanks to the following colleagues for their service as officers or on award and other committees this year: Joseph Scarpaci, Virginia Military Institute and Claudia Radel, Utah State (LASG officers); J. Scarpaci (Ethics Statement Committee); Phil Crossley (Chair), Western State College of Colorado and Eric Keys, University of Florida; Claudia Radel; Dan Klooster, Redlands Univ., and Cynthia Simmons, Michigan State--all served on LASG Field Study Travel Award Committee. Also, Kristen Conway-Gomez (Chair), California State-Pomona and Jeff Smith, Kansas State; Laura Schneider, Rutgers Univ.; Ellen Hansen, Emporia State; Jason Davis, UC-Sta Barbara; and Sharlene Mollett, Dartmouth--all served on the LASG Best Paper Committee

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## CLAG STUDENT AWARDS

### CLAG Field Study Awards

2010 Ph. D. award: Emma Mullaney, Pennsylvania State University, The Contentious Politics of Corn: Conflicting Agro-Economic Narratives in Mexico's Central Highlands; Advisor: Karl Zimmerer.

2010 Ph. D. award: Manuel Prieto, The University of Arizona, The legal construction of water and the Atacameños of the Loa River Basin (Chile); Advisor: Carl J. Bauer.

2010 M. A. award: Jessica Long, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Making ends meet: understanding spatial and economic aspects of forest dependence in indigenous Iquito communities in the Peruvian Amazon University; Advisor: Lisa Naughton-Treves

### CLAG Graduate Student Paper Travel Awards

2010 Karina Benessaiah, Arizona State University, "We are all into shrimp": Small-scale aquaculture and coastal livelihoods in Puerto Morazán, Estero Real, Nicaragua" Advisor: B. L. Turner II.

2010 Christopher Hartmann, Ohio State University, "Uneven Urban Spaces: The Metabolism of Managua's Solid Waste" Advisor: Kendra McSweeney.

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## CLAG MORELIA 2005 PAPERS PUBLISHED ONLINE

The papers published from the CLAG Morelia 2005 meeting are now available online at the UNAM/CIGA webpage:

[http://www.ciga.unam.mx/ciga/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=67&Itemid=392](http://www.ciga.unam.mx/ciga/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=67&Itemid=392)

The volume is 441 pages in length. Please click on the volume title to open the full pdf.

# JLAG AND MULTIPLE MEDIA FORMATS

For those of you who are thinking of submitting an article for publication in JLAG, we are now open to an expansion of media use in the **JOURNAL OF LATIN AMERICAN GEOGRAPHY**. By that I mean to encourage all potential authors to fully use the possibilities of multiple media formats to demonstrate the multitude of data gathering and presentation methods now available and used by many scholars in distinctive disciplines. Articles that can be viewed online via Project MUSE could include, as well as static maps and photos, any of the following:

- Audio clips (local identity by language use-terms/ pronunciation etc.); interviews with respondents in surveys -let them speak rather than reducing their statements/arguments to text; the "noise" of distinctive places)
- Video clips (let's "see" what the text talks about; let's witness scenes and events, physical and cultural phenomena that move etc.)
- Animations (the production of patterns; timed sequences of events, etc.)
- Visualizations (processes of transactions between people and places, etc.)

Please send copies of such files in formats that run well on both PCs and Macs and I will upload them to the MUSE server or wherever the author(s) prefer.

This will let those who use the online version of JLAG know that we are technologically aware of the many modes of representing arguments and data and that we encourage innovative ideas in representing results of our work.

Examples of many of these types will be seen in issues 9(3) of JLAG due to be published in September this year

Best,

David Robinson, (Editor, JLAG)

## WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

The collaborative interdisciplinary project, Environmental Disturbances in the Greater Yucatán (EDGY), under the direction of Dr. Laura Schneider, Rutgers University, will be hosting a workshop on the "Mapping and Monitoring of Natural Disturbances," hosted at El Colegio de la Frontera Sur [ECOSUR], Chetumal, Mexico, 13-14 May, 2010. For more information about this workshop or project, visit <http://landchange.rutgers.edu/>

V Simposio de la Sociedad Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Historia Ambiental, La Paz, Baja California Sur, México, 15-18 junio, 2010: <http://www.uabcs.mx/SOLCHA/index.html>

Seeing the Nation: Cartography and Politics in Spanish America, Bogotá, August 25-27, 2010. Organized by Universidad de los Andes, Warwick University, Leverhulme Trust.

## FUNDED NSF-IGERT DOCTORAL TRAINEESHIPS AT TEXAS A&M FOR APPLIED CONSERVATION RESEARCH IN LATIN AMERICA

Doctoral fellowships are available through the Applied Biodiversity Science (ABS) NSF-IGERT Traineeship Program at Texas A&M University. The vision of the ABS Program is to achieve integration between research in the natural and social sciences and on-the-ground conservation practices. Research teams of faculty mentors and students, in collaboration with partners from sites in Latin American and the US-Mexico border region, develop complementary dissertations related to two research themes: (A) Communities and Governance; and (B) Ecological Functions and Biodiversity. It is the primary goal of the ABS NSF-IGERT to train scholars prepared to understand ecological functions of ecosystems and the activities and needs of surrounding communities in wider social, economic, and political contexts. The ABS NSF-IGERT Traineeships are two years and include an annual stipend of \$30,000 plus \$10,500 toward cost of education (tuition, fees, health insurance, and other benefits), as well as funding for field research and participation in a field course in the Peruvian Amazon. See the ABS website (<http://biodiversity.tamu.edu>) for more information. Interested students should first contact prospective advisors from among the ABS faculty associates and are required to apply to the doctoral program of the advisor's home department before they submit the application for the NSF-IGERT Traineeship. The application deadline for the ABS NSF-IGERT Traineeship is **DECEMBER 15, 2010**. Please contact Elizabeth Shapiro, ABS Program Coordinator, at [absigert@tamu.edu](mailto:absigert@tamu.edu) with more specific queries.

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## K-12 SUMMER INSTITUTE IN PERNAMBUCO

The Virginia Geographic Alliance is trying to give Brazil more of a presence in Latin American studies by sponsoring a two week institute in Pernambuco this summer designed primarily for K12 geography teachers. In collaboration with the Departamento de Ciências Geográficas, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco (UFPE) and with support from the PPGeo (UFPE Graduate Program in Geography), 16 teachers from Virginia will study the changing landscapes of the zona da mata, agreste, and sertão by traveling from Recife west to Triunfo. They will have the opportunity to discuss contemporary land use patterns and issues with faculty, graduate students, local people, and a group of Brazilian schoolteachers. Leaders of the institute are Antonio Carlos de Barros Corrêa, Professor of Geography, UFPE; Robert Morrill, Professor Emeritus of Geography, Virginia Tech; and Susan Woodward, Professor Emerita of Geography, Radford University. A website has been set up to help participants prepare for the study tour and later to showcase the lesson plans, photojournals, and other curriculum materials that result from the experience:

<http://www.radford.edu/swoodwar/Brazil/brazilposter.htm>.

# CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL DE GEOGRAFÍA DEL BICENTENARIO - 71ª SEMANA DE GEOGRAFÍA

8 al 12 de octubre de 2010 en Instituto Geográfico Nacional - Avda. Cabildo 381, C.A.B.A.



En adhesión a la conmemoración del bicentenario de la Revolución de Mayo de 1810, manifestación liminar de nuestra independencia que se proyectó a otros países americanos, la Academia Nacional de Geografía, GÆA Sociedad Argentina de Estudios Geográficos y el Instituto Geográfico Nacional han decidido sumar sus esfuerzos para organizar un congreso que, desde la óptica geográfica, honre a tan magna fecha.

El encuentro científico, cuyo Comité de Presidencia Institucional lo conforman los titulares de las tres entidades mencionadas, se estructurará en comisiones de áreas temáticas donde se presentarán los trabajos enviados por los participantes, previa evaluación y selección de un comité científico. También expondrán conferencistas invitados.

## Áreas temáticas

1. La ordenación territorial. 2. Geografía física. Riesgos naturales y vulnerabilidades regionales. 3. Geografía del turismo. 4. Geografía de la población y geografía cultural. 5. Teoría, método y nuevas tecnologías en geografía. Las infraestructuras de información geográfica. 6. Geografía médica y de la salud. 7. Educación geográfica y su prospectiva. 8. Escenarios geográficos y personajes de la emancipación americana. 9. Geografía económica.

Las presentaciones podrán realizarse como conferencias o comunicaciones científicas o de posters.

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## FELLOWSHIPS FOR 2011 AT THE AMERICAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY

Applications deadline October 18, 2010

The American Geographical Society Library, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries, welcomes applications for two short-term fellowship programs:

McCull Research Program fellowships. This is a short-term fellowship program available to individuals who wish to communicate their geographical research results to a broad, educated general audience.

Awards of \$3,300 for four-week fellowships will be provided to support residencies for the purpose of conducting research that makes direct use of the Library, and results in publication in a mutually agreed outlet.

Helen and John S. Best Research Fellowships. Stipends of \$400 per week, for periods up to 4 weeks, will be awarded to help support residencies for the purpose of conducting research that makes direct use of the Library.

The AGS Library, the former research library and map collection of the American Geographical Society of New York, has strengths in geography, cartography and related historical topics. More information on the AGS Library is available at the website:

<http://www4.uwm.edu/libraries/AGSL/index.cfm>

Applications must be received by October 18, 2010. All fellowships are tenable in 2011.

Fellowship information is available at the AGS Library website at:

<http://www.uwm.edu/Libraries/AGSL/fellowships.html>

or write, call or e-mail:

AGS Library

P.O. Box 399

Milwaukee, WI 53201-0399

Tel. (414) 229-6282

E-mail [agsl@uwm.edu](mailto:agsl@uwm.edu)

## NEW POSITIONS ACCEPTED

Luis Sánchez Ayala (Ph.D. Florida State University, 2008) will join the Department of History (which offers an M.A. program in Geography), in August 2010.

Margaret Pasquini (Ph.D. Durham University, 2002) joined the Centro de Estudios Interdisciplinarios para el Desarrollo, which supports the M.A. program in Geography, in 2009.

Megan Ybarra (Ph.D. Univ of California-Berkeley, 2010) has accepted a tenure-track position as assistant professor of Latin American Politics at Willamette University starting August 2010.

Marion Werner (Ph.D. University of Minnesota) will be starting as an assistant professor in Geography at SUNY-Buffalo in January of 2011.

Matthew J. Fry, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of North Texas, Fall 2010

Alexandra Ponette-González, Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of North Texas, Fall 2011

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## RECENT GRADUATES

Barros, Guillermo, M.A. Geography, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Thesis: “De la Botánica Imperial al mercurio Peruano: la formación de una comunidad de interpretación realista en el Virreinato del Perú, 1777-1795” Adviser: Sergio Mejía

Blickenstaff, Brian, Master's degree, University of Southern Mississippi, major advisor: Joby Bass: Urban Crime in Latin America: A Case Study from Medellín, Colombia.

Christman, Zachary, PhD in 2010, Clark University, “Land Change in Central Mexico: Landscape Heterogeneity, Natural Variability, and Classification Uncertainty.” Drs. John Rogan and B.L. Turner, II

Camargo, Alejandro, M.A. Geography, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Thesis: “Camellones, cercas y sedimentos: una ecología política de los conflictos por el acceso y la propiedad de los terrenos de ciénaga en las llanuras del Caribe colombiano” Adviser: Shawn Van Ausdal

Cabassu, Yannick, MSc. in Geography, 2010. Impacts of Indigenous Subsistence Hunting on Wildlife Abundance in the Río Plátano Biosphere Reserve, Honduras. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (advisor, Derek Smith).

## RECENT GRADUATES, CONTINUED

Colin, France-Lise, 2010. *Nosotros no solamente podemos vivir de cultura: Identity, Nature, and Power in the Emberá Comarca of the Darién Province, Panama*. Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (advisor, Derek Smith and Fiona Mackenzie).

Davis, Jason, Ph.D., Geography, University of California, Santa Barbara, Winter/Spring Quarter 2010, Major Advisor -- David Lopez-Carr, Dissertation Title -- *International Migration, Remittances, Fertility, and Development: Quantitative and Qualitative Evidence from Central America*

Redo, Danny, PhD, Department of Geography, Texas A&M University, under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Millington. His research is on land-cover change along Bolivia's Corredor Bioceánico. Danny also received the prestigious U.S. Senator Phil Gramm Doctoral Fellowship for outstanding records in research, teaching and service, Texas A&M University (2010).

Ybarra, Megan. 2010. *Living on Scorched Earth: the political ecology of land ownership in Guatemala's northern lowlands*. PhD, Environmental Science, Policy and Management, University of California-Berkeley.

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## CLAG & LASG MEMBER UPDATES

### HONORS, AWARDS, FIELD TRIPS, RESEARCH, ETC.

Sally Horn, Professor of Geography at the University of Tennessee, has been named the winner of the 2010 Barry Bishop Distinguished Career Award from the Mountain Geography Specialty Group of the Association of American Geographers. The award honors Sally's contributions to mountain geography over her career, and her work with students, especially in the mountains of Costa Rica and the Dominican Republic.

Anthony Bebbington, University of Manchester, was inducted into the National Academy of Sciences on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and he was presented with the Robert McC Netting Award, from the Cultural and Political Ecology Group of the AAGs, April 2010.

Phil Crossley is in Mexico City this summer on a Fulbright Garcia Robles Award. He is researching land use changes triggered by groundwater pumping in the chinampa farming region of Xochimilco, and teaching a course in Air Photo Interpretation to graduate students at the UAM-Xochimilco.

Kristen Conway-Gomez, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, is leading an undergraduate study abroad trip to Bolivia in August with students from Cal Poly Pomona. They will be visiting La Paz, Santa Cruz, Concepción, San Ignacio and Piso Firme. The program is focused on learning more about the political situation in Bolivia as well as on human environment interactions in the Bolivian Amazon. Students will have a brief opportunity to conduct field research.

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**W. George Lovell** again spent Winter Term 2010 in Seville, teaching in the graduate program in Latin American history at Universidad Pablo de Olavide ([www.upo.es](http://www.upo.es)). After leaving Spain, he attended and presented a paper at a conference in Liverpool (May 10-14) related to his involvement in a collaborative SSHRC-funded project on the Hispanic baroque ([www.hispanicbaroque.ca](http://www.hispanicbaroque.ca)). George plans to be in Guatemala this summer to participate in celebrations marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Severo Martínez Peláez's classic study of colonial Guatemala, *La patria del criollo*, the English-language edition of which (Duke University Press, 2009, [www.dukeupress.edu](http://www.dukeupress.edu)) he helped translate, edit, and introduce, and which is currently receiving good reviews. With Christopher H. Lutz, in anticipation of the anniversary celebrations, George co-authored *Historia sin máscara: Vida y obra de Severo Martínez Peláez* (USAC/FLACSO, 2009). He continues to serve on the editorial board of *Mesoamérica* and urges all *CLAGistas* to support the journal by submitting work to it, and by taking out a subscription to it or arranging for their institution to do so: details related to these matters are available at <http://www.mesoamericarevista.org/2009rates-Mesoamerica.pdf>. George has also agreed to serve on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Historical Geography* and the *Journal of Latin American Geography*. A new (revised and expanded) edition of one of his books, *A Beauty That Hurts: Life and Death in Guatemala*, has just been published by the University of Texas Press ([www.utexaspress.com](http://www.utexaspress.com)). Following teaching duties at Queen's University in Fall 2010, a half-year sabbatical granted for Winter Term 2011 will see him return to Seville for four months (January-April) and thereafter spend two months (May and June) as Maury A. Bromsen Fellow at the John Carter Brown Library in Providence, Rhode Island.

Kren Owen, a PhD Candidate in the Department of Geography and GIS at George Mason University has just completed initial field work in Guatemala, sponsored by a grant supporting interdisciplinary research from GMU's Center for Global Studies. The work involves capturing FM radio signal strength with a spectrum analyzer to map community radio station coverage for purposes of quantifying health outreach messages that are broadcast in local Mayan dialects. Dr. Jill Nelson of the Dep't of Electrical and Computer Engineering and Dr. Kathryn Jacobsen, an epidemiologist in the Dep't of Global and Community Health were Principal Investigators and Karen served as the Graduate Research Assistant. Karen was also able to perform some settlement mapping in support of her PhD Dissertation topic, "Geospatial Measures of Informal Settlements with Remote Sensing Imagery - applications in Guatemala".

Ritaumaria Pereira, Michigan State University, was selected as an IAF Grassroots Development Fellow for the 2010-2011 program. The project title is "Connecting global to local: evolving cattle production chains in Amazônia and the implications for grassroots development."

Catherine Nolin (Assoc. Professor of Geography) at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) is leading her 4th Geography Field School to Guatemala in May 2010. The field school's main focus this time is: "Violent Development: Canada's connection to mining, human rights and social justice in Guatemala." Catherine is also enjoying her 1st sabbatical this year!

# CLAG & LASG MEMBER UPDATES

## HONORS, AWARDS, FIELD TRIPS, RESEARCH, ETC.

J.P. Laplante is an M.A. candidate in the Natural Resource and Environmental Studies program at UNBC, studying in the geography department with the supervision of Dr. Catherine Nolin. Between May and September 2010, J.P. is travelling to Guatemala to undertake field research examining the Indigenous right to free, prior and informed consent in relation to mining projects. He is interested in how Canadian socially responsible investors understand the right to free, prior and informed consent, and how the investors have responded to the recent Guatemalan consulta movement. J.P. participated in Dr. Nolin's 2008 Field School to Guatemala, was co-director of the film *Amazay: A film about water* and has previously written for the independent newspaper the Dominion ("BC's New Gold Rush").

Amazay: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U6JaWyA87V0>; BC's New Gold Rush: <http://www.dominionpaper.ca/articles/2252>

On November 12, 2009 Lesbia Morales Sicán, a Member of the National Executive of the Campesino Committee of the Highlands (CCDA) in Guatemala traveled to UNBC to give a Global Thursday presentation as part of a Western Canadian speaking tour. Lesbia's presentation was titled: Fair Trade Coffee & Land Reform in Guatemala.

And fieldwork updates by several graduate students working with Catherine Nolin are available at: Cristian Silva (Chile): [http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats\\_new/2009\\_updatesilva.html](http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats_new/2009_updatesilva.html); Claudette Bois (Guatemala): [http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats\\_new/2009\\_updatebois.html](http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats_new/2009_updatebois.html); Nate Einbinder (Guatemala): [http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats\\_new/2009\\_updateeinbinder.html](http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats_new/2009_updateeinbinder.html)

Carl L. Johannessen was all set to fly to London on April 15 to give a lecture to change the current paradigm of the *\*History of the Civilizations of the Tropical World\**, which was to be presented in the Royal Geographical Society Auditorium in London on April 16. Iceland's volcanic ash kept the plane from flying! Carl was to talk about findings from his book "World Trade and Biological Exchanges before 1492."

Mary Finley-Brook, was selected to attend the two week long Institute for Integration of Research on Climate Change and Hazards in the Americas. The Institute will take place in Panama in June and is co-organized by the AAG, PAIGH, USGS, NCA, and UNEP. Mary Finley-Brook will also be taking three students to Central America to conduct summer research on carbon markets.

# CLAG & LASG MEMBER UPDATES

## HONORS, AWARDS, FIELD TRIPS, RESEARCH, ETC.

David Salisbury University of Richmond, received the University of Richmond's International Education Faculty Award for 2009-10 and was selected for a Fulbright award to Peru.

Ivan Ramirez was nominated and granted an official invitation through the Association of American Geographers (AAG) to participate as an observer at the United Nations Climate Change Conference that took place from December 7-18, 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark (COP-15). He was also selected to attend the Institute for Integration of Research on Climate Change and Hazards in the Americas in Panama City, Panama, June 14-25, 2010. One of the main goals of this institute is to identify, engage, and integrate a new generation of scholars and practitioners with on-going activities of major organizations around the relationship between climate change and hazards in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Wendy Jepson was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure at Texas A&M University

Lisa Rausch, graduate student, University of Kansas, was awarded an IIE Fulbright to spend a year in Lucas do Rio Verde, Mato Grosso, Brazil for her dissertation field work. She will be there beginning March 2011.

Jeff Garmany, University of Arizona, received an Andrew Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship award to complete my dissertation research (entitled 'Governance without government: explaining order in a Brazilian favela').

Emma Mullaney graduated May 2009 from Miami University with an MA in Geography with Thomas Klak as her advisor, and is now a doctoral candidate and E. Willard and Ruby S. Miller Distinguished Graduate Fellow in Geography at Pennsylvania State University with advisor Karl Zimmerer. Emma is honored to have been awarded 2010 field study awards from both CLAG and CAPE which will enable her to study the contentious politics of transgenic maize in the central highlands of Mexico this summer.

Kimberlee Chambers continues to teach a diversity of courses in the Latin American Studies program and Environmental and Earth Science Department at Willamette University. This past fall Kimberlee was on a Junior Research leave and based out of the University of Arizona's Southwest Center as a visiting scholar while she conducted research on wild chile pepper harvesting in the Rio Sonora Valley of Sonora Mexico. She is very grateful to everyone at the SW Center for their collegial support and looks forward to collaboration with them in the future. Kimberlee will be presenting this first phase of her research at the Society of Ethnobiology meeting in Victoria this May. In continuing her graduate research interests on maize diversity in Mexico Kimberlee and her colleague Laura Lewis have guest edited a special issue of the Professional Geographer on geographic contributions to agrobiodiversity conservation to be published this August. Four out of the six manuscripts in this special issue have a Latin America focus.

# **CLAG & LASG MEMBER UPDATES**

## **HONORS, AWARDS, FIELD TRIPS, RESEARCH, ETC.**

Marion Werner has finished her dissertation, titled "Global Displacements: Geographies of work and industrial restructuring in the Dominican Republic," at the University of Minnesota. Her dissertation received the Economic Geography Specialty Group AAG prize for best dissertation (2009). Marion will be starting as an assistant professor in Geography at SUNY-Buffalo in January of 2011.

"El Uso de la Cartografía Participativa para Investigar Patrones en el Uso de Recursos Forestales y Establecer un Área Protegida en la Comarca Ngöbe-Buglé," SENACYT (Secretaría Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación, Panama). Principle investigator, Derek Smith, Carleton University, with co-investigators Alicia Ibáñez of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and Francisco Herrera of the University of Panama, and Jesús Alemancia of the Centro de Estudios y Acción Social Panameño, 2010-2011.

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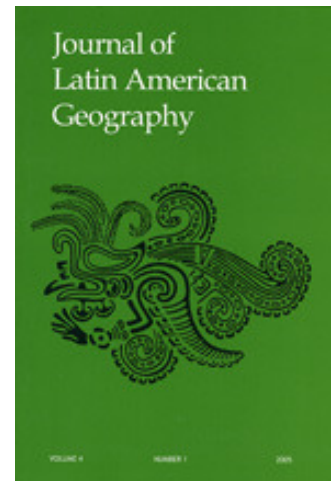
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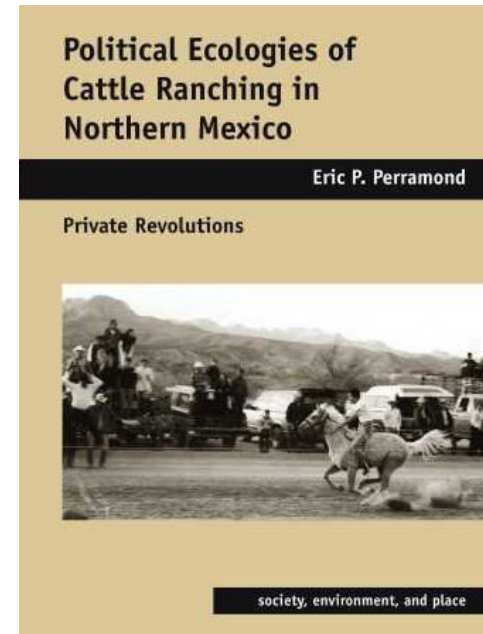
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Private ranchers survived the Mexican Revolution and the era of agrarian reforms, and they continue to play key roles in the ecology and economy of northern Mexico.

In this study of the Río Sonora region of northern Mexico, where ranchers own anywhere from several hundred to tens of thousands of acres, Eric Perramond evaluates management techniques, labor expenditures, gender roles, and decision-making on private ranches of varying size. By examining the economic and ecological dimensions of daily decisions made on and off the ranch he shows that, contrary to prevailing notions, ranchers rarely collude as a class unless land titles are at issue, and that their decision-making is as varied as the landscapes they oversee.

Through first-hand observation, field measurements, and intimate ethnographies, Perramond sheds light on a complex set of decisions made, avoided, and confronted by these land managers and their families. He particularly shows that ranching has endured because of its extended kinship network, its reliance on all household members, and its close ties to local politics.

Perramond follows ranchers caught between debt, drought, and declining returns to demonstrate the novel approaches they have developed to adapt to changing economies and ecologies alike—such as strategically marketing the ranches for wild-game hunting or establishing small businesses that subsidize their lifestyles and livelihoods. Even more importantly, he reveals the false dichotomy between private and communal ranching. *Political Ecologies of Cattle Ranching in Northern Mexico* is essential reading for anyone interested in the future of ranching in western North America.

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## CLAG & LASG SEEKING NEW EDITOR FOR THE NEWSLETTER

It has been an honor to serve as the Newsletter Editor for the last 5 years, but it is time to pass the job along to someone else. Although it takes some time to put the Newsletter together, it is really fun to read what everybody is up to with their research or awards that they have won.

The duties are largely around the middle of the Fall and usually after the AAG Meeting in the Spring for the two issues each year. It does not take much institutional support, other than a computer and some software. I have used Microsoft Word, but have found that Microsoft Publisher provides more flexibility.

If you are interested, please feel free to contact me about the duties, and I will gladly discuss them with you, and we can go from there.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Newsletter by sending in your information!

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