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# Letter from the CLAG Chair

Fellow Members of CLAG,

First I would like to thank Eric Perramond, the former Chair of CLAG, for his outstanding work and service to our organization.

I would also like to thank all of those who voted for me to serve as Chair. I hope that I am able to live up to your expectations in my tenure as the CLAG Chair.

Budget cuts are still the norm in much of the United States at public universities, and I suppose at many private ones as well. The economy is still rather stagnant, yet we had a good number of placements of Latin Americanist geographers into new faculty positions for the start of the school year in North America.

CLAG's journal, *The Journal of Latin American Geography* (JLAG), is moving along very well. David Robinson, the editor of JLAG, has even put out a special, third issue this year focusing on GIS in Latin America. This special issue bodes well for CLAG's efforts in publishing on the geography of Latin America.

One topic that we will have to face with JLAG is rising costs. The University of Texas Press that publish the journal for us, has had to increase their processing charges per issue. This was the first price increase since the mid-1990s, and although I don't have the minutes from that year, but I seem to remember that the last increase in CLAG membership was in 2000 or near that time. This is something that we will look into during the year and we will have information for discussion at our meeting in April at the AAG Conference in Seattle, Washington, USA.

Overall, things are looking quite well for CLAG. CLAG has given travel awards to graduate students to present at the CLAG Meeting in Bogotá, as well as awards to help get them into the field to conduct their research. Jim Biles has started making arrangements for our next CLAG Meeting that will be in Mérida, México, in January 2012.

For a moment of levity, you might try this website where you try to guess which of the given titles is from a real academic paper: <http://snarxiv.org/vs-arxiv/>. At home point I was up to "1<sup>st</sup> Year Graduate Student," and as low as "Higher than a monkey", but after 20 guesses I ended up at the "Undergraduate" level. Have a little fun with it to see how you do.

If you have any questions or concerns about CLAG, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Taylor E. Mack  
Chair, CLAG  
Oct 15, 2010  
Louisiana Tech University  
Ruston, Louisiana, USA

## Letter from the LASG Chair

With the ongoing belt-tightening we are now seeing throughout academia, very few of us have managed to avoid being impacted by cost-cutting measures and shrinking budgets. We all know of instances where travel funding has been slashed or eliminated completely, and meetings as well as research agendas have had to be adjusted or temporarily foregone. I am curious as to how this will affect attendance at the 2011 AAG Annual Meeting in Seattle. Last year the LASG sponsored or co-sponsored more than twenty sessions in Washington, D.C., and our members were well represented at the meeting overall. This year the number of proposed panels and papers seeking our sponsorship is dramatically down, with the abstract submission deadline approaching quickly. Nevertheless, I am looking forward to a strong research presence for the LASG in Seattle, as well as the vibrant social exchanges and collegiality for which we are known. If you have yet to submit an abstract or plan a session, give consideration to doing so with the full support and sponsorship of the LASG!

Once again, the LASG will be supporting our student members through field study awards and an award for the best student research presented at the AAG Annual Meeting. Announcements and deadlines for the 2011 LASG Student Awards can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, with awards to be presented in Seattle at our annual business meeting.

Of course, granting student awards requires faculty to serve on selection committees. If you have been wondering how to get more involved with the LASG, consider this an ideal opportunity, and please contact me if you are willing to volunteer ([revelsc@cwu.edu](mailto:revelsc@cwu.edu))!

I trust this academic year will be productive and rewarding for all, and look forward to seeing you in Seattle next April!

Saludos a todos,

**New!**

**LASG has a new home on the web: [aaa.usu.edu/lasg](http://aaa.usu.edu/lasg).**

## Conferences

- ▶ The 2011 AAG Annual Meeting, Washington State Convention Center and the Seattle Sheraton Hotel, WA, April 12-16, 2011. More information can be found in the following webpage: [http://www.aag.org/cs/news\\_detail?pressrelease.id=70](http://www.aag.org/cs/news_detail?pressrelease.id=70)
- ▶ XV Brazilian Remote Sensing Symposium. Estacao Convencao Center, April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Curitiba, Parana, Brazil. More information can be found in the following webpage: <http://www.dsr.inpe.br/sbsr2011/enindex.html>
- ▶ XIII Conferencia Iberoamericana de Sistemas de Información Geográfica, a realizarse en la Ciudad de Toluca, estado de México, México, del 25 al 27 de mayo del 2011. More information can be found in the following webpage: <http://facgeografia.uaemex.mx/confibsig/>
- ▶ INEGI Convención Nacional de Geografía y Medio Ambiente Sede Riviera Nayarit, Nuevo Vallarta, Nay. Días 8, 9, 10 11 y 12 de noviembre. More information can be found in the following webpage: <http://mapserver.inegi.org.mx/InscripcionCNGyMA2010/>
- ▶ XIX Congreso Nacional de Geografía 2010, México. Ciudad de Villahermosa Tabasco del 23 al 26 de Noviembre. More information can be found in the following webpage: [http://www.igeograf.unam.mx/iggweb/eventos/junio\\_10/XIX\\_Congreso\\_Nacional\\_Geog-2010.pdf](http://www.igeograf.unam.mx/iggweb/eventos/junio_10/XIX_Congreso_Nacional_Geog-2010.pdf)
- ▶ Primera Jornada Internacional Sobre Geografía Física Aplicada, “Peligros naturales y desastres en América Latina”, que se realizará en la ciudad de Lima los días 28 y 29 de abril de 2011. Informes e Inscripción: Secretaría del Centro de Investigación en Geografía Aplicada (CIGA-PUCP). More information can be found in the following webpage: <http://www.pucp.edu.pe/ciga/>
- ▶ The International Colloquium of Geography and Environment in Latin America was organized by UNAM’s Centro de Investigaciones en Geografía Ambiental (CIGA, Environmental Geography Research Center). The event brought together researchers from Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Cuba, Colombia, as well as some US geographers. The meeting took place at CIGA’s facilities in the Universidad Autónoma de México campus in Morelia from August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Some CLAGistas attended this gathering as organizers (Gerardo Bocco, Director of CIGA) and presenters (Kent Mathewson, Daniel Klooster, Andrés Guhl). Several presentations addressed the growth of geography as a discipline in Latin America, Colombia, Cuba, and Mexico. Other presentations dealt with the geography of risk and hazard in Brazil and Chile, or Sauer inter alia, all with a focus on defining the concept of environmental geography. Most presentations were explicit in elaborating the link between Environment and Geography.



Andrés Guhl and Daniel Klooster were present

## Theses

- ▶ Andrea Hall, May of 2010. "(Eco)tourism in the karst landscape of Puerto Rico." M.S. in Geography, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Advisor Michael J. Day
- ▶ Nathan Einbinder, August 2010. "Dams, Displacement, and Perceptions of Development: A Case Study from Río Negro, Guatemala." MA Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (Geography) graduate program, University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC). Adviser Dr. Catherine Nolin.

## Courses

- ▶ The University of Scranton's Department of Latin American Studies and Women's Studies will begin offering an undergraduate major in Latin American Studies for the first time in Fall 2010. After years of offering an interdisciplinary concentration that regularly enrolled more than 40 students, the University supported the program's move to develop and offer a new major. For information, contact Dr. Lee Penyak, Director of Latin American Studies or Dr. Sharon Meagher, Chair of the Department of Latin American Studies and Women's Studies at [laws@scranton.edu](mailto:laws@scranton.edu).
- ▶ The Kentucky Institute for International Studies Argentina program enrolled 11 students who studied the Geography of Argentina, Regional Cultural Geography, and Environmental Science. Led by Dr. David Keeling (WKU) and William Blackburn (WKU), the program began in late-May 2010 in Buenos Aires, where aspects of this global city's geography and culture were examined. Two weeks in the provinces included lecture-visits to the Jesuit missions, Iguazu Falls, the Chaco, Salta and environs, Mendoza, and the pampas grasslands. Students kept a scientific journal that examined regional physical and cultural differences, drawing theories and methodologies from a reading packet containing relevant research articles on selected topics and "ground-truthing" these written observations in situ. KIIS Executive Director Chris Bierwith visited the program during its stay in Salta, and accompanied the students on lecture-excursions to the Quebrada de Humahuaca and to San Antonio de los Cobres in the Andes mountains. Three days in Buenos Aires at the end of the program allowed students the opportunity to reflect on regional physical and cultural differences and similarities and to put Argentina into context based on discussions about globalization and social change. The program covered over 7,000 kilometers of Argentine territory by road, with students exposed to the good, bad, and downright ugly side of driving on Latin American highways and byways (including a riverbed in the Andes)! For information about the summer 2011 program, please contact David Keeling ([david.keeling@wku.edu](mailto:david.keeling@wku.edu)) at Western Kentucky University.
- ▶ The department of Geography, the Division of Biology and the department of English at Kansas State University will offer the summer Study Abroad Course "Development, Environment and Creative Writing in the Brazilian Rain Forest." Led by Dr. Marcellus Caldas (Geography), Martha Smith-Caldas (Biology), and Elizabeth Dood (English), this course will take place in the Brazilian portion of the Amazon Basin, specifically the cities of Manaus, Amazonas State and Belém, State of Pará. It will begin in Manaus, with several days of initial lectures and excursions in the Aripuanã Ecological Resort. Activities in this part of the trip will include a boat trip on the Amazon River; swimming with rare pink dolphins; trekking through the rainforest; and alligator spotting. These activities will allow the students to interact with local people, spend time visiting the rainforest and various other locations. In the city of Manaus, the students will have the opportunity to visit the National Institute of Amazonian Research (INPA), one of the most important research institutes in Latin America, and the Executive Commission for Cocoa Planning (CEPLAC). In these visits, they will interact with local researchers and visit experimental stations. The excursion will continue for several days in Manaus where we will visit the Opera House, the Fish Market, and museums. The trip will continue in city of Belém, in the State of Pará. Belém is one of Brazil's busiest ports, about 60 miles upriver from the Atlantic Ocean. Belém is built on a number of small islands intersected by channels and other rivers. In this city, the students will have the opportunity to compare the development of these two largest cities in the Amazon. Belém houses the famous Goeldi Museum with its world-famous ethnological and zoological collections, the zoological-botanical garden that shelters manatees, alligators, snakes, monkeys, birds and other Amazonian animals. In addition, the trip will continue for some days in the fantastic fauna and flora of Marajó Island, one of the largest fluvial islands in the world. For information about the summer 2011 program, please contact Martha-Smith Caldas ([mscaldas@ksu.edu](mailto:mscaldas@ksu.edu)), Marcellus Caldas ([caldasma@ksu.edu](mailto:caldasma@ksu.edu)), or Elizabeth Dood ([edodd@ksu.edu](mailto:edodd@ksu.edu)) at Kansas State University.

## Announcements

- ▶ The editors of the *Pennsylvania Geographer* are soliciting manuscripts for the spring/summer 2011 (vol. 49) issue of the journal. The topic of the issue is Latin America. Manuscripts on all aspects of Latin American geography are encouraged. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2011. For questions, contact editor William Kory ([koryupj@pitt.edu](mailto:koryupj@pitt.edu)) or associate editor Ola Johansson ([johans@pitt.edu](mailto:johans@pitt.edu)). The *Pennsylvania Geographer* is published twice a year by the Pennsylvania Geographical Society. For submission guidelines, go to <http://www.upj.pitt.edu/1265/>.
- ▶ Call for material on useful websites (with Latin American content) for the websites section of the JLAG (Spring 2011 issue). Suggestions for websites can be sent to David Keeling, Western Kentucky University ([david.keeling@wku.edu](mailto:david.keeling@wku.edu)).
- ▶ Daniel Klooster is now contributing editor to the "Geography: Mexico" section of the Library of Congress' Handbook of Latin American Studies (Social Science volume). University of Texas Press. He invites you all to send him notices and pdfs of 2010 and later publications relating to the geography of Mexico.
- ▶ Dr. Catherine Nolin and the Office of Research at University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC) have signed a letter of understanding with the Guatemalan National Police Historical Archive (Archivo Histórico de la Policía Nacional) to enable UNBC graduate students and faculty members to conduct research in this amazing archive. To learn more about the Archive, see: [http://www.hrdag.org/about/guatemala-police\\_arch\\_project.shtml](http://www.hrdag.org/about/guatemala-police_arch_project.shtml).
- ▶ Kevin Anchukaitis (Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory at Columbia University) and Matthew Taylor (Department of Geography University of Denver ) will be back in the field in November and December of 2010 to conduct their fourth round of field work on an NSF funded project entitled " Developing multicentury drought reconstructions from Guatemala and the context for past and future hydroclimatic change."
- ▶ Matthew Taylor is working closely with the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, the Universidad del Valle Guatemala, El Colegio de la Frontera Sur in Mexico, and Arizona State University on a project entitled "The effect of migration and remittances on land use change: Is there a forest transition?" Funds come from the program for Latin America research at the Norwegian Research Council.
- ▶ Matthew LaFevor is doing fieldwork in Tlaxcala, Mexico funded by the National Science Foundation and the NSEP Boren Fellowship. He is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Geography and the Environment at UT Austin.



A team of DU students, Kevin Anchukaitis, and team members from the Mam community of La Ventosa, Todos Santos Cuchumatanes, Guatemala, 3200m.a.s.l.

## Announcements Continued...

▶ Doctoral Traineeships are available through the Applied Biodiversity Science (ABS) NSF-IGERT 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 ecosystems and the activities and needs of surrounding communities in wider social, economic, and political contexts. The ABS NSF-IGERT Traineeships are for 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 an Amazon field course. The application deadline for the ABS NSF-IGERT Traineeships is DECEMBER 13, 2010. Please contact the ABS Program Coordinator, Leslie Ruyle, at [absigert@tamu.edu](mailto:absigert@tamu.edu) or (979) 845-7494 with more specific queries. See the ABS website (<http://biodiversity.tamu.edu>) for more information.

▶ AAG will see a new beginning of what we hope will become an annual event -- presentations by various specialists on a research topic of great interest to all geographers, and especially Latinamericanists, in a **CLAG Research Session**. The topic for 2011 is: New Developments in Amazonian Prehistory

▶ A special edition of the *JLAG* has just been published [volume 9(3), 274 pp.] on the theme of GIS studies in Latin America. Anyone wishing to purchase a printed copy of this special issue, which unfortunately is not covered by the regular membership fee, should send a check to me at the address below payable to "CLAG". The price is \$17.00 including postage. Contact:

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 Geography Department, 144 Eggers,  
 Syracuse University  
 Syracuse, NY 13244

## Summer Happenings

▶ Peter Herlihy and his Ph.D. students John Kelly, and Andy Hilburn traveled to Honduras last July to investigate indigenous land tenure in the Honduran Mosquitia for the current AGS Bowman Expedition to the Borderlands that is also led by AGS President Jerry Dobson with funding from the Army Research Office to KU.

▶ Kristen Conway-Gomez, Department of Geography & Anthropology, California State Polytechnic University(Pomona) led a study abroad class in Bolivia on a program focused on natural resource use and the political situation in contemporary Bolivia. The students visited La Paz, Cochabamba, Santa Cruz and Piso Firme, a small village in eastern lowland Bolivia in the buffer zone of Parque Nacional Noel Kempff Mercado and 12 km from the Brazilian border.

▶ Christian Brainstorm took 12 undergraduates on a 4.5-week study abroad trip starting in Salvador and ending in Brasilia, as part of a Texas A&M University faculty-led program.

▶ Catherine Nolin (UNBC Geography) and three UNBC graduate students (Cristian Silva, Nathan Einbinder, and Alexandra Pederson) traveled to Guatemala to meet up with two fellow UNBC graduate students (Claudette Bois and JP Laplante). The group worked with Grahame Russell of Rights Action on a fact-finding mission related to human rights abuse allegations from several indigenous communities located in close proximity to the Canadian-owned Fenix nickel mine. On this return trip, the group received testimonies of men & women in several communities over three days and presented the testimony to representatives at the Canadian Embassy in Guatemala City.

## Awards

- ▶ Adèle Michon, MA student, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada) received the John G. Bene Fellowship in Community Forestry, International Development Research Council (2010) for the project entitled, **Indigenous Use and Management of Forest Resources: Documenting Conservation Priorities in Comarca Ngöbe-Buglé, Panama.**
- ▶ Cynthia Simmons (Department of Geography, Michigan State University) and Marcellus Caldas (Department of Geography, Kansas State University), along with their Brazilian Collaborators, Horacio Schneider (Universidade Federal do Pará) and Gilberto Almeida (Universidade Federal da Bahia), were recently awarded \$493,000 through the US-Brazil Higher Education Consortia Program, which is jointly administered by the Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE) and the Brazilian Ministry of Education. Their project, entitled **Globalization: Socio-economic, Political, and Environmental Interdependence**, supports the development of a research and education program that will help faculty and students from the member institutions rise to the challenge of understanding our globalizing world, with its many impacts on environment and society. Building on a strong foundation of collaborative faculty research and international exchange across the partner institutions, they will create a 21st century education program combining integrated and interactive classrooms and social networking with student research opportunities, language training, cultural exchange, as well as a multidisciplinary undergraduate curriculum that will be co-created and co-taught by all project participants. For more information, contact [fipsebrz@msu.edu](mailto:fipsebrz@msu.edu).
- ▶ Andy Norris and Taylor Tappan, MA students at University of Kansas, received funds from the Tinker Foundation Grant through the KU Center of Latin American Studies. Norris is investigating peri-urban land tenure and informal settlement dynamics in San Luis Potosí, Mexico, and Tappan is studying Miskitu language and land use in Kuri on the northern coast of the Honduran Mosquitia.
- ▶ Andy Hilburn recently completed his comprehensive examinations and was awarded a Fulbright-Hays fellowship to study municipal solid waste management in rural communities in southern Puebla, Mexico.
- ▶ Peter Herlihy just received the 2010 George and Eleanor Woodyard International Educator Award at the University of Kansas.

## LASG Student Field Study Travel Award

Applications are invited for the 2011 LASG Student Field Study Award. Awards will be made at the PhD level (\$600) and the MA/MS level (\$300). This award is intended for a graduate student member of the AAG Latin America Specialty Group to support preliminary or reconnaissance fieldwork for intended thesis or dissertation research in Latin America. The award is not intended to cover all fieldwork costs, but rather to assist students working toward the master's to undertake a short period of field research, or to facilitate study site identification and preliminary research for doctoral students undertaking their dissertation research. Applications will be available by November 1, 2010 on the LASG website.

**Application deadline: February 15, 2011.**

## LASG Student Best Paper Award

Applications are invited for the 2011 LASG Best Paper Award. Application deadline: February 15, 2011. Awards at the Ph.D. level (\$500) and Master's level (\$250) for best submitted paper. Papers must be presented at the 2011 AAG Annual Meeting in Seattle, and applicants must be LASG members.

**Applications will be available by November 1, 2011 on the LASG website.**



## 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

## CLAG Graduate Student 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.

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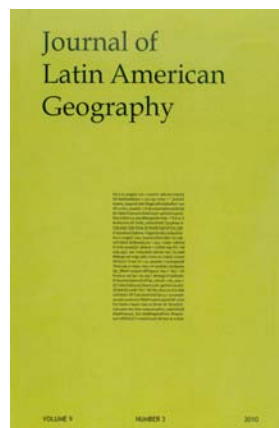
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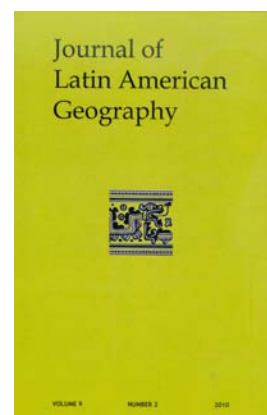


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## Remembering Oscar H. Horst



Oscar H. Horst of Sanford, Florida, died Friday, July 9, 2010 at the Hospice of the Comforter in Altamonte Springs, Florida.

Born in Newark, Ohio, March 4, 1924, he was the son of Wilhelm and Lucia (Crapiz) Horst.

Oscar graduated from Newark High School in 1942. Oscar earned his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Ohio State University. A Professor Emeritus of Western Michigan University (WMU), he taught there from 1956 to 1987, and chaired the Geography department from 1972 to '75 and again from 1977 to '78. Oscar was also a visiting professor at State Universities in Florida, Kansas and Michigan and at Universities in the Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala and Japan.

While tenured at WMU, he was the recipient of the Alumni Teaching Excellence Award and the Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award. He also received an Annual Achievement Award for Contributions in Teaching, Research, and Service from the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers. He wrote many scholarly articles on Latin America, Central America, and Guatemala for geographical journals and for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

After residing in Kalamazoo, Michigan for 46 years, Oscar moved to Sanford, Florida with his wife in 2002 to be near family. Survivors include his loving wife of 58 years, Anna Mae (Dunn) Horst whom he married June 28, 1952 in the Trinity Methodist Church of Chillicothe, Ohio; his two children, Eric Horst and his wife, Carla Caponi of Sanford, Florida, and Susan Horst Mori and her husband, James Mori of Tokyo, Japan; four beloved grandchildren, Spencer and Trevor Horst, Camille and Jeffery Mori and his wife Rima; his sister, Johanna Tarr; his brother, Curt Horst and his wife Connie; and ten nieces and nephews.