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CLAG to Meet on the Bridge Between Two Worlds: Atlantic and Pacific Panama, 2014

David Robinson has now confirmed that the next CLAG meeting will be held in Panama, from January 8-10th, 2014.

Physiographically narrow but culturally kaleidoscopic, Panama will offer new vistas towards the colonial past and the future development of hemispheric trade and commercial significance. Our generous hosts will be the Geography Department, Universidad de Panamá, chaired by Magister **Santos Cañizales**. Coordination will be through Profesora **María Adames de Newbill** (doctoral candidate, Virginia Tech). We have already received one fieldtrip offer –Rediscovering the Camino Real– from **Christian Stassinig** (see his article in **JLAG** 9(2): 159-168) and David is in contact with the municipality of Panama and the Pa-

nama Canal Authority to organize others. Anyone willing to offer other fieldtrips is asked to contact David at: drobins@maxwell.syr.edu.

A good site to see the many aspects of the Canal's extension is: <http://www.pancanal.com/eng/>

Keep an eye on CLAGnet in the next several months for more information on the upcoming CLAG Panama 2014 meeting.



CLAG Searching for New Webmaster

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and offers evidence of skills and institutional support is urgently needed to serve as webmaster. Please contact Christian Brannstrom, CLAG Chair, at

cbrannst@geos.tamu.edu
 Many thanks to David for 18 years as CLAG's webmaster.

CLAG's website is:
<http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/>

Letter from the CLAG CHAIR

Dear CLAG members,

I hope you've all had a productive period before the onset of teaching and other responsibilities in the Fall semester. I almost led a study abroad group to Costa Rica and Nicaragua, but we fell just short of our required minimum number of students. Instead, I spent much of the summer supervising a study of perception of rip currents on beaches near Corpus Christi and Galveston Island.

I'm pleased to report progress toward three of the four goals I outlined in July, shortly after I became Chair: organize the next CLAG meeting; re-invigorate CLAG's committees; develop a plan to manage our financial resources. However, progress on the fourth goal, find a CLAG member to fill David Robinson's role as webmaster, has been poor.

The next CLAG meeting will be Panamá City, Panamá, 8-10 January 2014. I'm grateful to David Robinson, who took the lead in moving us forward on this. Moreover, Karl Offen is working with the Membership Committee to devise a timetable for future CLAG meetings.

I've also asked Kent Mathewson, who chairs the Honors Committee, to start the process of nominating award winners and reviewing procedures for the field awards. The Newsletter includes reports from graduate students who received awards for field work. As you read these, you'll appreciate the work of these young scholars who wrote compelling research proposals and used their awards in the pursuit of enhancing their graduate research. On behalf of the CLAG Board, I applaud the students who received awards and wish them every success in their future research.

A new Finance Committee, chaired by Rob Kent, will propose reforms in CLAG's financial governance and planning. With the 2014 meeting moving forward, CLAG finances are my #1 priority as Chair. My thinking boils down to this: we cannot keep operating as if we had miserly revenue, when in fact we are in a position of considerable strength with revenues that, if managed properly, could create an unprecedented level of financial stability.

I apologize that I have neglected a key task: filling David Robinson's role as webmaster. We need a member to step forward with a proposal for reforming and managing the web site, a key aspect of our organization. David has filled this role since 1994.

Finally, I want to congratulate CLAG member Claudia Leal, the new co-president (with Stefania Gallini, a geographer in spirit if not in PhD), of the Latin American and Caribbean Society for Environmental History (SOLCHA; solcha.uniandes.edu.co). SOLCHA held its 6th meeting in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, 6-8 June 2012. CLAG member and former vice-chair Andrés Guhl, helped organize the meeting. The next SOLCHA meeting will be in Quilmes, Buenos Aires, in 2014. Claudia, Stefania, and I hope to find ways to strengthen ties between our organizations.

Regards,

Christian Brannstrom
Texas A&M University
cbrannst@geos.tamu.edu

LETTER FROM LASG CHAIR

Dear LASG members,

The passing of the AAG meeting from the east coast metropolis of New York to the western hub of innovation, Los Angeles, presents an opportunity to celebrate the breadth and depth of our Latin America focused research community. We already have an impressive list of LASG sponsored sessions and look forward to more additions as this newsletter goes to press. We would like to draw particular attention to our Latin America Specialty Group featured session(s) in honor of William M. Denevan: Forest, Fallow, Terrace, and Field. An additional highlight will be a panel, Geography in the Americas: Making the Most of Student Exchanges for Research and Study Abroad, which will be co-sponsored by the AAG and the PanAmerican Institute of Geography and History. Furthermore, we will be complementing all the panels, posters, papers, and informal interchanges with a social reception co-hosted with the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers. If you have insight on suitable locations for such a gathering, please share. Local knowledge is always welcome.

The Los Angeles Meeting will also allow us to celebrate the accomplishments and ambitions of another generation of student researchers. The deadline for our LASG student paper and field study awards is January 11th. Please go to our website, <http://analysis.usu.edu/lasg/>, for eligibility and guidelines. We want to thank our award winners from the New York meetings, and particularly our selection committees. If you are a faculty member willing to round out our selection committees for either the paper or field study award, please contact me: dsalisbu@richmond.edu. Your time and effort is much appreciated.

The meeting in the Latin American immigrant center of Los Angeles provides us the chance to reflect on the origins, strength, and relevance of our own connections to Latin America. How did you become focused on Latin America? This question has increasing relevance as hundreds of thousands of young Latin American immigrants seek citizenship within the United States even as the country's foreign policy priorities continue to lie outside the Americas. This contradiction creates an urgency to strengthen geographic understanding throughout the Americas, particularly among the younger generations. As we participate in the Los Angeles meeting, let's not only recharge and reinforce our thematic and sub-regional research communities, but also look to strengthen our larger Latin America Specialty Group as a whole through an enthusiastic sharing of ideas and welcoming of new members. Let's celebrate the importance of Latin America in Los Angeles!

Saludos y Saudações,

David S. Salisbury
University of Richmond
LASG Chair 2012-2014

Latin America Specialty Group of the AAG web address:

<http://analysis.usu.edu/lasg/>

New CLAG Finance Committee

A new finance committee, chaired by **Rob Kent** (assisted by **Dan Klooster**, **Claudia Radel**, and **Joe Scarpaci**, with **Karl Offen**, **David Robinson**, and **Christian Brannstrom** as ex officio) will write a policy document outlining suggested changes in two vital areas to CLAG's financial governance: (1) financial procedures and controls; (2) financial planning. The first concern is motivated by the need to consider issues such as invoices, budgeting, and business controls on financial transactions. Should we prepare a budget for Board consideration? Should we generate invoices? Should we have two (or more) signatures on checks over a certain amount? What are costs (if any) in changing our financial governance?

The second issue is our financial planning: What should be done with our present revenue from JLAG to ensure our stability through possible rough periods in the future? This question is motivated by several others: How stable is MUSE income in a context of impending open-access platforms? Should we seek a higher level of financial stability that could protect us from unexpected changes? What would it cost us (legal and financial advice) to make these changes (if any)? Brannstrom would like to frame our financial future in two scenarios: (1) do nothing or business as usual, increasing expenditures as we increase our revenue; (2) short-term austerity (4-6 years) while we save for mini-endowment that would increase financial stability and become attractive to members pursuing estate planning.

To move us forward, **Christian Brannstrom**, CLAG Chair, has asked **Rob Kent**, Treasurer, and **Dan Klooster** to review expenditures and revenue from 2009 to present while David Robinson provides us with past with MUSE revenue data. Brannstrom hopes that the committee will consider best practices in other organizations.

Brannstrom would like this guidance to take the form of a short document that outlines recommended changes, if any, that could be put before the Board for discussion and eventual vote by January 2013.

Geographers' Migration Research Network

GeogMIRN-The Geographers' Migration Research Network-is being established by a group of geographers and like-minded scholars who research migration topics within Latin America or migration topics related to the migration of Latin Americans to elsewhere in the world, especially to North America. As a group, we are still in our formative stages, but we welcome any interested members. Our primary goals include fostering greater collaboration among ourselves and increasing the potential impacts of our research. If you are not yet a member, and would be interested in joining, please contact **Claudia Radel**, at Utah State University (claudia.radel@usu.edu).

CLAG NEWS

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Additions to CLAG Archive

The CLAG archive at Syracuse University Library recently received a box of very valuable documents from our former administrative office in Austin, Texas, managed by Greg Knapp.

CLAG Officers and Board Members

Christian Brannstrom, Texas A&M University, Chair

Karl Offen, University of Oklahoma, Vice-Chair

David J. Robinson, Syracuse University, Executive Director

Rebecca Clouser, Indiana University, Secretary

Robert B. Kent, Cal State Northridge, Treasurer

Board Members

Robert B. Kent, Maria Fadiman, Kent Mathewson, Alexandra Ponette-Gonzalez, Matthew Taylor, Sarah Blue, Rebecca Clouser, Matthew Fry, David Salisbury, Joseph Scarpaci, Jörn Seemann, Jeffrey Smith, Kristen Conway-Gómez, Luis Sánchez, Claudia Radel, and Michael Steinberg.

The CLAG Webpage (<http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/clag.htm>) lists all of the officers contact information. Click on “Board of Directors” under “Organization” in the upper left corner.

CLAG Student Paper Award, AAG 2013

DEADLINE: February 8, 2013

The Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) invites currently enrolled graduate students who are student members of CLAG to submit a paper for consideration for the CLAG Student Paper Award in the field of Latin American geography. These awards are intended to recognize students' contributions to the field of Latin American geography and are intended to offset costs for attending the AAG Annual Meeting. Awards will be given to the best papers at the Ph.D. level (\$500) and Master's level (\$500).

Eligibility:

Submissions will only be accepted by students who are currently enrolled in a graduate program, and will automatically be entered into the category (Ph.D. or Master's) for which they are currently enrolled. The paper submitted to the Judging Committee must be the same paper that the student presents at the AAG Conference in Los Angeles, CA, 9-13 April 2013. The student must be a member of CLAG by the deadline, as well as during the Los Angeles AAG Conference. Regional area of research focus must be within Latin America, including the Caribbean. Prior CLAG student award winners are ineligible for this award.

Guidelines:

Proposals will be evaluated on the quality of the manuscripts, including:

- 1) Potential impact of the research
- 2) Originality of the research question, topical area, and/or methodology
- 3) Clarity of the argument and writing

Submission Guidelines and Conditions of Award

Only single-authored papers will be considered. The paper should be an original contribution. Papers with incomplete or late paperwork will not be considered. The Committee Chair reserves the right to reject a paper on the grounds that it does not meet the criteria specified. The Judging Committee also reserves the right to select an outside reader in particular areas of expertise. All award winners are required to submit a short version of their paper to be placed on the CLAG website, submitted to the CLAG Chair by May 1, 2013.

Formatting Guidelines

All papers must be double-spaced and include references and bibliographic information. Papers should follow the guidelines for style and format of the Journal of Latin American Geography (<http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/clag.htm>). Papers can be no longer than 3000 words, excluding figures, references and notes.

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Process Guidelines

Please submit electronic versions (via email) of the following items:

- 1) The applicant information cover sheet
- 2) A letter of support from the supervising faculty member for this research
- 3) Your manuscript

All Submissions and Questions Should be Submitted to:

Dr. Christian Brannstrom

cbrannst@geos.tamu.edu

Chair, Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers

Award Review and Notification:

A judging committee consisting of CLAG members who are not students will review all applications and make a recommendation to the Committee Chair, who will announce the award by April 8, 2013. The award winners will be recognized at the CLAG 2013 Business Meeting at the Los Angeles AAG meeting, and via email communication to the successful applicant, as well as on the CLAG website.

DEADLINE:

Application forms and accompanying materials must be received in electronic format via email by February 8, 2013. Late materials will not be accepted.

LASG Student Paper Award

Applications are invited for the 2013 LASG Best Paper Award. Awards will be given at the Ph.D. level (\$500) and Master's level (\$250) for best submitted paper presented at the 2013 AAG Annual Meeting in Los Angeles; applicants must also be LASG members.

Application deadline: January 11, 2012.

Applications are available on the LASG website: <http://analysis.usu.edu/lasg/>

LASG Field Study Travel Award

Applications are invited for the 2013 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.

Application deadline: January 11, 2012.

Applications are available on the LASG website: <http://analysis.usu.edu/lasg/>

RECENT GRADUATES

Leah Bremer, Ph.D., "Land-use change, ecosystem services, and local livelihoods: ecological and socioeconomic outcomes of Payment for Ecosystem Services in Ecuadorian paramo grasslands." Advisor: Kathleen Farley. Joint doctoral program San Diego State University-U.C. Santa Barbara. Leah began a post-doc with the Natural Capital Project at Stanford University in September 2012.

Gabriela Brindis-Alvarez, Master's degree. "Fragments of visible absences and invisible presences: Memorializing and appropriating Tlatelolco's urban and social space." Advisor: James Tyner. Kent State University.

Jonathan Mann Burkham, Ph.D., "The End Of Migration From Atotonilco El Bajo To Milwaukee: A Transnational Analysis Of Migration Decline And Immigrant Assimilation." Advisor: Linda McCarthy. Jonathan is beginning as an Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Adèle Michon, MA, Carleton University. "Conservation of Natural Resources within Mature Tropical Forests: How an Indigenous Community Uses and Manages Wild Plants in the Comarca Ngöbe-Buglé, Panama". Thesis supervisor, Derek Smith

Ruxandra Popovici, MA, Carleton University. "The Elephant in the Field: Exposing the Obstacles to Project "Success" in a Western-led Agroforestry Initiative in the Peruvian Amazon". Thesis supervisor, Derek Smith.

Timothy S. Pruett, Ph.D., "Coca or Death! The Political Ecology of Cocalero Resistance: A Comparative Analysis of the Coca Farmer Social Movement in Andean Peru." Advisor: Robert Q. Hanham. West Virginia University. Timothy is currently and Adjunct Professor with the Department of Geography, Frostburg State University.

Nicholas Wise, Ph.D., "Layering Senses of Place in the Sport Landscape: Emergent Representations of Identity in a Haitian and Dominican Community." Advisor: David Kaplan. Kent State University. Nicholas recently became a Lecturer in Sport and Events Management, Department of Business Management, Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland, UK.

Carolina Ana Sternberg, Ph.D., "The Dynamics of Contingency: Neoliberal Redevelopment Governance in Chicago and Buenos Aires." University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. Carolina is currently working as an Assistant Professor in Latin American and Latino Studies Department, DePaul University.

The Jay and Debe Moskowitz Endowed Chair

Syracuse University

Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs

The Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs of Syracuse University invites nominations and applications for the newly established Jay and Debe Moskowitz Professorship, made possible by a generous endowment provided by the named couple. It is intended for a distinguished senior scholar with demonstrated expertise related to some aspect of contemporary Mexican and/or U.S.-Mexican affairs, such as (but not limited to) trade issues, immigration policy, economic development and political economy, and social outcomes for Mexican immigrants to the U.S. Candidates may hold any advanced degree, but must qualify for an appointment with tenure in one (or more) of the School's departments.

The Maxwell School is home to renowned professional programs in public and international affairs and the social science disciplinary departments of Syracuse University. Its 150 faculty teach more than 800 Masters and Ph.D. students who matriculate in the School and a larger number of undergraduate social science majors through the University's College of Arts and Sciences. The School also houses 10 interdisciplinary research institutes, centers and programs, in which a majority of its faculty participate. For more information, please see our web site at: <http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/>.

Our goal is to complete the hiring process for academic year 2013-14, or as soon thereafter as feasible. Nominations and applications are welcome anytime. Review of the latter will commence December, 2012 and continue until the Chair is filled. Applicants should apply directly to the Syracuse University Job Opportunities web site at <https://www.sujobopps.com/> and provide a cover letter, curriculum vita, and the names of three references.

Questions regarding academic qualifications and/or nature of the position may be directed to: John L. Palmer, University Professor and Chair of the Moskowitz Search Committee at jlpalmer@maxwell.syr.edu or 315.443.9439. Questions regarding the logistics of applying or related issues may be directed to Ann Wicks at agwicks@syr.edu or 315.443.5881.

El XIV Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina (EGAL) 2013. Lima, Perú

Fecha: el 8 al 12 de abril de 2013. Está organizado por el Colegio de Geógrafos del Perú (CGP) y el Comité Nacional Perú de la Unión Geográfica Internacional (UGI - PERU). Informes al:
<http://www.egal2013.pe/>

XXXIII Annual ILASSA Student Conference

February 7-9, 2013

Call for Papers

Abstract deadline is 5:00 PM (CST) Friday, October 26, 2012

To submit an abstract, go to www.ilassa.org/conference

The Student Conference on Latin America, organized by the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association (ILASSA) at The University of Texas at Austin, is an interdisciplinary forum for students involved in Latin American research topics. The conference provides students with the opportunity to present research activities, develop presentational skills, exchange ideas and information, and meet other scholars from around the world. The conference, now in its 33rd year, is the oldest and largest student conference in the field of Latin American Studies.

To submit an abstract, please go to www.ilassa.org/conference. If you have any questions please contact us at ilassa.student.conference@gmail.com. All conference correspondence will be conducted via e-mail.

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New Book Series - Latinidad: Transnational Cultures in the United States

Rutgers University Press has launched a new series titled "Latinidad: Transnational Cultures in the United States." Several of my colleagues at Arizona State University in the School of Transborder Studies and other scholars from across the country are part of the editorial board for this new venture.

We are interested in manuscripts that fit the themes of the series. If you have an ongoing project that falls with the scope things Latinidad or know of others who are completing projects that might be considered for the series, please contact me or any of the editorial board members. Please feel free to forward and share this information with other interested parties.

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Postdoctoral Fellow or PhD Research Assistants Sought for NSF-Funded Migration and Environmental/Agrarian Change Project

PhD Research Assistants are sought for an NSF-funded project on gender, migration, and agricultural change in Mesoamerica, with PI Claudia Radel at Utah State University and Dr. Birgit Schmook at Mexico's El Colegio de la Frontera Sur. Students with interests in any of the following are encouraged to apply: agrarian social change, climate change and livelihood vulnerability, food security, gender relations/ideologies/identities, intra-household or community dynamics, labor migration, land tenure, or land-use change. Doctoral students would matriculate in Fall 2013 in USU's Department of Environment & Society (<http://www.cnr.usu.edu/envs/>), to pursue PhD in Human Dimensions of Ecosystem Science and Management. Assistantships will provide stipends for three years. Field work required during summer months. Spanish language skills essential.

The Postdoctoral Fellow will have a PhD in geography or other social science field, and be interested in an interdisciplinary environment. S/he will be responsible for extensive fieldwork in Mexico, Nicaragua, and/or Guatemala, data analysis, and preparing, reviewing, and revising manuscripts. Spanish language and experience working in Latin America are necessary. The postdoctoral fellow will be an equal member of the senior project team, will co-author articles and presentations, and will develop and pursue his/her own research interests as much as possible within project bounds. Start date is negotiable, but preference is for Summer 2013. Position will last 1-2 years, depending on continued project funding, with a competitive salary and benefits.

Interested applicants should contact **Claudia Radel** (claudia.radel@usu.edu).

News From Members

Joe Scarpaci has been named Chair of the Department of Marketing and Management at the Gary E. West College of Business West Liberty University in West Liberty, WV. In the Spring, he was awarded the College of Business's Excellence in Research Award. Also in the Spring, he was appointed to the Fulbright Selection Committee for the Southern Cone on behalf of the Institute for International Education. The Center he directs (www.cubancultureeconomy.org) received a second year of licensure approval by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Treasury Department, to continue with people-to-people travel to Cuba.

Antoinette WinklerPrins was recently awarded a grant from the National Geographic Society for a project entitled 'Cultural landscapes of Coastal Baja California Sur: Stability Amidst Change.' Antoinette will be working with Mexican colleagues Gerardo Bocco of UNAM-Morelia, as well as Ileana Espejel, Pablo Alvarez, and Patricia Aceves-Calderon of the Autonomous University of Baja California.

News From Members

David Salisbury, University of Richmond, and student **George Appling** presented their research at the legislative palace in Lima, Peru on September 14, 2012. Salisbury and Appling were invited by Congresswoman Mendoza to provide their GIS analysis of the socio-environmental impacts of a controversial proposed road at a roundtable debate over a pro-road bill being pushed through congress. The proposed road bisects a national park and a reserve for indigenous people in voluntary isolation.

From right to left: Appling, Salisbury, Alberto Pizango (President of AISDESEP), Congresswoman Viktoria Mendoza, Congressman Carlos Tubino, Carmen Ferrey-



ros (Ministry of Transportation & Communications), Flora Rodríguez (Secretary of Women FE-CONAPU), and Arsenio Calle (Director of the Alto Purús National Park).

Andrea Hall is a second year PhD student at the University of South Florida in Tampa. For her dissertation research, she conducted fieldwork in Chiapas, Mexico, at the El Ocote Biosphere Reserve, just outside of Tuxtla-Gutierrez. She is studying ecotourism development and management in the area as well as stakeholder interactions and local knowledge of the karst area and its resources. Andrea notes that, much of the tourism/ecotourism to the reserve is based around karst formations (caves, sinkholes, springs, etc.), which highly vulnerable to human activities.

Marcelus Caldas (Kansas State University) and **Chris Brown** (University of Kansas) were awarded a Collaborative Geography and Spatial Sciences NSF grant entitled, "Land Change in Brazil's Cerrado: Ethanol and Sugar Cane Expansion at the Farm and Industry Scale". It started September 1, 2012, and goes for three years.

Eric Carter has moved from Grinnell College to Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He is an Assistant Professor in the Geography department and Holder of the Edens Professorship in Global Health. Eric's new email address is: ecarter@macalester.edu

News From Members

Allison Hayes-Conroy, Temple University, spent much of the summer in Medellin, Colombia, with her colleague **Elizabeth L. Sweet**, also from Temple University, where they are initiating a project on food security among women who have been forcibly displaced from rural areas to the city due to the on-going violence in Colombia. They have partnered with a wonderful community organization serving displaced communities there, which has opened up multiple exciting routes for creative data gathering/generation. Their fieldwork was supported by a grant from Temple University, and they have applied for more funding to continue the project.

David Salisbury (Project Director), **Mary Finley-Brook** (Co-PD), and the University of Richmond were awarded a three year grant from Higher Education for Development: "Building Conservation Capacity for a Changing Amazonia", 2012-2015.

University of Northern British Columbia

Student delegation to Guatemala, May 2012

Dr. Catherine Nolin & **Grahame Russell** of Rights Action partnered for their sixth field school to Guatemala in May 2012 including undergraduate, Masters and PhD students. Documentary photographer **James Rodriguez** and the **Rev. Emilie Smith** joined in as well for solidarity-grounded research to communities affected by the presence of Canadian and Russian mining companies. The delegation also partnered with the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG) to witness their significant exhumation work at La Verbena cemetery in Guatemala City and at Coban's former military garrison (now modern day headquarters for the Regional Training Command for Peacekeeping Operations (CREOMPAZ)). The next field school is planned for May 2014.

·Field School information & photo essays: http://www.unbc.ca/geography/guatemala_2012/guatemala_2010/index.html

·Delegation Photo Essays by James Rodriguez: <http://www.mimundo.org/2012/06/13/2012-05-exhumation-inside-cobans-former-military-garrison/> AND <http://www.mimundo.org/2012/06/04/2012-05-third-month-of-resistance-against-a-radius-gold-owned-mine-in-guatemala/>

·Amnesty International Canada posting: http://www.amnesty.ca/blog/blog_print.php?PostID=365

·Delegation Blog maintained by participant Heather Carson: <http://www.gingernomads.com/category/guatemala/>

Master's student **Erica Henderson** conducted research on impunity in Guatemala in collaboration with the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG) and the National Police Historical Archive (AHPN), May – July 2012. Erica and the FAFG team at the exhumation of the Coban former military garrison, June 2012.

News From Members

University of Northern British Columbia, continued

UNBC-EPAF Interdisciplinary Field School to Ayacucho, Peru, June 2012

A small interdisciplinary team including CLAGista Catherine Nolin partnered with the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team for the first UNBC-EPAF Interdisciplinary Field School to Ayacucho, Peru in June 2012. The EPAF team developed a 12 min. video of the field school (in Spanish) at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUiI66na8h2ACyDyP6puDxgQ&v=NHEKxkslUos&feature=player_embedded)

[list=UUiI66na8h2ACyDyP6puDxgQ&v=NHEKxkslUos&feature=player_embedded](https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=UUiI66na8h2ACyDyP6puDxgQ&v=NHEKxkslUos&feature=player_embedded) We plan to run the field school again in June 2013 & it is open to students beyond UNBC. Please have interested senior undergraduates and/or graduate students contact us before the New Year. Contact: Catherine Nolin at nolin@unbc.ca

BA Geography student **Shane Doddridge** & graduate student **Leana Garraway** are in Lima, Peru as part of a 4-month CIDA-AUCC 'Students for Development' internships with the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team (EPAF). Leana remained in Huamanga, Ayacucho with the EPAF after the 1st UNBC-EPAF Field School wrapped up to work on the analysis of human remains and clothing as part of her internship.

José Pablo Baraybar (Geography & Executive Director of the Peruvian Forensic Anthropology Team) published his new book "La Muerte a Diario" which "masterfully addresses genocides, ethnic cleansings, confrontations, and other absurd machinations of governments and armed groups" based on his work in Peru, Rwanda, the Balkans, among other conflict zones.

Adjunct faculty member **Fredy Peccerelli** (and Executive Director of Fundación Antropología Forense Guatemala), along with NSA's Kate Doyle received the \$100,000 ALBA/Puffin Award for Human Rights Activism in New York. Fredy dedicated the award to all the missing victims in Guatemala, saying "please know, we are looking for you, and we will find you."

Adjunct Geography faculty member **Grahame Russell** (Co-Director of Rights Action) published a piece with Rabble.ca written after the latest UNBC Geography Field School to Guatemala. See: <http://rabble.ca/news/2012/08/mining-repression-and-rhetoric-democracy-and-rule-law-guatemala#.UFkCFg3IOR8F>

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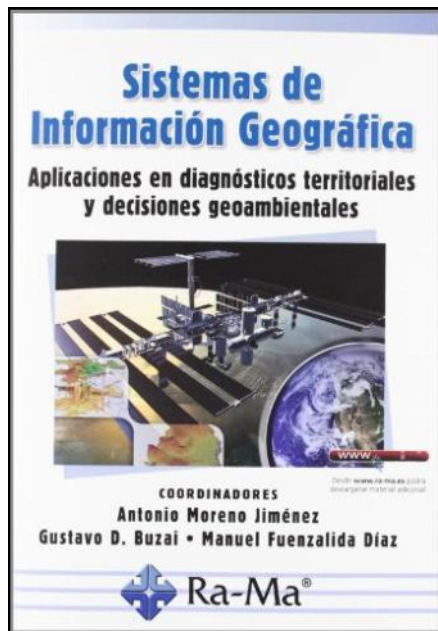
Book reviews

Sistemas de Información Geográfica: Aplicaciones en diagnósticos territoriales y decisiones geoambientales

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Los avances en las Tecnologías de la Información Geográfica (TIG), y particularmente los Sistemas de Información Geográfica (SIG), están cambiando los procesos de decisión espacial al conformar nuevos entornos para la obtención y tratamiento de la información.

Sin embargo, las potencialidades de estas tecnologías están siendo explotadas aún de manera incompleta y la capacitación centrada en la resolución con TIG de problemas en distintos campos no está suficientemente extendida.

Esta obra contribuye a superar esas limitaciones a través de una trasposición didáctica de conceptos, metodologías, tecnologías y técnicas geográficas del campo conocido como "análisis y formación de decisiones territoriales y ambientales", apoyadas en SIG y software estadístico y gráfico, a través de unos contenidos en los que se prioriza la ejercitación práctica de una forma accesible.

El manual se organiza en tres partes concernientes siempre a la formación de decisiones espaciales. La primera se dedica al diagnóstico y valoración de situaciones territoriales y ambientales, así como de sus cambios temporales. La segunda se centra en los métodos de optimización como apoyo a la localización de instalaciones y equipamientos. Por último, en la tercera se practica con la metodología de la evaluación multicriterio. Acompaña al libro un amplio conjunto de datos digitales con soluciones. Como software para el entrenamiento se usan tanto conocidos programas comerciales, como libres.

La obra recoge la experiencia docente de los autores en universidades españolas y latinoamericanas y se destina a estudiantes de posgrado, grados o licenciaturas en disciplinas como geografía, ciencias ambientales, planificación territorial, urbana y sectorial, economía regional, etc., resultando idónea tanto en enseñanza presencial, como en formación a distancia o autoaprendizaje.

La última meta estriba en facilitar una transferencia de estas innovaciones científicotecnológicas desde la universidad a las organizaciones responsables de la ordenación y gestión del territorio y el medio ambiente, todo ello a través de una cualificación mayor de los recursos humanos que mejore los procesos de gestación de decisiones y actuaciones geoambientales.

Enemy in the Blood: Malaria, Environment, and Development in Argentina

Eric D. Carter

The University of Alabama Press

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2012. 304 pp.

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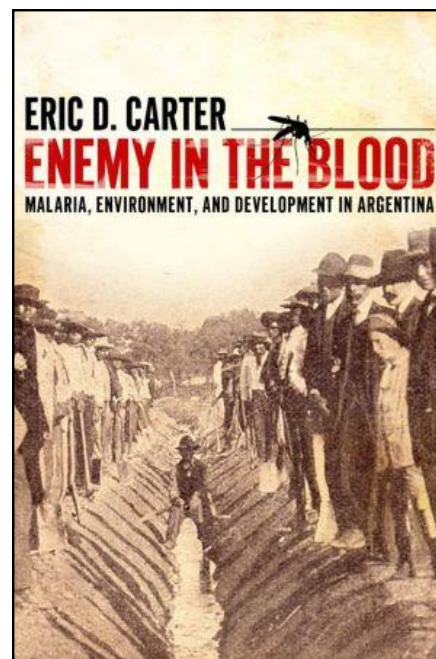
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Enemy in the Blood: Malaria, Environment, and Development in Argentina examines the dramatic yet mostly forgotten history of malaria control in northwest Argentina. Carter traces the evolution of malaria science and policy in Argentina from the disease's emergence as a social problem in the 1890s to its effective eradication by 1950. Malaria-control proponents saw the campaign as part of a larger project of constructing a modern identity for Argentina. Insofar as development meant building a more productive, rational, and hygienic society, the perceptions of a culturally backwards and disease-ridden interior prevented Argentina from joining the ranks of "modern" nations. The path to eradication, however, was not easy due to complicated public health politics, inappropriate application of foreign malaria control strategies, and a habitual misreading of the distinctive ecology of malaria in the northwest, especially the unique characteristics of the local mosquito vector. Homegrown scientific expertise, a populist public health agenda, and an infusion of new technologies eventually brought a rapid end to malaria's scourge, if not the cure for regional underdevelopment.

Enemy in the Blood sheds light on the often neglected history of northwest Argentina's interior, adds to critical perspectives on the history of development and public health in modern Latin America, and demonstrates the merits of integrative socialenvironmental research.

Chapter 5 won the 2010 Stanley Jackson Prize for best article published in the *Journal of the History of Medicine* in the preceding four (4) years.

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Geography of Latin America: A Geographic Information Systems Approach

Juan Paulo. Ramírez , Kendall Hunt Publishing Company

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Geography of Latin America: A Geographic Information Systems Approach depicts the most relevant human and physical features of Latin America. Environmental threats that some ecosystems are experiencing, including contentious issues such as illegal immigration and indigenous rights, are also addressed.

- Includes brief biographies of painters, writers, peace makers, musicians, architects and sculptors that have made important contributions to the cultural heritage of mankind during the 20th century.

- Describes the main ecoregions present in Latin America by using a geographic information system (GIS) approach. These maps gather geospatial information from different sources and cartographic projections, making it possible to digitally geovisualize the human and

physical geographic phenomena.

- Is structured based on regions rather than on specific countries.

- Features research using the most current scientific findings related to explanations of particular ecoregions, environmental phenomena, and socio-economic issues.

- Contains hyperlinks that will open websites for additional information, and a list of free GIS online resources including satellite images, land cover, topography and administrative units of any country.

- Includes bibliographical references as footnotes throughout the book, providing efficient access to scientific articles and references.

Marketing without Advertising

Brand Preference and Consumer Choice in Cuba

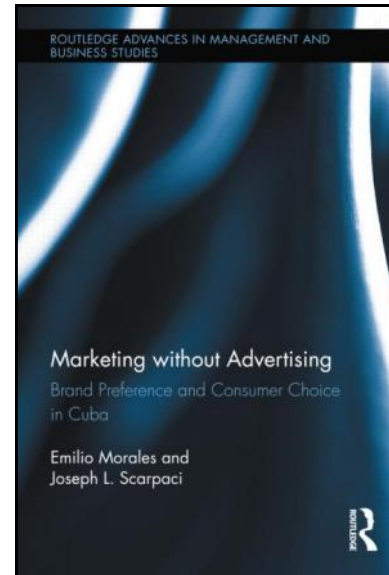
Emilio Morales & Joseph Scarpaci

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In 1993, in order to stop an economic freefall on the island of Cuba, Fidel Castro's government reluctantly instituted a series of reforms to compensate for the demise of foreign aid from Moscow. These policies ushered in a broad spectrum of national and international consumer products and services previously unknown to islanders. In a few short years, Cubans were seeing foreign brands among consumer durables and a broad array of logos brought in by tourists. Today, nearly two decades into these limited market reforms, no systematic research has explored consumer brand awareness among 11 millions Cubans living just 90 miles from the United States. The paucity of academic research stems from the challenges of conducting public/consumer opinion, and official state policy contends that consumer wants and needs are satisfied by either a series of generic and Cuban-made brands, or by independent entrepreneurs who provide brandless products and services.

Marketing without Advertising analyzes the role, narratives, and behaviour of consumption in Cuba since 1959. It documents how consumer behaviour has changed since the pre-revolutionary period, with special focus on the early 1990s. The book documents the shift from moral-based rewards in the early years of the Revolution, to the rise of material-based incentives. Cubans have long been exposed to foreign mass media in the form of movies, music videos, cable television shows. Although the Internet is highly regulated, the Cuban Diaspora in exile brings back clothing, personal care products, electronic goods, and magazines that increase the awareness of brand logos, jingles, products, and services. These and related findings from the authors' primary research are ripe with marketing implications such as substitution effects, price elasticity, latent demand for certain products and services, and consumer behaviour.

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Organización del Espacio en el México Colonial, Puertos, Ciudades, Caminos.

Lourdes de Ita Rubio

Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, UMSNH/CONACyT , ISBN: 978 607 424 036 8

El espacio geográfico y el tiempo histórico son los dos ejes en los que se desarrolla la existencia humana. La unidad orgánica de la geografía y de la historia se evidencian en la necesidad de situarse a la vez en el espacio y en el tiempo, tal como lo afirmaba Pierre George.

El espacio geográfico se va conformando a lo largo del tiempo, con la participación mayor o menor de su población y bajo el influjo de políticas y otras decisiones y circunstancias que le imprimen características particulares y de las que pueden resultar estructuras que se prolongan en la larga duración.

La organización del espacio es un término usado habitualmente por los geógrafos, pero es poco frecuente el análisis geohistórico de su conformación. En el presente volumen se reúnen los trabajos de varios académicos, geógrafos e historiadores, que desde su perspectiva particular, procuraron responder a la pregunta de cómo se conformó el espacio novohispano en función de tres posibles variables de análisis: los puertos y asentamientos costeros, la gran ciudad central y algunos caminos.

Este libro resultó del proyecto: "Puertos ciudades y caminos en la organización del espacio novohispano" auspiciado por CONACyT (Ref. 47-705) bajo la responsabilidad de Lourdes de Ita.

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Panama City, Panama, site of CLAG Panama 2014

Reports from CLAG Field Study Awardees

Tamara Elwell, a PhD student in the Department of Geography, University of California at Santa Barbara (advisors: David López-Carr and Peter Alagona), was awarded field study funds for “Incorporating the Human Dimensions of Artisanal Fisheries into Marine Spatial Planning.” Elwell spent four weeks at her field site in Chiloé exploring relationships among institutions, resource de-



pendency, and human wellbeing in the Pudeto River and estuary, which supports cultivation of the seaweed ‘pelillo’ (*Gracilaria sp.*), a main source of livelihood for residents. Through interviews, she learned that established rules and norms enforced by harvesters demonstrate an informal system of governance.

Elwell found that yerba mate helps approach potential interviewees in Chiloé’s fisheries.

Zoe Pearson, a PhD student in Geography at Ohio State University (advisor: Kendra McSweeney), received funds for her study “The War Against Coca: Grounding the impacts of drug control policy in



Bolivia.” In July and August 2012, Pearson collected data in La Paz and Cochabamba, and also while visiting the Yungas and Chapare coca-growing regions. She anticipates that this preliminary research will enable her to write proposals for funding for longer-term research; she also used her travel to practice Quechua language skills.

A view of coca fields in the village of San Geronimo, North Yungas, Bolivia

Reports from CLAG Field Study Awardees

Alex Sphar, a doctor candidate in the Graduate School of Geography at Clark University [advisor James T. Murphy], was awarded funds for his project “National Integration or Regional Competition? Industrial Policy Debates in Brazil.” He traveled to Brasília, where he interviewed key actors on recent industrial policy formation and implementation. His focused specifically on the *Ministério da Integração Nacional*, the *Ministério do Planejamento*, and the *Instituto de Pesquisa Econômica Aplicada*. He found that a period of experimentation at both the federal and local levels of government in Brazil is occurring regarding industrial policy and regional inequality, creating new linkages between national and local, and public and private, actors.

Nikolai Alvarado, a Master’s student at the University of Denver (advisor: Matthew Taylor), was awarded funds for his study “The Impacts of Tourism Development on Small-Scale and Subsistence Fisheries in Gigante, Nicaragua.” From June to August 2012, Alvarado conducted 30 in-depth interviews with fishermen, housewives, tourists, restaurant owners, distribution centers, and representatives of the tourism industry in Gigante, a rural community on Nicaragua’s southwestern Pacific coast that is experiencing accelerated tourism development. Alvarado also participated in ten fishing expeditions with local fishermen. His research found that land tenure struggles form an important component of tourism development in Gigante.



Alvarado (in blue) talking to a local family using a map to identify common fishing grounds and potential areas of conflict.

Reports from CLAG Field Study Awardees

Catherine Jampel, a Master's student in Geography at Penn State University (advisor: Melissa Wright), received funds for her study "How bears become 'problems:' Understanding human-bear-cattle relations in the northern Ecuadorian Andes." Jampel used CLAG funds to support field re-



search in Imbabura, Ecuador, where she conducted over 80 semi-structured interviews in three communities about the transition to cattle-based livelihoods and the role that bears now play as a threat to those livelihoods in a context of recent bear attacks on cattle.

Jampel interviews a woman in her pasture at 10,500 feet. The forested area in the background is a national protected reserve.

Niki vonHedemann, a Master's student at the University of Arizona in the School of Geography and Development (Tracey Osborne, advisor), received funding for her work on "Communities and Forestry Incentives: Evaluation of Opportunity and Access in the Guatemalan Highlands." VonHedemann's research involved 54 semi-structured interviews with groups and individuals enrolled in the national forestry incentive program, as well as project managers working for the state's forestry program or non-governmental organizations.



She found that interviewees appreciated the financial benefits of the program and have mobilized community forestry efforts; however, many Guatemalans are wary of state efforts to dictate land use.

VonHedemann with David and Angel, who work for an NGO in Santa María Chiquimula helping local forestry owners join the incentive programs