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CLAG 2022 – TUCSON, ARIZONA, USA
January 3- 8, 2022

Please mark your calendar for CLAG TUCSON in January 2022! We are currently planning to hold the next CLAG Conference at the University of Arizona (UA). Remote sessions will also be planned as part of the conference's hybrid format. We are in the early planning stages, but if you would like to propose a field trip please write to Jeff Banister, chair of the field trip committee, at: banister@email.arizona.edu. For any other questions, contact Ms. Amanda Percy in the UA School of Geography at: amandab@arizona.edu.

Proposed Tentative Schedule:
Mon., Jan. 3: Evening reception
Tues.-Wed., Jan. 4-5: Full meeting days
Wed. night, Jan 5: Banquet and Awards
Thurs., Jan. 6: Half-day of meetings
Thurs. – Sat., Jan 6-8: Field trips (TBD)

A great group of colleagues at UA and Arizona State University have formed the local planning committee: Diana Liverman, Kevin Anchukaitis, Talia Anderson, Jeff Banister, RJ Johnson, Francisco Lara-Valencia, Elena Louder, Liz Oglesby, Sofia Rodriguez McGoffin, Amanda Percy, Patricia Solís, and Margaret Wilder.

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Letter from the Executive Director
Michael Steinberg

Friends,

I hope this message finds everyone as well as the present pandemic situation allows. Given the impending distribution of the vaccine(s), it does appear there is some light at the end of the tunnel and that could mean more travel in the relatively near future. This certainly is welcome news for a field and travel-based discipline such as ours.

This past year has obviously been a challenge, especially for graduate students who have had to deal with less flexible schedules and research timelines than more senior scholars. It has also been a challenge for our organization. Membership has dropped, perhaps partly due to the pandemic and the perceived disconnect with fieldwork that has resulted. As an organization we remain strong financially overall, and I remain hopeful that once travel and fieldwork become more accessible CLAG numbers will again increase. Similarly, when our seminar series LiveCLAG begins (under the enthusiastic direction of Jim Biles) I am optimistic that our organization will once again become more prominent in the minds of lapsed colleagues. The postponed meeting in Arizona (January 2022) will also provide some much-needed opportunity to reconnect socially and intellectually with friends.

Thanks so much to our colleagues in Arizona who have stepped up to organize that event! I would encourage everyone to reacquaint CLAG with graduate students and colleagues who may have dropped their membership during the past year. Ours is a unique and special organization so let us share that uniqueness with those around us.

This is my last newsletter message as CLAG Executive Director. It has been pleasured to serve this organization, one that has meant a great deal to me personally and professionally over the past 25 years. As I sign off, I am incredibly optimistic about CLAG’s future given the strength and growing reputation of the journal as well as the current Executive Board and Board of Directors. Thank you all for the opportunity to serve and the friendships made along the way.

Michael Steinberg
Professor, The University of Alabama

Swim team practice in the river, Baracoa, Cuba, July 2019. (Photo by Sarah Blue)
Dear CLAG friends and colleagues

I am so pleased to send this message of greeting but find it particularly difficult to write. We are living through and witnessing so many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and each of us along with our families, colleagues, research partners, and graduate students struggle through it in so many different ways. Our field work – the signature pedagogy and defining feature of CLAG geography – is at a standstill. Field work, field schools, conferences, classes – all delayed, re-imagined, Zoomed ... but waiting for us. I am inspired by the creativity of so many CLAGistas and look forward to a time when we can re-unite in person.

I started my term as Chair of CLAG in July and have enjoyed working with our dedicated Executive Committee (including Michael Steinberg, David Salisbury, Christian Brannstrom, and Kristen Conway-Gómez) as well as our enthusiastic new and returning Board Members. Though we can’t meet in person, Zoom makes for lively meetings with folks calling in across several time zones and countries. We’re making it work!

I am thrilled to announce that the Executive Committee has appointed Kristen Conway-Gómez as our new Executive Director and Claudia Radel as our new Secretary. Many of you will know Kristen from her commitment to CLAG and several terms on the Board of Directors. I want to thank Michael Steinberg for his work as our most recent Executive Director (3-year term) which culminated in his role as co-organizer (with Matthew Taylor) of the CLAG 2020 meeting in Antigua, Guatemala. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic that emerged shortly after our time in Central America, I think of those days/weeks in Guatemala with such fondness and longing to return!

I am very happy to report that our CLAG 2020 Board of Directors election in July had an impressive slate of nominees (16) and great turn out of voters (121 – up from 102 last year) for eight (8) positions on the Board. This is an historical moment for CLAG, I think, as women secured six of the eight positions and joined three women who secured the three available Board positions in the 2019 election. Now, both the Chair and the Executive Director are also women. Geography, CLAG, and higher education are changing, and we will continue to work towards a CLAG Board that reflects our diversity of members.

I also want to send a shout out to our colleagues in Arizona who will be organizing and hosting our next CLAG meeting in January 2022. As you know, we had to adjust our original plans to meet in Tucson in May 2021 and the organizing committee (headed up by Diana Liverman) graciously offered to re-think the timeline and host our next in-person meeting in early January 2022. Thank you, team!
Given that we cannot meet in person until 2022, the Executive Committee agreed that we need to get our CLAG fix throughout 2021 through what we are calling the “LiveCLAG” webinar series for the early months of 2021. We are grateful to Jim Biles and several graduate students working with him who agreed to serve as the organizers of this LiveCLAG webinar series. Please be on the lookout for requests to offer a webinar on your research topics! Jim will have a tentative schedule out soon and we encourage faculty to consider making these LiveCLAGs part of your course offerings this semester.

Johnny Finn and his editorial team continue their impressive stewardship of the Journal of Latin American Geography (JLAG) and are working on several initiatives to grow the journal among geographers around the world. Please be on the lookout for notices from Johnny and JLAG.

As you can see, CLAG is made up of so many people willing to support our beloved organization. I encourage each and every one of you to be in touch - if you are interested in getting more involved, assisting with Communications, contributing to LiveCLAG, joining the Board, applying for a student fieldwork award, helping to organize a session at our next conference, offering a great idea ... please be in touch.

The COVID-19 pandemic has taught us many lessons but one that I hold tight is that connections matter. Collegial relationships matter. Documenting and working to understand the spatial implications of COVID-19 matters. As we look forward to a post-COVID world (maybe?), geographers are needed more than ever to lead the way in bringing together scholarship from across the spectrum (humanities, social and natural sciences) that addresses the pressing challenges of our age (such as the climate crisis, social and environmental justice, Indigenous rights and tenure, antiracism). Now, more than ever, geographical scholarship remains an effective means by which to enhance greater empathy, understanding, cooperation and equity in the face of societal and, indeed, global issues and challenges. Our upcoming LiveCLAGs and CLAG 2022 in Tucson, Arizona are tremendous opportunities to reconnect as a scholarly community, share our achievements and learnings, and support each other as we move forward together in these uncertain times.

I look forward to seeing you on Zoom and in person in Tucson!

In solidarity,
Catherine Nolin
Dear LASG and CLAG Members,

It’s an honor to write to you for the first time as Chair of LASG, and to introduce you to the other new LASG Officers: Audrey Joslin (Kansas State University) is the new Vice Chair, and Jennifer Langill (McGill University) is the new Secretary-Treasurer. We are grateful to the outgoing officers – Ben Gerlofs, Johnny Finn, and Beth Bee - who steered this ship so well and who made our transition so easy.

I have to begin by acknowledging how strange and difficult this year has been for all of us, and how particularly hard it has been for many people across Latin America. As we enter the second wave of the pandemic hoping for widespread vaccine access soon, it is difficult to ignore stark inequalities in access to safe employment and quality healthcare – inequalities that pattern both domestic and international space. I hope that, for LASG and CLAG members, these realities reaffirm the importance of collaborative and justice-oriented scholarship and pedagogy. We might not be traveling in the near future, but we nevertheless remain committed to geographies of solidarity that stretch across the Americas.

With the 2020 and 2021 AAGs moving online, it has also been a strange year to take over LASG leadership responsibilities. Nevertheless, we are proceeding with almost all of our regular programming. As usual, LASG will sponsor paper and panel sessions (total number TBA). There is still time to request sponsorship, and we encourage you to do so! Sponsorship helps publicize your event and prevents scheduling conflicts with other Latin America-related panels. If you’re interested, please email me at andrea.marston@rutgers.edu. In the weeks leading up to the conference, I will circulate a complete list of all LASG-sponsored sessions, and we hope that you will consider attending as many as possible. We also hope to see you at our joint business meeting with CLAG and at our virtual happy hour, which will replace our usual in-person social event (stay tuned for details!)

Keep an eye out for our award announcements: we currently have calls circulating for the 2021 LASG field study award and the 2021 best student paper award. Please note that since we expect travel to remain challenging for the better part of 2021, we have modified the field study award to encompass a wider variety of research activities. Moreover, since we will not be hosting an in-person party this year, we are redirecting social funds towards supporting a greater number of students. Applications for both awards are due on February 26, 2021, to Audrey Joslin (ajoslin@ksu.edu). We are also seeking 2-3 people to serve as ad hoc reviewers for the award applications; if you are interested, please email me and/or Dr. Joslin.

Thank you all for your continued involvement in and support of LASG! We hope you and yours stay safe and healthy this year, and we hope to see your digital faces in April 2021.

Sincerely,
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR - JLAG
Johnny Finn

Camaradas:

The Journal of Latin American Geography escaped 2020 unscathed and begins the new year on strong footing. Volume 19 included over 100 articles, essays, and book reviews spanning some 1,200 pages written by over 200 authors and contributors from dozens of countries across four continents. Among these contributions were the first three installments of JLAG en Traducción/JLAG em Tradução, a new section of the journal that features English-language translations of original JLAG contributions in Spanish or Portuguese that have the potential to make long-lasting impacts on the most important debates in Latin American geography. The tables of contents for JLAG 19(3) and 19(4) are available on pp. 17-24 of this newsletter. The full 2020 JLAG Year-in-Review is available on the CLAG website, here: https://clagscholar.org/jlag-2020-year-in-review-by-country.

As evidence of JLAG’s increasing profile and reach, in 2020 there were 43,826 full-text downloads via Project Muse, by far the highest number of annual downloads in the journal’s 19-year history. Furthermore, JLAG is currently the 6th most cited journal on Google Scholar’s interdisciplinary Latin American Studies list.

None of this would be possible without the tireless efforts of JLAG’s outstanding editorial team. We begin 2021 with a newly expanded group of editors, including Associate Editors Eugenio Arima (University of Texas, Austin), Martha Bell (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú), Jessica Budds (University of East Anglia), Jörn Seemann (Ball State University), and Gabriela Valdivia (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill); Editor for Visual Content Diana Tung (The Australian National University); Book Review Editor Alan Marcus (Towson University); and Production Manager Yulia Garcia Sarduy (Christopher Newport University). Many thanks also to our now former Book Review Editor Eric Carter for five years of service to JLAG.

I would also like to extend my personal gratitude to the dozens, if not hundreds of peer reviewers we call on each year to evaluate each and every article submission that we receive. This largely invisible labor constitutes the backbone of the peer review system and makes it possible for JLAG to publish some of the most insightful and critical geographical scholarship on and from Latin America available today.

Finally, readers should be on the lookout in the near future for more information about the 2021 JLAG Lecture, which will feature the Mexico City-based feminist geography collective GeoBrujas in a virtual format during the April 2021 AAG meeting.

Feliz año nuevo a todos,
Johnny Finn
Editor, Journal of Latin American Geography
NEW PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS: PAPERS

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Cigarros Artesanales Vinales, Cuba, 2018. (Photo from CLAG Social Media)


**NEW PUBLICATIONS: BOOK CHAPTERS**


NEW PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

Fernandez, F., & Velazquez, A. 2020. La internacionalización de la universidad pública retos y tendencias: Una visión desde la UNAM. México: UNAM-CIGA. [Available at Link]


A second edition of *Historia sin Máscara* ("History Without a Mask") has recently been published by George Lovell and his long-time writing partner, Christopher H. Lutz, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of *La Patria del Criollo* ("The Creole Homeland") by the Guatemalan historian, Severo Martínez Peláez (1925-1998). A classic work that contends that colonial conditions in Guatemala still linger and cause harm, *La Patria del Criollo* is a landmark contribution to Latin American history that, a half-century on, continues to be read and commented on – and to generate heated debate. Excerpts from *Historia sin Máscara* form the foreword to a new edition of *La Patria del Criollo*, prepared with a high-school readership in mind.
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ON THE COVER: A father and his daughter run across the Ramiro Prialé Highway leading to Peru’s Selva Central Region on April 20, 2020. After spending a week in the streets waiting for the government to authorize the passage of hundreds of Peruvians known as “the walkers” who, unable to travel on the first humanitarian departures by plane or bus, chose to go on foot to their destinations (photo by Luisenrrique Becerra Velarde).

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The Cemetery on Rapa Nui, Day of the Dead November 1, 2019. (Photo by Kristen Conway-Gómez)
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ON THE COVER: The Ojos de Mar are a series of small water ponds amidst the high-elevation Andean desert landscapes near the indigenous community of Tolar Grande in northern Argentina. Home to both stromatolites and extremophilic microbial communities, these ponds are of particular scientific and biotechnological interest (photo by Felix Dorn, April 2018).

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**CLAG/LASG MEMBER AWARDS AND HONORS**


**Joel Correia.** Assistant Professor, Center for Latin America Studies, University of Florida. 2020. International Educator of the Year Award.

**Joel Correia.** Assistant Professor, Center for Latin America Studies, University of Florida. 2020. Center for Public Humanities and the Public Sphere Book Manuscript Review Workshop Award.

**Karl Offen.** Professor of Environmental Studies at Oberlin College was awarded Research Status for the 2021-22 academic year. This combines with his sabbatical leave to allow for a year off with full pay. The project, "Mapping Mosquitia: Geographical Imaginations in a Colonial Borderlands," will be an open access digital book that analyzes and presents colonial maps of Central America.
RECENT GRADUATES AND NEW POSITIONS

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED TESISSES AND DISSERTATIONS:

PhD


Alejandro Nené Preciado. Doctorado en Biosistemática, Ecología y Manejo de Recursos Naturales y Agrícolas (BEMARENA), Universidad de Guadalajara. Tesis: "Impacto hidrológico en cuencas costeras por cambio de cobertura vegetal y uso del suelo." bajo la dirección del Dr. Manuel E. Mendoza Cantú.


Norma Angélica Rodríguez Valladares. Doctorado en Geografía, UNAM. Tesis: "La producción ideológica, material y social del periurbano de la ciudad de Morelia (1976-2018)." bajo la dirección del Dr. José Antonio Vieyra Medrano.

Masters


Cody Silveira. M.S. in Geography, Texas State University. Thesis: “Community-Based Ecotourism in the Maya World.”

Bachelors


Mariela Estrella Hernández. Licenciatura en Geohistoria, ENES, Morelia, UNAM. Tesis: "Tancítaro en el siglo XVI. Un análisis geohistórico." bajo la dirección del Dr. Pedro Sergio Urquijo Torres.

Marcela Jantz. Licenciatura en Ecología, de la Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Instituto del Conurbano, Argentina. Tesis: "Tratamiento de los residuos sólidos orgánicos domésticos como estrategia para la mitigación del impacto ambiental negativo de la gestión de residuos en áreas urbanas." bajo la dirección del Dr. Carlos Alberto Ruggerio.

Andrea Naranjo Cruz. Licenciatura en Ciencias Ambientales ENES, Morelia, UNAM. Tesis: "Revisitación geográfica en el paisaje cultural del lago de Pátzcuaro, México." bajo la dirección del Dr. Pedro Sergio Urquijo Torres.


NEW POSITIONS:

Melgris Jose Becerra Ruiz, Venezuelan geographer is a new member of Steering Committee 2020-2024 of Taskforce for Young and Early Career Geographers in the International Geographical Union (YECG-IGU), India. https://igu.younggeographers.org/steeringcommittee/

Laurel Bellante has joined University of Arizona as Assistant Professor of Geography and Director of the Food Studies degree program. Laurel specializes in food justice and political ecology and completed her dissertation on food systems in Chiapas, Mexico.

Catherine Nolin, CLAG Chair, Professor of Geography & Chair of UNBC Geography, was recently inducted into the College of Fellows of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. According to the RCGS, Fellows "embody the longstanding values and tenets of the Society:
the determination to build, courage to explore and steadfast love of country." Dr. Nolin is a social geographer who is an advocate for social justice, including more than 25 years grappling with life after the Guatemalan genocides. See: https://rcgs.org/about/fellows/

**Beth Tellman** will join University of Arizona in 2021 as Assistant Professor of Geography. Beth is a human geographer who focuses on flood vulnerability and on land use change. Her PhD is from ASU on urban expansion and water management in Mexico City and on deforestation in Central America. She has been publishing with other CLAG members (Kendra Mc Sweeney, Billie Lee Turner II, Jennifer Devine, Zoe Pearson) on illicit land transactions in Central America.

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**CLAG Field Study Award Winter, 2020**

**2020 PhD Field Study Awards:**

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Due to COVID19, disbursement of some awards has been delayed
2021 CLAG FIELD STUDY AWARDS

Deadline March 15, 2021

The Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG) invites applications for the 2021 CLAG Student Field Study Awards. Each year CLAG confers named awards at the Ph.D. level (Bernard Nietschmann, Robert C. West, and James J. Parsons awards) and at the master’s level (Clarissa Kimber, William M. Denevan, and Oscar Horst awards).

These awards are intended to support graduate student members of CLAG in their thesis or dissertation research in Latin America or concerning the Latin American diaspora. The awards are not intended to cover all fieldwork costs, but rather to assist students working towards the Master’s degree or Ph.D. in their field and/or archival research in Latin America. The award for the MA/MS recipients will be approximately $1,000 and for Ph.D. recipients about $1,500.

Eligibility:

• Member of CLAG before the application deadline;
• Registered as a graduate (M.A., M.S., or Ph.D.) student in a geography department or related discipline;
• Regional area of research in Latin America, including the Caribbean, is given priority. If the regional area of research is outside of Latin America/Caribbean, a clear justification of how the study relates to dynamics in Latin America must be provided. CLAG Field Study Awards are for field and archival research, not for attendance at academic meetings or language acquisition. Due to COVID19, there is greater flexibility in research topics, design, and expenses than would normally be considered in past years;
• Recipients of previous CLAG Field Study Awards are ineligible to apply with the exception that previous winners at the Master's level may apply for the Ph.D. level award if they are enrolled in a Ph.D. program;
• Fieldwork must be conducted during the dates specified in the proposal. Any anticipated significant changes must be reported to the CLAG Chair;
• All awardees must provide a home address;
• US awardees must supply a US social security number to the CLAG Treasurer before receiving the award (this is necessary for CLAG to comply with IRS reporting obligations).

Guidelines:

Proposals will be evaluated on criteria including but not limited to the following:

• Quality of the proposal:
  o Coherent research question(s);
  o Clearly described and viable research design with research question(s) situated in relevant theoretical or conceptual literature and appropriate methods explained;
  o Feasibility of proposed work and viable research timeline;
  o Adequate preparation demonstrated;
  o Academic rigor and potential contribution to Latin American geography.

Please see the full instructions at: https://clagscholar.org/awards-funding/student-field-study-award/

A selection committee will review all applications and make a recommendation to the CLAG chair. Awardees will be notified by April 9, 2021.

Please direct your questions to Rebecca Clouser (rclouser@wustl.edu), CLAG Honors Committee chair.

We look forward to reviewing your innovative proposals.
NOTE FROM THE CLAG COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

Almost to the day, one year ago the CLAG online membership system was inaugurated as a part of the business meeting in Antigua, Guatemala. I am pleased to report that we have had no major glitches in the system with the exception of a few duplicate email reminders that were sent out in October. The transition as roles and relationships between CLAG and UT Press have changed has also gone without any known issues. I look forward to maintaining the online membership system and continuing to facilitate the exchange of member address information with UT Press. Please remember to renew your membership online when reminded, log into your account and keep your profile up to date if your information changes, and feel free to reach out if you find any problems or have an idea to improve the online system.

Kind regards,
Timothy B Norris
CLAG Communications Coordinator

NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

It is my pleasure to assume the role of CLAG Newsletter Editor! I would like to thank CLAG leadership for the opportunity. I would also like to thank Tim Norris for his previous service in this position and for his support as I assume this role. I would also like to thank Texas State University graduate student Mei Yang for her assistance in co-editing and producing this issue. As we continue to navigate the COVID 19 pandemic and cannot yet meet in person, this medium for communication seems more important than ever. Thank you all for your contributions to this issue, and please consider contributing (again) to our Spring/Summer 2021 newsletter. Wishing you all the best for a healthy, happy and productive 2021!

Sincerely,
Jennifer A. Devine
CLAG Newsletter Editor
OTHER NOTEWORTHY ACTIVITIES

WORKSHOPS

With support from the Department of Education Title VI Grant, Dr. Joel E. Correia has been coordinating a working group and series of public talks that focus on Indigenous and Afro-descendant human rights struggles and visions for environmental justice. The project is a collaboration between the Centers for Latin American Studies at University of Florida and University of Arizona. In September, we hosted activists and human rights defenders from El Salvador, Mexico, and Honduras, including Bertha Zúñiga-Cáceres. In November, we collaborated with the Movimiento del Paro Cívico de Buenaventura to organize a public workshop with leaders from several major Colombian social movements seeking to defend Indigenous and Afrocolombian rights in the face of increasing violence. We were joined by representatives from the Washington Office on Latin America and Colombian Senator Alexander Lopez-Maya. We will host another workshop in March 2021, details TBA. All interested CLAGistas are more than welcome to join the conversation!

LIVECLAG WEBINAR SERIES

Since we will not meet in person next May, the Executive Board is concerned that no activities between now and January 2022 will leave our organization somewhat rudderless in a pandemic sea. So, we recently discussed and approved hosting and sharing a series of webinars or zoom talks that cover a gambit of CLAG topics. The LiveCLAG webinars will occur during the spring semester 2021 and potentially into the fall. We envision 6-8 seminar talks. While the format is open for discussion, we envision the talks as more informal than conference presentations, although again, the exact format can potentially take on many forms depending on the topic and speaker. These could be recorded and even used by members in classes if the presenter is open to such an arrangement.

To make this LiveCLAG webinar series happen, the finance committee approved a $500 stipend for member Jim Biles and his graduate students to take charge and coordinate this webinar series in collaboration with the CLAG Executive Board. The schedule of events will be released soon! For more information about this LiveCLAG Webinar series, please contact the coordinator Dr. James Biles at: jbiles@ccny.cuny.edu.

RESEARCH

Dr. Brian M. Napoletano recently collaborated with two colleagues here in Mexico, Héctor Ignacio Martínez Alvarez and Pedro S. Urquijo, and Leo Zeilig, the editor of the African Review of Political Economy, on a pair of reseñas on Eduardo Galeano's Open Veins of Latin America and Walter Rodney's How Europe Underdeveloped Africa to commemorate the 40-year anniversary of Rodney's assassination (as well as the pending 50-year anniversary of Las Venas). The items were published as a two-part post intended to highlight the shared colonial histories of the two regions. You can find the two posts here:

Jessica Villena Sanchez. PhD candidate in the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Denver. This poster highlights some of her research findings which she presented at a workshop hosted by the Programa Universitario de Estudios sobre la Ciudad (PUEC), a research group affiliated to the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico (UNAM).

The poster focuses on the mobility patterns of older adults living in Mexico City. Key research findings include:

- 6.9 million people aged 60 and over resided in Mexico in 2000, by 2030 this number is expected to increase to 22.2 million and by 2050 it will reach 36.2 million.
- Mexico City ranks as the oldest entity in Mexico. Older adults aged 60 and older represent 13.36% of the total population and this percentage is expected to grow within the next decades.
- About 1 million adults over 60 years have a residence in Mexico City, of this total 41.3% continue to work.
- On a typical weekday, older adults in Mexico City make 3.7 million trips. 495,000 of these trips have a workplace as their destination.
- Older adult’s travel behaviors are not heterogeneous. Districts with the greatest attraction of trips are those with good public infrastructure and good accessibility levels such as downtown Mexico City.
**FUNDING**

CLAG members looking for modest sources of funding might be interested in the Technical Assistance Projects of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). There are three types of grants: seed, training, and research grants. The most frequently funded grants usually have representatives from two or more countries participating as well as collaboration across two or more of the four divisions of PAIGH: geography, cartography, geophysics, and history. The due date for proposals is May 7, 2021, but PAIGH recommends you begin organizing paperwork early. More information available in the call for proposals: [https://www.ipgh.org/programa-asistencia-tecnica.html](https://www.ipgh.org/programa-asistencia-tecnica.html), and call document: [https://www.ipgh.org/assets/convocatoria-pat-2022.pdf](https://www.ipgh.org/assets/convocatoria-pat-2022.pdf). CLAGistas with questions can reach out to David Salisbury, dsalisbu@richmond.edu.

**NEW PROJECTS**

*Andean Potter’s Knowledge: Ceramic Production, Circulation and Use in Southern Ecuador and Northern Peru*

**PI:**
Dr Gabriel Ramón, Professor, Department of Humanities, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

**Collaborators:**
Dr Catherine Lara, Researcher, Instituto Francés de Estudios Andinos
Dr Martha Bell, Professor, Department of Humanities, Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

**Funder/Programme:**
The Endangered Material Knowledge Programme (EMKP), The British Museum


This regional scale project seeks to produce photographic, audio, video, and descriptive record of the material knowledge of the potters of the Southern Ecuadorian Andes (SEA) and the Northern Peruvian Andes (NPA), two regions geographically adjacent but rarely studied together. This project will break with this traditional political and academic border to study the production of domestic pottery in two countries. To record the material knowledge of these potters this project will use the operational sequences approach (chaînes opératoires) to present and compare the manufacturing, distribution, and use of pottery in the SEA and NPA.

Beach scene, Baracoa, Cuba, July 2019. (Photo by Sarah Blue)
**JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Job Title: Assistant Professor, Human Geography, Tenure-Track**

The Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge invites applications for a tenure-track Assistant Professor position in Human Geography to begin fall 2021. A PhD degree or its equivalent in Geography or a related field is required at the time of appointment. The appointment will be full-time (nine-month) with a 2-2 teaching load. We seek applicants with research complementing current faculty efforts, including human dimensions of global change, cultural/historical, health and well-being, social and environmental justice, carceral geographies, black geographies, mobility, and media. Methodological approaches and regional specialties are open.

Candidates should have a promising program of research, publication, and extramural funding. Expectations are to teach and advise graduate and undergraduate students. Our department offers BA, BS, MS, and PhD degrees in Geography and BA, MA, and PhD degrees in Anthropology. We are looking for a colleague to teach World Regional Geography and other undergraduate courses in the geography BA and graduate courses in Human Geography.

Human geographers have found ample opportunities to collaborate with cultural anthropologists and other members of the department and university. Faculty in the department also contribute to interdepartmental programs in Coastal Studies, Disaster Science, International Studies, African and African American Studies, and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies.

We welcome applicants who bring additional dimensions of diversity to our program. Deadline is January 15, 2021. The full add is here: [https://jobs.aag.org/jobs/view/assistant-professor-human-geography/55182099/](https://jobs.aag.org/jobs/view/assistant-professor-human-geography/55182099/)

**Job Title: Assistant Professor, International Studies, Tenure-Track**

**Job Summary:**

The International Studies Department at the University of San Francisco invites applications for a full-time tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level to begin August 2021, contingent upon funding approval. The International Studies Department is a dynamic, interdisciplinary department that houses two programs: the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies (BAIS) and the Master of Arts in International Studies (MAIS). Our mission is to provide students with the theoretical and analytical tools needed to engage in a critical examination of issues facing our world within an interactive learning environment centered on holistic education for the whole person to educate global citizens. Our department is committed to hiring qualified candidates from groups whose underrepresentation in the American professoriate has been severe and longstanding.

**Full Job Description:**

**Job Responsibilities:**

The successful candidate must be able to teach Introduction to International Studies, Research Methods at the graduate and undergraduate levels, and Refugees and Forced Migration at the graduate level, as well as undergraduate and graduate elective courses in their area of expertise. The standard teaching load for this position is two 4-unit courses per semester with an additional third course every fourth semester (2-2-2-3 over two years). In addition, the successful candidate will be expected to engage in service to the department, college, and university, as well as maintain an active research program that engages both undergraduate and graduate students when possible.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

We are seeking applications from candidates with a Ph.D. in International Studies or related field, particularly Anthropology, Geography, or Sociology. Preference will be given to applicants whose work centers on refugees...
and/or migration, but we are also interested in scholars whose work takes on issues around indigeneity and/or race/intersectionality in a global perspective. We especially welcome applications from scholars with an activist perspective, who use mixed research methods and we are interested in candidates who can articulate a global-local connection with their scholarly work and are able to bring community-engaged learning into their teaching. We welcome scholars from all areas of the world who are committed to empowering minority and marginalized communities. Though all geographical areas of expertise are welcome, we are particularly interested in applicants with a regional expertise in Latin America or the Islamicate/MENA. Lived experience and linguistic fluency related to the regional expertise are strongly preferred.

Applicants must have earned their doctorate by August 1, 2021 and have two years of university teaching experience beyond serving as a teaching assistant. Previous university service experience is strongly preferred as the successful candidate will be expected to take on academic advising and university service within their first year. Applicants should articulate a commitment to interdisciplinary exploration and applied research with a demonstrated ability to work across disciplines and a collaborative orientation. Candidates must have a strong record of teaching at the university level, evidence of research scholarship and an active research agenda, administrative experience, dedication to service, and an understanding of, and commitment to, supporting the mission of USF.

To Apply: All applicants should submit the following:
(1) Letter of application
(2) Curriculum vitae
(3) Graduate transcripts
(4) Evidence of teaching ability, including two sample syllabi, student evaluations, and a statement of teaching philosophy, including how diverse and previously marginalized perspectives are integrated into coursework (maximum two pages, double spaced)
(5) Description of research agenda (three pages, double spaced)
(6) Sample of recently published or forthcoming research (maximum of 25 pages)
(7) Three current letters of recommendation

All of these elements should be submitted electronically in PDF format to https://gnosis.usfca.edu/search/jobs. Any questions can be sent to internationalstudiessearch@usfca.edu. For full consideration, application materials should be submitted by January 15, 2021. The full add is here: https://usfca.wd5.myworkdayjobs.com/en-US/USF_Full-Time_Faculty/job/USF-Hilltop-Campus/Assistant-Professor--International-Studies--Tenure-Track_R0003749
Job Title: Director of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS)

Description:
Subject to budget availability, The University of Texas at Austin has opened a national and international search for Director of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS). The Director will also serve as a key member of the leadership team of the LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections, an innovative partnership established nearly a decade ago that pairs the abundant scholarly resources of the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection with the teaching and research focus of LLILAS. The Institute is a Title VI National Resource Center encompassing 160 faculty associates, eight joint faculty members, a dynamic student program, and a vibrant intellectual community. The unparalleled Benson Collection is one of the largest and finest library and archival collections in the world dedicated to the history, culture, arts and sciences of Latin American, Latina/o and Black diaspora communities. The LLILAS Benson partnership engages in collaborative programs of research and teaching, digital scholarship, and public engagement that make Latin American studies and collections at The University of Texas a high University priority and world-renowned. The Director of LLILAS will provide intellectual leadership and vision for our academic programs, will assume principal responsibility for LLILAS administration and will represent LLILAS to its diverse local, national and international publics. For more information on LLILAS, Benson and The University of Texas, please visit: http://www.utexas.edu/cola/llilas/
http://www.lib.utexas.edu/benson/

Qualifications:
Candidates should have a documented record of excellence in scholarly activity, commensurate with Full Professor status in a leading department; demonstrated leadership abilities and strong administrative experience in an academic, library, or comparable setting; and experience or interest in donor cultivation and stewardship. The successful candidate will be appointed as a tenured faculty member in the College of Liberal Arts. Field of expertise will determine the faculty member’s home department. A demonstrated ability to teach at the undergraduate and graduate levels is required. The holder of this position will be expected to teach at least one course each semester. Expected start date is Fall 2021.

The University of Texas at Austin is an AA/EO employer and will conduct a background check on the successful candidate. The University of Texas at Austin is an Equal Opportunity Employer with a commitment to diversity at all levels. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, disability or veteran status. (Compliant with the new VEVRAA and Section 503 Rules)

Application Instructions:
Applications are submitted via Interfolio (apply.interfolio.com/80765) and should include a cover letter, current vitae, a teaching statement, a research statement, and names and contact information for a minimum of three references. Applicants are also encouraged to discuss in their cover letter or a separate statement their past or potential contributions to diversity, equity and inclusion through their research, teaching and/or service. Review of applications will begin on Jan. 15, 2021 and will continue until the position is filled. For questions about the position, please contact Raúl Madrid, Search Committee Chair and Harold C. and Alice T. Nowlin Regents Professor in Liberal Arts (rmadrid@austin.utexas.edu).

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GREAT PHOTOS OF LATIN AMERICA

CLAG member Lindsey Carte facilitates a mapping workshop in Selva Oscura, La Araucanía, Chile. Fieldwork was conducted with Molly Polk (UT Austin) in December 2019 for Lindsey’s current project exploring the linkages between forest plantation expansion, agrarian change, and migration in Chile. (Photo by Lindsey Carte)

Lima, Peru: The Atarjea water treatment plant is the main water treatment plant in Lima, serving (approximately) 70% of the population of (approximately) 10 million. (Photo of students in Martha Bell’s urban geography class at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

Texas State University field trip to US-Mexico Border, visit to McAllen, TX Border Patrol headquarters, November 2019. (Photo by Sarah Blue)

Piura, Peru: The Ejidos diversion dam serves to divert water for irrigation and flood control management just upstream of the city of Piura in Northern Peru, especially during El Niño events. (Photo of Martha Bell)
In late February and early March, Grahame Russell and Catherine Nolin traveled to Puerto Barrios, Guatemala to attend the murder trial of Mynor Padilla, former head of security for Canadian mining company HudBay Minerals, in support of the mining-affected community members. They then traveled to El Estor to meet with the women of Lote 8 and several other complainants in the set of lawsuits moving through Canadian courts related to the crimes and violations of Skye Resources and HudBay Minerals. Grahame and Catherine are co-editing a book titled Canadian Mining in the Aftermath of Genocides in Guatemala and include the testimonios/interviews with several key witnesses in these trials. The pair departed Guatemala on March 9th and have not been able to return since.