This past year, the first of my directorship, was one of evaluations of our Latin American Studies (LAS) academic programs, which were reviewed by the appropriate graduate and undergraduate committees. The Committee on Graduate Studies (C-GS) held its members-only discussion on the Interdisciplinary Degree Program in LAS on March 2, and then met with Prof. Andrew Walder, ICA Director, and me on April 13, 2011. In addition, the Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors (C-RUM) met to review LAS on January 11, 2011, and April 1, 2011 (the latter with Andy and me, to address questions raised by C-RUM members). These were very interesting experiences, and although both committees had challenging questions, all of them were constructive and valuable points for reflection. Subsequent to this, I was asked to attend the XLIII Senate Meeting of the Academic Council, where Chairs Chris Edwards (C-RUM) and Richard Roberts (C-GS), gave wonderful introductions of our curricula, which were followed by questions from members of the Senate, who seemed to be quite satisfied with our programs. As a result of this process, a Senate resolution (SenD#6481) was issued, as follows:

“The Committee on Graduate Studies and the Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors therefore recommend approval of the degree-nominating authority for the MA degree, undergraduate Minor and Undergraduate Honors program in the Interdisciplinary Program of Latin American Studies, for a five-year renewal period from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2017.”

This resolution from the Senate is absolutely thrilling, and on behalf of CLAS, I want to thank all members of the Latin American Studies community—faculty, students and staff—who have made this possible. Congratulations to us all!

Along the lines of academic programs, I am delighted to report that our commencement ceremony for last year’s student cohort was excellent, highlighted by a memorable speech by Prof. Bill Durham. The erudite and lively narrative of his own incursions in Latin America, in search of a topic for, and then execution of his dissertation research, as well as his reflections on the lessons derived from exploring, engaging and immersing in the study of Latin America, was inspirational to all of us. Another highlight of the event was the presentation of speeches by the students, who reflected on their experiences in our...
LAS program, and about the extent to which these experiences prepared them for future endeavors. In addition, students took their time to express their gratitude to the Bolivar House staff, the faculty, and the overall Stanford community for what was referred to as a special element of their careers. It is my pleasure to report that we have word that students are doing very well, exploring different avenues. These are some updates: Lilea Abreiv is working as Program Director for The Good Samaritan Orphanage in the Dominican Republic; Miguel Balcázar works at Synergy International Systems, as a Business Development Associate for their Latin America team; Elena Crist is currently a Research Program Associate at Stanford’s Freeman Spogli Institute; TC Robbins is working as an AmeCencors member with the San Francisco Community HealthCorps, helping to provide health education and preventive health screenings for low-income children at childcare centers; Adriana Ross, is working for a startup “Juntos Finance”, as Director of Customer Development; Kate McCormick is currently doing a Master’s in public policy at Stanford; and Andrés Zollinger completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees simultaneously, and therefore graduated at Stanford; and André Zollinger completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees simultaneously, and therefore graduated in fall quarter. Incidentally, I am proud to report that Kate was last year’s recipient of the award for the highest cumulative GPA. Congratulations Kate!

Regarding the current cohort of students in our MA program, we have now a record number of 13 recruited students, including one PhD student from Spain, a Mexican student who comes from Mexico’s ITAM, and a rich variety of students from the US or from other countries and cultural backgrounds (Venezuelan, Brazilian, Romanian, Honduran, Mexican). On this year’s orientation day, I met with them and was impressed by their academic stature, motivations, and future plans. Indeed, this cohort represents a great blend of qualifications, experiences, perspectives and interests that create a diverse, complementary and exciting academic and cultural atmosphere at Bolivar House.

It is difficult to reflect on this past year’s activities without making a reference to our Tuesday lecture series. The talks of this last academic year, and those of this 2011-2012 Autumn quarter, have been spectacular, always well attended and, in fact, on many occasions, with more attendance than our seminar room can accommodate! Our list of speakers includes Stanford faculty, Tinker Visiting Professors, visiting scholars, and a selection of graduate students who are doing research on diverse LAS topics. This blend of speakers offers a rich sample of Latin American culture, challenges and perspectives, and I am delighted to say that our series attracts not only students from our own academic programs, but from other programs too and, particularly, members of the general public. Please check out our forthcoming Tuesday talks – the program is exciting! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angela Doria-La for keeping the coordination of this series running so smoothly, and Laura Quirarte for making sure that our lunches are not only a delicious preamble to the lectures, but they also reflect the diversity of Latin American cuisine!

Just like last year, I have met with the MA students and staff two times so far this quarter — on the orientation day and towards the end of the quarter. This year’s orientation day was informative, lively, and fun, due to the combination of the student’s enthusiasm, culture and aspirations, and the fantastic participation of Prof. María Librandi Rocha, who accompanied me in this effort to get students excited about Latin American studies right from the start. Her presentation was not only scholarly, but delightfully inspirational to all of us; thank you Marial in our second meeting, I got valuable opinions from the students about how the program is going and what aspects need attention. I was particularly excited to see their overall positive response and their praise for the Tuesday lecture series. We also talked about trying, for the first time, to organize a student capstone experience. Students are interested in this experiment. We will keep you posted about this exciting, forthcoming event.

The topic of our visiting scholars is always newsworthy and you can find information on this on the website or in other parts of this Enlace about those who completed visits at Stanford in 2010-2011. Let me just mention here that our five Tinker professors from last year were a fantastic addition to the academic life of CLAS, and that in 2012 we will have another five Tinker professors in fields as diverse as soil mineralogy, chemistry, informatics, Iberian and colonial history, economics and logic. Beyond the Tinker Professors, we had Dr. Almir Leal de Oliveira as a Nabuco Scholar in 2010-2011, and we will be hosting another Nabuco Visiting Scholar, Junia Ferreira Furtado (Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil) in 2012. It is gratifying to see that, quite apart from our sponsored Tinker and Nabuco professors, CLAS is acting as a point of attraction for numerous independent scholars who wish to come and work on their research programs. This past year we had nine scholars. For more details about our exciting contingent of last year’s and forthcoming visiting scholars feel free to check our website. Speaking of which, I encourage you to check and let us have your feedback about CLAS’s new website.

Moving to the physical infrastructure of CLAS for a moment, I would like to share some important actions regarding renovations in Bolivar House this past year. The hand rail of the pathway that leads to the main entrance is now fully renovated—and safe. Our gardens were fixed regarding the recurrent floods we used to experience—due to a redundant watering system—so that now not only will we be avoiding floods that damage the garden per se, but also saving substantial amounts of water! Finally, our seminar room has been primed as a lecture/seminar room: along with a new projector, the old screen has now been replaced by a larger one, which facilitates visibility throughout the room; also, the room is equipped with brand new tables and chairs. The new furniture in particular is helpful for the oft-needed reconfiguration of the room from a seminar room to a meeting room, to a small class/seminar room, without risking injury to our staff by carrying heavy furniture around.

By the way, next time you visit Bolivar House, please check out our amazing Spanish Madonna, located in the meeting room. It turns out that in the process of renovations we discovered it, abandoned in the darkness of the Bolivar House attic, and decided to rescue it. Then, early in the fall quarter, Jan Thompson, as the Associate for the Latin American Studies program at Stanford, offered testimonials about Ed and we were all comforted by how everybody talked about his productive, dedicated and happy life, and by the good memories of a wonderful being.

Last but certainly not least, I want to share the bitter-sweet news I learned in December, just before the holiday break: our Associate Director, Megan Gorman, left CLAS on February 1, 2012, as she has accepted a new position of Financial Analyst and Cluster Liaison in the H&S Dean’s Office. Needless to say, this represents a sad situation for CLAS, and it will be challenging not to have her wisdom, knowledge and dedication to CLAS, and to the ICA community at large, but we are equally excited to see her flying high in her aspirations, and I wish her the very best in her new endeavors. More than anything, I want to take advantage of this opportunity of writing this letter to express my deepest gratitude for all the amazing work she has done for us during her seven years of dedication to CLAS.

A very happy and productive New Year to you all!

Cordially,

Rodolfo Dirzo
BOLIVAR HOUSE VISITORS

TINKER VISITING PROFESSORS 2010-2011

From left to right: Dr. Piedad Urdinola, Dr. José Ignacio Santos, Dr. Rodolfo Dirzo, CLAS Director, and Dr. Ricardo Mar

The Center for Latin American Studies brings leading Latin American scholars to Stanford University to teach, conduct research, and advise students in their particular areas of expertise.

Paulo de Souza Mendes (PhD 1982, University of Minnesota) is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro. A leading scholar in the fields of fluid mechanics and rheology, he has been head of PUC-Rio’s Laboratory for Characterization of Fluids since 1995. He has published numerous articles in international journals and authored two Brazilian patents. During winter quarter 2011, Professor Mendes taught CHEMENG 120A, Fluid Mechanics.

Piedade Urdinola (PhD 2004, UC-Berkeley) is Associate Professor of Statistics at the Universidade Nacional de Colombia and editor of the Colombian Journal of Statistics. Much of her research focuses on the demographic consequences—including impacts on infant and child health—of violence in Colombia. During spring quarter 2011, Professor Urdinola taught PEDS 220, Latin America’s Millennium Development Goals and Children’s Health, through the Stanford School of Medicine.

José Ignacio Santos (MD 1975, Stanford) is Professor of Experimental Medicine and Pediatric Infectious Diseases at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). From 2004-2009, he was Director General of Hospital Infantil in Mexico City, the largest children’s hospital in Latin America. A renowned scholar as well as practitioner, he has published 270 articles and 7 books on child health. During winter quarter 2011, Dr. Santos taught PELS 220, Latin America’s Millennium Development Goals and Children’s Health, through the Stanford School of Medicine.

Sidney Challouh is professor of history at the University of Campinas, Brazil. He has published three books on the social history of Rio de Janeiro: Trabalho, lar e botequim (1986), on working-class culture in the early twentieth century; Visões da liberdade (1990), on the last decades of slavery in the city; and Cidade febril (1996), on tenements and epidemics in the second half of the nineteenth century. He also published Machado de Assis, historiador (2003), about the literature and political ideas of the most important nineteenth-century Brazilian novelist, and co-edited four other books on the social history of Brazil. Professor Challouh has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Michigan (1995, 1999, 2004) and a Tinker Visiting Professor at the University of Chicago (2007). While at Stanford, Professor Challouh focused his research on illegal enslavement and the precariousness of freedom in 19th century Brazil. He also collaborated with the Stanford Spatial History Lab on workshops and various trainings.

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NABUCO SCHOLARS 2010-2011

In 1996, while visiting Stanford University, Brazilian president Fernando Henrique Cardoso announced the establishment of the Joaquim Nabuco Chair.

Almir Leal de Oliveira (PhD Social History, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo 2001) is Associate Professor of History at Ceasor Federal University in Brazil. His research experience includes the history of Brazil, particularly Ceará and Portuguese Atlantic Empires during the 18th Century. He also looks at the history of sciences and technologies, the history of Brazilian empires (anti-slavery movements), the regional history of Brazil, and the theory and philosophy of history. While at Stanford during the academic year, Professor Oliveira focused his research on The Stanford Expedition to Brazil of 1911. He researched the scientific expeditions contributions to Brazil’s development of the natural sciences.

VISITING SCHOLARS 2010-2011

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Sandra Koutsoukos holds an MA in Fine Arts and a PhD in History of Photography from Instituto de Artes, Universidad Estadual de Campinas in Brazil. She currently holds a post-doc fellowship with FAPESP/University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil and is the author of Negros no estudio do fotografo. Brasil, segunda metade do século XIX (2010). While at Stanford during Fall quarter 2011, Professor Koutsoukos focused her research on the analysis of photographs of people case studies exhibited in World Fairs, circuses and museums during the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century.

Sandra Koutsoukos

Jorge Tovar (PhD Economics, UC-Berkeley 2004) is Associate Professor of Economics at Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia. His research interests are focused on international trade, industrial organization and economic history topics. While at Stanford during Spring Quarter 2011, he worked on a project characterizing the market segmentation in Colombia during the mid 19th century, using unique data on prices and quantities for various agricultural, livestock and industrial products sold in various provinces in 1847.

José Alejandro Peres Cajias, a native of Bolivia, is currently based at the University of Barcelona, Spain. A specialist in economic history, his principal fields of interest are: state building, public finances and trade, particularly in Latin America and Bolivia. While at Stanford during Spring Quarter 2011, he worked on a project analyzing the level, composition and volatility of Bolivian central state revenues and expenditures over the period 1880-2010.

José Miguel Delgado Barrado is Associate Professor of Modern History in the Departments of Anthropology, Geography and History at the University of Jaén in Andalucia, Spain. He obtained his degree in Geography and History at the Complutense University in Madrid. He was also a junior researcher and pre-doctoral fellowship holder at the Spanish National Research Council (CSIC), post-doctoral fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, and researcher at the National Distance Educational University in Madrid, Spain. Professor Delgado Barrado’s research focuses on the economic thought and political praxis in Spain, Europe and America during the modern era, particularly the 18th century. He was in residence at Stanford in July 2011.

BOLIVAR HOUSE LIBRARY REPORT 2010-2011

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Celebrating Mexico: The Grito de Dolores and the Mexican Revolution
1810 | 1910 | 2010

By Adan Griego, Curator of Iberian and Latin American Collections at Green Library

For criollos, Spaniards born in the New World, the 1808 Napoleonic invasion of Spain that overthrew King Ferdinand VII intensified sentiments for self-rule, and independencia plots became common throughout the Spanish colonies. One such event culminated in Mexico in the early morning of September 16, 1810: the Grito de Dolores. It became Father Miguel Hidalgo’s battle cry calling on his parishioners to rise in arms and fight for independence.

Over the following decade a coalition of various groups carried the banner of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the insurrection’s religious patron, in their struggle to gain independence. After some initial successes the insurgents under Hidalgo were defeated in 1811. Another rebel priest, José María Morelos, then led the fight, extolling ideals of liberty, equality, and popular sovereignty while remaining committed to Catholicism and the return of the dethroned Spanish king.

The struggle for self-rule ended when the different factions coalesced around Agustín de Iturbide, whose Plan de Iguala promised: Catholicism as the official religion, Independence from Spain, and Unity for all citizens. This climactic event is symbolized by the triumphal entrance of Iturbide’s Trigarante Army (or army of the three guarantees) into Mexico City on September 27, 1821.

The young republic issued its first constitution in 1824. But the new nation would continue to be fragmented. In 1910 the country would again experience social upheaval and a decade-long war as a result of unfulfilled ideals of social equality.

This exhibition commemorated singularly important milestones in Mexico’s history that illustrate, perhaps as no other events in its history have, its quest for self-determination and identity. We are pleased to have the opportunity to have showcased many of the materials in the Stanford University Libraries’ collections that indeed celebrate Mexico, from the Grito de Dolores to the Mexican Revolution and beyond.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

September 30, 2011
Does Border Enforcement Matter? – What Mexican Migrants Can Teach Us
Wayne A. Cornelius

Wayne A. Cornelius is Co-Director, Education Programs, of the University of California’s Global Health Institute (UCGHI); Associate Director, UC Center of Expertise on Migration and Health; and a Core Faculty Member, Division of Global Public Health, School of Medicine, University of California-San Diego. He is Director Emeritus of the UCSD Center for Comparative Immigration Studies; Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Emeritus; and Theodore E. Gildred Professor of U.S.-Mexican Relations at UCSD. He is a past President of the Latin American Studies Association and an elected member of the Council on Foreign Relations (New York). One of the world’s foremost experts on Mexican migration to the United States, comparative immigration policy, international migration and health, and the Mexican political system, Cornelius conducted field research in Mexico and the United States nearly every year from 1970 to 2009. His latest among more than 280 publications on migration is a book titled Mexican Migration and the U.S. Economic Crisis: A Transnational Perspective.

Co-sponsored by Bill Lane Center for the American West, Center for Latin American Studies, Chicana/o Studies, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Institute on the Politics of Inequality, Race and Ethnicity at Stanford (InSPIRES), MEOVA, Stanford Humanities Center and Stanford Immigrant Rights Project.

October 12, 2010
Human Rights and Justice in Argentina
A Talk by Patricia Isasa

Patricia Isasa, a successful architect in Argentina, is a survivor of torture and imprisonment from the age of 16 to 18 during the Argentine dictatorship. She was imprisoned in 1976. Twenty years later she almost single handedly investigated the identities of 8 perpetrators of the crimes against her and others. Because of an impunity law in Argentina at the time, she took her case to Judge Baltasar Garzon in Spain who requested extradition, which was denied. In 2009 her case was finally tried in Argentina.

Co-sponsored by Program on Human Rights, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Center for Latin American Studies, and Arroyo House.

October 19, 2010
The Student Movement and the Struggle for Democracy in Venezuela
Roberto Patiño

Roberto is one of the leaders of Venezuela’s student democracy movement. This past April, at The World Movement for Democracy in Jakarta, Roberto received the International Democracy Award on behalf of student movement leaders in Venezuela. WMFD provided the following commentary on Venezuela’s student movement: “The student reaction to the TV closing and referendum to amend the constitution was motivated not by political ideology or partisan politics, but by the notion that “in democracy all sides should be welcome.” Despite government provocation and calls for physical attacks on students, the movement continues to focus on the peaceful promotion of democracy by training observers to monitor elections and encouraging young people to register to vote.

Co-sponsored by the Stanford in Government (SIG) and the Center for Latin American Studies.
CLAS WORKING GROUPS 2010-2011

A Working Group consists of a group of students, in collaboration with a faculty advisor, who wish to organize events such as lectures, speaker series, symposia, exchange of working papers, and collaborative research efforts. The Center for Latin American Studies awarded grants to the following working groups during the 2010-2011 academic year:

- Catalan Exiles in Mexico: 1939
  Graduate Student Coordinator: Marcela Junguito, PhD Candidate, Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures.

- Challenges in Mexico
  Graduate Student Coordinator: Pablo Villanueva, PhD Candidate, Department of Economics.

- Contemporary Colombian Film and Documentary
  Graduate Student Coordinator: Tomas Rodriguez Barraquer, PhD, Department of Economics in conjunction with the Colombian Student Association at Stanford.

- Exploring Latin American Immigration to the U.S.
  Graduate Student Coordinators: Miguel Bacigalupe and Teresa (TC) Robbins, MA, Latin American Studies.

- Narrating Brazilian Spaces
  Graduate Student Coordinators: Tom Winterbottom and Victoria Saramago, PhD Candidates, Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures, Andre Zollinger, Latin American Studies.

- Ritual Practices in the Prehispanic Andes
  Graduate Student Coordinators: Silvana Rosenfeld and Stefanie Bautista, PhD Candidates, Department of Anthropology.

- Trading Race: On Slavery and the Slave Trade in the Caribbean and Africa
  Graduate Student Coordinator: Sarah Quesada, PhD Candidate, Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures.

CLAS congratulates all working group members for an outstanding job during the academic year.

UNDERGRADUATES AND CLAS

Spotlight on Undergraduate Research in Latin American Studies:

- "The Price of Bolivian Dignity: The Economic Impact of Bolivia’s Suspension from the Andean Trade Preference and Drug Eradication Act"
  Jocelyn Heist Francis, BA in International Relations Interdisciplinary Honors in Latin American Studies, June 2011

  Charles A.A. Zaffaroni, BA in International Relations, BS in Science, Technology and Society Interdisciplinary Honors in Latin American Studies, June 2011

The Center for Latin American Studies congratulates Charles A.A. Zaffaroni, recipient of the Firestone Medal for the finest honors theses in Social Science, Science and Engineering.

FLAS FELLOWS

Stanford University’s Center for Latin American Studies administers the FLAS fellowships for graduate and undergraduate students pursuing language training in advanced Portuguese, beginning or intermediate Quechua, and, in rare cases, advanced Spanish.

CLAS congratulates the 2010-2011 FLAS Fellows:

- Miguel Bacigalupe, Graduate, Latin American Studies, Brazilian Portuguese
- Elena Cryst, Graduate, Latin American Studies, Brazilian Portuguese
- Katharine McCormick, Graduate, Latin American Studies, Quechua
- Kiera O’Rourke, Undergraduate, Comparative Literature, Brazilian Portuguese
- Kory Russell, Graduate, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Brazilian Portuguese
- Andre Zollinger, Graduate, Latin American Studies, Brazilian Portuguese

SUMMER 2011

- Nica Langinger, Undergraduate, International Relations, Brazilian Portuguese
- Adam Morris, Graduate, Iberian and Latin American Cultures, Brazilian Portuguese

STUDENTS AND CLAS

MONICA MILLER WALSH GRANT RECIPIENTS FOR SUMMER 2011

Thanks to a generous gift from Stanford alumna Monica Miller Walsh and her husband David Walsh, CLAS was able for the seventh year in a row to award Monica Miller Walsh grants to support Stanford undergraduates in summer internships in Latin America.

- Gwendolyn Burke - B.S. 2013, Earth Systems Internship: Corazón de Dahlia, Peru
- Giancarlo Daniele - B.S. 2013, Computer Science Internship: in STEDD Innovation Lab, Argentina
- Helen Heymann - B.A. 2012, Biology Internship: Roatan Volunteer Pediatric Clinic, Honduras
- Oana Butnareanu - B.A.S. 2012, Biology and Iberian and Latin American Cultures Internship: MEDLIFE, Peru
Formally launched with the first meeting of the Ministers of Energy from throughout the Western Hemisphere in Washington, D.C. in April 2010, the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas or ECPA seeks to facilitate the acceleration of clean energy development and deployment and address the urgent and intertwined challenges of energy security and climate change. ECFA also seeks to reduce energy poverty by sharing best practices, encouraging investment, and cooperating on technology research, development, and deployment.

The April 15, 2011 conference at Stanford University sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies brought together public sector officials overseeing implementation of ECFA with private sector firms from Silicon Valley to discuss where new business opportunities exist and what can be done to enhance fulfillment of ECFA’s goals. The conference was timely because it followed by a week the Regional Critical Energy and Climate Issues Dialogue and ECFA Meeting in Panama.

SPEAKERS

• Faith Corneille, Senior Energy Officer, U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs
• David Esmaili, Director, Center for Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy
• Jeremy Martin, Director, Energy Program, Institute of the Americas
• Sonia R. Sousa, Director of Product Commercialization in Fuels & Chemicals, Solazyme Inc.

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SPEAKERS

• Mark Guiltinan, Professor of Plant Molecular Biology, Pennsylvania State University
  “Insights from the Genome of Theobroma Cacao”
• John Scharffenberger, Co-founder of Scharffen Berger Chocolate Maker
  “Ethical Sourcing of Delicious Cocoa in the 21st Century”
• Harold Mooney, Paul S. Achilles Professor of Environmental Biology, Stanford University
  “Preserving Biodiversity in Agricultural Economies”
• Héctor Hoyos, Assistant Professor, Iberian and Latin American Cultures, Stanford University
  “Muñiz, Rivera, and Ortiz: Chocolate in Latin American Art and Literature”
• Patricia León, Professor Instituto de Biotecnología, UNAM, Mexico
• Monica Santos, Centro de Investigación Científica de Yucatán (CICY), Mexico
  “Secrets of Chocolate from the Yucatán”
Liz Rivera
Nicholas David Murray
Charles A.A. Zaffaroni
Sarahi Constantine Padilla
Katharine McCormick
Teresa (TC) Robbins
Jocelyn Heist Francis
So-Eun Park
Dr. William H. Durham

CLASS OF 2011

The 120th Commencement of Stanford University was held on Sunday, June 12. The Center for Latin American Studies recognized seven graduates of the Master of Arts degree, two graduates of the undergraduate Interdisciplinary Honors Minor in Latin American Studies. The keynote speaker for the CLAS Commencement ceremony was Dr. William H. Durham, Bing Professor in Human Biology and Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment. 2011 MA graduates Katharine McCormick and Teresa (TC) Robbins also gave speeches to commemorate the occasion. Families and friends joined us in the BoHo garden to celebrate with this year’s graduates. Congrats, Class of 2011!

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies Graduates:

Ileana Abreu
Ileana Abreu is working as the Program Director for The Good Samaritan Orphanage in the Dominican Republic. She is assisting the Board of Directors to transform the institution into a vocational community center using sustainable development strategies. Her present efforts also include directing community art projects to promote emotional literacy amongst at-risk youth, and teaching English and jewelry-making. She continues to work on her multimedia projects via Cusbarity Productions and is debuting her documentary “Peregrinación” in Havana, Cuba on December 17, 2011.

Miguel Bacigalupe
After graduating from Stanford in June, Miguel returned home to Northern Virginia where he started to look for jobs. Miguel was hopeful and thankfully things ended up working out—he had two job offers by mid-July! Miguel decided to work at Synergy International Systems, an international development consulting firm that specializes in software implementation for development projects through USAID, UNDP, the World Bank, the IDB, among others that have realized that projects funded by foreign aid need to show results, and so Synergy assists international organizations in meeting their Monitoring & Evaluation indicators. Miguel is a business development associate for their Latin-America team meaning he gets to use his Spanish and occasionally his Portuguese to write grants/proposals announced by the aforementioned international organizations and to do client outreach when they are looking for local partners to work with on their various international projects.

Elena Crist
Elena is currently working as a Research Program Associate at the Freeman Spogli Institute at Stanford. She is working as the administrator for the new Program on Poverty and Governance run by Professor Magaloni, and she’s loving being back on campus!

Katharine McCormick
After obtaining her master’s degree in Latin American Studies, Katharine McCormick decided to continue her academic life at Stanford. She is currently pursuing a Master’s in Public Policy (MPP), a 2-year program.

Teresa (TC) Robbins
TC is currently working as an Americorps member with the San Francisco Community HealthCorps, through which she helps provide health education and preventive health screenings for low-income children at childcare centers throughout the city. Her favorite part of the job is coordinating and interpreting at a pediatric oral health clinic in the Mission, where the majority of the patients are monolingual Spanish-speakers. Although TC is enjoying her job, “…life is not the same without cozy BoHo and my wonderful cohort...Ies extraño mucho!”

Adriana Ross
Adriana Ross is currently working at Juntos Finanzas, a Bay Area early stage startup that provides SMS-based budgeting and savings tools for first generation Latinos, as Director of Customer Development.

Andre Zollinger
After 4 years + 1 quarter at Stanford, Andre Zollinger is graduating this fall and although he does not yet know what he will be doing next year, he looks forward to figuring this out. Andre has greatly benefitted from this extra quarter by taking some great classes and getting to know the new LAS cohort. He wishes all the best to the rest of the group that will go on to finish in June.

INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES RECIPIENTS:

- Jocelyn Heist Francis, BA in International Relations
- Charles A.A. Zaffaroni, BA in International Relations, BS in Science, Technology and Society

UNDERGRADUATE MINOR IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES RECIPIENTS:

- Sarahi Constantine Padilla, BA in International Relations
- Nicholas David Murray, BS in Earth Systems
- So-Eun Park, BA in Communications
- Liz Rivera, BA in Political Science
Robert A. Packenham, (Professor Emeritus of Political Science) gave the keynote address, “State-Market Relations and Development in Latin America,” for a Conference on “Public Policies and Development” at the Federal University of Viçosa (UFV) in Brazil on October 27-28, 2010. This meeting was the 22nd in a series of annual conferences on International Political Economy at UFV; one of the organizers of this meeting was UFV Professor Rosa Maria Oliveira Fontes, a faculty visitor at Bolivar House in 2009-2010.

Michael Predmore (Professor of Iberian and Latin American Cultures) has just completed, in collaboration with his colleague from the University of Chile, Professor Liliana Baltra, the preparation of a bilingual edition of Gabriela Mistral’s first major work of poetry and prose, entitled Desolación (1923). This translation and critical edition will be the first of its kind in the field. It is presently under consideration for publication by the Bucknell University Press.


Janet Crawford is excited to announce that 2011 has brought the launch of her new company, Cascadance, providing leadership and organizational culture consulting, coaching and training to Fortune 500 companies and high potential technology start ups. Through integrating research from neuroscience, anthropology, and systems theory, Cascadance helps align business with human biology to optimize organizational excellence. The insights she gained through the LAS Masters program have been an invaluable contribution to her understanding of human evolution, global systems, and the development of culture in whatever tribal form it occurs! www.cascadance.com

Stephanie Early (BA, International Relations, LAS Honors, 2005) spent the second half of 2010 working out of White & Case’s office in São Paulo, Brazil before returning in January 2011 to the Washington DC office, where she continues to work in Latin American investment arbitration.

After a short stint in the human rights/ family planning field, Alejandro Gomez (MA, 1980) has been dedicated over the years to managing his family businesses, a 300 cow dairy herd and his Angus beef operation on two separate farms on the outskirts of Bogotá, Colombia. To travel between both farms he imported a trailer-home from the States where he listens to gringo country music and drinks beer, in anticipation of a blissful redneck retirement. It doesn’t get any better than that...

Denis Benchimol Minev (MA, 2003) continues to be based in Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil, working as CFO of a local group of companies in retail and distribution. He is also board member of NGO Fundação Amazonas Sustentável and president of the Museum of the Amazon on topics of economic development and environmental conservation in the Brazilian Amazon.

Marina Mora (MA, 2001) is living in Mexico City and doing research through the Center for Research and Higher Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS) and in collaboration with the NGO, Fundar, Centro de Analisis e Investigación. Her current work is on state violence and human rights in indigenous regions of the country as part of the “war against organized crime”.

Ana Maria Stuven (MA, 1995) and Joaquin Fernandos (editores) have published “Historia de las Mujeres en Chile” editorial Taurus, Santiago de Chile, 2010. She continues as full professor at the Universidad Católica de Chile and since last year is director of Programa de Historia de las Ideas Políticas at Universidad Diego Portales in Santiago.

In the fall of 2010, Héctor Hoyos (Assistant Professor of Iberian and Latin American Cultures) was the Faculty in Residence at the Bing Overseas Studies Program Center in Santiago, Chile. His scholarly publications this year include “The Lives of García Márquez” Revista de Estudios Hispánicos 45:2 (2011): 473-485 and “La racionalidad herética de Fernando Vallejo y el derecho a la felicidad.” Revista de Estudios Sociales 35 (2010): 113-122.

Thomas O’Keeffe, (Lecturer in International Relations) was appointed Interim Chair of the Western Hemisphere Area Studies program at the U.S. State Department’s Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, Virginia from August 2011 through to December 31, 2011 pending the appointment of a Permanent Director. He is therefore in charge of administering the eight country or subregion specific seminar courses through the Center for Research and International Political Economy at UFV; one of the organizers of this meeting was UFV Professor Rosa Maria Oliveira Fontes, a faculty visitor at Bolivar House in 2009-2010.

The Center for Latin American Studies would like to thank Professor John Felstiner, Professor Emeritus of English, for the generous donation of his book collection for public enjoyment. The 79 books donated are now on display in Bolivar House and are meant to be shared beyond The Farm. Among the books donated, is Professor Felstiner’s award-winning book Translating Neruda: The Way to Macchu Picchu (Stanford University Press, 1980).

Thank you professor Felstiner for your generosity and for your contributions to the field of Latin American studies!
In July 2011, The Stanford Historical Society presented the Center for Latin American Studies with the history and one of the earlier photos of the Bolivar House.

The Stanford campus house known today as Bolivar House was originally built in 1898 for the family of George Mann Richardson. The architect was Curtis Tobey, Jr., who studied at Stanford during its first decade. Richardson, one of the fifteen original faculty members hired to staff the university in 1891, was a professor of mechanical engineering, was the next owner. He, his wife Lillian, and their sons John and Everett Jr. lived in the house from 1918 until 1939. They may initially have been tenants of Mrs. Richardson. Both sons were Stanford graduates during the 1930s, as was their father, Class of 1897.

Victor Chandler Twitty, professor of biology, and his wife Florence bought the house in 1939. The Twittys had four children and one adopted son, and were known as gracious hosts to their neighbors and his students. They lived here until they sold the house in 1958.

Brooks Otis, professor of classics, lived here from 1958 until 1965, with his wife Christine and their five children. After the Otis family moved out, the house was used as the Stanford Hypnosis Research Laboratory, under the Department of Psychology. It was referred to as Hawthorne House during this period.

In 1971, the Center for Latin American Studies, originally founded in 1965 by Ronald Hilton, professor of romantic languages, as the Institute of Hispanic American and Luso-Brazilian Studies, occupied it and renamed it Bolivar House, a function it retains today.

A more detailed description of this house and its occupants will be in Historic Houses VI, to be published by the Stanford Historical Society. This picture dates from the time the Richardson family lived here, and comes from Prof. Richardson’s collection in the University Archives.

The Latin American Studies curriculum at Stanford benefits from the wide-ranging expertise of affiliated faculty from a variety of disciplines.

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The Center for Latin American Studies would like to welcome Dr. Angela Garcia and James Cavallaro to Stanford University.

ANGELA GARCIA
Assistant Professor,
Department of Anthropology
PhD, Anthropology, Harvard University, 2007
Professor Garcia’s work engages historical and institutional processes through which violence and suffering is produced and lived. A central theme is the disproportionate burden of addiction, depression and incarceration among poor families and communities. Her research is oriented toward understanding how attachments, affect, and practices of intimacy are important registers of politics and economy. She is also interested in the literary integrity of anthropological writing.

Garcia’s book, The Pastoral Clinic: Addiction and Dispossession Along the Rio Grande. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2010 explores the relationship between intergenerational heroin use, poverty and colonial history in northern New Mexico. It argues that heroin addiction among Hispanics is a contemporary expression of an enduring history of dispossession, social and intimate fragmentation, and the existential desire for a release from these. Ongoing work in the U.S. explores processes of legal “re-entry” and intimate repair that incarcerated and paroled drug users undertake, particularly within kin networks. She is currently engaged in research in Mexico City that examines emerging scientific and juridical discourses related to narcotics addiction. This work focuses on the implications of these discourses to support Mexico’s governance strategies and their consequences for families and communities addicted to narcotics in the setting of urban poverty.

Selected Publications

JAMES CAVALLARO
Professor of Law and Director,
Stanford International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic
Professor James Cavallaro, the founding director of Stanford Law School’s International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, has dedicated his career to human rights—in both his scholarly research and his legal practice. His extensive expertise is derived from active involvement in the defense of rights, in the development of international human rights law and the human rights movement, in work involving human rights issues in Latin America and the developing world, and in international human rights litigation, with emphasis in the Inter-American and United Nations systems. Professor Cavallaro is a prolific scholar and sought-after voice on international human rights issues, and is frequently called upon to offer his expertise by the media and civil society.

Early in his career, Professor Cavallaro spent several years working with Central American refugees on the U.S.-Mexico border and with rights groups in Chile challenging abuses by the Pinochet government. In 1994, he opened a joint office for Human Rights Watch and the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) in Rio de Janeiro and served as director of the office, overseeing research, reporting and litigation against Brazil before the Inter-American system’s human rights bodies. In 1999, he founded the Global Justice Center, which is now a leading Brazilian human rights nongovernmental organization. He then joined the academy, holding positions at Harvard Law School, most recently as clinical professor of law and executive director of the Harvard Law School Human Rights Program. He joined Stanford Law School’s faculty in 2011.

Professor Cavallaro received his BA from Harvard University and his JD from University of California at Berkeley School of Law, where he served on the California Law Review and graduated with Order of the Coif honors. Following law school, he served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Dolores K. Sloviter of the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1993-1994).

Professor Cavallaro is the author of several books, reports and articles on human rights issues. Among his recent scholarly works are: Reevaluating Regional Human Rights Litigation in the Twenty-First Century: the Case of the Inter-American Court (2008); Looking Backward to Address the Future?: Transitional Justice, Rising Crime and Nation-Building (2008); and Never Again?: The Legacy of the Argentine and Chilean Dictatorships for the Global Human Rights Regime (2008).
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