

## **Program**

**2008 Annual Fall Meeting**  
**New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS)**  
**Saturday, October 4, 2008**  
**Brown University**  
**Providence, RI**

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**Registration: 8:30-9:30 (Watson Institute Lobby)**

**Book Display 8:30-4:30 (Board Room, Room 140)**

**Panel Session I: 9:30-11:00**

*Literature, Culture, and Films in Latin America (McKinney Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor)*

**Chair:** Gina Canepa

Latin American Literature, Culture & Films, Providence College

**Discussant:** Aida Heredia

Hispanic Caribbean Literatures and Culture & Contemporary Hispanic American Literature, Connecticut College

**Papers:**

“Recuperating working class values: the recent Chilean *hip hop* and *rap Wave*”

Lucía Díaz-Starr, Opera-Vocal-Voice Training/Theater Studies, Baltimore City Community College

“Displacements of labor subjects in Diamela Eltit's *Mano de obra*”

Ignacio López-Vicuña, Latin American Literature & Film / Cultural Studies, University of Vermont

“Urban Violence and Juvenil Disenchant in Justiniano's film *Caluga o menta*”

Gina Canepa, Latin American Literature, Culture & Film, Providence College

*Comparative Perspectives on the Middle Class: Past, Present, and Future (Room 116)*

**Organizer:** Andrea Maldonado

Anthropology, Brown University

**Chair & Discussant:** Dennis Gilbert

Sociology, Hamilton College

**Papers:**

“Plot Lines in the Pregnancy Narratives of Middle Class Brazilian Women”

Maureen O'Dougherty, Anthropology, University of Minnesota

“Revolution ‘from the Middle’: Protest, Democracy, and Middle-Class Formation in Venezuela and Ecuador”

Celso M. Villegas, Sociology, Brown University

“Confessions of Corruption: The Untrustworthiness of Everyday Life in Middle-Class Buenos Aires”

Sarah Muir, Sociocultural anthropology, University of Chicago

“Professional Heroines. Professional Heroes. The Tragic Formation of the Middle Class in Bogotá, Colombia, 1950-1965”

A.Ricardo López-Pedrerros, History, University of Maryland, College Park

*Globalization and Sustainable Development in Latin America (Joukowsky Forum)*

**Chair:** Kevin P. Gallagher

Political Economy, Boston University

**Papers:**

“Globalization and Agricultural Development in Latin America”

Timothy Wise, Economics, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University

“Re-thinking Foreign Investment for Development in Latin America”

Roberto Porzecanski, Political Science, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University

“Poverty in Latin America: Perspectives on Progress”

Ann Helwege, Global Development and Environment Institute, Tufts University and Melissa L. Birch, The Fletcher School

*New Directions in Colombian Historiography (Room 114)*

**Chair & Discussant:** Erin O’Connor

History, Bridgewater State College

**Papers:**

“Today’s Hostages and Yesterday’s Exiles: Family and Politics in Colombia: 1854 and 2008”

Joshua Rosenthal, History, Western Connecticut State University

“Experimental Theatre, *Comparsas*, and Political Protest, Colombia, 1965-2005”

Meri L. Clark, History, Western New England College

“Petroleum and the Transformation of the Llanos Frontier in Colombia, 1980 to the Present”

Jane M. Rausch, History, UMass Amherst

“Democratic Transitions as State Formation: The Establishment of the National Front in Colombia, 1957-58”

Robert Karl, History, Harvard University

*Identity, Nation, and Beyond: A Comparison of Ethnicity and Political Activism in 20th-Century Mexico and Guatemala (Room 112)*

**Chair:** Betsy Konefal

History, College of William and Mary

**Discussant:** Lowell Gudmundson

Latin American Studies and History, Mount Holyoke College

**Papers:**

“Coffee Workers, Transnational Communities and Identity in Southern Chiapas, 1931-1945”

Catherine Nolan-Ferrell, History, University of Texas at San Antonio

“Transnational Markets, the National State and Local Power Struggles: The Laqueros of Olinala, 1940-1970s”

Rick Lopez, History, Amherst College

“Across a Divide?: Identity and Activism in Highland Guatemala and Chiapas, 1960s and 1970s”

Betsy Konefal, History, College of William and Mary

*Crimes Against the Nation: Abortion and Infanticide in Modern Latin America* (**Room 138**)

**Chair & Discussant:** Aldo Guevara

History and Political Science, Worcester State College

**Papers:**

“Abortion Policies and Practices in Chile: Ambiguities and Dilemmas”

Bonnie Shepard, Public Health, Gender Studies, Social Sectors Development Strategies, Inc

“Unnatural Acts and Unintended Consequences: Infanticide and Abortion in Early Twentieth-Century Guatemala”

David Carey, Jr., History, University of Southern Maine

**Panel Session II: 11:15-12:45**

*Contemporary Politics in Latin America* (**Joukowsky Forum**)

**Chair:** Caroline Beer

Political Science, University of Vermont

**Papers:**

“From MAIZ to Police: Guerillas, Security, and Social Democracy in the 2007 Guatemalan Elections”

Rebecca Aubrey, Political Science, University of Connecticut

“Statutory Divergence and Market Convergence: Labor Reform in Chile, Argentina and Mexico”

Paul W. Posner, Political Science, Clark University

“Urban Change and Citizen Participation in Mexico City”

Esther Hernández-Medina, Sociology, Brown University

“The Security Dimension of Mexico’s Democratic Transition—the Threat and Response on the U.S.-Mexico Border and Beyond”

Patricia Olney, Political Science, Southern Connecticut State University

“Mexican Political Leadership: Has Democracy Made a Difference?”  
Rod Camp, Political Science, Claremont-McKenna College

*New Approaches to Reading Excilia Saldaña (Cuba) in Translation (Room 138)*

**Chair:** Flora M. González

Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College

**Papers:**

“Translating a Confessional Afro-Cuban Poet”

Flora González, Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College

“The Juxtaposition of Mysticism, Literary Reference and Children's Rhymes in Excilia Saldaña”

Anne Champion, Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College

“In the Vortex of the Cyclone: The Uncanny in Excilia Saldaña”

Elizabeth Ann Brenner, Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College

“The Patriarchy of Incest: The Reshaping of Gender Roles in Saldaña’s ‘Mi fiel’”

Katherine Setzer, Writing, Literature and Publishing, Emerson College

*Latin American Development in the Age of Globalization (McKinney Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

**Chair:** Eva Paus

Economics, Mount Holyoke College

**Discussant:** Nola Reinhardt

Economics, Smith College

**Papers:**

“The Impact of the Demographic Transition, Migration and Remittances on Latin America’s Development”

Maria Amparo Cruz-Saco, Economics, Connecticut College

“Neo-Developmentism vs. Neo-Liberalism: Industrial Policy and Export-Led Development in China and Mexico”

Kevin Gallagher, International Relations, Boston University

“Globalization and Fiscal Policy Space for Latin American Development”

Eva Paus, Economics, Mount Holyoke College

*Ecuador: Environmental Law and Justice (Room 114)*

**Chair:** David Poritz

Brown University

**Papers:**

“Civic Engagement in Environmental Justice Claims in Ecuador: A Look at NGO Mobilization for Improved Corporate Responsibility in Oil Extraction in the Amazon”

Isabelle Anguelovski, International Development/Environmental Policy, MIT

“Maria Aguinda v. Texaco Inc.: Social, Environmental and Geopolitical Implications”

Steven R. Donziger, Law offices of Adam D. Perlmutter P.C.  
“A Changing Indigenous World: Social and Environmental Consequences of Natural Resource Extraction on the Secoya People of Ecuador”  
Manuel Pallares Carrion, Esperanza International, Inc.

*The Atlantic World (Room 112)*

**Chair:** Robert Douglas Cope  
History, Brown University

**Papers:**

“Travelers on the Early Spanish Main: Three Improbable Cases of Movement between Iberia and the Americas”

Leo J. Garofalo, History, Connecticut College

“New Virtue, New Appearance: Havana, Boston, and the Making of a Global Atlantic World, 1789-1834”

Amanda Warnock, History, University of Texas at Austin

“Racial Accents: Transatlantic Dialogues and Political Dissent during Brazil’s Independence”

J. Celso Castro Alves, History and Black Studies, Amherst College

“The Intersection of Local, Regional, and Atlantic Economies in Eighteenth-Century Mexico City”

R. Douglas Cope, History, Brown University

*Understanding the Impact of Deportation on Families and Communities: Towards a Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Transnational Intervention Pre-and Post-Deportation (Room 116)*

**Chairs:** M. Brinton Lykes & Daniel Kanstroom  
Community Psychology; Law, Boston College: Center for Human Rights and International Justice

**Discussants:** M. Elena Letona & Anibal Lucas  
Community Organizers and Executive Directors, Centro Presente (CP) & Organización Maya K’che’ (OMK)

**Papers:**

“Deportation, Post-Deportation, and Human Rights: Developing Activist Scholarship through Community-University Collaborations”

M. Brinton Lykes & Daniel Kanstroom, Community Psychology; Law, Boston College: Center for Human Rights and International Justice)

“The Impact of Deportation on Central American Immigrant Children and Families: Preliminary Findings and Next Steps”

Kalina Brabeck, Qingwen Xu, M. Brinton Lykes, & Rachel Hershberg;  
Counseling Psychology, Social Work, Community Psychology, & Applied Developmental Psychology; Rhode Island College (Brabeck), Boston College (Xu, Lykes, & Hershberg)

“Legal Work within the Participatory Action Research Context”

Mary Holper & Monica Valdez, Law, Boston College School of Law/Center for Human Rights & International Justice  
“Reflections on University-Community PAR: An Immigrant Rights Organizer’s Perspective”  
M. Elena Letona & Anibal Lucas, Community Organizers and Executive Directors, Centro Presente (CP) & Organización Maya K’che’ (OMK))

**Luncheon and Prize Awards: 1:00-2:30 (Faculty Club, One Magee Street)**

**Panel III: 2:45-4:15**

*Excavating History, Excavating Identities in Mexico and Bolivia (Room 138)*

**Chair:** Ann Blum

History/Latin American Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston

**Discussant:** Jack Spence

Political Science, University of Massachusetts Boston

**Papers:**

“Acocotla: Historical Archaeology at a Central Mexican Hacienda”

Elizabeth Terese Newman, Archaeology/Anthropology, Yale University

“Gendered Rights: Women’s Constructions of Citizenship in Oaxaca, Mexico, 1924-1945”

Sandra Haley, History, University of Massachusetts Amherst

“Jacha Uru, Towards Liberation Day: Indigenous Movements and Strategies of Counter Hegemony in the Aymara Communities of La Paz, Bolivia, 1964-1979”

Diego Leonardo Covarrubias, History, University of Massachusetts Boston

*Change in the Andes (Room 114)*

**Chair:** Kendra Fehrer Ponniah

Anthropology, Brown University

**Papers:**

“Seeing the Venezuelan State: Social Programs and the Nature of Stateness in the Chavez Era”

Kendra Fehrer, Anthropology, Brown University

“‘Friction in the Aid Chain’: U.S. Foreign Aid and Indigenous Constructions of Democracy in Bolivia”

Susan Ellison, Anthropology, Brown University

“Defending Territory and Culture: Chilean and Indigenous Responses to Development Projects”

Diane Haughney, Department of Politics, Bates College

*Brazilian History (McKinney Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)*

**Chair:** James N. Green  
History, Brown University

**Papers:**

- “Dueling Developmentalisms in the Making of Brazil's Short American Century”  
James Woodard, History, Montclair State University
- “Global Networks: Crafters of Modernity in Twentieth-Century Brazil”  
Cristina Mehrrens, History, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- “Surveillance and Difference: The Making of Samba, Race, and Nation in Brazil (1880s-1970s)”  
Marc Hertzman, History, Wesleyan University
- “Remaking Brazil from the Inside Out: Brasília Reconsidered”  
Joel Wolfe, History, University of Massachusetts-Amherst

*Transitions and Transformations: Social, Cultural, and Ethnic Identities (Room 116)*

**Chair:** Dorothy Mosby  
Spanish, Mount Holyoke College

**Papers:**

- “‘New Nomads’”: Belonging, Cultural Citizenship, and Transnational Blackness in Afro-Central American Literature”  
Dorothy Mosby, Spanish, Mount Holyoke College
- “The Cosmopolitan Mind: Multiculturalism, Transnationalism and Grassroots Identity Politics in London's New Migrant Experience”  
Natalie Gabriela Araújo, Social Anthropology, The University of Manchester
- “From the Caribbean and into the Continent: Four Key Moments in the Development of Afro-Hispanic American Literature”  
Rosario M. de Swanson, Latin American Literature, Mount Holyoke College
- “Valorizing the Indian Past for the Mestizo Future: Tiwanaku, Tourism, and the Contradictions of Indian-ness in Postrevolutionary Bolivia, 1952-1971”  
R. Matthew Gildner, History, The University of Texas at Austin

*Post Post-War Guatemala: Contemporary Transformations in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Guatemala (Joukowsky Forum)*

**Chair:** Rebecca B. Meyers-Galemba  
Anthropology, Brown University

**Discussant:** Abigail Adams  
Anthropology, Central Connecticut State University

**Papers:**

- “La Lucha Sigue: Land and Identity Activism in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Guatemala”  
Jennifer Costanza, Sociology, Brown University
- “100% Chapin: Debating National and Ethnic Identity on the Mexico-Guatemala Border”  
Rebecca B. Meyers-Galemba, Anthropology, Brown University
- “The Impacts of Neoliberal Multiculturalism on Mayas and Ladinos in Antigua, Guatemala”  
Walter Little, Anthropology, University at Albany, SUNY

“How Emigration to the U.S. Can Make Guatemalans Poorer: The Remittance, Micro-Credit, and Real Estate Bubble in Nebaj”

David Stoll, Anthropology, Middlebury College

*Negotiating the Cross-Cultural Imagination in the Americas* (**Room 112**)

**Chair & Discussant:** Marco Cupolo

Modern Languages and Cultures, University of Hartford

**Papers:**

“Carmen Boullosa’s Exemplary Novel”

Nancy Hall, Spanish Department, Wellesley College

“La telenovela, el travesti y la traición: Simon Bolívar desde otros ángulos”

Alicia Ríos, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics, Syracuse University

“Latin American Films in the Age of Globalization: North-South Configurations and Negotiations”

María Helena Rueda, Latin American Literature and Culture, Smith College)

**Sherry Hour: 4:30-5:30 (Watson Institute Lobby)**