

CLAG 2015 Fortaleza, Brazil

With tentative dates of May 26-31, 2015, CLAG will meet in Fortaleza, Brazil, hosted by the Department of Geography at the Universidade Federal do Ceará (UFC). Locally, organization of the meeting is being led by Christian Dennys Moteiro de Oliveira, Antonio Jeovah Andrade Meireles, Maria Elisa Zanella, and Eustó Wanderley Correia Dantas.

Fortaleza is the state capital of Ceará, a major metro area of over 3.8 million people on the coast of Northeast Brazil, and the fifth largest city in the county. It has been described as the



gateway to the sertão.

Fortaleza is famous for its 25 kilometers of beaches and the warm equatorial waters that attract many tourists. It is also a sister city to Racine, Wisconsin.

The Universidade Federal do Ceará was founded in 1954, and has an academic staff of just over 2,000 individuals. The student

body is approximately 34,600 students, of which about 22% are graduate students.

The city's Arena Castelão is also hosting matches for the 2014 World Cup.

Please watch the CLAG website and the CLAGnet listserv for upcoming information on our meeting in this unique city in Brazil.

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Visas Needed Prior to Travel to Brazil

Citizens of the United States of America and Canada are required to obtain a visa from a Brazilian consulate prior to travel to Brazil. Registration for CLAG Fortaleza 2015 will

take place much earlier than usual before the meeting so that individuals attending the meeting will have enough time to obtain a tourist visa. A quick Internet search will

show the appropriate Brazilian consulate where you may submit your visa application. Please plan ahead and carefully follow the instructions so that you will be able to obtain

your visa and attend CLAG Fortaleza 2015.

Citizens of other countries should check with local Brazilian consulates for visa requirements prior to travel.

Letter for the Chair of CLAG

Dear CLAG members,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at the CLAG/LASG social in Tampa, only a few months after our successful Panamá meeting!

Plans are proceeding for the Fortaleza meeting in 26-30 May 2015, to be hosted by Dr. Christian Dennys Monteiro de Oliveira, a professor in geography at the Universidade Federal do Ceará. He is working with Jörn Seemann on the logistical details. Looking further ahead, Taylor Mack and Andrew Sluyter have started to make plans for a January 2017 CLAG meeting to be held in New Orleans.

As I mentioned by email, CLAG recently regained its federal tax-exempt status, which had been revoked because of failure to file required 990 forms with the IRS. The IRS was quick to revoke, but also offered a road to redemption. This process completes the financial reforms I aimed to carry out starting in 2012, when I formed a finance committee that presented a draft budget and by-law changes to the Board.

I'm nearing the end of my two-year term, and soon Karl Offen will take over as CLAG chair, assisted by Kendra McSweeney who will serve as vice-chair. They will be assisted by new or re-elected Board members: Sarah Blue (Texas State University); Jörn Seemann (Universidade Regional do Cariri, Brazil); Rebecca Clouser (Washington University in St. Louis); Christian Abizaid (University of Toronto); J. Christopher Brown (University of Kansas); Richard Hunter (SUNY Cortland); Jeffrey Smith (Kansas State University). In addition, we now have a Student Board member, Alexandra Pedersen (Ph.D. Candidate, Queen's University, Canada).

Don't forget to read the latest issue of JLAG, especially John Finn's article on Brazilian music and Erica Henderson's paper exhumations in Guatemala. Both are fantastic examples of the high quality of scholarship that JLAG has maintained under David Robinson's editorship. If you did NOT get a copy of JLAG, you are likely a "lapsed" member—and we want you back! Karl Offen has emailed many such members in an effort to increase our membership. It seems that many potential CLAG members do not realize that LASG and CLAG are two separate entities, and that membership in LASG does not automatically confer membership in CLAG.

I wish all of you a productive summer, whether it involves travel, teaching, research, or relaxation (or any combination of these activities!). I'll be co-leading a study abroad group to Costa Rica, where a colleague and I will be implementing a survey on rip current perceptions in Jaco and Puerto Viejo, where students will also be doing tasks such as mapping social areas of tourism and analyzing *pulperías* and *sodas* vernacular landscapes. One of my favorite parts of the program is leading a cultural landscape tour of Limón—we visit the Black Star Line building, a baseball field, an Episcopal church, and a monument to Jamaican workers, and then eat pan bon and rice and beans.

Best wishes, Christian Brannstrom
Texas A&M University

Letter for the Chair of the Latin America Specialty Group

The AAG meeting in Tampa combined warm weather with excellent opportunities to appreciate the quality of LASG research and enjoy the camaraderie of our LASG colleagues. While not all of our 420 members attended, Latin America focused research included 18 paper sessions and 5 panels out of the 955 sponsored sessions in the meeting. In addition, informal discussions with colleagues generated new ideas and connections. The lively LASG/CLAG social at the Sail Pavilion provided an ideal occasion to further these discussions. Thanks to all who attended, and our CLAG colleagues for their collaboration. This spring we ushered in a new slate of officers, created a new website, celebrated a new generation of researchers, and identified a few topics of interest.

Our new LASG officers are

Chair **Claudia Radel**, Utah State University

Vice Chair **Johnny Finn**, Christopher Newport University

Secretary Treasurer **Ben Tillman**, Texas Christian University

Their names will soon be prominently displayed on our AAG website <http://community.aag.org/lasg/home/> where we also have minutes, newsletters, and other resources for our membership.

In 2014 we recognized the efforts of a new generation of student researchers with the LASG Field Study Awards. Congratulations to the winners:

Paper competition

Ph.D. level, **Adrienne Johnson** (Clark University)

Master's level, **Dayna Cueva Alegria** (Indiana University Bloomington)

Field Study Award Competition

Ph.D. level, **Cadi Fung** (Michigan State University)

Master's level, **Max Counter** (University of Colorado-Boulder)

Of course, such recognition comes only through the service of regular members. Many thanks to the LASG Student Paper Award Committee (**David Cochran**, University of Southern Mississippi and Committee Chair; **Austin Avwundiogba**, California State University Stanislaus; **Elvin Delgado**, Central Washington University). Your commitment is greatly appreciated. Also thanks to the LASG Field Study Travel Award Committee (Chair **Margaret O. Wilder**, University of Arizona and Committee Chair; **Laura Schneider**, Rutgers University; **Johnny Finn**, Christopher Newport University; **Jorge Ruíz**, Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, and **Peter Richards**, Brown University. **Please encourage your students, and those of your colleagues, to take advantage of these opportunities to not only win prize money, but also gain the expert feedback on their research.**

Other news from the Annual Meeting relates to unfinished discussions from the 2014 business meeting. While incoming Chair **Claudia Radel** will pursue these during her term, I would like to introduce them here. First and foremost is the idea of adding a student representative to the LASG elected leadership. Currently, the bylaws have no mention of a student representative. A second discussion was begun around the idea of allowing multi-authored submissions to the student paper award. In both cases, I refer you to the minutes posted on the website for more details.

In the meantime, my term is over, and I wish you a most productive and pleasant summer!

Saludos y Saudações,

David S. Salisbury

University of Richmond

LASG Chair 2012-2014

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LASG Student Paper Awards

PH.D. LEVEL AWARD

Adrienne Johnson, Clark University

Green Governance or Green Grab The Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and its Governing Processes in Ecuador

MASTER'S LEVEL AWARD

Dayna Cueva Alegria, Indiana University-Bloomington,

Is Gender Conscious Fair Trade enough for Women's Development: An Analysis of Café Femenino

LASG Field Study Awards

PH.D. LEVEL AWARD

Cadi Fung, Michigan State University,

Territorialization of protected areas and human-wildlife conflict in the Brazilian Amazon: the case of the Amazon River dolphin

MASTER'S LEVEL AWARD

Max Counter, University of Colorado-Boulder,

Disabled Citizen Landmine Victims in Colombia



Urban Area, Fortaleza, Brazil

CLAG Field Study Awards, 2014

PH.D. LEVEL AWARDS

Bernard Nietchmann Award: **Valiente Soto**, University of Arizona (advisor: Jeffrey Banister), Witnessing and dealing with the effects of drug-related violence in northwest Mexico.

James J. Parsons Award: **Sarah Kelly-Richards**, University of Arizona (advisor: Carl Bauer), Conflicts unresolved: An institutional ethnography of Chilean water governance.

Robert B. West Award: **Hector Agredano**, CUNY Graduate Center (advisor: James Biles), Rails to revolution: Railroads, railroad workers and geographies of the Mexican Revolution of 1910.

MASTER'S LEVEL AWARDS

William M. Denevan Award: **Nicholas Kotlinksi**, University of Kansas (advisor: Chris Brown), Oil palm development in the Peruvian Amazon: Reading conflicting views.

Oscar Horst Award: **Noah Silber-Coats**, University of Arizona (advisor: Diana Liverman), Territories of adaptation: Contested spaces of climate change in Mexico's Sierra Madre Oriental.

Clarissa Kimber Award: **Emma J. Lawlor**, University of Arizona (advisor: Margaret Wilder), A debated sickness: Framings of disease, agro-labor, and sugarcane in Central America.



Sertão do Ceará, Brasil

Honors and Awards

Lisa Green, now a PhD student at Utah State University, working with Claudia Radel, has been awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

Richard Johnson, master's student and soon-to-be PhD student at the University of Arizona, working with Elizabeth Oglesby, also has been awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

Both Lisa and Richard received master's-level CLAG field study awards in support of fieldwork in summer 2013, and this award helped position them well for receipt of these NSF Fellowships.

William I. Woods, University of Kansas

2013-Presented with the Rip Rapp Award for lifetime contributions to geoarchaeology by the Geological Society of America.

2013-Awarded Honorary Doctorate in the Historical-Philosophical Faculty at Uppsala University, Sweden.

CLAG Members **Eugenio Arima** (University of Texas at Austin) and co-authors **Robert Walker** (Michigan State University) and **Dante Vergara** (MSU) were the third place recipients for the 2014 ESRI Award for Best Scientific Paper in Geographic Information Systems for "Assessing the Performance of Linear Feature Models: An Approach to Computational Inference," *PE&RS*, 79 (9), 847-855.

Sharon M. Meagher, recently the Chair of the Department of Latin American Studies and Women's Studies (LA/W/S) and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA, USA has been appointed **Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences and Professor of Humanities at Widener University**, Chester, PA, USA, effective July 1, 2014.

Karl Offen (University of Oklahoma), is a recipient of a Harley-Delmas Fellowship funded by the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation, for research on the history of cartography during the European Renaissance to the Enlightenment c.1400-c.1800. Karl's project is titled "From Local Knowledge to British maps: Tracing the links in Caribbean Central America," and he will spend three weeks conducting research in map collections in the United Kingdom. <http://www.maphistory.info/harleyawards.html>



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Members Activities

Alexandra Pedersen (Ph.D. Candidate, Queen's University). Forthcoming research will take Alexandra back to Guatemala this summer to join the UNBC/Rights Action Field School Delegation (headed by Dr. Catherine Nolin of UNBC and Rights Action Co-ordinator Grahame Russell) in May, as well as to Frankfurt, Germany, in July where Alexandra will participate in the Summer Institute of Economic Geography (SIEG). Throughout 2014, Alexandra will continue to write her dissertation with the hopes of completing her doctorate in 2015. Alexandra recently published two articles focusing on landscapes of resistance emphasizing the lived experiences of communities peacefully resisting Canadian mining company operations in Guatemala (see "Recent Publications").

University of Northern British Columbia Geography & Rights Action 7th Field School to Guatemala, May 2014

Catherine Nolin (UNBC) & **Grahame Russell** (Rights Action) are partnering for their seventh field school to Guatemala in May 2014 including 12 undergraduate, Masters and PhD students from UNBC and beyond. If you plan to be in Guatemala sometime between May 12th and May 30th and would like to meet up with us and our students to share your own research, please contact Catherine at nolin@unbc.ca and we will work to make a meeting happen!

James P. Chaney, reports that The Global Studies Program at Middle Tennessee State University will be adding a concentration in Cultural Geography this summer and will be renamed "The Global Studies and Cultural Geography Program." A key focus of the new program will be Latin America in the 21st century and its ever-growing socioeconomic connectivity to other global regions with a particular interest on linkages with the southeastern United States. Students will have the option of pursuing a B.S. in either Global Studies or Cultural Geography. In either case, study abroad and/or a field component in the local community is required. The program plans to add several new study abroad projects to its existing list of destinations in Latin America over the next three years. A primary focus of the field component in the local community will be on Latino immigrant groups in Tennessee.

Monica Barnes is researching and writing a book-length biography of anthropologist John Victor Murra and preparing a series of articles on previously unpublished aspects of his "A Study of Provincial Inca Life" project (1963-1966) centered on the Peruvian Inca site of Huánuco Pampa. In connection with this project she is drawing upon unpublished photographs and documents at the American Museum of Natural History, where she is an associate, and at the Smithsonian Institution's National Anthropological Archives, at New York University, and at Vassar College.

Eric Carter (Geography Department, Macalester College) has been awarded the 2013 Elinor Melville Prize for his book, "Enemy in the Blood: Malaria, Environment, and Development in Argentina," published by the University of Alabama Press in 2012. This prize honors the best book on Latin American environmental history in the previous year, and it is awarded by the Conference on Latin American History. The book traces the evolution of malaria science and policy in the impoverished region of Northwest Argentina from the disease's emergence as a social problem in the 1890s to its effective eradication by 1950. Carter is the first geographer to win this prize, which was established in 2007.

Members Activities

Steven Rainey was awarded a Fulbright Core US Scholars grant for 2013-2014 to teach a graduate course at the Federal University of Rondônia (UNIR) in Porto Velho, Rondônia, Brazil and to conduct research on hydropower impacts on ribeirinho communities and to initiate research on Amazonian Dark Earths. Steven is currently in Porto Velho conducting fieldwork and preparing course materials, and recruiting UNIR faculty and students to attend the 2015 meeting in Fortaleza.

Steven is also developing a Guatemala field course, and is looking for potential partners to develop a consortium of university programs. He has set up a home stay in the highland Mayan community of Comalapa, where he conducted research from 1993 to 2008, and has made other arrangements to several locations pertaining to Guatemala's colonial past, Lake Atitlán, grassroots development and local Mayan culture. If you are interested in taking part in such a collaborative project, please contact Steven at srainey@mcneese.edu for more information.

Christian Brannstrom will co-lead a study abroad program to Costa Rica with **Chris Houser** in July 2014; the program will focus on cultural landscapes, perceptions of rip currents, and morphodynamics of rip currents.

Creating Collaborative Teaching Materials for Geography in Brazil

Yan Navarro is a professor one of the most traditional Brazilian colleges - Pedro II College. His research focuses on the use of storytelling in teaching geography. He works collaboratively with his students to produce learning materials using a wide variety of teaching tools. The project he has developed is called NEPAG "Center for Studies and Research in Geography Audiovisual - Pedro II College".

This new teaching model is based on information and communication technologies that involve new forms of sociability, especially useful in collaborative environments. The goal is to produce learning materials collaboratively using technology creatively in the teaching of geography. The students themselves produce the educational materials that are also used for other schools.

Since 2013, they are working on the use of storytelling perspective. This narrative added many possibilities to our work in NEPAG. They produce videos, online games, short stories, podcast, scientific articles, photos and drawings, all in a construct road map of storytelling perspective. In the NEPAG website you can learn more about their work (<http://www.nepag.com.br>).

Yan is studying at UERJ - Rio de Janeiro State University, under **Dr. Hindenburgo Francisco Pires**. You may read more about this project at: <http://redeglobo.globo.com/globoeducacao/sou-professor/noticia/2014/02/professor-cria-projeto-de-transmidia.html>

In 2015 **Christopher Gaffney** will join the Space & Organization group at the University of Zurich's Department of Geography, which compares the planning and impacts of mega-events in Russia and Brazil (<http://www.geo.uzh.ch/en/units/space-organization/research>). This four-year project uses a combination of qualitative and quantitative methods to understand how the Olympic Games and the Football World Cup are governed across space. Gaffney is finishing a four year position as a visiting professor in the Graduate School of Architecture and Urbanism at the Universidade Federal Fluminense in Niterói, Rio de Janeiro.

Members Activities

Curt Holder departed on 13 January 2014 to serve eight months as a Peace Corps Response Volunteer for the National Executive Direction of Plan Trifinio in the Office of Vice President of El Salvador. Peace Corps Response is a program out of Peace Corps in which Returned Peace Corps Volunteers are assigned targeted and specialized projects for a short duration. Specifically, Curt is living in a small village near Metapán, Santa Ana, El Salvador which is located very close to the borders of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras. This region includes the last remaining intact primary forest in El Salvador. Additionally, the region has two lakes (Laguna de Metapán and Laguna de Guija) that are degrading rapidly in water quantity and quality. Part of his responsibilities is to work with communities, governmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and universities in the region to promote the conservation/restoration of Laguna de Metapán.

Steve Padgett-Vasquez, graduate student at the University of Georgia, was the 2014 recipient of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Ta Liang Memorial Award, which includes \$2,000 for summer research in Costa Rica. His research involves identifying freely available softwares that local stakeholder can use to evaluate and direct Payment for Ecosystem Services Contracts within the Bellbird Biological Corridor of Costa Rica. He is also using participatory mapping to help create and update the web presence of tourist services within the corridor.

During the summer of 2010, **Eugenio Arima**, **Ritaumaria Pereira**, and **Robert Walker** drove from Santarem to Labrea, the terminus of Brazil's Transamazon Highway. Their nine day journey took them through a remote part of the Amazon Basin, all the way to the Purus River. Robert Walker depicts this journey in a piece of creative non-fiction entitled, *The Amazonian Water World*, published by the online journal, *Ragazine.CC* (accessible at <http://ragazine.cc/2014/03/robert-walkerthe-amazonian-water-world/>).

Chris Hartmann, The Ohio State University, recently published "Garbage, health, and wellbeing in Managua," *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 2013, 46(4): 62-65, and "Una Chureca no totalmente nueva," *La Prensa* (Managua), 2 Nov 2013: 11a, and online <http://www.laprensa.com.ni/2013/11/02/voces/168406-churecano-totalmente-nueva>. These article are from Chris' dissertation work that was partially funded by **CLAG's James J. Parson Field Study Award** for graduate students. With support from CLAG, Chris Hartmann, PhD student in geography at Ohio State, was able to conduct preliminary dissertation fieldwork in Managua, Nicaragua, in summer 2013. Some of the early findings from his fieldwork were published in the Nicaraguan newspaper *La Prensa* and in *NACLA Report on the Americas*. It is hoped these articles draw attention to the continued marginalization of waste pickers despite 'green' development as well as the important role new national environmental health strategies play in shaping contemporary Nicaragua.



Catedral de Fortaleza, Brasil



Recent Graduates

Fiona Wilmot, PhD 2014, "Making mangroves: Ecologies of mangrove conservation in El Salvador, 2011-2013" Texas A&M University (**Christian Brannstrom**, supervisor)

Tamblyn, Ysler, Giulliana (2014, January) Is resource extraction a curse or bonanza for local communities? A case study: Quiruvilca, Peru. MA in International Studies (International Development stream), University of Northern British Columbia. Supervisor: **Catherine Nolin**

Rivera, Erandi "Etnobotánica del solar teenek en la Huasteca potosina. Estudio de caso Tancuime, Aquis-món, S.L.P." (**Bachelor in Environmental Sciences, ENES - UNAM**). Advisor: Pedro Urquijo

Paniagua Ruiz Ignacio "Sistema de información geográfica en portal web, como apoyo en el manejo local de recursos naturales de la reserva de la biosfera Mariposa Monarca." (**MA Geography, CIGA-UNAM**) Advisor: **Isabel Ramírez**.

Salas, Lidia. "Distribución espacial de los factores directos del cambio en las coberturas del suelo en el oriente de Michoacán: un análisis multiescalar". (**MA Geography, CIGA-UNAM**). Advisor: **Isabel Ramírez**.

Falcón, Oswaldo. Análisis comparativo de los patrones de cambio en la cobertura del suelo de dos regiones mexicanas como respuesta a las políticas ambientales. (**MA Geography, CIGA-UNAM**). Advisor: **Jean F. Mas**.

Reyes, Miriam. "La reconfiguración de los paisajes por la migración: revaloración de sus significados y re-apropiación simbólica entre quienes se fueron y quienes se quedaron" (**PhD Geography, CIGA-UNAM**). Co-advisor: **Mike McCall**

Ximena Warnaars (PhD University of Manchester): Territorial Transformation in El Panguí, Ecuador, December 2013 (co advised by **Anthony J. Bebbington** and Prof **Penny Harvey**)

Hugo Romero (PhD University of Manchester): A Political Ecology of the HidroAysen Hydropower Project in Chilean Patagonia, December 2013 (co-advised by Prof **Gavin Bridge** and **Anthony J. Bebbington**)



Castelão Stadium, Fortaleza, Brazil

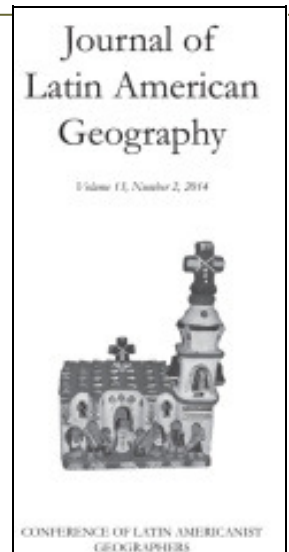
Renovations for the 2014 World Cup were finished ahead of schedule and under budget.

Besides futebol, the stadium has also hosted Pope John Paul II, Paul McCartney, Elton John, and Menudo.

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Please download all of the articles and book reviews from Project Muse.



ARTICLES

"Distribución Espacial de la Biodiversidad en el Estado de San Luis Potosí, México,"

Xochizeltzin Castañeda Camacho, Oscar Reyes Pérez, Javier Fortanelli Martínez, Miguel Aguilar Robledo

"Desnutrición y Muerte en la Niñez argentina en los Albores del Siglo XXI: Un Análisis Espacial"

Fernando Longhi

"Soundtrack of a Nation: Race, Place, and Music in Modern Brazil"

John C. Finn

"Dignifying a Bare Life and Making Place through Exhumation: Cobán CREOMPAZ Former Military Garrison, Guatemala"

Erica Henderson, Catherine Nolin, Fredy Peccerelli

"Fostering Ethno-Territorial Autonomy: A Colombian Case Study of Community-based Conservation of Mangroves"

Carolina García, Héctor Tavera-Escobar, Carlos Vieira, Carolina Rincón, Elmer Rentería

"Making the Municipio: Political Geographies in Colonial Guatemala"

Kathryn E. Sampeck

"The puquina Language in the Early Colonial Southern Andes (1548-1610): A Geographical Analysis"

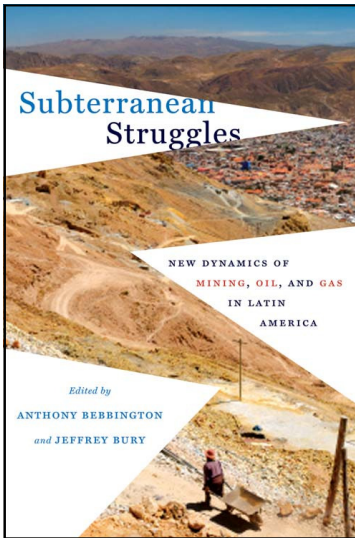
Nicanor Domínguez Faura

"Estimating Amazonian Indian Numbers in 1492"

William M. Denevan

Plus Book Reivews

Recent Publications



Subterranean Struggles

New Dynamics of Mining, Oil, and Gas in Latin America

Edited by Anthony Bebbington and Jeffrey Bury

Hardcover: ISBN: 978-0-292-74862-0 Regularly \$60.00, on sale \$40.20

<http://utpress.utexas.edu/index.php/books/beesub>

Peter T. Flawn Series in Natural Resource Management and Conservation

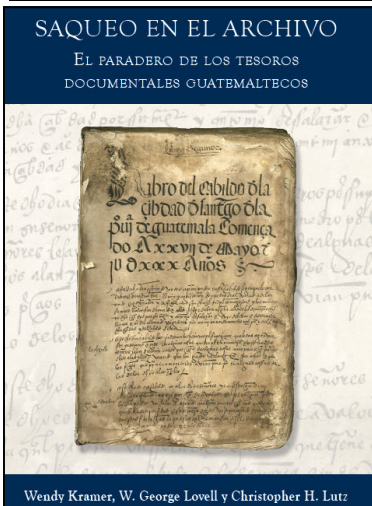
Blending perspectives from geography and political ecology, this pioneering essay collection probes the recent resurgence of global investment in mineral and hydrocarbon extraction in Latin America, examining the environmental and social consequences through a transdisciplinary lens.

Over the past two decades, the extraction of nonrenewable resources in Latin America has given rise to many forms of struggle, particularly among disadvantaged populations. The first analytical collection to combine geographical and political ecological approaches to the post-1990s changes in Latin America's extractive economy, *Subterranean Struggles* closely examines the factors driving this expansion and the sociopolitical, environmental, and political economic consequences it has wrought.

In this analysis, more than a dozen experts explore the many facets of struggles surrounding extraction, from protests in the vicinity of extractive operations to the everyday efforts of excluded residents who try to adapt their livelihoods while industries profoundly impact their lived spaces. The book explores the implications of extractive industry for ideas of nature, region, and nation; "resource nationalism" and environmental governance; conservation, territory, and indigenous livelihoods in the Amazon and Andes; everyday life and livelihood in areas affected by small- and large-scale mining alike; and overall patterns of social mobilization across the region.

Arguing that such struggles are an integral part of the new extractive economy in Latin America, the authors document the increasingly conflictive character of these interactions, raising important challenges for theory, for policy, and for social research methodologies. Featuring works by social and natural science authors, this collection offers a broad synthesis of the dynamics of extractive industry whose relevance stretches to regions beyond Latin America.

Recent Publications



Saqueo en el Archivo

El Paradero de los Tesoros Documentales Guatemaltecos

Wendy Kramer, W. George Lovell, y Christopher H. Lutz

ISBN 978-0-910443-26-5 \$20.00 w/ free shipping in the USA

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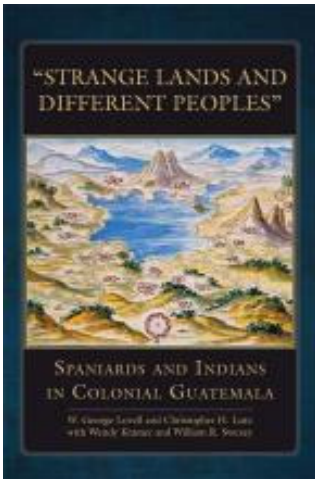
Why is it that so much of Latin America's emblematic heritage is no longer to be found within the territories of the region itself? Like many documents once available for consultation, the *Libros Segundo y Tercero del Cabildo de Santiago* have long been thought to be missing, thereby removing for study key sources concerning the early colonial period in Guatemala. It turns out that these two tomes, the contents of which span the years 1530-1553 and deal with urgent matters of conquest and survival, are not missing, and have been part of the holdings of the Hispanic Society of America in New York for the past century. Our investigation into the whereabouts of these and other documentary treasures reveals that they left Guatemala during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. This was the period when national patrimony was most threatened by a complex mix of internal and external forces.

¿Por qué es que gran cantidad del legado emblemático de Latinoamérica ya no se encuentra dentro de los territorios de la región misma? Al igual que otros documentos que alguna vez estuvieron disponibles para su consulta, los *Libros Segundo y Tercero del Cabildo de Santiago* habían sido considerados como perdidos, con lo que quedaba un vacío en el estudio de fuentes documentales relacionadas con la época colonial temprana en Guatemala. Resulta que estos dos tomos, cuyos contenidos abarcan de 1530 a 1553 y tratan sobre asuntos claves de conquista y supervivencia, no están perdidos y han formado parte de la colección de la Hispanic Society of America en New York durante el último siglo. Nuestra investigación sobre el paradero de éstos y otros tesoros documentales revela que salieron de Guatemala a finales del siglo XIX y principios del XX. Éste fue el período en el que el patrimonio nacional se vio más amenazado por una compleja mezcla de fuerzas internas y externas.

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Recent Publications



“Strange Lands and Different Peoples” Spaniards and Indians in Colonial Guatemala

By: W. George Lovell, Christopher H. Lutz
With: Wendy Kramer, William R. Swezey

HARDCOVER ISBN: 9780806143903 - \$45.00
288 pages, 6.125" x 9.25"

Volume 271 in Civilization of the American Indian Series
University of Oklahoma Press

<http://www.oupres.com/ECommerce/Book/Detail/1771/strange%20lands%20and%20different%20peoples>

Guatemala emerged from the clash between Spanish invaders and Maya cultures that began five centuries ago. The conquest of these “rich and strange lands,” as Hernán Cortés called them, and their “many different peoples” was brutal and prolonged. *“Strange Lands and Different Peoples”* examines the myriad ramifications of Spanish intrusion, especially Maya resistance to it and the changes that took place in native life because of it.

The studies assembled here, focusing on the first century of colonial rule (1524–1624), discuss issues of conquest and resistance, settlement and colonization, labor and tribute, and Maya survival in the wake of Spanish invasion. The authors reappraise the complex relationship between Spaniards and Indians, which was marked from the outset by mutual feelings of resentment and mistrust. While acknowledging the pivotal role of native agency, the authors also document the excesses of Spanish exploitation and the devastating impact of epidemic disease. Drawing on research findings in Spanish and Guatemalan archives, they offer fresh insight into the Kaqchikel Maya uprising of 1524, showing that despite strategic resistance, colonization imposed a burden on the indigenous population more onerous than previously thought.

Guatemala remains a deeply divided and unjust society, a country whose current condition can be understood only in light of the colonial experiences that forged it. Affording readers a critical perspective on how Guatemala came to be, *“Strange Lands and Different Peoples”* shows the events of the past to have enduring contemporary relevance.

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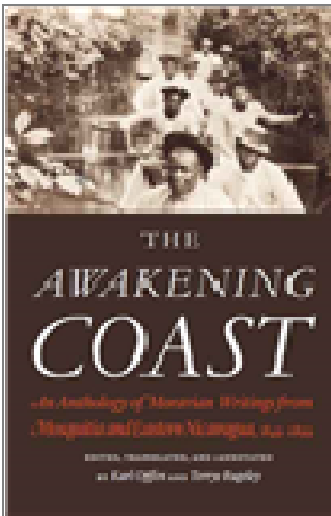
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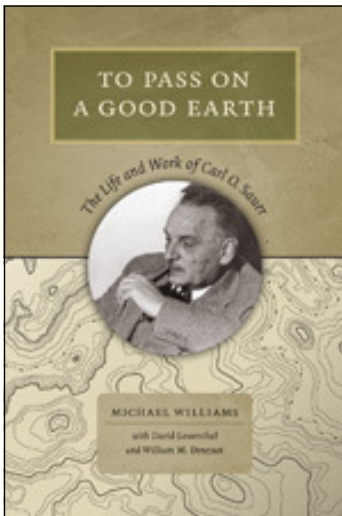
The indigenous and Creole inhabitants (Mosquitians of African descent) of the Mosquito Reserve in present-day Nicaragua underwent a key transformation when two Moravian missionaries arrived in 1849. Within a few short generations, the new faith became so firmly established there that eastern Nicaragua to this day remains one of the world's strongest Moravian enclaves.

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To Pass On a Good Earth is the candid and compelling new biography of one of the twentieth century's most distinctive and influential scholars. The legendary "Great God beyond the Sierras," Carl Ortwin Sauer is America's most famed geographer, an inspiration to both academics and poets, yet no book-length biography of him has existed until now.

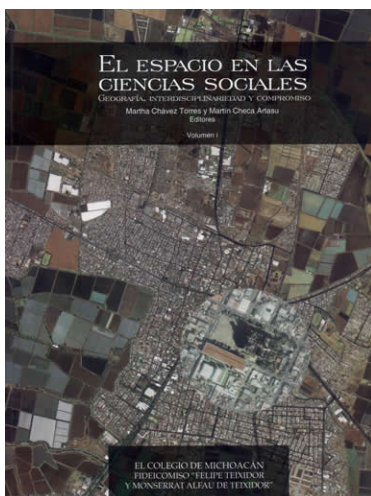
This Missouri-born son of German immigrants contributed to many fields, with a versatility rare in his time and virtually unknown today. Sauer explored plant and animal domestication, the entry of Native Americans into the continent, their transformation of the land into prairies and cultivated fields, and subsequent European enterprise that fueled prosperity but also triggered environmental degradation and the loss of cultural diversity. Providing profound and invaluable insights into the human occupancy, cultivation--and often ruination--of the earth, Sauer revolutionized our understanding of the impact of European conquest of the New World.

Author and fellow geographer Michael Williams had access to Sauer's voluminous correspondence in the Bancroft Library at Berkeley and in family collections. Enlivened by these intimate letters to family and colleagues, To Pass On a Good Earth reveals the rare qualities of mind and heart that made Sauer one of America's most treasured--as well as troubled--intellectual pioneers. He brought both historical rigor and humanistic understanding to the burgeoning environmental movement and ceaselessly championed an ecumenical approach in an age of increasing specialization.

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En el proceso de construcción de la teoría del sistema mundo, Immanuel Wallerstein se ha propuesto entre sus líneas de investigación, construir una nueva epistemología para la ciencia social en la que los procesos sociales sean estudiados en forma integrada. Considera que estudiar la historia, economía, la política y la sociedad por compartimentos separados, constituye una tradición que abarca desde finales del siglo XVIII hasta la década de los setenta del siglo XX, que da como resultado una ciencia social específica. Estima que la realidad social requiere una forma diferente, más comprensiva, que muestre las complejas interrelaciones de los procesos sociales, donde el espacio no sea el telón de fondo en que se desenvuelve la realidad social. Propone que la ciencia social ha descuidado el espacio y que ésta deberá profundizar en su entendimiento. En este sentido, la obra *El espacio en las ciencias sociales. Geografía, interdisciplinarietà y compromiso* contribuye a allanar el camino para conectarse con las preocupaciones intelectuales de los científicos sociales. La difusión de la obra en las universidades y los centros de investigación en que se forman geógrafos, mostrará por un lado la importancia de conocer su objeto de estudio y los debates que genera, a la vez que se reconocerá el carácter multidimensional y las diferentes interpretaciones que se suscitan sobre esta categoría fundamental de la geografía.

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Letter from the Editor

I have served as the CLAG/LASG Newsletter Editor for quite a few years, and it has been a wonderful experience to help serve these two fine organizations. One of the perks of being Newsletter Editor is getting to know many of the members over the years as they have sent in their contributions, without which the Newsletter would not exist.

I believe that even in this day of listservs, blogs, social media, etc, the Newsletter still serves a vital function to both organizations as a tangible way of disseminating information about upcoming events, awards given out by both organizations, and to keep in touch with the publications, honors, and activities of the members of CLAG and LASG.

It is time, however, to turn the Newsletter over to another one of our members. I hope that I have been able to improve the Newsletter in some way, but I also don't want it to get stale. A new editor of our Newsletter will be able to continue the traditions of our joint publication, but also improve upon my modest efforts. This edition of our Newsletter will now be my last as Editor.

It has been a tremendous pleasure and honor to meet and serve so many members of CLAG and LASG as the Newsletter Editor. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

Taylor E. Mack, CLAG/LASG Newsletter Editor