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Welcome to this special edition of the LASG & CLAG Newsletter, largely dedicated to the upcoming AAG Conference in Chicago, March 7-11, 2006. Although there are a few regular features in this newsletter, the bulk of this issue will highlight some special sessions at the meeting, feature some announcements concerning the conference, and will include a list of sessions featuring the geography of Latin America. Check the *Inside* feature at the bottom of the page for listings of more features.

LASG & CLAG JOINT BUSINESS MEETING

7:00 pm

Wed, March 8th

Please check your schedule in
Chicago for the exact location

Avoid Laptop Delays During AAG Sessions

The AAG is asking that session organizers and presenters work together to avoid delays in powering up individual laptop computers during the upcoming conference in Chicago. They have suggested that one laptop should be used during each session, with the presentations pre-loaded onto the computer before the session begins, to avoid delays. Session organizers and participants may wish to coordinate with each other to determine who will bring the laptop, as well as arrange to manage the transfer of each presentation by email, computer disk, CD, USB drive, or other compatible memory transfer devices. Organizers and participants should also discuss which version of presentation software will be available on the session laptop. Presentations created on newer software, such as PowerPoint®, may not run properly on older versions.

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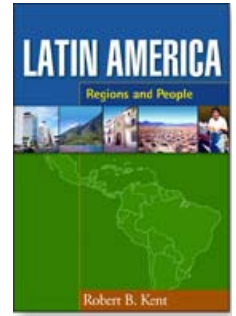
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SPECIAL FORUM ON THE CURRENT STATE OF GEOGRAPHY IN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

A special panel and public forum will present current information on geography in a number of Latin American countries and conduct a discussion of trends in perspectives, recent successes, and immediate challenges. Opportunities for geography in the region will be explored, particularly the development and implementation of international collaborations in research and/or education. In addition, the forum will report on some of the current activities concerning Latin America at various universities, associations, and geographic organizations, such as the Association of American Geographers (AAG), the Latin Americanist Specialty Group (LASG, the Conference of Latin-Americanist Geographers (CLAG), International Geographic Union (IGU), and the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), among others. The event seeks to strengthen relationships among geographers of all the Americas. All interested persons are cordially invited to attend. This forum will be presented, in Spanish, on Friday, March 10 at 4:00 p.m. in room LaSalle 5.

New Textbook on Geography of Latin America

In November 2005, Guilford Press released *Latin America: Regions and People*, by LASG & CLAG member Rob Kent, University of Akron. Because many of us have to order fall



textbooks fairly early in the spring, I thought it would be appropriate for to mention the book here. Click on the picture of the book cover above for a link to its webpage, and find more information on Rob's new book.

UN FORO ESPECIAL SOBRE “EL ESTADO ACTUÁL DE LA GEOGRAFÍA EN PAÍSES HISPANOAMERICANOS”

Una sesión y foro especial presentará información actualizada sobre la geografía en los países hispanoamericanos y se hablará de temas relacionados con las tendencias en perspectiva, los logros recientes y desafíos inmediatos. Se explorará las oportunidades de la geografía en la región, particularmente para desarrollar e implementar colaboración internacional en investigación y/o educación. También se informará sobre algunas de las actividades desarrolladas por varias universidades, asociaciones, y los organismos geográficos relevantes, como la Asociación de Geógrafos Americanos (AAG), el Grupo de Especialistas Latinoamericanos (LASG), la Conferencia de Geógrafos Latinoamericanistas (CLAG), la Unión Geográfica Internacional (IGU) y el Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia (PAIGH), entre otros. El evento busca fortalecer las relaciones entre los geógrafos de todas las Américas. Cordialmente se invita a todos interesados en el tema a acompañarnos en este foro que será presentado y desarrollado en español, el viernes, 10 de marzo a las 4:00 p.m. en la sala LaSalle 5.

Editor's Note: Please see the list of scheduled sessions on Latin America at the end of this Newsletter for information on this, and other sessions in Chicago.

11° ENCUENTRO DE GEÓGRAFOS DE AMÉRICA LATINA

“Geopolítica, globalización y cambio ambiental: retos en el desarrollo latinoamericano”

26 al 30 de marzo de 2007

Bogotá D.C, Colombia

El 11° Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina se realizará en Bogotá D.C., Colombia, del 26 al 30 de marzo de 2007. Su organización está a cargo del Departamento de Geografía de la Facultad de Ciencias Humanas de la Universidad Nacional de Colombia, y contará con el auspicio de la Asociación Colombiana de Geógrafos (ACOGGE) y otras instituciones públicas y privadas.

Para los geógrafos colombianos es de gran importancia organizar este evento, y desde ahora extendemos nuestra cordial invitación a todos los colegas latinoamericanos investigadores, profesores y estudiantes a asistir al que será un escenario propicio para seguir impulsando el desarrollo de la geografía latinoamericana y para estrechar los vínculos de amistad y solidaridad entre nuestros países.

Conservando la estructura de los anteriores encuentros, en esta ocasión el tema propuesto es: *Geopolítica, globalización y cambio ambiental: retos en el desarrollo latinoamericano*. Esperamos que en este amplio espectro podamos analizar los problemas, las dinámicas y transformaciones más importantes de nuestro espacio geográfico, sus regiones, sus lugares y sus gentes.

Fecha límite para entrega de resúmenes de ponencia: 30 de septiembre de 2006.

Fecha límite para entrega de textos completos de ponencia: 20 de enero de 2007.

INSCRIPCIONES

Participante	Hasta 31-12-06	Después de 31-12-06	En el evento
Estudiante pregrado	USD\$50,00	USD\$75,00	USD\$75,00
Estudiante posgrado	USD\$75,00	USD\$100,00	USD\$100,00
Profesional	USD\$100,00	USD\$150,00	USD\$150,00

<http://www.unal.edu.co/geourbe/presentacion.html>

http://www.unal.edu.co/geourbe/1_Convocatoria.pdf

ELECTIONS - LASG & CLAG

For all details, read the Messages from the Chair of LASG and the Executive Director of CLAG on page 4.

LASG – contact David Robinson as soon as possible drobins@maxwell.syr.edu

CLAG – nominations close at the end of the business meeting on Wed, March 8th

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR, LASG

All goes well with the Latin American Specialty Group. Membership is increasing steadily, we have a good number of sponsored Latin American sessions at the AAG, we have applicants for the Students Paper Awards, and the JLAG's next issues will appear in March and September.

Elections:

We need candidates for two positions. Since Betty Smith will take over as Chair, we need candidates to step forward for the Vice-Chair position. Tony Abbott will also step down after three or more years as our diligent Secretary/Treasurer, so again volunteers are asked to make their interest known.

Persons who wish to be considered for either position should let David Robinson know as soon as possible so that he can arrange the election process at the AAG annual meeting of the LASG.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Chicago.

Best wishes,

David Robinson, Chair, Latin American Specialty Group drobins@maxwell.syr.edu

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CLAG

Dear CLAGistas,

Well, it's that time of year again – the scramble before AAG. As most of you know, we hold our annual business meeting at the AAG each year. Last year we agreed to hold our meeting in partnership with LASG since so much of our membership and our business overlaps. That meeting will be on Wednesday 3/8 between 7-8 pm. I look forward to seeing you there!

It is also time to call for nominations for the CLAG Board. We have 5 members whose terms expire this summer, so we will need nominations for new board members (3 year terms). We also need nominations for Vice-Chair (2-year term). Since many of our members are unable to attend the AAG meeting, and seeing a similar election participation rate online last year as we have with paper ballots in previous years, we will conduct a web-vote again.

Please send Board member and Vice-Chair nominations to our secretary, Cynthia Simmons simmo108@msu.edu and note on the subject line "CLAG Nomination." Please include the following information: Name, current affiliation, contact information including current email, and confirmation that he/she has accepted the nomination. You can self-nominate.

Nominations open today and will close at the end of the business meeting on 3/8. David Robinson will then create a web-voting page on the CLAG web site that will be open from April 2-15.

Thanks!

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MANUSCRIPT REVIEWERS FOR JLAG

In editing the *Journal of Latin American Geography* one of the key decisions one has to make is deciding who are the appropriate persons to evaluate manuscripts submitted for publication. To that end I would be most grateful if each member of the list could send me a list of key words identifying

1. Their topical fields of expertise (e. g. sustainability; 20th century urban; GIS applications; planning; feminism)
2. Their regional interests (e. g. Mexico; Yucatan; the Andes; Argentina, etc)
3. Language preferences (English, Spanish, Portuguese, French) since we now receive papers in all four.

By this means I can establish a database that will be of great assistance in selecting appropriate experts.

Best wishes,

David Robinson, *JLAG* Editor
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AS ELEIÇÕES PARA LASG e CLAG

Para detalhes, por favor lêem as mensagens dos líderes de LASG e CLAG em página 4.



The Latin America Session Guide for the Chicago AAG meeting is also online at both the LASG & CLAG websites, or click the logo to the left for a weblink.

Summer in Oaxaca Geography credit in Oaxaca!

University of Arizona

Below is a link to the website for the University of Arizona's summer in Oaxaca program (June 8 - August 4). It includes background info and a lengthy FAQ document. For \$3000 - including room and board, tuition, fees, and field trips - students earn 9 hours of college credit in beautiful Oaxaca, México. This includes 6 hours of geography credit.

There is no out-of-state tuition differential.

http://studyabroad.arizona.edu/display_program.php?id=103

ELECCIONES POR CLAG Y LASG

Para detalles, leen por favor los mensajes de los líderes de LASG y CLAG en la página 4.

**Les élections pour
LASG et CLAG**
Pour les détails, s'il vous plaît lire les messages des dirigeants de LASG et CLAG à la page 4.

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A todos los participantes de CLAG-2005 Morelia, To all CLAG-2005 Morelia participants,

Reiterando el agradecimiento por su participación en nuestra pasada reunión en México, hacemos ahora un llamado general para el envío de resúmenes completos para la publicación de las Memorias CLAG-2005 Morelia, a fin de llevar a un producto terminado las propuestas teóricas, metodológicas y los estudios de caso latinoamericanos presentados en este encuentro académico.

Se recibirán todos los trabajos que hayan sido presentado en la reunión CLAG-2005 Morelia, durante el pasado mes de octubre, siempre y cuando se ajusten al formato solicitado en el attachment de este correo electrónico y a los tiempos establecidos. Todos los trabajos serán sometidos a un arbitraje académico externo.

La calendarización del proceso se ha establecido de la siguiente forma:

30 de marzo. Fecha límite de recepción de resúmenes. Entrega de trabajos a los arbitros.

28 de abril. Resultados finales del arbitraje. Entrega de resúmenes aceptados a los autores para la corrección.

12 de mayo. Fecha límite de los autores para regresar los resúmenes corregidos. Los editores inician el armado del libro

16 de junio. Presentación del documento completo para su revisión editorial.

11 de septiembre. Versión final del libro. A partir de este momento los tiempos dependerán de los impresores.

Once again we thank you for your participation in our last reunion in México. We are now asking participants to send a complete summary of their papers so they may be included in the publication of the CLAG-2005 Morelia Memoirs, this in order to achieve a finished product which would include all theoretical and methodological proposals, as well as all Latin American case studies presented.

We will receive all works which presented at CLAG-2005 Morelia last October, as long as they are adjusted to the required format included in an attachment to this e-mail, and are received within the established deadline. All papers will be submitted to external peer-reviewing.

The following is a general schedule for the process:

March 30 - Deadline for receiving summaries. These are delivered to peer-reviewers.

April 28 - Final peer-reviewing results. Delivery of accepted summaries to authors for corrections.

May 12 - Deadline for authors to return corrected summaries. Editors begin work on the publication.

June 16 - The complete document is presented for editorial review.

September 11 - Final version of the book. From this point on timing depends on the publishers.

Para cualquier duda o comentario, favor de dirigirse a este correo electrónico. Doubts or comments may be directed to this e-mail. (purquijo@igg.unam.mx)

Sin más, agradecemos de antemano su interés y enviamos saludos, We thank you in advance. With kind regards,

The Editors, Los editores, Narciso Barrera Bassols; Pedro S. Urquijo

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Unidad Académica Morelia

From Patricia Solís, Director of Research and Outreach, AAG, Washington, DC

1) AAG Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas

The AAG announces that the 2005-2006 edition of the AAG's Guide to Geography Programs, which currently encompasses geography programs in the US, Canada, and Mexico, will expand its scope to include listings for South America, Central America and the Caribbean. The title will change to the AAG Guide to Geography Programs in the Americas. The guide serves as a very valuable reference for professors, prospective students, government agencies, and private companies. With the inclusion of more programs in the Guide, AAG will ensure that geographers interested in contacting programs throughout the region will know how to get in contact. Geography programs from all of the Americas are invited to list in the Guide. This year, there is no cost for Latin American program listings. For more information on how to list your program, please send an email to guide@aag.org. Mensajes en español se puede enviar a psolis@aag.org.

3) My Community, Our Earth (MyCOE) Watershed Initiative Launches

Regional Focus

To involve undergraduate students in local community projects, the MyCOE Partnership is launching a focused set of activities on issues of natural resource and watershed management in the Gulf of Mexico / Greater Caribbean Basin. With grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Agency for International Development and with support from the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAG will manage the new partnership initiative beginning with pilot sites in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Gulf States of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida; and international sites in Honduras, Jamaica, and Panama. The goal of the program is to encourage and support undergraduates and their institutions to participate in using geographic tools and concepts for sustainable watershed management within local community projects. Linkages among the distributed pilot project universities, community organizations, and governmental agencies will include online networking, peer-to-peer mentoring, and a meeting to be held in the region that will showcase project results on sustainability. University departments, geography faculty, and undergraduate students interested in participating should send an email expression of interest along with a brief resume or CV to Dr. Patricia Solís, AAG via email, psolis@aag.org. Knowledge of both Spanish and English is preferred.

CLAG 2007

Colorado

Springs

June 1-3

(dates are still tentative)

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CHICAGO SIGHTSEEING INFO

This list does not even begin to pretend to be comprehensive, but it does feature some places you might consider checking out while in the Windy City. The Chicago Transit Authority brochures will help in navigating the city.

Shedd Aquarium - <http://www.sheddaquarium.org/>

Caribbean Reef - http://www.sheddaquarium.org/exh_caribbean.html

Amazon Rising - http://www.sheddaquarium.org/exh_amazon.html

Hours: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. winter weekends

Admission is \$23, but a Chicago City Pass is \$43 and includes full access to Shedd Aquarium, CityPass includes the Hancock Observatory, the Art Institute of Chicago, the Field Museum, Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum - <http://www.mfacmchicago.org/>

The Mexican Fine Arts Center Museum is the largest Latino culture organization in the country and the only Latino museum accredited by the American Association of Museums. The Museum is located at 1852 West 19th Street, Chicago, IL 60608 in the Pilsen/Little Village communities.

Museum Hours 10 AM - 5 PM Tuesday – Sunday

Admission is **FREE** for exhibitions. Donations are accepted.

Billy Goat Tavern - <http://www.billygoattavern.com/home.html>

The Billy Goat is famous for two things. The first is the curse the owner put on the Chicago Cubs (they would never again win the World Series) when he was not permitted to take his good luck billy goat into Wrigley Field during Game 6 of the 1945 World Series. The second is that the Billy Goat inspired the famous series of sketches from the 1970s, on Saturday Night Live featuring John Belushi shouting “Cheezborger, Cheezborger, Cheezborger,” while running a dinner. Well, it’s also famous for its cheeseburgers, too.

The Art Institute of Chicago - <http://www.artic.edu/aic/index.php>

The Museum at the Art Institute of Chicago features works from Africa, America, Amerindians, Europe, and Asia. Famous works in its collection include several by Winslow Homer, and one of my favorites *Nighthawks*, by Edward Hopper (1942) http://www.artic.edu/aic/collections/amer/highlight_item?acc=1942.51&page=6, one of the most famous American images of the 20th Century.

Admission: Adults \$12; Children, Students, and Seniors \$7

Hours: most days 10:30-4:30, Thursdays 10:30-8:00

The Museum of Science and Industry - <http://www.msichicago.org/>

This place is great! Exhibits include a coal mine and a real World War 2 U-Boat. While growing up my parents never let us go through the U-Boat because it costs extra, but I have the spare cash now! The Museum also features many other exhibits, including the Apollo 8 Command Module, the Pioneer Zephyr, Ships Through the Ages, and many others.

Admission: Adults \$11; Child (3-11) \$7; Seniors (65+) \$9.50; U-505 Exhibit \$5

Hours: Monday – Saturday 9:30-4:00; Sunday 11:00-4:00

Chicago River and Lake Michigan Tours and Cruises - http://www.chicagotraveler.com/boat_tours.htm

A wide variety of companies provide tours and cruises on both the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. They vary from tours of a couple of hours to dinner cruises.

Chicago Transit Authority Brochures - <http://www.transitchicago.com/welcome/brochures.html>

Downtown Transit Sightseeing Guide: <http://www.transitchicago.com/downloads/brochures/sightseeing.pdf>

CTA System Map and Brochure: <http://www.transitchicago.com/downloads/brochures/sightseeing.pdf>

A printable, and more handy, version of this guide to sessions at the Chicago AAG meeting is available online at both the CLAG and LASG websites. Click on the following link to go directly to the online, printable version of this guide: [“2006 AAG Latin American Sessions.”](#)

Latin American Session Guide to AAG – Chicago, 2006

This listing contains the sessions sponsored by LASG, as well as other sessions featuring Latin America that were reported to the editor. This list of sessions is not comprehensive, but I tried. Please check the program in Chicago for the exact locations and any last-minute changes.

WEDNESDAY, 3/8/06

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Alternative Caribbean Tourisms - 2138 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Dennis Conway - Indiana University; Lydia M. Pulsipher - University of Tennessee; Chair(s): Dennis Conway - Indiana University

8:00 AM Thomas Klak - Miami University Of Ohio, Ecotourism-based Sustainable Development: General Principles and Eastern Caribbean Case Study

8:20 AM Lydia M. Pulsipher - University of Tennessee, Caribbean Voices on Reinventing Tourism in the Region

8:40 AM Dennis Conway - Indiana University, Yachting and Marina Development in Trinidad: Successful Multiplier Effects for an Alternative Tourism Initiative.

9:00 AM Rebecca Maria Torres - East Carolina University, Beyond Cancun: Potential for Alternative Tourism Development in the Mexican Caribbean

9:20 AM Discussant: Joseph L. Scarpaci, Jr. - Virginia Tech

1:00 PM - 2:40 PM

Peruvian Landscapes I: land use, livelihoods and conflict – 2434 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Elizabeth A. Olson - Lancaster University, UK; Jeffrey Bury - San Francisco State University; Chair(s): Elizabeth A. Olson - Lancaster University, UK

1:00 PM Jeffrey Parsons - University of Michigan, Prehistoric Herders and Cultivators in the Sierra Central, Peru, A.D. 500-1500: Different Lifeways, Different Landscapes, Integrated Economies

1:20 PM Julio Postigo - University of Texas at Austin, Constraints on Land Use in a Peasant Community of the Peruvian Highlands: A Case Study of the Shepherds of Pilpichaca

1:40 PM Jeffrey Bury, Assistant Professor - San Francisco State University, Conservation, Livelihoods and Landscape Change in the Cordillera Huayhuash, Peru

2:00 PM Jess Bier, PhD Student - CUNY - Graduate Center, Conflicts at Machu Picchu: Global Capital and Indigenous Resistance

2:20 PM Jennifer K Lipton - University Of Texas at Austin, Resilient governance in an Andean Protected Area: Huascarán National Park, Peru

3:00 PM - 4:40 PM

Peruvian Landscapes II: religion, mining, and the new cityscape – 2534 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Elizabeth A. Olson - Lancaster University, UK; Jeffrey Bury - San Francisco State University; Chair(s): Elizabeth A. Olson - Lancaster University, UK

3:00 PM Elinore Pedro - Hunter College, National Problems, Local Solutions: the Pueblos Jóvenes of Urban Peru

3:20 PM Elizabeth A. Olson - Lancaster University, UK, "Just like Switzerland...": the myth of development and construction of religious landscapes in the Southern Peruvian Andes

3:40 PM Heidi V Scott, Dr - University of Wales, Aberystwyth, Excavating the landscape: mining and religion in early colonial Peru

4:00 PM Guillermo Salas Carrreno, University of Michigan, The changing meanings of Peruvian highlands: The imagination of the punas, mining investment and Andean pilgrimage.

4:20 PM Discussant: Maureen Hays-Mitchell – Colgate

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

LATIN AMERICA SPECIALTY GROUP BUSINESS MEETING – 2737

This is a joint business meeting with the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers

Sponsored By LASG

THURSDAY, 3/9/06

10:00 AM - 11:40 AM

Participatory Research, Mapping, and Representing Peoples in Geography - 3254

Organizer(s): Mr. Peter H. Herlihy - University of Kansas; Chair(s): Eric P Perramond - Colorado College

Panelist(s):

Miguel Aguilar-Robledo - Universidad Autónoma De San Luis Potosí

David M. Cochran, Jr. - University of Southern Mississippi

Mr. Peter H. Herlihy - University of Kansas

John H. Kelly

Garth Andrew Myers - University of Kansas

Nancy Peluso - University of California

Aida Ramos Viera - Universidad De San Luis Potosí

Robert A. Rundstrom - University of Oklahoma

Bjorn Sletto - Cornell University

1:00 PM - 2:40 PM**Change is in the Wind (?): Water Scarcity, Climate, Conflict and Cooperation over Transboundary Water Resources in the Americas – 3457 *Sponsored By LASG***

Organizer(s):Cyrus Reed - University Of Texas – Austin; Chair(s):Cyrus Reed - University Of Texas - Austin

1:00 PM William Forbes - Stephen F. Austin University, Revisiting Three Latin American Rivers in Aldo Leopold's Writings

1:20 PM Cyrus Reed - University Of Texas – Austin, Agricultural Water Conservation in the Irrigation Districts of Chihuahua: Drought, Dispute and Water Rights

1:40 PM Dustin Garrick - University of Arizona, Institutionalizing Water Scarcity: Mexico's Colorado River Water Allocation during 'Extraordinary Drought'

2:00 PM Laura J. Stroup - University Of South Carolina, All Dried Up: Climate Change Impacts on Hydrology and Water Resources Management in the Platte River Basin

2:20 PM Gina Bloodworth - Central Washington University, Transboundary conflicts loom along the Columbia River

3:00 PM - 4:40 PM**A View from the Field: Conservation, Development and Land Use in the Amazon Basin – 3530 *Sponsored By LASG***

Organizer(s):David Salisbury - University Of Texas; Chair(s):David Salisbury - University Of Texas

3:00 PM Introduction: David Salisbury - University Of Texas

3:02 PM Jacqueline M. Vadjunec - Clark University, Institutions, Identity and Land-Use/ Cover-Change in the Chico Mendes Extractive Reserve, Acre, Brazil

3:22 PM Brenda Baletti - University of Texas at Austin, Development, Conservation, and Urbanization in the Brazilian Amazon: the case of Belém's urban forests.

3:42 PM Thomas Ludewigs - Environmental Indiana University, Land use, market integration and landscape change: perspectives from rubber-tapers and colonist farmers in settlement areas

4:02 PM David S. Salisbury - University Of Texas-Austin, Caught between a Coca Field and a Conservation Unit: Land and Resource Use in the "Empty" Amazonian Borderlands of Peru

4:22 PM Discussant: Eduardo S. Brondizio - Indiana University

5:00 PM - 6:40 PM**A View from the Field II: Agrarian Reform, Development and Land Cover Change in Eastern Amazonia – 3630 *Sponsored By LASG***

Organizer(s):Marcellus Caldas - Michigan State University; Stephen Peter Aldrich - Michigan State University;
Chair(s):Marcellus Caldas - Michigan State University

5:00 PM Stephen Peter Aldrich - Michigan State University, Land Reform and Deforestation in the South of Pará, Brazil

5:20 PM Rebecca Mongiat - Michigan State University, Families on the Frontier: Families and Environmental Degradation in the Brazilian Amazon

5:40 PM Cynthia Simmons - Michigan State University, Direct Action Land Reform (DALR) in the Brazilian Amazon: the Contentious Politics of Agrarian Reform

6:00 PM Marcellus M. Caldas - Michigan State University, Settlement Formation and Land Use and Land Cover Change: a case study in the Brazilian Amazon

5:00 PM - 6:40 PM

Making and Moving Indigenous Video in Latin America – 3664 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Laurel Smith - University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Chair(s): Gabriela Valdivia - University of Minnesota

Panelist(s):

Alex Halkin - Chipas Media Project / Promedios De Comunicación Comunitaria

FRIDAY, 3/10/06

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Cities and Urban Regions in Developing Areas I: Latin America – 4160 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Betty Elaine Smith - Eastern Illinois University; Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SUL;
Chair(s): Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SUL

8:00 AM John Harner - University of Colorado, Neoliberal reforms and social equity in Guadalajara, Mexico.

8:20 AM Betty Elaine Smith, Ph.D. - Eastern Illinois University, The Tri Border Urban Area of South America: A Matter for Geopolitical Worry?

8:40 AM Korine N. Kolivras - Virginia Tech, Health Concerns and Help-Seeking Behavior in a Dominican Shantytown

9:00 AM Joel Outtes - UFRGS-UNIV FED RIO GDE DO SUL, From Hygienism to the Urbanization of Favelas (Shantytowns): The Housing Policy of Brazil (1850-2005).

9:20 AM Discussant: Joseph L. Scarpaci, Jr. - Virginia Tech

10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Environmental conservation and governance: The changing role of the state in Latin America and the Caribbean – 4243 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Dr. Eric Carter - Millersville University of Pennsylvania; Karl Zimmerer - University Of Wisconsin-Madison; Chair(s): Dr. Eric Carter - Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Panelist(s):

Dr. Eric Carter - Millersville University of Pennsylvania

Jennifer Lipton - University Of Texas, Austin

Rodrigo Sierra - University of Texas @ Austin

Karl Zimmerer - University Of Wisconsin-Madison

Mr. Ryan Galt

Alberto Vargas - University of Wisconsin - Madison

Catherine Tucker - Indiana University

10:00 AM – 11:40 AM

Rights, Reform and Resources I: Land and the Politics of Indigenous Identity in Latin America – 4261

Organizer(s): Joseph H. Bryan - UC Berkeley; Bjorn Sletto - Cornell University; Chair(s): Joseph H. Bryan - UC Berkeley

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Refracted frontiers: community, property and the politics of identity in eastern Nicaragua

10:20 AM Discussant: Thomas A. Perreault - Syracuse University

10:40 AM Kathryn Tomlinson - University of Sussex

Indigenous Rights and Control of Land and Natural Resources: The Venezuelan Power Line Conflict and its Aftermath

11:00 AM Joel D Wainwright - The Ohio State University

Postcolonial reflections on the Maya land rights movement in Belize

11:20 AM Introduction: Joseph H. Bryan - UC Berkeley

Discussant(s): Thomas A. Perreault - Syracuse University

12:00 PM - 1:40 PM

Environmental History of Latin America - 4352

Organizer(s): Andrew Sluyter - The Louisiana State University; Chair(s): Andrew Sluyter - The Louisiana State University

12:00 PM David Kinkela - State University of New York, Fredonia, Pesticides, Agricultural Development, and the Environment: The Rockefeller Foundation's Mexican Agricultural Program.

12:20 PM Author(s): José Antonio Avalos - Universidad Autónoma de San Luis Potosí, Formation of a Colonial Mining Landscape: An Environmental History of La Paz, Matehuala and Catorce, Central New Spain, from the Late 16th-century to the Early 19th-century: Some Preliminary Results

12:40 PM Matthew Himley - Syracuse University, Contesting the Hinterlands: the Changing Nature of Resource Struggles in the Rural Ecuadorian Highlands

1:00 PM Peter Klepeis - Colgate University, Uncovering Legacy Landscapes: 20th Century Land Change in Tierra del Fuego

1:20 PM Andrew Sluyter - The Louisiana State University, Environmental History of the Argentinean Pampas

12:00 PM - 1:40 PM

Rights, Reform and Resources: Land and the Politics of Indigenous Identity in Latin America II - 4361

Organizer(s): Bjorn Sletto - Cornell University; Joseph H. Bryan - UC Berkeley; Chair(s): Bjorn Sletto - Cornell University

12:00 PM Discussant: Dianne E. Rocheleau - Clark University

12:15 PM Daniel Aaron Graham - University of California, Berkeley, Recognizing contradiction: Lenca Indian land rights and the neoliberal counterreform in Honduras

12:35 PM Brad Jokisch - Ohio University, Securing ethno-territorial claims with fertility and migration?: the challenges faced by the Shuar of Ecuador

12:55 PM Bjorn Sletto - Cornell University, The Becoming-Forest, the Becoming-Desert: Fire Management and the Making of Conservation Landscapes in the Gran Sabana, Venezuela

Discussant(s): Dianne E. Rocheleau - Clark University

2:00 PM - 3:40 PM

New Geographies of Livelihoods – 4451 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Jeffrey Bury - San Francisco State University; Chair(s): Jeffrey Bury - San Francisco State University

Panelist(s):

Jeffrey Bury - San Francisco State University

Edward R Carr - University of South Carolina

Kendra McSweeney - The Ohio State University

Wendy Wolford - University Of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Thomas A. Perreault - Syracuse University

4:00 PM - 5:40 PM

El Estado Actual de la Geografía en Países Hispanoamericanos – 4520 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Patricia Solís - Association Of American Geographers; David J. Robinson - Syracuse University;

Chair(s): Patricia Solís - Association Of American Geographers

Panelist(s):

Hugo Romero - Universidad De Chile

Alberto Mckay - University of Panama

Ana María Liberali - Centro De Estudios Alexander Von Humboldt

Hildegardo Córdova-Aguilar - La Católica

Jose Luis Palacio-Prieto - National University Of Mexico

Discussant(s): **Ines M. Miyares** - Hunter College

Introducer(s): **Patricia Solís** - Association Of American Geographers; David J. Robinson - Syracuse University

4:00 PM - 5:40 PM

Human agency and resilience to environmental shocks among the rural poor in Latin America – 4543 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Mr. Christian Abizaid - McGill University; Oliver T. Coomes - McGill University; Chair(s): Oliver T. Coomes - McGill University

4:00 PM Maya Manzi, M.A. - McGill University, Abrupt Environmental Change in the Peruvian Amazon: Resilience among Poorer Households in a Mestizo Community.

4:20 PM Christian Abizaid - McGill University, Human occupation and river channel dynamics: changes in riverine settlement in response to a meander cut-off on the Central Ucayali, Peru

4:40 PM Kendra McSweeney - The Ohio State University, Smallholder Resilience to Hurricane Mitch in Honduras

5:00 PM Oliver T. Coomes - McGill University, Peasant adaptation to fluvio-geomorphological change: a case of river capture in the Peruvian Amazon

SATURDAY, 3/11/06

8:00 AM - 9:40 AM

Land Reform and Agrarian Change: Experiences from the Global South – 5160 *Sponsored By LASG*

Organizer(s): Brent McCusker - West Virginia University; William G. Moseley - Macalester College; Chair(s): William G. Moseley - Macalester College

8:00 AM Eric P Perramond - Colorado College, Long waves of neo-liberalism and privatization in Mexico.

8:20 AM Elizabeth Lunstrum - University Of Minnesota, Investing in Development: Mozambique's 1997 Land Law and the Limpopo National Park

8:40 AM William G. Moseley - Macalester College, Environmental Justice and Land Reform in the New South Africa: The Case of Farm Workers in the Western Cape Province

9:00 AM Alistair Fraser - The Ohio State University, Land Reform, Hybrid Solutions, and the Power of Place in South



A printable, and more handy, version of this guide to sessions at the Chicago AAG meeting is available online at both the CLAG and LASG websites. Click on the following link to go directly to the online, printable version of this guide: [“2006 AAG Latin American Sessions.”](#)

A Brief Note From the Editor: I hope that you will find this issue of the *Newsletter* helpful before and during the AAG meeting in Chicago. I tried to be as comprehensive as possible with the Latin America Session Guide, and my apologies to anybody that missed out in having their session in the guide. Please print out a copy from the links above or at the LASG and CLAG websites to use during the conference. I am interested in your feedback about the guide, because my goal is to improve it for future years. The information came from the AAG website, so if it was wrong there, it is more than likely incorrect in the guide – sorry, but I can’t double check everything. Don’t forget your camera for the Chicago sights, including the U-boat at the Museum of Science and Industry! Also, as a life-long believer of democracy (although technically, isn’t CLAG more like a republic?) please read about the LASG & CLAG elections (page 4, in case you didn’t see it earlier). Look for the next issue of the *Newsletter* to come out in April or May, and will include more of the traditional newsletter information. I hope to see you in Chicago, especially at the Joint LASG & CLAG Business Meeting (page 1). My apologies for the missing page number & footer on p.7 – blame Microsoft for the problem.

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