

Inside this issue:

CLAG Awards	4
UW-Milwaukee honors Clinton Edwards	5
Robert West Photo Archive	6
Congresos en América Latina	7
Awards, Grants, & Recognitions	8
Introducing Lidia & Jasper	9
Recent Publications	10
Journal of Latin American Geography	12
CLAG Membership & JLAG	13
CALG 2007	14
Graduates	15
News from Geography Departments	16
CLAG NICA 2009 Granada, Nicaragua	24

The LASG & CLAG Newsletter is a joint publication of the Latin America Specialty Group of the AAG and the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers.

LASG & CLAG NEWSLETTER, No. 109, Summer 2007

New CLAG Executive Director

Beginning July 1st, **David Robinson** (Syracuse University), will become CLAG's latest Executive Director. **Inés Miyares** (Hunter College), the current E.D., will continue serving on CLAG's board as Treasurer of CLAG, after the 1st of July. "I am very pleased to announce that David Robinson will be CLAG Executive Director starting 7/1/07. David is very committed to CLAG and has the time to devote to its administration," said, **Antoinette Winkler-Prins** (Michigan State University), CLAG Chair.

In 2002, **Robinson** was awarded CLAG's Outstanding Service Award, and

also serves as the Editor of the *Journal of Latin American Geography*, CLAG's own journal. As the editor, **Robinson** has worked extensively with the University of Texas Press, which publishes *JLAG*, on such matters as CLAG membership, in addition to issues directly related to the journal.

Winkler-Prins expressed gratitude for the service that both **Robinson** and **Miyares** have done for CLAG. "I want to ... thank both Ines and David for their dedication to CLAG on behalf of the Board and all CLAGistas. Gracias!," said **Winkler-Prins**.

First CLAG Field Award Presented

CLAG presented its inaugural Student Field Award this year to **Rolando Diaz** (University of Arizona). Rolando Diaz is a Ph.D student in Geography at the University of Arizona. His fieldwork proposal focuses on the linkage between water for environmental conservation (e.g., water for the environment) and local livelihoods--To what extent can the use of water for environmental conservation be balanced with the livelihood needs of local communities? This summer he is conducting preliminary dissertation fieldwork in a biosphere reserve in Alamos, Sonora (northern Mexico). His dissertation will be a comparative study between the Colorado Delta and Alamos. Rolando was awarded the inaugural CLAG Graduate Field Study in Latin America award of \$500.

Geografía en las Américas Online

The papers presented at the "Geografía en las Américas" sessions at both the Chicago and San Francisco AAG Meetings are now available online at both the CLAG and LASG websites, or directly at <http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/AAGpapers.htm>

Greetings from Your CLAG Chair!

I am very sorry to have missed what sounds like a fabulous meeting in Colorado Springs. Thank you Eric and John and others, for persevering when it was looking dire. I, like so many of you, had conflicts with other activities. I was in the Brazilian Amazon conducting a Study Abroad program (see accompanying story). But I do regret missing the meeting as I find CLAG meetings to be so very rewarding both professionally and socially. Given all the conflicts of this year, let's all be a bit more tuned in when one of our colleagues puts forth a proposed date for a meeting and solicits input from CLAG members as to their interest and ability to attend. Despite the beauty of Colorado, it does appear that CLAGistas today want meetings out of the USA. Perhaps some of the 'conflicts' had more to do with choice... The good news is that from what I gather, there are three out-of-the-US meeting proposals for future gathering – Granada, Nicaragua for January 2009, thereafter Bogotá, Colombia and/ or Manaus, Brazil [Yes, I will do a field-trip to Santarém!]. We may not be back in the USA for many years!

Summer is upon us, a time of fieldwork and writing. I wish you all a productive summer, e boas viagens em sua parte de america latina.

Abraços

Antoinette WinklerPrins

CLAG Chair

CLAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair - ANTOINETTE WINKLERPRINS, Michigan State University

Vice-Chair - ERIC PERRAMOND, Colorado College

Executive Director - DAVID ROBINSON, Syracuse University

Secretary - CYNTHIA SIMMONS, Michigan State University

Treasurer - INÉS MIYARES, Hunter College, CUNY

CLAG WEBSITE:

<http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/clag.htm>

LASG - Latin America Specialty Group of the AAG

The Latin America Specialty Group held its annual business meeting during the AAG Conference in San Francisco. Two new awards for student field research (masters and doctoral levels) were approved by the membership - watch the LASG Discussion Board on the AAG website for details this fall. Logon to the AAG website, then click on "My Communities," and then click on Latin America Specialty Group to reach our discussion board.

LASG SPONSORSHIP FOR SESSIONS, AAG 2008, BOSTON

If you are planning a session for the Boston meeting of the AAG 2008 Meeting that will feature research in Latin America, you should contact the LASG Officers for official LASG Sponsorship. Send a list of participants and the title or topic of their presentation for consideration of sponsorship by LASG. By having your session sponsored by LASG, the program will reflect that sponsorship. Also, if LASG & CLAG do another Guide to Latin America Sessions for the Boston meeting, sponsorship will guarantee that you will be included in the guide.

LASG OFFICERS

Chair - BETTY SMITH, Eastern Illinois University

Vice-Chair - MARGARET WILDER, University of Arizona

Secretary/Treasurer - TAYLOR E. MACK, Louisiana Tech University

LASG WEBSITE:

<http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/lasg.htm>

CLAG AWARDS

CARL O. SAUER DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Given in recognition for a corpus of important published work or other significant contribution towards Latin American geography. Recipients will be scholars who are leading authorities in specific research topics and geographic areas of Latin America. Recipients could also be scholars whose research has made significant advancements towards fostering understanding of Latin America to a broader audience.

2006 - William “Bill” Woods, University of Kansas

2007 - Thomas Klak, Miami University (Ohio)

PRESTON E. JAMES EMINENT LATIN AMERICANIST CAREER

AWARD Given in recognition of a life time achievement towards the understanding of the geography of Latin America. Recipients will have strong career-long research contributions that build on the solid foundations of academic Latin American geography, or that have impacts beyond academia in the forms of policy implications and/or education to a broader audience.

2006 - Horacio Capel Saez, Universidad de Barcelona

2007 - Robert Kent, Akron State University

CLAG ENLACES AWARD Given in recognition of contributions to improving relationships between geographers and geography departments throughout Latin America. Recipients will have demonstrated success and commitment towards this goal.

2006 - Patricia Solis, Association of American Geographers

STUDENT FIELD STUDY AWARD

2007 - Rolando Diaz, University of Arizona

EDWARDSFEST HELD IN MILWAUKEE

UW-Milwaukee Honors Clinton Edwards

Latinamericanist geographer **Clinton R. Edwards**, one of the founding members present at the 1970 meeting of CLAG at Ball State, was honored on March 27 at the American Geographical Society Library at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The event was organized by **Bill Davidson** (LSU, retired), **David Miller** (SUNY Cortland), and **Bill Woods** (KU), the first three PhD students of **Professor Edwards**. Each spoke of their relationship with their mentor and his impact on their education and careers.

Dr. Chris Baruth, curator of the AGS Library, served as host and recalled **Dr. Edwards'** interest in bringing the AGS library to UWM and his use of the collection.

Professor Norman Stewart, long-time colleague of **Professor Edwards** in matters of Latin America, spoke of **Dr. Edwards'** scholarly contributions and their collaborations in Yucatecan projects.

Professor Edwards, one of **Carl Sauer's** last students, is a historical geographer with interests in aboriginal watercraft, the history of exploration, and many aspects of the geography of Yucatán.

He delivered one of the keynote addresses at the CLAG meeting Mérida in 1987.

To conclude the program **Mick Day**, Chair of UWM Geography announced the establishment of the **Clinton R. Edwards Graduate Student Research Fund** to support Edwards' interests in field research for graduate students. Those interested in making a contribution should contact Anne Panter at the UWM Foundation (anpanter@uwm.edu).



From left to right: Carol Rosen, Renae Prell-Mitchell, William V. Davidson, Clinton Edwards, Norm Stewart, David Miller, Mick Day

Beta Version of ROBERT C. WEST PHOTO ARCHIVE ONLINE

Several years after his retirement, **Robert West** prepared 20 databases that cataloged over 5800 B & W photographs taken during his travels in Latin America and the Caribbean between 1939 and 1981, and included detailed notes about where each was taken and the prominent features of each photo. Copies of the photographs were donated to the Cartographic Information Center at LSU, and the Benson Latin American Collection at the University of Texas.

Dr. West's original databases have now been compiled into a single database, and converted into an on-line searchable format by **Phil Crossley**. While it is still necessary to be at either the CIC, or the BLAC to consult the photographs, the database can now be used over the web to identify photos of interest and the call numbers needed to request them at one of the libraries. Low resolution scans of the photos may be added to the database in the future, pending funding for the laborious scanning process.

Currently, the database is hosted at Western State College of Colorado, and can be consulted from the **Robert West Photo Archive link found at: <http://www.western.edu/geography/>**. A few fixes to the search process are still underway. Once final revisions to the search engine are made (likely in Fall 2007), another announcement via CLAGnet and the CLAG/LASG Newsletter will include the final, direct URL for the database. At that time, copies of the database files will also be submitted to webmasters at LSU and UT Austin so they can also host the database, a link will be set up on the CLAG website, and you will be encouraged to link directly to the database from your department or personal web pages.

First time users should consult the User Guide for clear instructions on how the search engine works, and on how results need to be reported. In particular, note that in order to request the photographs, both the country name AND the call # need to be reported (e.g. Bolivia SA 2 [3]). For photos taken in Mexico, the State name also needs to be included in order for librarians to pull the correct photos (e.g. Mexico Hidalgo 50-5).

Problems with the functioning of the database can be reported to **Phil Crossley** at pcrossley@western.edu, but all questions regarding the photographs themselves need to be directed to either the CIC or the BLAC.

IX Congreso Centroamericano de Historia

IX Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, a celebrarse en San José, Costa Rica, del 21 al 25 de julio de 2008.

Dentro del esquema organizador del Congreso, tenemos del privilegio de coordinar la Mesa sobre Historia Colonial. Por lo tanto, aprovechamos también para invitar a todos los colegas especializados en el estudio de Centroamérica durante la época del dominio español, someter propuestas de ponencias a ser incorporadas en la citada mesa. Se dará preferencia a las propuestas recibidas antes del 15 de enero de 2008.

¡Nos vemos en San José!

Stephen Webre, swebre@latech.edu

Carmela Velázquez Bonilla, mvelazqu@fcs.ucr.ac.cr, carmela@racsa.ac.cr

XXI CONGRESO NACIONAL de GEOGRAFÍA y AMBIENTE

Territorio, descentralización y equidad socio ambiental, Montevideo, 17 al 20 de Setiembre de 2007.

Los invitamos a que se registren también en este grupo (Geógrafos Uruguayos quieren chatear) <http://es.groups.yahoo.com/group/GEOCHAT2004/>

Prof. Fernando Tabó

Asociación Latinoamericana de Estudiantes de Geografía

La asociación tiene mucha información y también una intranet en su página de la red. <http://www.facipub33.alegeo.org/index.php>

**IX Congreso
Centroamericano
de Historia
San José,
Costa Rica, 21
al 25 de julio
2008**

**XXI CONGRESO
NACIONAL de
GEOGRAFÍA y
AMBIENTE

Montevideo
17 al 20 de
setiembre
2007**

GRANTS, AWARDS, & RECOGNITIONS

Karl Offen was recently awarded a Helen and John S. Best AGS Library Fellowship to peruse the map and manuscript collections at the American Geographical Library located at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. His research builds upon his recent publication: *Creating Mosquitia: Mapping Amerindian Spatial Practices in Eastern Central America, 1629-1779*, *Journal of Historical Geography* 33 (2007): 254-282.

Tony Abbott has received a Summer Research Grant from Stetson University to study agrodiversity and migration in Southern Ecuador. He will be in the region for the month of June. This work builds on his dissertation and results published in the *Professional Geographer* in May 2005.

Margaret Wilder, Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies/Geography at the University of Arizona, has been invited to participate in the Rosenberg International Forum for Water Policy to be held in Zaragoza, Spain in June 2008. Dr. Wilder's session is on transitions in water governance.

William Denevan, University of Wisconsin, Professor Emeritus, was awarded the Arch C. Gerlach Prize for 2001-2005 from the Pan American Institute of Geography and History "in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the development of geography in the Americas."

Wendy Jepson, Brad Jokisch, and Joe Scarpaci, were recently elected as Board Members of CLAG. Their three-year terms begin July 1st.

David S. Salisbury. The University of Richmond (Geography and Environmental Studies Programs) is pleased to announce that **Dr. David S. Salisbury** has been hired as a tenure-track Assistant Professor, effective August 2007. Dr. Salisbury successfully defended his dissertation (entitled, "Overcoming Marginality on the Margins: Mapping, Logging, and Coca in the Amazon Borderlands") at the University of Texas in April 2007, under the direction of **Dr. Gregory Knapp**.

GRANTS, AWARDS, & RECOGNITIONS

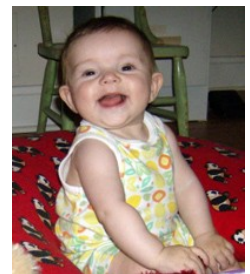
Eric Perramond's (Colorado College) book manuscript, entitled "Desert Meadows: Political Ecologies of Private Cattle Ranching in Northern Mexico" is now under contract with the University of Arizona Press.

Ramin Zamanian, Louisiana State University, received his M.A. in May, and his thesis was titled "A Material/Conceptual Landscape Analysis of the Virgin of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Site in Mexico City, Mexico". A paper based on his thesis won both the Latin American Specialty Group and the Cultural Geography Specialty Group student competitions, Master's degree category, at the 2007 AAG conference in San Francisco. He has accepted a Teaching Assistantship as a PhD candidate at Oklahoma State University, beginning fall 2007.

Marisa Smith, Arizona State University, was one of the recipients of the Inter-American Foundation Fellowship for Grassroots Development. The fellowship funds Marisa's dissertation research for 12 months in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Future Members of LASG/CLAG and Congratulations to Kendra & Claudia, and *bienvenidos* to Lidia & Jasper

Kendra McSweeney, Ohio State University, missed the AAG Meeting in San Francisco to spend time with my her daughter, **Lidia Piper Graham**, born December 4, 2006, in Columbus.



Claudia Radel, Utah State University, had a big healthy baby boy on March 21, 2007. She's hauling him off to Ethiopia this summer and he'll likely make his first trip to Latin America this fall or winter, when he goes with Claudia to Mexico for research on out-migration and linkages to changing gender roles and land use (together with Birgit Schmoock of ECOSUR and Clark Univ.). His name is **Jasper Radel Torrens**. His brother, **Kai** (who is now 7), begs to go to Mexico--but only because Claudia's family make a point of stopping at the beach on our way too or from her research site.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Kendra McSweeney (Ohio State University) and Brad Jokisch (Ohio University)

McSweeney, K., and B. Jokisch. 2007. Beyond rainforests: urbanisation and emigration among lowland indigenous societies in Latin America. *Bulletin of Latin American Research* 26(2): 159-180.

William Denevan, University of Wisconsin, Professor Emeritus

"Pre-European Human Impacts on Tropical Lowland Environments," in *The Physical Geography of South America*, T. Veblen, K. Young, and A. Orme, editors, pp. 265-278. Oxford University Press, 2007.

"Charles Mann and Humanized Landscapes," *Geographical Review*, 96:483-486, 2006.

"Pre-European Forest Cultivation in Amazonia," in *Time and Complexity in Historical Ecology: Studies in the Neotropical Lowlands*, W. Balee and C.L. Erickson, editors, pp. 153-163. Columbia University Press, N.Y., 2006.

Altha J. Cravey, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Altha has co-produced (with Elva E. Bishop, of UNC-TV) a 35-minute documentary about the popular uprising in Oaxaca, Mexico in . The documentary is titled "People's Guelaguetza: Oaxacan's Take it to the Streets" The film highlights cultural politics in this region of Mexico where pirate radio, street encampments, mega-marches, and artistic endeavors galvanized popular protest in the summer and fall of 2006, including violent images of a June 14th government attack on striking teachers in downtown Oaxaca. We also show a festive /People's Guelaguetza/ (with 20,000 attendees) in which distinct indigenous groups from remote areas of the state came together to celebrate pre-Hispanic ties of mutual interdependence and perform traditional dances, in a rebuke to the commercialized Guelagueta that the governor finally canceled, where seats cost up to \$50. Copies of the DVD are available from Altha Cravey for free. (Send a \$10 donation if you wish to help defray the cost of reproduction). A curriculum guide will be available later this year for those who use the DVD in the classroom. Contact info -- cravey@unc.edu.

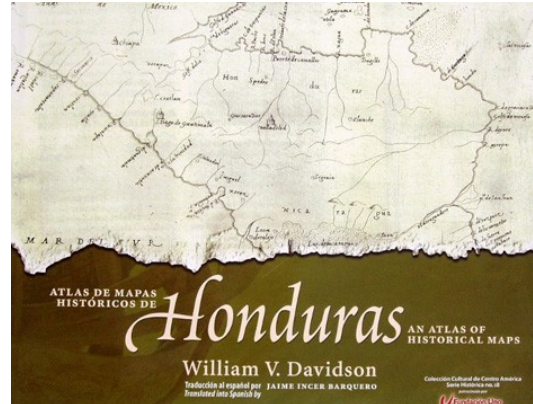
William V. Davidson, Louisiana State University, Retired

Honduras, An Atlas of Historical Maps / Atlas de Mapas Históricos de Honduras

Colección Cultural de Centro América, Serie Histórica no. 18.

Translations by **Jaime Incer Barquero**

The latest publication in the series of high-quality books on Central America from Fundación Uno's Colección Cultural de Centro América is an atlas that illustrates the progression of geography and history of Honduras. The 122 maps, on 114 color plates, were acquired from the major antique map depositories in Europe, the USA, and Central America, and a few private collections. In addition to explaining the context of each rare and important map, the bilingual text includes such topics as "On Honduran Toponymia" and



"Cartographical Evidence of How Honduras Got its Name." Among the numerous little-known maps are those of Tegucigalpa and vicinity (1763), Comayagua Valley (1853), Tencoa Curato (1797), Gulf of Fonseca (1682), Department of Gracias (1834), northeast Caribbean coast (1788), and Black River and hinterland (1779). An interactive CD of 57 maps is encased in back cover.

Dr. Davidson, a geographer with long-time interest in Honduras, recently retired from the Department of Geography and Anthropology, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA.

Dr. Incer is the foremost geographer and environmentalist in Nicaragua, recognized by National Geographic Society in 2006 as Conservationist of the Year for Latin America.

Pp. xvi + 313, presentations, illustrations, tables, maps, map bibliography (653 items), reference bibliography (318 items), map index, index. Hardcover, oversized, interactive CD; \$50. Publication: December 2006.

ISBN 978-99924-53-47-6

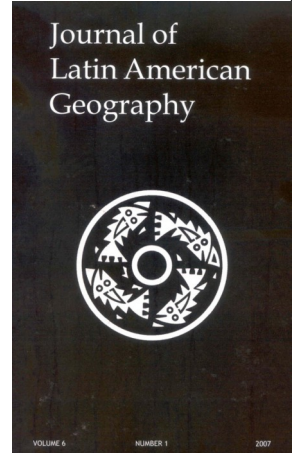
For more information, contact:

Marcela Sevilla S., Fundación Uno, Suite 1300, 1111 Brickell Avenue,

Miami, Florida. 33131 (305-372-8270); e-mail: msevilla@grupo-uno.com

The author @ e-mail: wvdauid@lsu.edu

Journal of Latin American Geography, Vol. 6:1



Splitting the country: the case of the Atlantic coast of Nicaragua

Luis Sánchez

Intellectual relation between Historical Geography and Latinamericanist Geography

Andrew Sluyter and Kent Mathewson

Fire Ecology and Conservation in the High Tropical Andes: observations from Northern Ecuador

Philip L. Keating

Identifying and Assessing Tropical Montane Forests on the Eastern Flank of the Andes of Ecuador

James Keese, Thomas Mastin, and David Yun

The Forests are Bleeding: How land cover change is creating a new Fire Regime in the Ecuadorian Amazon

Joseph P. Messina and Mark A. Cochrane

Green Neoliberal Space: The Mesoamerican Biological Corridor

Mary Finley-Brook

Spatial Processes in Scalar Context: Development and Security in the Brazilian Amazon

Cynthia Simmons, Marcellus Caldas, Stephan Aldrich, Robert Walker, and Stephen Perz

Socio-spatial segregation in Metropolitan Lima, Peru

Paul A. Peters and Emily H. Skop

El derecho a la ciudad y la cuestión del espacio público: experiencias en la ciudad de Bahía Blanca

Nidia Formiga

Editor - **David J. Robinson**, Syracuse University

Editorial Assistant - **Claudia Sawyer**, Syracuse University

Associate Editors - **Hildegardo Córdova**, Pontificia Universidad Católica, Lima, Peru; **Andrew Sluyter**, Louisiana State University

Book Review Editor - **Joseph L. Scarpaci**, Virginia Tech

Film Review Editor - Gary Elbow Texas, Tech University

CLAG MEMBERSHIP & JLAG

The *Journal of Latin American Geography* (JLAG) is published by the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG), established in 1970 to foster geographic education and research on Latin America through conferences and publications. The Journal of Latin American Geography continues to expand the tradition of the annual *CLAG Yearbook* which has published a selection of papers by distinguished geographers and other scholars for more than 20 years. The editors work with an international editorial board to promote the publication of original, high quality, and refereed manuscripts that represent the broad spectrum of geographic perspectives on and from the region.

If you are not currently receiving JLAG, then your CLAG membership has expired.

JLAG, Vol. 6:1, has already been mailed. If you did not receive this volume (brown cover), then your CLAG membership has expired. JLAG is included in the price of membership to CLAG.

Subscribe to JLAG (and receive your CLAG membership) on the JLAG page at the University of Texas Press website <http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/journals/jlag.html>

CLAG membership, including the JLAG subscription is only \$60 per year, with special discounts for students and Latin American residents.

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP IS ONLY \$27 PER YEAR !!!

Submitting articles to JLAG

On the CLAG website <http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/clag/clag.htm> under "Publications," click on the *Journal of Latin American Geography* link, then scroll down for the Call for Submissions and the Guidelines for authors. Articles are published in published in English, Spanish, Portuguese, or French but must include an abstract in English.

COLORADO SPRINGS, CLAG 2007

Colorado College played host to CLAG 2007, from May 31st thru June 3rd, organized by **Eric Perramond**, Colorado College, and **John Harner**, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs.

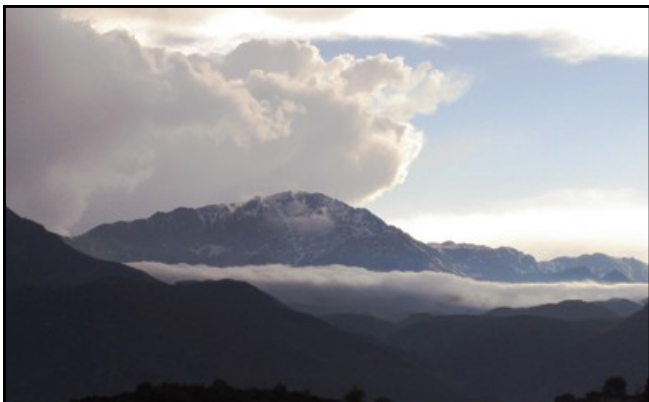
The meeting opened in the evening on Thursday, May 31st, with an informal get-together for snacks and cocktails. Sessions began on Friday morning and ran through

Saturday afternoon, with two concurrent sessions for attendees to choose from. The CLAG Banquet was held Saturday night, and on Sunday morning the field trip to Colorado's San Luis Valley left, led by **Jeff Smith**, Kansas State University.

Eric and John had prepared and executed a truly first-class meeting. Colorado College, the meeting site, is located in Colorado Springs with a beautiful view of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains as a backdrop to the meeting. Most attendees stayed in Colorado College's dorms, with many having a fine view of the mountains, as well as amenities not usually found in college dormitories, such as full-sized refrigerators to cool beverages. The banquet featured the choice of roast pork, sea bass, or vegetarian lasagna, and honored those receiving CLAG awards - see page 5 for award winners.



Attendees of CLAG 2007 prepare to leave on a walking tour of Colorado Springs, lead by **John Harner** (far left), co-organizer of CLAG 2007



Storm brewing over Pike's Peak, from the campus of Colorado College, site of CLAG 2007 in Colorado Springs.

John Harner and **Eric Perramond** are to be congratulated for running such a great meeting!

RECENT GRADUATES

Master's and Doctoral Degrees in Geography of Latin America

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

2007 **Jill Stackhouse, Ph. D.** "The state of housing, the business of the State: Spatial consequences of housing and urban development policies of the entrepreneurial State in Chile (1973-1989)" [advisor David Robinson]

2007 **Eli Moore, M.A.**, "Mapping for social change: the radical pedagogy of participatory mapping in the Valle de Cauca, Colombia" [advisor Alison Mountz]

2005 **Matthew Himley, M. A.** "The politics of land and forest: nature conservation in highland Ecuador" Awarded Graduate and Maxwell School 2006 Prize. [advisor Tom Perreault]

University of Denver

Maria Caffrey graduated from the University of Denver with her **Master's degree**. Maria worked on a core from the Cuchumatán Mountains of Guatemala. Her thesis entitled "A 10,000 Year Record of Pre-Columbian Environmental Change from Highland Guatemala," sheds additional light on post-glacial climate and vegetation change in the very high Cuchumatanes (above 3000 m.a.s.l.). Maria is off to the University of Tennessee for Doctoral work.

McGill University

Christian Abizaid, Ph.D. Title: "Floodplain dynamics and traditional livelihoods in the upper Amazon: A study along the central Ucayali River, Peru." (Supervisor: Oliver Coomes).

Leonardo Cabrera, Ph.D. Title: "Linking social and ecological dynamics for bird conservation: protecting the endangered Sierra Madre Sparrow in Chichinautzin, Mexico". (Supervisor: Thom Meredith)

Louisiana State University

Ramin Zamanian, Louisiana State University, received his M.A. in May, and his thesis was titled "A Material/Conceptual Landscape Analysis of the Virgin of Guadalupe Pilgrimage Site in Mexico City, Mexico".

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Heather Putnam, defended her Master's thesis entitled, "Meaning and Progress in the Fair Trade Movement", under the direction of **J. Christopher Brown**. Her plans are to continue studying with Chris in the Ph.D. program at KU.

Pedro Pontes, an undergraduate student from UNICAMP (University of Campinas) in São Paulo state, Brazil, is a visiting researcher from May-September 2007 at KU working with **J. Christopher Brown**, his Ph.D. student **Heather Putnam**, and **Kevin Price**. They are developing ways to incorporate GIS and Remote Sensing in the efforts of a large coffee production cooperative in Minas Gerais, Brazil (Cooxupé) to certify its coffee according to a number of different physical geographic, ecological and social criteria.

J. Christopher Brown, KU and **Wendy Jepson**, Texas A&M published the following from their research on the expansion of soybean production in the Amazon. Their team includes researchers from Kansas, Texas A&M, Nebraska, and EMBRAPA in Brazil (the Brazilian equivalent of the USDA).

Brown, J. Christopher., Kastens, J. H., Wardlow, B. D., Jepson, W., Coutinho, A. C., Venturieri, A., Lomas, J., Price, K. (2007). Using MODIS to detect cropping frequency variation in mechanized agriculture in Amazonia. Proceedings of the XIII Brazilian Symposium of Remote Sensing, Florianópolis, Santa Catarina.

Brown, J. Christopher, Wendy Jepson, Jude Kastens, Brian Wardlow, John Lomas, and Kevin Price. Multi-temporal, moderate spatial resolution remote sensing of modern agricultural production and land modification in the Brazilian Amazon. *GIScience and Remote Sensing* 44(2): 117-148.

J. Christopher Brown was promoted to associate professor with tenure!

In 2005, **Jerome Dobson** and **Peter Herlihy**, University of Kansas, initiated the México Indígena project (<http://web.ku.edu/~mexind/>), the first American Geographical Society "Bowman Expeditions". Dobson and Herlihy, and Kansas graduate students **John Kelly** and **Andy Hilburn**, have joined with **Miguel Aguilar Robledo**, Universidad Autónoma de San Luís Potosí, to study land tenure change in indigenous areas, using participatory mapping with traditional, archival, and humanistic methods through GIS. The team has been working primarily in the Huasteca Potosina of San Luís Potosí, and the Sierra Norte of Oaxaca. Fieldwork is carried out by trained indigenous researchers collaborating with Universidad de San Luís Potosí graduate students, and **Derek Smith**, Carleton University and. The maps produced by each community include indigenous toponyms and water sources, but the GIS analysis is devoted to exploring the impacts of PROCEDE, the huge Mexican national program (1993 to 2006) to survey, register, and eventually privatize rural social properties (ejidos and comunidades agrarias).

University of Kansas continued on the next page

University of Kansas

Bill Woods will be conducting terra preta related fieldwork in Amazonia during July and August. This research will be in association with the Central Amazon Project directed by **Professor Eduardo Goés Neves** (University of São Paulo). Two KU students will accompany Woods. **Jonathan Thayne** is investigating remote sensing possibilities for detecting dark earths and will be collecting ground truth data for his dissertation. **Nicole Reiz** will be working with the identification of these soils and their archaeological contexts in preparation for analyzing samples and attempting their organic characterization with near- and mid-IR spectroscopy for her masters research.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

Maria Caffrey graduated from the University of Denver with her Master's degree. Maria worked on a core from the Cuchumatán Mountains of Guatemala. Her thesis entitled "A 10,000 Year Record of Pre-Columbian Environmental Change from Highland Guatemala" sheds additional light on post-glacial climate and vegetation change in the very high Cuchumatanes (above 3000 m.a.s.l.). Maria is off to the University of Tennessee for Doctoral work.

Matthew Taylor mentions that the University of Denver will be advertising (once again) for an urban and/or economic geographer this coming fall. If you have good doctoral students (past and present), please encourage them to investigate our growing and vibrant department. Matthew would really like to hire someone who works in Latin America. Keep your eyes open for the advertisement in the fall.

INSTITUTO DE GEOGRAFÍA DE LA UNIVERSIDAD NACIONAL AUTÓNOMA DE MÉXICO

María Teresa Gutiérrez de MacGregor, Investigadora Emerita

Del 20 AL 23 mayo se va a celebrar el V Simposio de Enseñanza de la Geografía en México, Monterrey 2007 ,bajo el tema Paradigmas y actores de la enseñanza de la Geografía en México. Organizado por la Sociedad Mexicana de Geografía y Estadística y la Secretaría de Educación del Estado de Nuevo León.

El 26 de abril se celebró el Congreso Internacional " América en la cartografía a 500 años del mapa de Martín Waldseemüller 15007- 2007." Organizado por el Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Durante el Congreso se presentó el libro *Cosmographiae Introductio* de Martín Waldseemüller, traducido por primera vez al español por Miguel León-Portilla.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Geography in Latin America

Appointment

David Robinson has been appointed Executive Director of CLAG from 1 July, 2007

Degrees awarded

2007 **Jill Stackhouse, Ph. D.** "The state of housing, the business of the State: Spatial consequences of housing and urban development policies of the entrepreneurial State in Chile (1973-1989)" [advisor David Robinson]

2007 **Eli Moore, M.A.**, "Mapping for social change: the radical pedagogy of participatory mapping in the Valle de Cauca, Colombia" [advisor Alison Mountz]

2005 **Matthew Himley, M. A.** "The politics of land and forest: nature conservation in highland Ecuador" Awarded Graduate and Maxwell School 2006 Prize. [advisor Tom Perreault]

Student awards and research topics

Doctoral candidate **Claudia Sawyer** awarded 2007 Pruitt Dissertation Fellowship, AAG Dissertation Research Grant, and Roscoe Martin Research Grant (Maxwell School). "Protecting changing spaces: management and development of World Heritage cities -a comparative study of Guanajuato, Morelia, and Oaxaca, Mexico" [advisor David Robinson]

Doctoral candidate **Matthew Himley** awarded a 2007-08 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship. "Frontiers of capital: mining, mobilization and resource governance in the Peruvian Andes" [advisor Tom Perreault]

Doctoral student **Emily R. Billo** awarded A Roscoe Martin and Dean's award to research The Multinational Petroleum Industry in Ecuador's Amazon Region: A Case for Corporate Governance? [advisor Tom Perreault]

Doctoral candidate **Elvin Delgado** awarded a 2006-07 Fulbright-IIE fellowship "Political ecology of water pollution and its effects on small-scale fishing communities in Lake Maracaibo, Venezuela." [advisor Tom Perreault]

Doctoral candidate **Jill Stackhouse** 2006 Roscoe Martin dissertation Award (Maxwell School) for research in Chile [advisor David Robinson]

Continued on next page.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Geography in Latin America

Doctoral student **Beatriz Bustos**, 2006 Goekjian award (Maxwell School) for summer research in London, UK; "Transnational networks and the production of knowledge for sustainable development" [advisor Tom Perreault]

Master's candidate **Marla Torrado** 2006 PLACA (Maxwell School) Summer Research Grant "Constructing changes: road construction and Makushi communities of Southern Guyana" [advisor Jane Read]

Master's candidate **Sandra Sánchez**, "Political ecology of ecotourism in the Ecuadorian Amazon" [advisor Tom Perreault]

Nancy A Hiemstra will be in the field, summer 2007, investigating her dissertation topic "Transnational Migration Out of Ecuador: A Reverse Ethnography of U.S. and Spanish Immigration Policy" [advisor Alison Mountz]

Publications

Tom Perreault

2007 "De la 'guerra del agua' a la 'guerra del gas': gobernabilidad de recursos, neoliberalismo, y protesta popular en Bolivia," in S. Spronk and C. Crespo (eds.), *Después de las Guerras del Agua en Bolivia*, pp. 173-208 (La Paz, Plural Editores).

2006 "Reestructuración del estado y las políticas de escala de la gestión de agua rural en Bolivia," in *Políticas Hídricas y Derechos Campesinos e Indígenas*, Rutgerd Boelens (ed.) (Lima, IEP/Quito, Abya Yala).

Jane Read

2006 *Satellite Remote Sensing for Management and Monitoring of Certified Forestry: An Example from the Brazilian Amazon*. In *Globalization and New Geographies of Conservation* (ed. K. Zimmerer), pp. 71-91. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.

David Robinson

2006 *Collaguas III Yanque Collaguas: Sociedad, economía y población, 1604-1617* (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú)

2006 *Migration in Colonial Spanish America* (Cambridge University Press), paperback edition.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Geography in Latin America

Jaime Winders

2007. "Mapping the Grassroots: NGO Formalisation in Oaxaca, Mexico." *Journal of International Development* 18: 1-15, with Sarah Moore, Oliver Froehling, John Paul Jones III, and Susan Roberts., Colgate University.

Papers presented

Emily Billo

2007 AAG, "The Hydrocarbon Industry: A Case for Corporate Governance in Ecuador's Amazon Region?"

2007 CLAG, "What Does Corporate Social Responsibility Really Mean? The Case of the Multinational Petroleum Industry in Ecuador's Amazon Northern Amazon Region"

Beatríz Bustos

2007 CLAG, "Privatization of Knowledge in a Neoliberal Heaven: What the Privatization of Universities in Chile Can Tell Us about Topographies of Neoliberalism"

Matt Himley

2007 AAG "Mining, Mobilization, and Resource Governance in the Peruvian Andes"

2007 AAG, Panelist "Latin America, the new extraction: extractive industries and development conflicts"

2006 AAG, "Contesting the hinterlands: global entanglements and local control in the Ecuadorian Sierra"

Eli Moore

2007 AAG, "Research and mapping in a context of conflict: The parallel relevance of participatory action research principles"

2006 AAG, "A Geography of Autonomy; Resisting Displacement in a Colombian 'Red Zone'"

Tom Perreault

2007 "Natural Gas, Indigenous Mobilization, and the Bolivian State" at the workshop, "Identity, Power and Rights: The State, International Institutions and Indigenous Peoples," organized by the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva, Switzerland.

2007 "Natural Resources and Indigenous Politics in Bolivia" at the Humanities Coffee Hour, College of Arts and Sciences, Syracuse University.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Geography in Latin America

2007 "Irrigator mobilization and the politics of water governance in post-multicultural Bolivia," and roundtable discussion, Département de Géographie, Université de Montréal.

2007 "Water governance and indigenous/campesino mobilization in post-multicultural Bolivia," Latin American Studies Program, Cornell University.

2006 "Peasant mobilization and the cultural politics of water governance in Bolivia," Department of Geography and Regional Planning, University of Arizona.

2006 "Rural water governance and the antinomies of liberalism in Bolivia," to Environmental Studies Program, Colgate University.

David Robinson

2007 "El espacio en la geografía histórica", Universidad de Guadalajara.

2006 "La geografía histórica en Inglaterra y los Estados Unidos: un estudio comparativo", to History and Geography program, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá.

2006 "Métodos en la investigación geo-histórica", to Facultad de Arquitectura, Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela.

Claudia Sawyer

2007 AAG, "Setting the stage: Guanajuato's Historic Center";

2006 National Extension Tourism Conference, "Working City or Living Museum? The historic city center of Morelia, Mexico"

Jill Stackhouse

2007 AAG, "Financing Supply & Demand: Housing Policies under Chile's Military Regime"

2006 NECLAS, Middlebury, "The Business of the State: Housing Policies during Chile's Military Regime"

Marla Torrado

2006 AAG Middle State Division, "Making way to the interior: effects of road construction on Amerindian communities of Guyana"

Evan Weissman

2007 AAG, "Food Security in the 21st Century: Lessons from Cuban Agriculture for Materializing Realities"

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Thomas Whitemore, University of North Carolina, supervised (along with archaeologist Brian Billman) a geography undergraduate major, **Warren (Chris) Jochem**, who did original research in Peru's Moche valley. His honors thesis, "Cerro Ramon: Archaeological Investigations at the Environmental and Political Border of the Chim Empire" won the F. Gill award for best ugrad thesis given by UNC's Institute for Latin American Studies. Chris teamed with a graduate student to create a poster on this research for the Society for Latin American Archaeology meetings. Chris also won UNC Geography's best undergraduate award and is going to an internship at Oak Ridge next year.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

During the past year, Jim Biles, Indiana University, has been collaborating with officials from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and colleagues from Mexico, New Zealand and Italy on a "Territorial Review of Yucatán, Mexico". The review offers a comprehensive assessment of social and economic development policy in Yucatán and will published by OECD in the coming months.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

May 16 -June 6, 2007

Michigan State University Study Abroad Program

Environment and Development in the Brazilian Amazon

This three-week program was an intense, excursion and service-learning based undergraduate experience based in Manaus and Santarém, Brazil. We heard lectures by local experts, visited the forest, cities and small communities, helped construct a community center, and spent many days living on an Amazon boat. We grappled with the meaning of development and environment in a place as immense and contested as the Brazilian Amazon.

If all goes well the program will likely run again in May/ June of 2009.

Antoinette WinklerPrins, Associate Professor

Department of Geography

Michigan State University

antoinet@msu.edu

COLORADO COLLEGE

Eric Perramond, Colorado College, is busy on a new research project this summer with undergraduate student **Molly Dilg** (Southwest Studies, Colorado College), documenting the process and potential impacts of water rights adjudications in northern New Mexico, focused on the Taos Valley acequia organizations.

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Daniel Klooster is teaching a class on "Sustainable Development in the Americas" as part of the capstone project for the Masters of Science in Planning offered by the Urban and Regional Planning Department at FSU. The class is taught May 8 to June 14, 2007, at FSU's campus in the Republic of Panama, and will include site visits to the canal watershed, the Kuna Yala district (comarca San Blas), Bocas del Toro, and Panama City.

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

ECUADOR 2007

ECUADOR 2008 Registration requested by December 2007

Eastern Illinois University is pleased to announce that "Environment, Society, and Culture of Ecuador" Study Abroad will be traveling to Ecuador July 24- August 12, 2007 with undergraduate and graduate students from Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, and Texas. Instructors are **Dr. Betty E. Smith** of the Department of Geology and Geography and **Dr. Mario Andino** of Ecuador. We look forward to meeting local people and exploring equatorial ecological zones in the Andes mountains and valleys, Amazon rainforest, coastal beaches, and enchanted Galapagos Islands. Students will earn 4 credits.

This same study abroad course has been approved by Eastern Illinois University for offering SUMMER 2008 with the same itinerary July 22-August 10, 2008. Registration is requested by December 2007. This is earlier than usual and has been necessitated by the ever increasing amount of paperwork required for our study abroad programs. The detailed itinerary, academic information, and 2007 cost can be found on the department web site http://www.eiu.edu/~geoscience/study_abroad_ecuador.php Hopefully 2008 cost will be about the same and remains to be finalized. Please be patient and give the website time to load. Even here on campus, it seems to take a few moments, probably the photos. Links are available at this site to a power point presentation and color flyer. I hope some of my CLAGISTA colleagues will have students that may be interested in participating in the summer 2008 course "Environment, Society, and Culture of Ecuador" Study Abroad July 22- August 10, 2008. Email questions to **Betty Smith**, bsmith@eiu.edu or telephone (217) 581-6340 office or (217) 549-4900 cell.

CLAG NICA 2009



Granada, Nicaragua Enero 2009

The CLAG Board has approved the site of the next meeting site -

Granada, Nicaragua

Early January, 2009

Granada, Nicaragua, will serve as the site of CLAG's 2009 meeting. Located on the shore of Lago de Nicaragua, the city of Granada is claimed by some historians to be the oldest Spanish city in Central America. The city served as the capital of Nicaragua during the colonial era, was a major center of commerce, and suffered through several attacks by pirates coming from the Caribbean Coast via the Río San Juan and Lago de Nicaragua. Located about an hours drive from the airport in Managua, the city of Granada is located near several volcanoes, as well as the village of Masaya. The organizing committee is co-chaired by Craig Revels and Taylor Mack, with assistance from Bill Davidson. The organizing committee is currently in contact with several groups and individuals in Nicaragua to assist in the planning and organization of the meeting.

The organizing committee will put out a call for individuals who wish to organize and lead field trips. They are also working on an opening session to feature the geography of Nicaragua. Keep a watch for future announcements and information about CLAG NICA 2009 - Granada, Nicaragua.

