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CLAG is Heading to New Orleans! Come with Us!

New Orleans | 3-5 January 2017

The [Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers](#) is pleased to announce that its 2017 conference will be in New Orleans, once the capital of the Spanish colony of Louisiana.

You need to follow only three simple steps to join the many others who will participate in this conference:

1. [Register to attend.](#)
2. [Submit an organized paper session, panel session, paper, and/or poster.](#) Papers and posters can be in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.
3. [Book your room at the Bourbon Orleans Hotel.](#)

EARLY REGISTRATION ENDS JULY 1st 2016. Standard Hashtag: #clag2017



Letter from the CLAG's Outgoing Chair, Karl Offen:

CLAGistas,

Since the Fall Newsletter of 2015 a few things have transpired or advanced worth mentioning. Thanks to Andrew Sluyter, CLAG 2017 in New Orleans is on target. The venue is outstanding, and this looks to be an epic conference: register soon to take advantage of the early bird registration fee structure. Although I could not make the AAG meeting in San Francisco I heard the Board meeting was productive, a new two-year budget was approved, and a good time was had by all at the CLAG/LASG party. The CLAG web page continues to evolve, and thanks to webmaster Matthew Fry we have most things exactly how we want them. As always, if you have suggestions about the CLAG webpage please let the chair or Matt know. JLAG editor Chris Gaffney has a new editorial team in place but, as always, he needs more quality submissions from CLAG members and, if you're reading this, that means you. Perhaps the biggest news is the slate of outstanding scholars and friends of CLAG winning the 2016 and 2017 CLAG Honors awards. More on those below in the Newsletter and in New Orleans! Here I would like to acknowledge the fine work that the Honors Committee Chair, Sarah Blue, and the other committee members accomplished in getting together a fine list of candidates and for selecting deserved winners. Felicidades a todos y todas.

This will be my last newsletter statement as Chair of the CLAG Board. It has been an honor working with such dedicated and talented people. On July 1, 2016, Kendra McSweeney and Brad Jokisch will take over as CLAG Chair and Vice Chair respectively. Hasta NOLA!

Karl Offen, CLAG Chair
Oberlin College



Letter from LASG's Outgoing Chair, Claudia Radel:

Dear LASG Members,

As a specialty group, we had a successful AAG in San Francisco. The LASG graduate student directors organized a good session on conducting fieldwork in Latin America, and LASG had 20 sessions we sponsored in total. At the business meeting, we announced the winners of the student awards for best papers and for field study proposals (see details elsewhere in this newsletter), and we elected three new officers:

Incoming Chair: John Finn, Christopher Newport University (and outgoing LASG Vice Chair)

Incoming Vice Chair: Federica Bono, University of Leuven (Belgium)

Incoming Secretary-Treasurer: Denielle Perry, University of Oregon



On 1 July 2016, these new officers will join the continuing graduate student directors: Diego Pons (University of Denver), Joshua Rudow (University of Texas at Austin), and Anna Sveinsdóttir (University of Denver). Following the business meeting, many members had a splendid time at the LASG-CLAG annual party at the Lush Lounge. Costs for this party were less than anticipated, and so CLAG has graciously covered the full amount. Thanks CLAG! And thanks to all of you, from me, for the chance to serve as the LASG chair. It's been a pleasure.

Claudia Radel
Outgoing LASG Chair
Utah State University

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University of Texas at
Austin

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Thank you to our outgoing Board Chair Karl Offen and outgoing board members:
Gerardo Bocco, Robert B. Kent, Heidi Scott, and Julie Velásquez Runk

Welcome to our new board members (with terms ending June 30, 2019)

Martha Bell (Pontifica U. Católica, Lima), Christian Brannstrom (Texas A&M), Brad Jokisch (Ohio U), and returning as board member Robert Kent (CSU-Northridge)

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Introducing Incoming LASG Officers



Incoming Chair:
John Finn,
Christopher Newport



Incoming Vice Chair:
Federica Bono,
University of Leuven
(Belgium)



Incoming Secretary-
Treasurer:
Denielle Perry,
University of Oregon.



CLAG 2017 in New Orleans!

CLAG 2017 New Orleans, January 3-5 (Tuesday - Thursday)

We are pleased to announce that our 2017 conference will be in New Orleans, once the capital of the Spanish colony of Louisiana.

All sessions will take place on Wednesday and Thursday in the [Bourbon Orleans](#), a historic hotel in the heart of the French Quarter. That small area of the city retains much of its historic ambience and abounds with restaurants, jazz clubs, museums, art galleries, street life, and other attractions. The hotel is on Orleans Street between Bourbon and Royal Streets, directly behind St. Louis Cathedral and a block from Jackson Square, the colonial Plaza de Armas with its Cabildo. The Café du Monde, streetcar line, and Mississippi River are just the other side of Jackson Square. The negotiated room price of \$149 single/double is exceptional for such a conveniently located, high quality hotel.

We hope you will join us in a conference that is always large enough to be diverse but small enough for participants to enjoy that diversity. Reunite with old friends and make new ones at the opening reception on Tuesday evening. Over the following two days, share and discuss the latest research in Latin Americanist geography. At the closing reception on Thursday evening celebrate individual awards and the accomplishments of our community of scholars. On the Friday take time to enjoy one of the field trips in and around New Orleans.

We believe this will be a memorable CLAG conference because New Orleans remains one of the most distinctive of American cities, with something for all who enjoy music, food, art, architecture, history, and cultural spectacle. Its boosters once promoted it as the “gateway to Latin America.” The Mexican politician and intellectual Justo Sierra claimed it “is one of those Gulf cities that all seem like sisters, but very large, very developed; Tampico, Veracruz, and Campeche would all fit within it, and it has something of all of them within it, of Veracruz above all.” And since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, its longstanding Hispanic and Latino communities have experienced rapid growth associated with the reconstruction.

The scheduled dates offer much more comfortable temperatures than the torrid summers of south Louisiana, with an average January high of only 62° F/17° C and low of 43° F/6° C. Averages aside, January days are often sunny with temperatures that rise into the 70s/20s in the afternoons.

New Orleans is highly accessible to participants from throughout the Americas. It is within a day’s drive for many CLAG members, from Texas to Florida and northward to Kansas and Virginia. Direct flights are available from all major airports in the USA, and COPA has direct flights four times per week from its hub in Panama City.

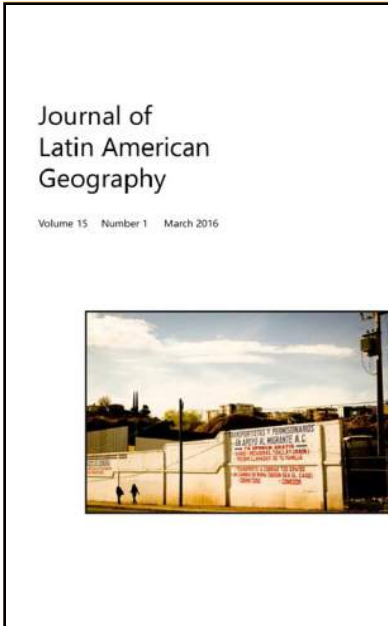
As planning progresses, a dedicated webpage at clagscholar.org will provide links to register, submit abstracts, book your hotel room at the conference rate, and sign up for field trips.

– **Andrew Sluyter**, CLAG
Executive Director



Journal of Latin American Geography

Editorial Team Update



JLAG is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members of the editorial team. Eric D. Carter (Macalester College) will take over from Joe Scarpaci as Book Review Editor beginning with issue 15(2). Eric has recently completed a year's sabbatical in Chile and Costa Rica and brings long experience as an editor to *JLAG* having previously served as a member of the editorial board of the *Annals* of the AAG. We have already begun to expand the back matter offerings with the first contribution to the *JLAG* Perspectives section. *JLAG* Perspectives will offer short essays by geographers on current events throughout the region. If you have an idea for a contribution or are eager to contribute book reviews, review essays, or have other ideas, please email Eric directly at ecarter@macalester.edu

JLAG is also pleased to announce the appointment of Johnny Finn (Christopher Newport University) as Associate Editor. Johnny brings tremendous energy and breadth of research and editorial experience to the team. The five-member team has released a Statement of Purpose that has come out in the most recent 15(1) issue of *JLAG* and we renew our call to all CLAG/LASGistas to collaborate with us in bringing the best Latin Americanist scholarship to print.

Christopher Gaffney, christopher.gaffney@geo.uzh.ch
Editor, *Journal of Latin American Geography*

New Book Series

Call for book proposals and manuscripts

CLAG is collaborating with Springer Publishers to publish the new "[Springer Briefs in Latin American Studies](#)." The series will publish compact volumes (50 to 125 pages) on geographical, environmental, cultural, economic, political and urban research about Latin America. Regional experts will referee all submissions, authors retain copyright, books are published within three months of acceptance, and each will feature the CLAG logo. For more information, [see the series flyer](#). To submit a proposal or manuscript, please contact the Andrew Sluyter, Chair of the CLAG Book Series Editorial Board, at asluyter@lsu.edu.



CLAG Awards and Honours

Preston James Award

2016 - Daniel Arreola

2017 - Linda Newson

Carl Sauer Award

2016 - Timothy Beach

2017 - Andrew Sluyter

Enlaces Award

2016 - Jörn Seemann

2017 - Christian Dennys Monteiro de Oliveira

Private Sector & Government Award

2016 - Jean Parcher

Outstanding Service to CLAG

2016 - Taylor Mack

2017 - Christian Brannstrom

The winners of the **Preston E. James Eminent Latin Americanist Career Award**, in recognition of a *life-time achievement* towards the *understanding of the geography of Latin America*, are Daniel Arreola (2016) and Linda Newson (2017).

Daniel Arreola a Professor of Geography at Arizona State University. Dan was awarded the Carl O. Sauer award in 2003 for his research on Veracruz and the US-Mexico borderlands. A decade and a half later, his career stands as a shining example of accomplishment. Among Latin Americanists, he is particularly well known as one of the leading scholars, in any discipline, of the US-Mexico borderlands. Thirty years of teaching experience including two decades in three PhD granting departments in universities across the Southwest. He has supervised twenty-three doctoral dissertations, Master's theses, and Honor's theses—including those of many CLAG members. He has published four books, two co-edited thematic issues of professional journals, thirty-nine refereed articles in journals, thirty-eight book chapters and other writings, and thirty-four book reviews for professional journals. His *Tejano South Texas* has been especially well received, winning the 2002 J. B. Jackson Book Prize from the American Association of Geographers, one of the few times that broader recognition by the AAG membership has gone to a Latin Americanist. His edited volume, *Hispanic Spaces, Latino Places: Community and Cultural Diversity in Contemporary America*, which contains chapters by several CLAG members, has become required reading for all who study the increasingly significant Latino dimensions of the USA. Dan is a Professor of Geography at Arizona State University.

Linda Newson has been the Director of the Institute of Latin American Studies at the University of London since 2012. She has had long relations with CLAG and won the Carl O. Sauer award in 1991. Professor Newson is the author, co-author, or co-editor of no less than eight books and numerous articles covering the early modern period in Trinidad, Honduras, Nicaragua, Ecuador, the slave trade to Lima via Cartagena, and most recently the Spanish Philippines. She's a world renowned specialist in disease, historical demography, comparative indigenous survival, food production and provisioning, and, as a review of her 2007 book with Susie Minchin, *From Capture to Sale: The Portuguese Slave Trade to Spanish South America in the Early Seventeenth Century* (Brill), put it, she has an "astonishing ability to narrate from quantitative data" that she herself generates from archival sources. She has received the Order of the British Empire and in 2000 was elected Fellow of the British Academy.

The winners of the **Carl O. Sauer Distinguished Scholarship Award**, in recognition for *a corpus of important published work or other significant contribution towards Latin American geography*, are Timothy Beach (2016) and Andrew Sluyter (2017).

Timothy Beach is currently the C. B. Smith, Sr., Centennial Chair and Professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the former Cinco Hermanos Chair and Professor of Geography and Geoscience at Georgetown University, Director of Georgetown's Program in Science, Technology, and International Affairs (STIA), and Head of its Center for the Environment. Tim has conducted field research with hundreds of students on geomorphology and geoarchaeology in Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. He has authored more than eighty peer-reviewed publications and hundreds of scientific presentations and many keynote addresses around the world. His research focuses on soil and agricultural systems, geomorphology, water, environmental change, and geoarchaeology. He was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and awarded Guggenheim and Dumbarton Oaks Fellowships. His record, I hope, will remind all CLAG members of the importance of physical and environmental geography in the history and accomplishments of our organization. Tim's work with archaeologists, in particular, exemplifies the synergy between geography, regional expertise, and interdisciplinary research.

Andrew Sluyter is a Geography Professor at Louisiana State University. With his third scholarly monograph recently published (LSU Press 2015), Sluyter will be in a select group within the CLAG community with three or more single or co-authored books on Latin American topics. Sluyter's first book, *Colonialism and Landscape: Postcolonial Theory and Applications* (Rowman & Littlefield 2002) was a groundbreaking effort that combined his field and archival research from coastal Mexico with methodological approaches that have had far-reaching impact beyond its immediate colonial foci. His second book, *Black Ranching Frontiers: African Cattle Herders of the Atlantic World, 1500-1900* (Yale 2012) has put Sluyter in the center of, and in some regards, at the forefront of debates within the burgeoning field of Atlantic Studies. Sluyter's case studies of black ranching frontiers are all in the greater colonial Latin American sphere – New Spain, the Pampas, the Caribbean, and Louisiana, and the trans-Atlantic cultural and commercial networks that formed and fed Afro-directed herding in these disparate corners of the Hispanic world. His latest book *Hispanic and Latino New Orleans: Immigration and Identity Since the Eighteenth Century* is co-authored with two his former PhD students Jim Chaney and Case Watkins, and Tulane Brazilianist Annie Gibson. It is a study of New Orleans' Hispanic and Latino communities (Honduran, Mexican, Cuban, Isleño, Brazilian among others) through the lens of cultural and historical geography. As with his two previous books, Sluyter (and his co-authors) demonstrates empirical prowess coupled with methodological innovation.

Theory is never absent, but it informs rather than dominates the discourse. It has been named this year's AAG J.B. Jackson Prize winner. Additionally, Sluyter has published some two-dozen journal articles and book chapters and a dozen book reviews on Latin American topics. His service to CLAG and the larger community of Latin Americanists commends him for this award as well. A CLAG member for the past 25 years, he has served on its board, as Associate Editor of JLAG, and now CLAG's Executive Director. He has mentored a number of Latin Americanist students and is a representative, US National Section, to the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History.

The winners of the **Enlaces Award**, in recognition of contributions to *improving relationships between geographers and geography departments throughout Latin America, are Jörn Seemann (2016) and Christian Denny Monteiro de Oliveira (2017).*

Jörn Seemann is an Assistant Professor of Geography at Ball State University. Jörn has done a phenomenal job of building linkages to Brazilian geographers. This dedication to intercultural legerdemain was especially notable during the organizing and coming to fruition of the CLAG 2015 conference in Fortaleza, Brazil.

Christian Denny Monteiro de Oliveira is a Professor at the Universidade Federal do Ceará. Christian organized CLAG in Fortaleza and produced three issues of Geosaberes devoted to CLAG papers.

The 2016 winner of the **Private Sector and Government Award** in recognition of contributions to *enhancing and disseminating knowledge of the geography of Latin America to professionals in government or the public in the private sector* is Jean Parcher.

Jean Parcher recently retired from a distinguished career, dedicated to geography and geospatial technologies for Latin America. She most recently managed the Department of the Interior's International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) Land Cover for Climate (LC4Climate) project. LC4Climate aims to enhance the capacity of developing country partners to improve techniques to generate and/or update existing land cover information using satellite imagery. In addition to Jean's duties with the LC4Climate project, Jean is the President of the Geography Commission of the specialized organization of the OAS's Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), which is a specialized organization of the Organization of American States. Ms. Parcher's previous experience includes representing the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) as the International Coordinator for the Land Remote Sensing program, managing the U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental Health Initiative, and interfacing with the Federal, State, and local Geospatial communities as the USGS Federal Geospatial liaison and the Texas State liaison. Ms. Parcher has over 20 years worth of experience in coordinating technical teams involved in geospatial analysis and remote sensing for the U.S. Geological Survey. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Costa Rica. Parcher has a Master of Arts Degree in Geography from the University of Texas. In 2009, Ms. Parcher devised and facilitated the beginning of a series of participatory workshops in Central America and Southern Mexico that empowered key actors to build a digital integrated map of the entire region.

In the subsequent five years, she held four workshops/working sessions for the integration of geographic data of Belize, Central America, Southern Mexico and Panama, considering the following layers: Administrative Boundaries, composed of 3 layers: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3; Hydrography, composed of 4 layers: Rivers, Water Bodies, Watersheds and Water Systems; Villages, consisting of two layers: Towns and Urban Footprint; Roads, consisting of 1 layer: Routes; Relief, consisting of 1 layer: Contours. This Integrated Map is available through the geoportal of the GeoSUR program. One of the most important uses of the regional map is to incorporate GIS tools to allow decision support within the governmental technical community for mitigating the effects from extreme natural phenomena, as well as for monitoring of local and regional ecosystems threatened by climate change. The fundamental data already created through her participatory efforts has been helping to form the basis for useful regional models for monitoring and prediction that support governments to consider joint implementation and development of prevention programs and / or actions seeking to minimize risks and vulnerability and to implement regional sustainable development programs. Ms. Parcher's initiative, tenacity, diplomacy, and vision yielded the first integrated map of Southern Mexico, Belize, Central America and Panama, a community of practice and a unique sense of confidence among specialists from official mapping agencies of these countries was achieved. She has an incredible rapport with practitioners and truly seeks benefit from geography for the people of Latin America, without seeking recognition for her accomplishments. This is but one of the examples of her spirit and dedication to the region that she has accomplished in her long and illustrious career.

The winners of the **Outstanding Service to CLAG Award** are Taylor Mack (2016) and Christian Brannstrom (2017).

Taylor Mack is an Associate Professor of Geography at Louisiana Tech University. Taylor became active in CLAG as a grad student at LSU in the mid-1990s and his dedication to helping to build a community of scholars was acknowledged with election to the board. He served on numerous committees, as Newsletter Editor, and as Chair. Although his service was outstanding in all of those capacities, his two terms as Chair, from 1999-2003, and editorial stewardship of the newsletter are especially notable.

Christian Brannstrom is a Professor of Geography at Texas A & M. Christian has provided outstanding service to CLAG over the last five years. Elected by the full CLAG membership in 2012 as CLAG Chair, Christian jumped into the position without the usual ramp up as vice-chair. His two-year tenure came at a difficult period that included declining membership, the need to hire a new JLAG editor, and with CLAG in serious debt with the IRS. Christian turned the membership around, oversaw the hiring of an outstanding JLAG editor in the person of Chris Gaffney, and worked tirelessly to get us in the blue with the IRS (a task that was not fully completed until last year). He also co-organized CLAG Panama, and served as CLAG's co-liaison (along with Jörn Seemann) to the folks in Fortaleza. Christian's visit to Fortaleza the year before the conference to work out details and to share information ensured its success.

Submitted by Committee Chair Dr. Sarah Blue

Karl W. Butzer

Karl Butzer, a well known and much respected former CLAGer, passed away earlier this month. CLAG awarded him both the **Carl O. Sauer Distinguished Scholarship Award** and the **Preston E. James Eminent Latin Americanist Career Award** honors. The American Association of Geographers posted a [brief obituary](#):

Karl W. Butzer, a geographer, cultural ecologist and environmental archaeologist, who was a world-class scholar and particularly known for his fieldwork in countries across the world, passed away on May 4, 2016, at the age of 81. A full obituary will follow soon.

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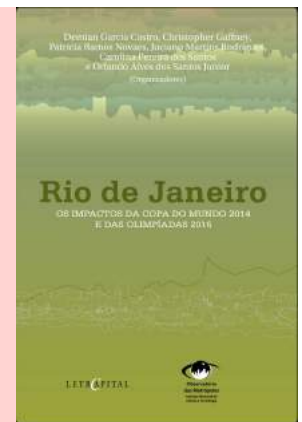
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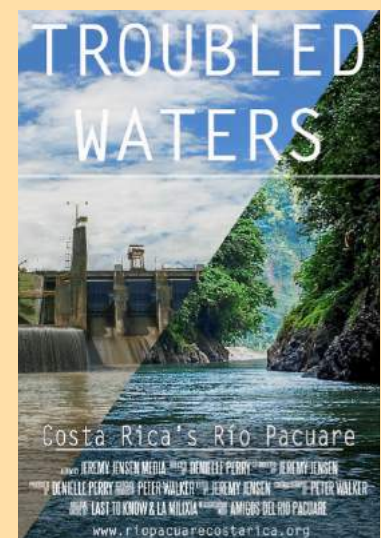
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Documentary Film

Perry, Denielle (Producer/Director). (2015). *Troubled Waters in Paradise: Costa Rica's Rio Pacuare* [Motion Picture]. United States: Jeremy Jensen Media.

The documentary, *Troubled Waters: Costa Rica's Rio Pacuare*, to be used in the classroom as supplementary material for discussion on the following topics: political ecology/economy of regional integration and electrification, hydropower development, indigenous rights, and social movements.

Troubled Waters was filmed on the premise that the people whose lives are most influenced by the Río Pacuare and those already impacted by dams should tell their story. During this 40-minute journey through the splendid river canyon and its riparian communities, key interviews with Cabecar Indians, whitewater boaters, politicians, fishermen, activists, and energy company representatives illuminate the many issues surrounding the standoff between permanent protection and dam development on the Río Pacuare. Both Spanish and English versions with appropriate subtitles are available free with Internet access at: <http://riopacuarecostarica.org/the-film/>. The film was instrumental in the late 2015 presidential decree to prohibit large dams on the river for 20 years. For a DVD and/or more information please write to: dperry3@uoregon.edu or info@riopacuarecostarica.org



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Información 2015 y 2016: Alumnos graduados

Maestría

Diana Lucero Ramírez Mejía. (2015) “Modelación espacial de la productividad de biomasa leñosa de encino en la Cuenca de Cuitzeo, Michoacán”. (MA Geography. CIGA – UNAM). Advisor: Adrián Ghilardi.

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Gress Carrasco Fabiola. (2016) “Evaluación de cambios de cobertura forestal y degradación ambiental en la mixteca de Oaxaca, 1950-2012”. (MA Geography. CIGA – UNAM). Advisor: Manuel Bollo.

Doctorado

Ortiz Rivera Alberto. (2016). “La regionalización físico-geográfica y la degradación de los paisajes del estado de Guerrero, México”. (PhD Geography. CIGA – UNAM). Advisor: Manuel Bollo.

Flores Domínguez Angel David. (2016). “Evaluación de la sustentabilidad ambiental de los paisajes agropecuarios del estado de Puebla, México.”. (PhD Universidad de Antioquia). Advisor: Angel Priego.

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Héctor Agredano Rivera was recently awarded the [Center for Place Culture and Politics](#) Dissertation Fellowship for 2016-2017 to complete dissertation writing. The CPCP is housed at the Graduate Center, CUNY. As a fellow, Héctor will be participating in a weekly seminar on the theme of “consciousness and revolution” and writing his dissertation.

Christian Brannstrom hosted a Brazilian faculty member, Adryane Gorayeb of the Universidade Federal do Ceará, on her six-month sabbatical. Christian will return to Fortaleza in May for a one-month research and teaching visit aiming to advance collaborative work on social and political aspects of wind power in coastal northeastern Brazil. He also plans to lead a short-term study abroad program to Costa Rica (with Chris Houser). Finally, Christian recently received the [Bush Excellence Award](#) for Faculty in International Teaching at Texas A&M University.

Matt LaFevor will begin as Assistant Professor of Geography at the University of Alabama this Fall 2016. Also in the Fall, he will be awarded the American Geographical Society's Wrigley-Fairchild Award for his paper "Building a colonial resource monopoly: The expansion of sulphur mining in New Spain, 1600-1820 (The Geographical Review, 2012).

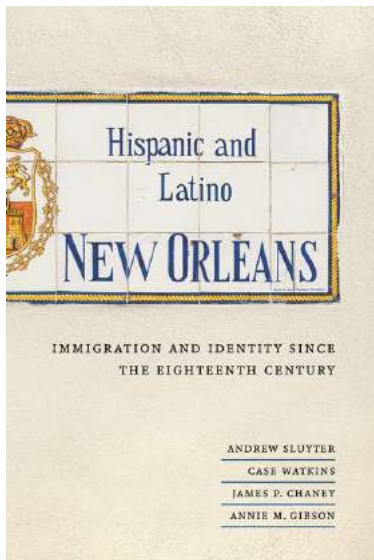


In May, **Catherine Nolin** and Grahame Russell led an emergency delegation to Guatemala to re-examine and update documentation on four major mining struggles throughout the country, all related to Canadian (and partially American) owned mining operations. Documentary photographer James Rodríguez (mimundo.org), filmmaker Steven Schnoor, and fellow researchers participated in this emergency delegation to document, yet again, the continued environmental, human rights and community defense struggles of Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities that have suffered repression and a wide-range of harms caused directly and indirectly by Canadian (and American owned) mining operations. All reports from the delegation are posted at: <http://www.unbc.ca/geography/field-schools/guatemala-2016> and <http://www.rightsaction.org/action-content/summary-mining-impunity-delegation-alerts>.

Catherine, Grahame, and James also initiated a new research project "Memory/Truth/Justice: Project Disappeared in Pacux" with surviving family members from the Los Encuentros massacre of 1982, now living in Pacux. They are working on this project in anticipation of the trial of 10 Guatemalan military officers for forced disappearance and other war crimes - connected to the CREOMPAZ military base - during Guatemala's internal armed conflict; one of several massacres tied directly to the development of a World Bank funded hydroelectric dam project.

Joseph L. Scarpaci, producer of the documentary, *Soy Cubana* (www.soycubanamovie), earned Best Short Documentary at the April 2016 CIMMFEST (Chicago International Music and Movie Festival). The documentary examines the myriad roles of four women from Santiago de Cuba who sing in an *capella* choir. Also, Since January 2016, Dr. Scarpaci has served as scholar-in-residence for the following groups that have traveled to Cuba: Allegheny College (faculty); World Affairs Council of Los Angeles; Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (international business); Friends Select (high-school); Virginia Commonwealth University, (College of Engineering). Another trip open to the general public titled, Legacies and Landscapes, is scheduled for October 2016 (see www.cubancultureeconomy.org).

Alexandra G. Ponette-González, along with colleagues Kate Brauman, Humberto Rocha, and Martina Florke received funding from the Belmont Foundation and NSF Integrative and Collaborative Education and Research (ICER) for their project: “Belmont Forum Collaborative Research: ClimateWise: Climate-Smart Watershed Investments in the Montane Tropics of South America.” Throughout South America, millions of people depend on water from high-elevation water sources, which are under increasing pressure from land-use and environmental change. Their project seeks to enhance sustainable water management by improving scientific understanding of the hydrologic impacts of land-use and environmental changes in tropical mountains, increasing the scientific foundation for ecosystem services-based management, and advancing outcomes for water users throughout the region. The findings will be of direct use for water management within and beyond South America.



Congratulations to our colleagues **Andrew Sluyter, Case Watkins, James Chaney, and Annie M. Gibson** who were awarded with the J.B. Jackson Prize at the 2016 American Association of Geographers’ Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA for their recent book [*Hispanic and Latino New Orleans: Immigration and Identity Since the Eighteenth Century*](#). The J.B. Jackson Prize is awarded annually to a scholarly book that makes a significant contribution to the study and understanding of human geography in the United States but is written for a broader lay audience. This timely volume not only explores the evolving role of Hispanics and Latinos in shaping New Orleans’ unique cultural identity and ethnic geography but also reveals how their histories inform the ongoing national debate about immigration.

Matthew Taylor shares two photos from recent research field work in Guatemala.

Photo caption: Matthew Taylor with Carmen Torselli who is co-founder of Fundación Solar en Guatemala





Photo caption: CLAGista Diego Pons (DU), Kevin Anchukaitis (U of Arizona), Hermes Vega, and Nicolas Bosque in the town of Gracias, Honduras. Matthew and the team had just returned from the Montana Celaque (the highest peak in Honduras) in their search for trees with which to reconstruct climate. Hermes and Nicolas are the first dendroclimatologists from Honduras!

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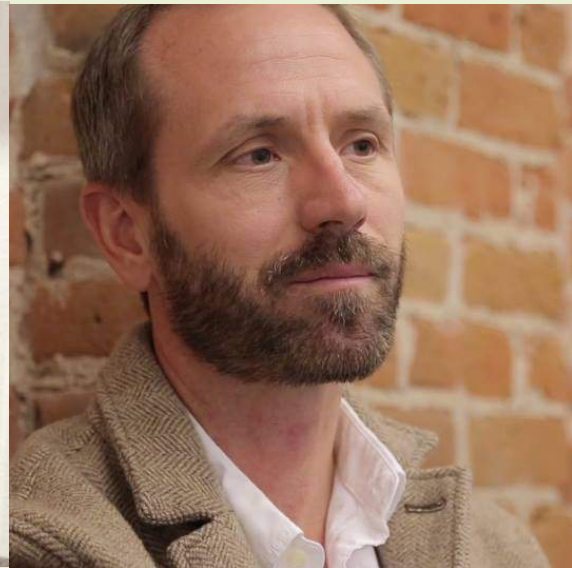
Laurel Bellante was recently awarded a Society of Woman Geographers Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship for her dissertation research on the impacts of neoliberal agrarian policies and climate change on smallholder grain producers in Chiapas, Mexico. She is this year's recipient of the Robert C. West (PhD) - CLAG Field Study Award (see page 22).



Johnny Finn is leading a 9-day trip to Cuba this summer with the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE). Given the recently announced warming of ties between the US and Cuba, and the increasing ease for Americans to travel to Cuba, geography educators occupy a prime position to advance our geographic knowledge of Cuba and its relationship to the United States. The purpose of this field trip, then, is to bring professional geographers and geography educators into the field to engage with the geography of Cuba in a way that goes far beyond the all-too-common stereotypes and clichés.

Dr. Iván J. Ramirez and Dr. Ana Baptista were awarded the Tishman Environment and Design Center (TEDC) Faculty Grant (\$5,000) for their project titled: Addressing environmental health risks through community action research and local knowledge. In this proposed project, we will develop and design a community-based participatory action research study in collaboration with El Puente (<http://elpuente.us/>), a social and environmental justice organization located in Brooklyn, NY. The study's goal is to assess spatial variability of environmental health risks at the neighborhood and sub-neighborhood scale.

Dr. Sarah Romano (University of Northern Colorado) and **Dr. Thomas LaVanchy** (University of Denver) will be conducting collaborative research this summer on a project entitled "'Beyond the Law': The Challenges of Drinking Water Governance in the Context of Climate Change." Their research will be conducted in the Northern Highlands region of Matagalpa as well as along the Southern Pacific Coast in the department of Rivas.



Recent Graduates and New Positions

Congratulations to the following people who successfully defended their theses and dissertations

Colleen Hammelman (2016): "Connecting for survival: Understanding the spatial implications of migrant women's food insecurity coping strategies in Medellin, Colombia, and Washington DC." Ph.D. Dissertation. Temple University, Geography and Urban Studies. Advisor: Allison Hayes-Conroy

Zoe Pearson finished her PhD degree requirements in January 2016 in the Department of Geography at Ohio State and officially graduated May 8th. Zoe's dissertation is titled "Coca Sí, Cocaína No? The Intimate Politics of International Drug Control Policy and Reform in Bolivia." She accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship in Global Studies at the University of Wyoming, beginning Fall 2016. Incoming CLAG Chair Dr. Kendra McSweeney was Zoe's academic advisor.

Photo: Zoe Pearson conducting research at the UNGASS drugs meeting in NYC, April 2016.





Lily House-Peters defended her dissertation, "Desert forests and riparian flows: Tracing social-ecological transformations in the transboundary San Pedro River" and graduated with a PhD from the School of Geography and Development at the University of Arizona on May 14, 2016.



Congratulations to the following people who are in new positions



Nicholas Crane (PhD, The Ohio State University '14) accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography at the University of Wyoming, starting September 2016.

Colleen Hammelman (PhD, Temple University '16) will be a post-doctoral fellow at the Culinarium Research Centre at the University of Toronto Scarborough (2016-2017), starting August 2016.



Lily House-Peters (PhD University of Arizona '16) accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Sustainability Studies in the Department of Geography at California State University Long Beach

Zoe Pearson (PhD The Ohio State University '16) will start a new position as Assistant Professor in Global and Area Studies, with a focus in Latin American studies, at the University of Wyoming in Fall 2016.

Then and Now (*Ayer y Hoy*)

Adrienne Johnson

As a PhD student at Clark University in 2011, I received the Bernard Nietschmann Award from CLAG to carry out preliminary dissertation fieldwork in Ecuador. Receiving the award gave me a boost in intellectual confidence and further energized my academic efforts as it confirmed for me that my PhD project idea was worth pursuing! Five years and 14 months of fieldwork later, I am happy to report that my fieldwork experiences and writing efforts culminated in the completion of my dissertation entitled, *Participatory Governance, Plant Disease, and Post-Neoliberalism: Governing Ecuador's Palm Oil Industry through the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)* in December 2015. With CLAG's initial support, I submitted other successful grant proposals to organizations such as the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) of Canada and the Land Politics Deal Initiative. Three articles of my dissertation are currently in journal review or submission stages. Although Latin America remains at the core of my research program, my new project looks at the developmental processes and resource geographies of a mining project in Northern Canada. These themes are at the heart of my new work as a SSHRC postdoctoral scholar at the Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University. I am thankful to CLAG for believing in my dissertation idea and for helping me shape it into the innovative project I knew it could be!



Grad Student Awards

LASG Student Paper Award Winners, 2016

Nathan Millington, University of Kentucky. Manuscript Title: Producing water scarcity in São Paulo: The 2014 Water Crisis and the Binding Politics of Infrastructure. *Best PhD Paper Award (\$200)*

Laura Sauls, Clark University (with Andrew Davis and Susan Kandel of the Programa Regional de Desarrollo y Medio Ambiente [PRISMA]). Manuscript Title: Communal property rights, territorial governance, and mitigation: examining emerging institutional regimes and REDD+ in Central America. *Best Co-authored Paper Award (\$100)*

LASG Student Field Study Award Winners, 2016

Laura Sauls, Clark University. Project Title: Constructing territory: regional coalitions, natural resource governance, and the quest for grassroots development alternatives in Central America. Location: Managua, Nicaragua. *LASG Field Study Ph.D. Award* \$1000

Ramzi Tubbeh, Pennsylvania State University. Project Title: Tensions between conservation, livelihoods, and indigenous rights in the Amarakaeri Communal Reserve, Peru. Location: Puerto Maldonado, Peru; Buffer zone of the Reserva Comunal Amarakaeri. *LASG Field Study Master's Award* \$500

CLAG Field Study Award Winners, 2016

On behalf of the ad hoc committee of the CLAG board we would like to announce the winners of the 2016 field study awards:

<i>Named Award</i>	<i>Recipient</i>	<i>Project Title & Amount Awarded</i>
Bernard Nietschmann (PhD)	Seth Denizen, University of California at Berkeley (advisor: Michael Watts)	The Vertical Geopolitics of 42 Centimeters in Iztapalapa, Mexico City (\$1,500)
Robert C. West (PhD)	Diana Denham, Portland State University (advisor: Nathan McClintock)	Traditional markets in an era of supermarketization: A case study of Mexico's <i>tianguis</i> (\$1,500)
James J. Parsons (PhD)	Rebecca McMillan, University of Toronto (advisor: Scott Prudham)	Coproducing the state? Water, participation, and justice in Venezuela (\$1,500)
Bernard Nietschmann (PhD)	Elizabeth Tellman, Arizona State University (advisor: Billie Lee Turner II)	Clandestine transactions and land use change: The consequences of clientelism in Mexico City and cocaine transit in Central America (\$1,334)
Robert C. West (PhD)	Laurel Bellante, University of Arizona (advisor: Tracey Osborne)	Dispossession through 'Double Exposure': The Struggle for Farmer Autonomy in the Face of Climate Change and Neoliberalism (\$1,333)
James J. Parsons (PhD)	Gabriel Granco, Kansas State University (advisor: Marcellus Caldas)	Modeling land change dynamics of sugarcane to predict Cerrado biodiversity vulnerability (\$1,333)
Clarissa Kimber (Master's)	Emilie Schur, University of Arizona (advisor: Margaret Wilder)	Reimagining water security: The case of two colonias across the U.S.-Mexico border (\$500)
William M. Denevan (Master's)	Blaise Murphy, University of Denver (advisor: J. Michael Daniels)	Terracing, Land Management, and Agricultural Soils in the Andagua Valley of the Southern Peruvian Andes (\$500)

This was an extremely arduous task. We received 20 proposals (4 MA and 16 PhD). We made awards to 8 student CLAG members totalling \$9,500. We wish we could have given out another \$9,500. We had some truly innovative and creative proposals from a diversity of subfields.

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