Tinker Field Research Grants Information Session

Wednesday, February 12, 2014
5:00 PM
MGC 244

Tinker Field Research Grants are awarded by the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies to American University graduate students to support preliminary field research in Spanish and Portuguese-speaking Latin American and Caribbean countries (excluding Puerto Rico). Grants are intended to provide the opportunity to develop research projects and conduct hands-on field research for the first time. CLALS staff will be providing a brief overview of the application process and field any questions you may have.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Latin Pulse  This week’s episode delves deeply into politics and elections in Colombia and Panama.

AULA Blog  - The purpose of the AULA Blog is to spark debate amongst its readership. We encourage you to comment on our posts!

Central America: Elections Send Different Messages (2/7) - Costa Rica and El Salvador are both heading into a second round of presidential elections. This post reflects upon the political scenarios in both countries.

Mexico’s Situation after Peña Nieto’s First Year at the Helm (2/3) - After Enrique Peña Nieto’s first full year in office, the situation and prospects for his country are mixed.
CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Tinker Field Research Grants – Request for Proposals

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Tinker grants primarily cover travel expenses for short (three weeks to four months) periods of investigation in Latin America. Travel should be concluded by September 30, 2014. Priority is given to PhD candidates for pre-dissertation exploratory research, but grants will be allocated to students pursuing Master’s and other graduate degrees for thesis or preparation for a major research paper. To apply, please submit the following:

The application cover sheet – available at http://www.american.edu/clals/tinker-field-research-grants.cfm
A 1500 word (maximum) summary of the project, including the empirical issue(s) to be studied and its significance; the theoretical background to the research; an outline of key sources to be consulted; and an explanation for the choice of field site(s) and institutional affiliation
A one-page bibliography
A one-page account of how the proposed research fits within your program of study at American University, and an explanation of your preparation for the study (including language training)
An itemized budget estimating your travel and in-field expenses: *Note that at least 75% of the funds requested (and awarded) must go toward travel expenses, including flights to and from the country, as well as in-country travel (buses, taxis, domestic flights, etc)*
A C.V. of no more than two pages, indicating educational achievements, degree plans, research and study abroad experience, language expertise and relevant work experience
One letter of recommendation, speaking directly to the quality of the proposal and its relevance to your degree program

The selection committee will consist of AU faculty drawn from across Schools and Colleges on campus. Although all of the reviewers have extensive experience conducting research in the region, remember that they may not be well-versed in jargon particular to any discipline. Thus, while doctoral candidates in particular should make clear how their proposed research is situated within disciplinary debates and methodological approaches, it is important to present your work in ways that a multi-disciplinary committee will find intelligible.

All application materials should be sent as a *single attachment in one email* (letters of recommendation may be sent separately) to Ines Luengo de Krom, Operations Administrator, AU Center for Latin American and Latino Studies, at luengode@american.edu. The subject line should read: “LAST NAME - Tinker Field Grant Application”, and the attached file should be labeled as “Last Name_Tinker_Application.” Applications must be received by Monday, March 17, 2014 at 5pm. *All grantees must attend a brief orientation session with Center staff prior to their research trip.* If you have further questions, please contact Ashlee Armstrong at aarmstro@american.edu or 202-885-6173.
CLALS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE

Religion, Rights, and Justice in Latin America: Environment and Gender/Sexuality

February 28, 2014
MGC 200
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.

Join scholars from the U.S. and Latin America for a panel discussion on how religious actors are engaging two very different domains of public debate and social conflict throughout Latin America: the protection of the environment and natural resources on the one hand, and gender/sexuality-based rights on the other.

The Republicans’ Latino Problem and How it Can be Fixed

Friday, March 7, 2014
10:30 AM – 3:00 PM
SIS Abramson Family Founders Room

Latino support of republican candidates has been dwindling since George W. Bush garnered 40% of the Latino vote in 2008. Recent election results in the U.S. demonstrate that the Republican Party confronts a significant challenge given the growing importance of Latinos in the American electorate. Please join us to discuss the problems the Party faces and possible strategies to connect with this growing demographic.

Panel 1: 10:30 AM-12:00 PM
The Main Issues: Complicating Latino Support of the Republican Party
Jason Casellas, University of Houston
Ali Valenzuela, Princeton University
Sylvia Manzano, Latino Decisions
Moderator: Eric Hershberg, American University

Luncheon: 12:00 – 1:30 PM
McDowell Formal Room
Keynote: TBD

Please RSVP for the luncheon by March 5 here

Panel 2: 1:30-3:00 PM
Political Strategies to Connect the Republican Party with Latino Voters
David Winston, The Winston Group
Leslie Sanchez, Political Analyst
Glen Bolger, Public Opinion Strategies
Moderator: Jordan Fabian, Univision

For more information, please contact Inés Luengo de Krom at luengo@american.edu or 202-885-6178
http://www.american.edu/clals
AU EVENTS

The Embassy of Uruguay
and
The School of International Service, American University

Cordially invite you to attend

URUGUAY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21 CENTURY
A discussion on the new civil rights agenda of Uruguay

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2014
5:00 - 6:45PM
SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL SERVICE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Featuring:
H.E. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Luís Almagro Lemes

Followed by a
Tribute in recognition of the Honorable Dr. Robert Pastor
in the name of Mrs. Margaret Pastor

A reception will follow the event.

Embassy of Uruguay
Washington, D.C.

RSVP:
http://uruguayandhumanrights.eventbrite.com
AU EVENTS

Seventeenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference
The Impact of Immigration Reform on Access to Justice
Keynote Speaker: Felicia Escobar
Senior Policy Advisor for Immigration, White House Domestic Policy Council

Co-sponsored by
The Hispanic National Bar Association; The Hispanic Bar Associations of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia;
The Latino/a Alumni Association of the Washington College of Law; and
WCL’s Latino/a Law Students’ Association

Thursday, February 13, 2014
12:00 pm – 9:00 pm

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Sixth Floor
Washington, DC 20016

American University Washington College of Law hosts the Annual Hispanic Law Conference each spring as part of WCL’s Founders’ Celebration. This important event for the WCL Latino community brings together a unique mix of personalities devoted to the progress of Latinos/as in the U.S. and in the hemisphere.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:00PM - 1:30PM
JD Student Lounge

WHY WE CHOOSE LAW—(LUNCH WILL BE SERVED)
Speakers will share their stories as to why they chose to pursue a career in law, the benefits of the legal education as well as share opportunities in the DC metropolitan area and the lessons that such opportunities have to offer.

Introductions: Claudio Grossman, Dean, Washington College of Law
Speaker: Adam Fernandez ’12, Legislative Attorney in Education Policy, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

2:00PM - 4:00PM
ROOM 603

ETHICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATION
(CLIC CREDIT COURSE)
This panel will discuss the issue of Notarios and the Unauthorized Practice of Law; Requirements for Criminal Attorneys under Padilla; and other related ethical considerations related to the representation of immigrants. It will also cover how lawyers serving the Hispanic community can effectively reach out to their clients and serve the community.

Welcome Remarks: Fernando Rivero, President, Hispanic Bar Association of D.C.; Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia
Manuel Leiva, President of the Hispanic Bar Association of VA; Partner and Founder, The Leiva Law Firm, P.L.C.

Moderator: Zuraya Tapia-Hadley, Director of Communications and Director of the USMIP Mexican-American Leadership Initiative, U.S.-Mexico Foundation
Panelists: Otelia L. Calderón, Calderón Racine & Derwin PLC
Matthew K. Handley, Esq., Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
Anne Schaafet’e ’13, Staff Attorney, Ayuda Project END (Eradicating Notario
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Jonathan Greene, Founder, The Greene Law Firm, LLC

4:15PM - 6:15PM
Room 603
THE EFFECT OF CURRENT IMMIGRATION POLICIES ON THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY
This panel will address topics such as deportations and their effect on the families and the community, the plight of children whose parents have been deported, access to justice, legal representation, the “immigration limbo” many immigrants face, the effect on businesses and commerce and what the Hispanic legal community can do to raise awareness and shape policy.

Welcome Remarks:
Juan Sempertegui ’07, Director of Licensing, State of Maryland’s Division of Financial Regulation; President, Region V, Hispanic National Bar Association
David Krum, President-Elect, Maryland Hispanic Bar Association, Partner, Law firm of Jezic, Krum & Moyse, LLC

Moderator:
Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, Executive Director, ACLU of Virginia

Panelists:
Jaime Farrant ‘02, Executive Director, Ayuda
Peter F. Asaad, Esq., Managing Partner, Immigration Solutions Group, PLLC
Lyzka P. DeLaCruz, Bakker DeLaCruz LLC
Leslye E. Orloif, Director, National Immigrant Women’s Advocacy Project (NIWAP)
Juan P. Osuna, Director of the Executive Office for Immigration Review, United States Department of Justice
James A. Ferg-Cadima, Regional Counsel, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF)

6:15PM - 7:00PM
Outside Room 603
MEET AND GREET THE CONFERENCE PANELISTS RECEPTION
An opportunity for JD and LL.M. students to meet with the panelists and deans who will share their experiences and career paths during a networking reception.

6:15PM - 7:00PM
Room 600
LAATW BOARD ELECTIONS

7:00PM - 9:00PM
6th Floor Student Lounges
ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER
The dinner will include a keynote address and awards will be presented to those individuals who have significantly contributed to the progress of the Latino community.

Master of Ceremonies:
Carlos F. Acosta, Inspector General, Prince George’s County, Maryland Police Department

Opening Remarks:
Claudio M. Grossman, Dean, American University Washington College of Law

Keynote Speaker:
Felicia Escobar, Senior Policy Advisor for Immigration at the White House Domestic Policy Council

Closing Remarks:
Miguel A. Pozo, President, Hispanic National Bar Association; Partner, Lowenstein Sandler LLP

General Registration, no charge. To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration

ETHICAL ISSUES SURROUNDING IMMIGRATION REPRESENTATION — CLE Accreditation (2 credits) will be applied for —
CLE Registration, $110
For further information, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu.
For information on program content, please contact Ana Lopez at alopez@wcl.american.edu