The William M. LeoGrande Award and Prize

Now Accepting Nominations through January 31, 2014

William M. LeoGrande Award for the best book or article in Latin American or Latino Studies published by a member of the American University community. The $2,000 award will be given annually to the author of a book or article published during the preceding two years.

William M. LeoGrande Prize for the best book on U.S.-Latin American relations. This $1,000 prize will be awarded annually to the author or editor of a book published in Spanish, English or Portuguese during the preceding two years.

Please visit the website for details on submitting your nominations.

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Latin Pulse - Latin Pulse offers reflections on both the Falklands-Malvinas dispute and the return of the Colorado Party to power in Paraguay. The program features a rare interview with a member of the legislative assembly of the Falklands, discussing pressure from Argentina to gain control of the islands.

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

Turning the Tide on Deportations? (1/16) - U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) recently released statistics showing that deportations in fiscal year 2013 hit an all-time low since Obama took office in 2009, but the drop is apparently not yet a harbinger of a policy shift.

Brazilian Presidential Election: Challenging a Divided Society (1/13) - The Brazilian presidential elections are nine months off, but President Dilma’s adversaries are starting to present more clear and consistent visions of their values and positions.
CLALS EVENTS

Tinker Field Research Grants – Request for Proposals

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. Awards are not intended for advanced research.

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](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.*
The Cuba Initiative

Phil Brenner, Eric Hershberg, and Bill LeoGrande traveled to Havana, Cuba this December to participate in a conference on U.S.-Cuban relations hosted by the Instituto Superior de las Relaciones Internacionales. Brenner and Hershberg delivered a presentation on their co-authored paper, “Washington and the Hemispheric Order: Explanations for Continuity Amid Change.” Brenner presented his paper “Overcoming Distrust in the Cuban-US Relationship” and LeoGrande presented “U.S.-Cuban Cooperation on Non-traditional Security Issues: An Overview.” Funding was provided by the Christopher Reynolds Foundation.

Hemisphere in Flux

Hemisphere in Flux is a joint initiative of CLALS, the Instituto Nacional de Ciência e Tecnologia para Estudos sobre os Estados Unidos (INCT/INEU), and the Coordinadora Regional de Investigaciones Económicas y Sociales (CRIES). Over a period of three years, a diverse team of researchers have explored inter-American affairs; foreign policies of major states in the hemisphere; and the proliferation of multilateral organizations, their evolving capabilities, and their implications for the democracy and human rights missions of the OAS.

The project has recently released its first Portuguese language publication, Hemisferio em Transformacao with Lua Nova (available soon online). A Spanish manuscript has been completed and will be published by Pensamiento Propio this year. Both publications include chapters by Philip Brenner, SIS; Eric Hershberg, CLALS/SPA; and Carlos Portales, WCL.
CLALS EVENTS—SAVE THE DATE

Religion and Rights in Latin America: Environment and Gender/Sexuality
February 28, 2014

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 event will be held in MGC 200 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

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

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Presents

Jenny Pribble
University of Richmond

“Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy in Latin America”

Friday, January 24, 2014
10:00 AM—11:15 AM
STS 300

Abstract: Systems of social protection can provide crucial assistance to the poorest and most vulnerable groups in society, but not all systems are created equally. In Latin America, social policies have historically exhibited large gaps in coverage and high levels of inequality in benefit size. Since the late 1990s, countries in this region have begun to grapple with these challenges, enacting a series of reforms to healthcare, social assistance, and education policy. While some of these initiatives have moved in a universal direction, expanding access and improving quality, others have maintained or increased segmentation. In this talk, Pribble explores this variation in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and Venezuela, finding that the design of previous policies, the intensity of electoral competition, and the character of political parties all influence the nature of contemporary social policy reform in Latin America.

Bio: Jenny Pribble is Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Richmond. She is the author of the book, Welfare and Party Politics in Latin America (Cambridge University Press). Jenny’s research has appeared in the American Sociological Review, Comparative Politics, Latin American Research Review, and Studies in Comparative International Development. She was awarded the Lynda Dykstra Prize for the best dissertation in the social sciences by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2009.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Napolitano at 202-885-1672 or napoli@american.edu
INTERNETIONAL OPPORTUNITY

Internship Opportunity with the Atlantic Council’s Adrienne Arsht Latin America Center

About the Latin America Center

The Latin America Center at the Atlantic Council aims to build a strong partnership among Latin America, the United States, and Europe, based on Latin America’s shared foundation in transatlantic values and its growing strategic importance, and aimed at advancing a global agenda based on those shared values and interests. The Center will undertake a broad array of activities with the goal of raising the profile of Latin America in the transatlantic arena and building a reinvigorated trilateral partnership with the United States and Europe. It will seek to integrate that continent more fully into the transatlantic conversation by fostering a new era of dialogue and partnership between political, business, and opinion leaders from Latin America, Europe, and the United States, and by underscoring that this stronger trilateral relationship must be based on partnership, rather than paternalism. The Center will examine substantive issues in major policy reports as well as through issue briefs, op-eds, and newsletters. To engage top decision-makers and business leaders, the Center will develop a broad, yet high-level network of experts, analysts, and leaders who will convene to discuss the most pressing substantive issues. The Center will connect individuals from this network via a range of events including small, off-the-record roundtables with top experts and larger public events featuring high-level speakers. Throughout this work, the Center will provide top-quality, relevant analysis on Latin America and on the relationships with the United States and Europe, and will be at the forefront of efforts to strengthen that trilateral partnership.

The position is non-paid, but candidates gain valuable skills, experience, knowledge, and contacts in the Washington, DC international policy community. The duration of the internship is throughout the summer with the possibility of extension.

Interns provide important research and logistical support to the Center. Interns work closely with the Director and Assistant Director. Interns are also encouraged to participate in and attend events hosted by other programs at the Atlantic Council.

Responsibilities:
• Conduct research to support the activities of Center.
• Handle logistical elements for program events.
• Manage program contacts database.
• Draft formal correspondence to government officials and invitations for events.
• Take notes at Council roundtables and strategy sessions for program archives.

Please visit their website for further details and to apply