Yazmín A. García Trejo
Yazmín A. García Trejo is a PhD candidate at the University of Connecticut’s Department of Political Science. Her areas of specialization are in comparative politics and American politics. Ms. García Trejo’s dissertation examines the gender gap in political knowledge: why surveys find that women know less about politics when compared to men.

Nilda Garay
Nilda Garay is a professor of constitutional law at the Universidad de Alicante, and co-founder of the Red Feminista de Derecho Constitucional. As a CLALS Research Fellow, Garay will be carrying out a comparative investigation of discrimination against Latinos within Spain and the U.S. from a constitutional law perspective. She earned her BA in law from the Universidad de Lima, and PhD in constitutional law from the Universidad de Alicante.
**RESEARCH FELLOWS CONT.**

**Lázaro Lima**

Lázaro Lima (PhD Maryland) is the E. Claiborne Robins Distinguished Chair in the Liberal Arts at the University of Richmond. He is a specialist in U.S. Latino cultural and literary history, Latino politics, and gender and sexuality studies. As a CLALS Research Fellow, Lima is currently working on a monograph on the history of Puerto Rican nationalist resistance to United States empire building projects and the emergence of neoliberal control over the island’s “cultural sovereignty” after 1898.

**Cristina Pacheco**

Dr. Pacheco is a professor of International Relations at the State University of Paraiba in Brazil. Her current research examines how Supreme Court decisions have affected U.S. foreign policy throughout the twentieth century.

**Inés Pousadela**

Former professor and researcher at the University of Buenos Aires, she has alternated for the past few years between academic research in Latin American Studies at institutions such as Georgetown University (CLAS) and the University of Maryland (LASC), and independent political consultancy with NGOs and international organizations (IDB, UNDP). Dr. Pousadela’s current project at CLALS explores the relationships between social protest, art and performance, and is based on previous research on the experiences of the Chilean student movement, the women’s movement in Uruguay, and the LGBT movement in Argentina.

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Latin Pulse**

Wrapping up a series of special reports on Venezuela, Latin Pulse looks at a variety of topics across the Venezuelan political landscape, including the role of the military, police, crime, human rights, corruption, and economics.

**AULA Blog**

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

**Mexico: Peña Nieto’s big push (9/10)** – "Mexicans have heard promises before, during NAFTA debates and since, that economic reforms and greater openness to trade and investment will massively improve their lives. Whether there is any fuel left in that rhetorical tank remains to be seen." [Read the full post.](#)

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Global Ramifications of the Sept. 11, 1973 Chilean Coup: 40 years after

Please join us for a panel discussion on the enduring consequences of the coup for the political left in Latin America and Southern Europe, the international human rights regime, and economic development models.

Monday, September 16, 2013
5:00 PM, reception to follow
Butler Board Room

Panelists:

Introduction and moderation, Carlos Portales
Director, Program on International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy, Washington College of Law

Political left, Eric Hershberg
Director, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies and Professor of Government, American University

Economic development, Barbara Stallings
William R. Rhodes Research Professor and Director, Political Economy of Development Program, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University

Human rights, Claudio Grossman
Professor of Law, Dean, and Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law

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http://www.american.edu/clals
CLALS EVENTS

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ARTURO RIPSTEIN

Tuesday, September 24, 2013 | 5:30-7:00PM
Letts Formal Lounge, American University

We are honored to welcome Mexican Film Director Arturo Ripstein, widely considered Mexico’s most celebrated and respected contemporary filmmaker. Join Director Ripstein and a panel of AU scholars for this rare opportunity to discuss an internationally-acclaimed career spanning nearly half a century of Mexican filmography.

featuring
Director Arturo Ripstein

with discussion by
Dr. Ludy Grandas
Dr. Jeffrey Middents
Dr. Núria Villanova
Dr. Brenda Werth

The event will be in English, and a reception will follow. For more information please contact Dennis Stinchcomb at dennis@american.edu.
Passing as a Man: A Discussion of Gender and Identity in Cuba

with Julio César González Pages

Tuesday, October 1, 2013 | 2:00-4:00pm
Mary Graydon Center 245, American University

This round table will feature the distinguished Cuban historian Julio César González discussing his most recent book, *Por andar vestida de hombre*, which chronicles the life of Swiss physician Enriqueta Favez, who practiced medicine during the early nineteenth century in the Napoleonic Wars and in Cuba. Considered female at birth, Favez self-identified and lived as a man, and was among the earliest documented transsexuals. Inspired by the life and works of Favez, this round table will consider the changing significance and status of gender in contemporary Cuba and Latin America.

The event will be in English.

With discussion by:

Dr. Eileen Findlay
Department of History

Dr. Salvador Vidal-Ortiz
Department of Sociology

For more information contact Inés Luengo de Krom at luengode@american.edu
EVENTS

Volunteers Needed for the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce's for the 2013 Brazil Economic Conference

Every year, the Chamber organizes the Brazil Economic Conference, a conference that follows the annual fall meetings of the World Bank and IMF. This year the conference will be in Washington, D.C. on October 11th from 8 am – 2:30pm at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. The morning program will include presentations by top industry leaders and government officials. The Chamber expects over 200 high-level executives from the international business and finance community to attend this event.

The Chamber is recruiting volunteers to help in the preparation and execution of the event (7a.m. – 3p.m.) If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact please call (212) 751-4691 or email conference@brazilcham.com.
AU EVENTS

Sowing Struggle: Social Movements and the Future of Corn in Tlaxcala, Mexico

Luz Rivera Marinez, organizer with Consejo Nacional Urbano y Campesino (CNUC) & Stuart Schussler, organizer and professor with the Mexico Solidarity Network

Luz will speak about her 20 years of experience constructing autonomy, organizing outside the electoral system, and resisting genetically modified corn while protecting millennia-old varieties. Luz is an amazingly inspiring speaker with a wealth of experience and her talk will have important lessons for anyone interested in women's, peasant, and labor movements.

Wed. Sept. 18th
SIS Abramson Family Founders Room
6:00PM

The presentation will be in Spanish with English translation provided. Attendance is open and free.

Study Abroad Session
September 18th
4:30PM
MGC 245

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AU EVENTS

Fall 2013
Human Rights Defender Series
Lunch and Discussion
Kay Spiritual Life Center Lounge

Monday, September 16th at 12 Noon
Social Movements and Women’s Rights in El Salvador: Blanca Zulma Hernandez Cortez of CRIPDES Nacional

Monday, September 23rd at 12 Noon
“Midnight in Mexico: A Reporter’s Journey through a Country’s Descent into Darkness” A Conversation with Alfredo Corchado.

Please RSVP 24 hours before the scheduled event at 202-885-3321 or at kslc@american.edu

Sponsored by the Office of the University Chaplain, Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University
If you need accommodations to fully participate in these events, please contact 202-885-3321

Tapestry as Testimony: Arpilleras of Chile

September 11, 2013, marks the 40th anniversary of the military coup in Chile, and "arpilleras" serve as a living testimony to the struggle for human rights and democracy waged by the Chilean people under a repressive military regime that lasted for 17 years. These tapestries represent a living testimony of that struggle and celebrate its dignity and courage.

Exhibition Dates: 9/11/2013-9/22/2013 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
Katzen Arts Center Rotunda Gallery, American University

Sponsored by the Institute for Policy Studies and the Kay Spiritual Life Center
MANIFEST! Choreographing Social Movements in the Americas

The Hemispheric Institute of Performance and Politics and Concordia University invite scholars, activists, and artists of all disciplines to examine the practical, ethical, aesthetic, theatrical, and performative dimensions of manifests and manifestations throughout the Americas at the 9th Encuentro, to be held in Montreal, Quebec, June 21-29, 2014.

How are performances mobilized and syncretized in civic, community, and cultural contexts to create manifold forms of political expression? How do public, theatrical events produce ‘evidence’ that manifests ideas otherwise invisible, hidden, or unspeakable? What new manifestations, manifestos, festivals, and manifs emerge via our changing visions of political spaces, intellectual arenas, and the everyday street? The 2014 Encuentro invites artists, activists, and scholars to engage with and investigate the aesthetic, social, and choreographic techniques that transform political ideas into collective images, through actions, embodied utterances, and ways of being.

Such questions resonate in the host city of Montreal, where la manifestation has a rich and ongoing history. We invite your manifestations, provocations, and proposals for work group participation, roundtables, exhibits, urban interventions, workshops, and performances.

Encuentro participation is by application only.

To apply, see the Application Guidelines and Work Group descriptions on our website and then fill out the Online Application Form.

The application deadline for the Encuentro is September 25, 2013.
Once accepted, participants will be required to pay a registration fee, which covers tickets for all performances, exhibits, workshops, lectures, discussions, Trasnocheo, and receptions. For participants residing in the US, Canada or Europe, the registration fee is $350 USD and the discounted fee for enrolled students is $300. For participants residing in Latin America, the registration fee is USD$150 and the discounted fee for enrolled students is USD$100. Payment deadline will be in March 2014.

Fees are waived for artists whose performance, exhibit or installation is accepted and programmed into the Encuentro schedule.
CALL FOR PAPERS

Imagining Latina/o Studies: Past, Present, and Future
An International Latina/o Studies Conference

July 17-19, 2014
Chicago, Illinois

Under multiple sponsorships from various universities and Latina/o Studies Programs, Chicago will host an international Latina/o studies conference on July 17-19, 2014. We invite individual papers or group proposals from the various disciplines that contribute to Latina/o studies as well as from individuals and groups engaged in artistic, political, and intellectual work outside the academy, including writers, artists, and community activists.

Background
The Chicago conference will serve as an inaugural international Latina/o studies conference where we will launch the creation of a Latina/o studies association. During the May 2012 Latino Studies Section meeting at the Latin American Studies Association conference in San Francisco, scholars from a variety of disciplines decided to explore the feasibility of creating an international Latina/o studies association. Since then, many of these scholars have held informal meetings at other academic conferences in order to gauge interest in such an organization. To date, discussions have been held at the American Studies Association, the Puerto Rican Studies Association, the Modern Language Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Recovering the U.S. Hispanic Literary Heritage Conference, among many others.

Rationale
With this conference we hope to spotlight the dynamic work being carried out in a range of disciplines with a particular focus on the interdisciplinary impulse that shapes and motivates work produced under the banner of Latina/o studies. We recognize the decades-long history and crucial work of national-origin studies, such as Chicana/o studies and Puerto Rican studies, from which many of us have emerged; and we further ask how might we conceptualize the field so that it reflects the complex histories, social formations, and cultural production of Latinas/os even while seeking to imagine a larger sense of belonging that might transcend nationalisms?

By using this question as a benchmark for critical discussion, the conference will serve as a venue to set new research agendas and ask new questions of Latina/o studies. We seek proposals that revisit the genesis of Chicana/o and Puerto Rican studies in the 1970s as well as papers that highlight the emergence of Cuban studies, Dominican studies, Central American studies and South American studies. We invite proposals that compare the history, social formations, and cultural production of Latinas/os. Just as important, we seek imaginative proposals that critically interrogate the possibilities and limits of the category of “Latinas/os” itself.
CONFERENCES

Location
Chicago serves as a symbolic setting for our conference. Located between the historically Mexican Southwest and the Caribbean East Coast, Chicago has long embraced its diverse Latina/o communities, and is home to several universities with Latina/o studies programs. To that end, we call for scholars, artists, and activists from both within the United States and abroad to join us as we launch our inaugural conference and the founding of a Latina/o studies association, the first organization dedicated to the comparative and interdisciplinary study of Latinas/os.

Proposals
Our goal is to carve out an international space for dialogue and fruitful debate, and invite submissions from all disciplines. We welcome diverse and interactive presentation formats. We envision roundtables that explore recent publications, key developments, or major debates in Latina/o studies; workshops on mentoring, professionalization, pedagogy, or publishing; multi-media presentations such as Pecha Kucha or poster presentations; and performances along with traditional papers. Group proposals with diverse representation—including institutional affiliation, rank, and geographic region—will be given preference. All sessions are 90 minutes long, and must allot at least twenty minutes for discussion. A national interdisciplinary program committee will evaluate all proposals.

To submit a proposal, please email the following information to latinostudiesconference@gmail.com. All proposals are due by 11:59pm PST on December 1, 2013.

- Paper or Session Title.
- Name, institutional affiliation, discipline, position or title, and contact information of presenter including email address and phone number (for sessions: list organizer first, then each presenter providing requested information for each participant).
- Abstract of the rationale and content of the paper or session: up to 300 words for an individual submission; 600 words for a group proposal, giving specifics about what each member will contribute.
- Brief (2-3 sentence) scholarly or professional biography of each presenter.
- Describe the format of the session (for group proposals) and give indication of any audiovisual needs or special accommodations.

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For more information on the Latina/o studies association initiative and the many people involved in creating it, please visit our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/groups/latinostudiesinitiative/