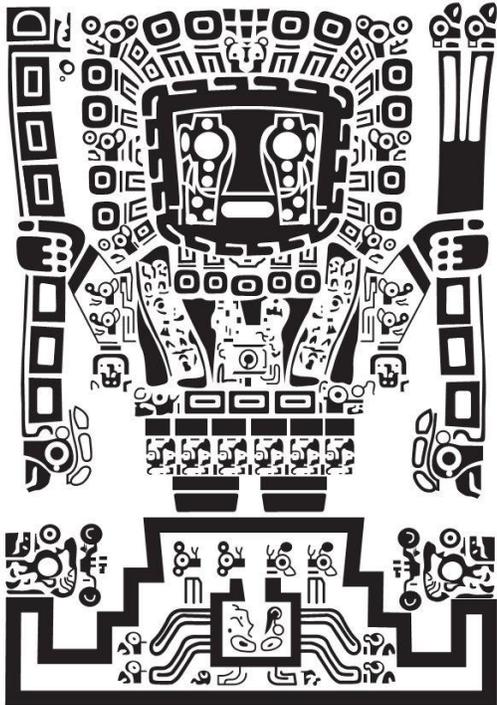


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MACLAS 2015 is almost here!



Ithaca College, Apr. 17–18

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2015–16 officer elections inside

TEATRO Y ACTIVISMO

Theatre ensembles from Cornell University, the College of Wooster, and Ithaca College will present works in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Teatro Campesino movement

MACLAS 2015

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of TEATRO CAMPESINO

Saturday
April 18, 2015
7:30 pm
Greater Ithaca Activities Center
(GIAC) 301 West Court St. Ithaca, NY

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WORLD-EMAKER THEATRE

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Message from the president



It looks like spring is around the corner finally, and so is our annual meeting. I look forward to seeing many of you in New York! My thanks to our Ithaca College host **Patricia Rodriguez**, program director **Mike Schroeder**, and all my colleagues on the executive council and committee who have worked so hard to put together an exciting and stimulating conference.

When we came up with the MACLAS 2015 theme, *Altered states: Cross-disciplinary explorations of tradition and the emergent in Latin America*, we were thinking about the introduction of ideas and patterns that challenge tradition, and the interplay between old and new, that creates a dynamism in the region that is both

exciting and challenging for those who study it. The recent breakthrough in Cuban–US relations after more than 50 years is yet another example of that dynamism.

Later this week, I will hand over the presidential reins to **Meghan McInnis-Domínguez**. It's been my honor to serve in that capacity this year, made enjoyable by the talented and committed people with whom I've worked. It is you, the members, who make MACLAS such an outstanding and worthwhile organization, and I look forward to maintaining and extending my relationships with you in the years to come.

– Diane Johnson, djohnson@lvc.edu

See you in Ithaca April 17–18!

There are lots of things to do in Ithaca. We hope you'll hang around an extra day to visit some of the amazing gorges, or perhaps enjoy some wine-tasting in the Finger Lakes country. Ithaca also boasts numerous galleries featuring work by local and regional artists. And as if that weren't enough, you'll have the opportunity to attend a performance Saturday evening celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Teatro Campesino movement, put on by ensembles from Cornell University, the College of Wooster College and Ithaca College (see the announcement on the front page for more details).

Important information about parking and other logistics

Attendees should park in Lot M. *Please print out the parking permit ahead of time, and place it on your dash!* It is available at this link: <http://www.maclas.org/conferences/maclas-2015/campus-parking-logistics>.

You'll also find a campus map in that link showing Lot M and the Campus Center, where the conference will be held. All panel rooms will have a projector and laptop, and unsecured Internet access is available on campus.

The registration fee covers continental breakfasts both days, the banquet Friday and the business lunch Saturday. For other meals, the link provide some helpful information about dining opportunities on campus and in downtown Ithaca.



MACLAS 2015 conference program and keynote address

Program director **Mike Schroeder** had the exciting challenge of scheduling more than 120 paper and workshop submissions for this year's conference. As you can see, the program covers a broad spectrum of Latin American studies, with presentations from many different disciplines and perspectives. Paper copies of the full program will be available at the registration table, containing the names of individual presenters and paper titles.



Altered States: Cross-disciplinary explorations of tradition and the emergent in Latin America

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Registration. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

MACLAS Executive Meeting. 8:00 – 9:45 AM

SESSION I. 10:00 – 11:45 AM

Panel 1. Women, Politics & Identity in Latin America

Panel 2. New Latino Identities in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country

Panel 3. Latin Lovers I: Sexuality & Gender in Latin American Film & Literature

Panel 4. Corrientes literarias Latinoamericanas en la época contemporánea

Panel 5. Latin American Literature & Cultural Contestations

Lunch on your own: 12:00 noon – 1:15 PM

SESSION II. 1:30 – 3:15 PM

Panel 6. Mobility, Borders & the Internet in Latin America

Panel 7. Latin Lovers II: Sexuality & Gender in Latin American Film & Literature

Panel 8. Altered Spaces: Struggles over Landscapes & Natural Resources in Latin America Past & Present

Panel 9. Lecturas críticas de Borges, Darío, Paz, Cambaceres y Molina

Panel 10. Building & Challenging Empire in the 19th & 20th Centuries

PRE-COLUMBIAN ART EXHIBITION TOUR. 3:00 – 3:30 PM

SESSION III. 3:45 – 5:30 PM

Panel 11. Wellsian Perspectives on the Hispanic World: Machismo, Spanish in the US and Horror Films

Panel 12. On the Cutting Edge: Chicano Art & Contemporary Andean & Dominican Music

Panel 13. Participatory Workshop: Pathway to Citizenship: Roadblocks & Reform

Panel 14. Identidad, imágenes y trasgresión en la literatura y poesía

Panel 15. Multimedia Workshop. Presentation of English translation of the novel, *Sueño en Llama*

Reception. 5:45 – 7:00 PM

Dinner. 7:00 – 9:00 PM

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SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Continental Breakfast. 7:45 – 9:45 AM

Registration. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

SESSION IV. 8:00 – 9:45 AM

Panel 16. Histories of Latin American Commodities: Mexican Beer, Paraguayan Ka'a He'e (Stevia) and South American Yerba Mate

Panel 17. Healing, Death, Silence & Narrativity

Panel 18. Tradition, Modernity, Decoloniality & Urban Space

Panel 19. Drugs, Empire, Security & Counter-Hegemonic Challenges

Panel 20. Policy, Politics & Media in Argentina & Brazil

SESSION V. 10:00 – 11:45 AM

Panel 21. Social Movements, Health & Human Rights

Panel 22. Book Presentation: *Honduras: Women's Poems of Protest & Resistance (2009–2014)*

Panel 23. Film, Media, Gender & Youth in Cuba & Beyond

Panel 24. Politics of Identity Formation & Cultural Expression

Panel 25. Urban Spaces and Struggles for Citizenship in Brazil & Argentina

Business Luncheon. 12:00 – 1:45 PM

SESSION VI. 2:00 – 3:45 PM

Panel 26. Emerging on the Margins: The Implications of Political Change for Women and the Indigenous in Latin America

Panel 27. Cuerpos alterados mexicanos: Ciborgs, vampiros y alquimistas

Panel 28. Indigenous Religiosity in Mesoamerica & the Upper Amazon

Panel 29. Art, Journalism, and Social Movements

Panel 30. Art, Politics, Education & the Media

SESSION VII. 4:00 – 5:45 PM

Panel 31. The Allure of the Economy: Political Tradeoffs Accompanying Economic Growth in Central America

Panel 32. Law, Gender, Criminality & Politics

Panel 33. Labor, Migration, Community & Citizenship

7:30 PM. TEATRO Y ACTIVISMO: CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF TEATRO CAMPESINO

Keynote address: Luis Roniger



This year's speaker at the Friday evening banquet will be Luis Roniger, Reynolds Professor of Latin American Studies at Wake Forest University and winner of the 2014 Arthur P. Whitaker Prize for the best book published by a MACLAS member. Luis will speak on the book he coauthored with Mario Sznajder, *La política del destierro y el exilio en América Latina* (Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2013). We look forward to an informative and engaging keynote address!

Elections: Candidate biographies

We will report the election results at the business luncheon on Saturday. Ballots will be provided at the registration table, and we encourage you to cast yours. Following are brief biographies for the candidates. *If you are not attending the conference but would like to vote, please send an email with your choices MACLAS secretary María Roof no later than April 15, at mroof@howard.edu.*

Vice-presidential candidate



Michael Schroeder is associate professor of history at Lebanon Valley College. A social, cultural, and political historian whose research focuses on twentieth-century Nicaragua, he is co-author of the widely used college textbook *The Twentieth Century and Beyond* (McGraw-Hill, 2007) and author of numerous scholarly articles and chapters in his area of expertise.

Executive Committee candidates (two will serve 2015–18)



Brunilda Amarilis Lugo de Fabritz is a Master Instructor in the Department of World Languages and Cultures at Howard University. Her areas of expertise include language teaching pedagogy, post-Modernist Latin American poetry, Puerto Rican literature and culture, Latin American-Soviet cultural relations, comparative literature, film studies, cultural studies and Russian language and literature. She is a native of Ponce, Puerto Rico. She is currently working on a project focusing on cultural exchanges between Cuba and the Soviet Union from 1959 to 1964.



David Mongor-Lizarrabengoa is a PhD candidate in comparative literature at the University of Western Ontario. He is also an instructor of Latin American & Latino Studies at Montclair State University in Montclair, NJ. His research focuses on contemporary Latin American literature and film. He has been a member of MACLAS since 2010.



Luis Roniger is Reynolds Professor of Latin American Studies & of Politics and International Affairs at Wake Forest University; and a professor emeritus of Sociology and Anthropology at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A comparative political sociologist, his work focuses on the interface between politics, society and public culture. Luis is on the international board of academic journals published in Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Spain, Israel and the United Kingdom; and has published over 160 academic articles and 18 books.



Mirna Trauger is a full-time lecturer of Spanish at Muhlenberg College. Her area of expertise is 20th century Hispanic Caribbean Literature. Her professional work includes scholarly publications as well as presentations at national and international literary and teaching conferences. She has served as a member of Phi Sigma Iota's National Scholarship Awards Committee, as a member of MACLAS's Whitaker Prize Committee and as MACLAS conference program co-chair.

In memoriam



We are saddened by the death of long-time MACLAS member George Grayson, who passed away March 4. He taught at George Washington University and Mary Washington College before starting at the College of William & Mary in 1968, where he stayed until he retired in 2012. In 1976, he earned a J.D. Throughout much of his academic career, Professor Grayson also served as Williamsburg's representative in Virginia's House of Delegates. He was a leading scholar of Mexican politics, publishing more than 25 books and monographs, and dozens of book chapters and journal articles, and making more than 200 research trips to Latin America. He was a senior associate at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, and an associate scholar at the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He is survived by his wife, Bryan, and his children Gisele and Keller, and Gisele's husband and two sons.

Addition to our website: Resources for teachers and scholars

We want your good ideas!



This spring, we are inaugurating an exciting new page on the MACLAS website entitled "Resources." The purpose is to give MACLAS members a central location where they can share helpful ideas about teaching resources, professional development, grants, and other resources related to Latin American studies. The page can be found at <http://www.maclas.org/resources>. We are looking for an individual or small group of individuals who would be interested in coordinating submissions and keeping the page current. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jeff Pugh at jpugh00@hotmail.com.

We also will be seeking contributions to the page on an ongoing basis. If you have an interesting syllabus or an approach that's worked well in your classroom or in mentoring students, advice about conducting research and doing scholarship, or an online portal for professional opportunities — or anything else you think would be useful to fellow members — we encourage you to submit them! As we receive your ideas and documents, we will create links from this page to those resources. For the time being, please submit this information to Jeff as well.

Meanwhile, for updates about job openings and other opportunities posted by MACLAS members, we encourage you to visit our Facebook page often!

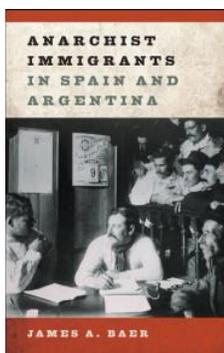
A new format for *Latin American Essays*

Following much debate about how we might increase submissions and keep up with current academic trends while continuing to produce a high-quality publication, we have decided to change the format of *Latin American Essays*. Starting soon, the *Essays* will be changed from a print-only journal to a peer-reviewed, open-access, electronic journal. We will still welcome papers from all disciplines, written in English, Spanish and Portuguese.

After broad consultation with the membership at the last MACLAS meeting, including an open forum at the business meeting, a Publications Commission was appointed to investigate the different options and ideas that were raised, and to make recommendations to the Executive Committee. A subcommittee of the executive committee took the Commission's recommendation to shift to an open access, online journal, and has put together a concrete proposal for an action plan to present to the membership at the business lunch in Ithaca. We look forward to sharing it with you then, and to the publication of our MACLAS journal in its new format.

Other news and announcements

- **New book from James A. Baer: *Anarchist Immigrants in Spain and Argentina***



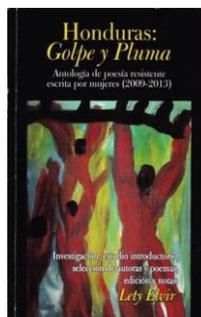
From 1868 through 1939, anarchists' migrations from Spain to Argentina and back again created a transnational ideology and influenced the movement's growth in each country. James A. Baer follows the lives, careers, and travels of Diego Abad de Santillán, Manuel Villar, and other migrating anarchists to highlight the ideological and interpersonal relationships that defined a vital era in anarchist history. Drawing on extensive interviews with Abad de Santillán, José Grunfeld, and Jacobo Maguid, along with unusual access to anarchist records and networks, Baer uncovers the ways anarchist migrants in pursuit of jobs and political goals formed a critical nucleus of militants, binding the two countries in an ideological relationship that profoundly affected the history of both. He also considers the impact of reverse migration and

discusses political decisions that had a hitherto unknown influence on the course of the Spanish Civil War. Personal in perspective and transnational in scope, *Anarchist Immigrants in Spain and Argentina* offers an enlightening history of a movement and an era.

JAMES A. BAER is a professor of history at Northern Virginia Community College and Senior Research Fellow at the Council on Hemispheric Affairs in Washington, D.C. He is a long-time MACLAS member.

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- **MACLAS co-publishes volume on Honduran women's poems**



The Executive Council recently approved a small grant to support the publication of *Honduras: Women's Poems of Protest and Resistance (2009–2014)*, *Spanish–English Bilingual Edition*. The general editor is Lety Elvir, and the translation editor is MACLAS member **María Roof**. This is the second edition, augmented and translated, of *Honduras: Golpe y pluma, Antología de poesía resistente escrita por mujeres (2009–2013)*, published in Tegucigalpa last fall. MACLAS will appear as a co-publisher of the volume. MACLAS members loom large among the translators, including **Kathleen Cuniffe**, **Andrea Gaytán Cuesta**, **Joan F. Marx**, **María Roof**, **Regina A. Roof**, and **Stephanie Saunders**.

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- **Keep us up to date on Facebook!**



We want to hear what you're doing. Post your news and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41442771820/> or send them to [Kathy Cunniffe](mailto:KathyCunniffe@hotmail.com) at kcunniffe@hotmail.com and she'll do it for you. We hope you'll also continue to post information about job openings and other opportunities for MACLAS members.

- **MACLAS t-shirts available for sale now**



What better gift for yourself or a loved one than a genuine MACLAS t-shirt? The shirts are Gilden Ultra Cotton, available in sizes from S-XL, with either short or long sleeves. The shirts are dark orange (close to terracotta), with the MACLAS logo and name on the front in black and cream. The prices are reasonable, at \$12–16 each. Shirts will be available at the registration table at MACLAS 2015. They'll also be worn at the conference by Ithaca College students who are helping staff the event, so you'll know how to recognize them.

- **Check out the revised MACLAS website**

We've been working this year to streamline the MACLAS website (www.maclas.org) and make it more useful to members. We've added some new tabs, revised others, and updated the content. If you have any feedback on the website, or ideas for what we could change to make it more user-friendly and helpful, please send a note to webmaster [Gloria Clark](mailto:GloriaClark@psu.edu) at gbc3@psu.edu or incoming president [Meghan McInnis-Domínguez](mailto:McInnis-Dominguez@udel.edu) at mmd@udel.edu.

The [Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies](http://www.maclas.org) is comprised of scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and interested professionals in all disciplines and pursuits from the region comprised of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia. MACLAS has as its objectives promoting and developing interest in Latin American studies and affairs. The organization was founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1979 and currently has more than 100 members. The MACLAS newsletter is edited by the president and is published three times a year, normally in June, October, and February.

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