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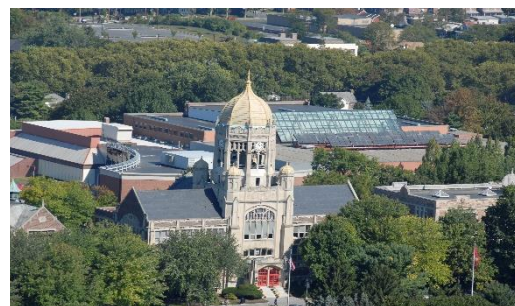
Message from the President

by Kathleen Cunliffe Peña (2018-2019)

In late September, members of the MACLAS Executive Committee met at **Stony Brook University** with our local host, Eric Zolov, to plan our **Spring 2019 Conference: "Borders and Boundaries: New Latin American Realities."** Plans are now underway for speakers, some special sessions, and a gallery exhibition. Please check out our **Call for Papers** on page 2. Once again, we will use Ex Ordo as our conference submission platform. You may remember that registration started a bit later than usual last year as we were setting up a new site; however, everything is in place this year and we expect things to run smoothly and on time.

Also in this issue, I want to recognize MACLAS members who have brought undergraduate and graduate students to our conference over the years. Our organization has a long tradition of welcoming students to our events, and their experiences are rewarding for both students and professors. I know this experience well, as I attended my first MACLAS conference as an undergraduate student. That experience was an important part of my training as a scholar, and I am so grateful to my professor from Albright College, John Incledon, for encouraging me to attend. This gave me the idea to ask students and professors from last year's conference at Muhlenberg College about their perceptions, which you will find on page 3.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with your questions and ideas for MACLAS. I look forward to seeing you in Stony Brook this March!



Submit your proposals now!

Our annual conference will take place from **March 8-9, 2019 at Stony Brook University in Long Island, New York**. See our **Call for Papers** inside this newsletter!

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MARLAS updates

Now accepting submissions for the next issue

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Call for Papers

Borders and Boundaries: New Latin American Realities

Stony Brook University, Long Island NY

March 8-9, 2019

The theme of this year's conference is *Borders and Boundaries: New Latin American Realities*. Borders and boundaries represent much more than lines on a map, and their creation involves complex historical, institutional, cultural, and socioeconomic processes that scholars often seek to understand: displacement and the movement of people, products and narratives across national and regional borders, the environmental impacts of border structures, the pushing of boundaries in gender, class, and ethnicity, and much more. Borders and boundaries are also often challenged, crossed, and transformed. This opens possibilities for interesting and innovative explorations of what we see and know about the region, from a broad range of perspectives in the social sciences, humanities, and literary fields of research.

We encourage submissions that address this year's theme, and also welcome paper and panel proposals dealing with all other aspects of Latin America, as well as proposals for workshops that inform faculty and students on practical issues such as study abroad programs in Latin America, academic publishing, the road to tenure, and effective pedagogical techniques.

Submit a proposal for MACLAS 2018

Proposals are due by Friday, December 7, 2018. Go to <https://maclas2019.exordo.com/>. Presenters from last year's conference will be able to log on with the same credentials; new users will be asked to create a profile before reaching the submission page. You will need to supply:

- Title of individual paper, panel, or workshop (specify which);
- Your name (panel and workshop proposals must include the names and paper titles of all presenters);
- Your institution and position (faculty, graduate or undergraduate student, or other);
- A 250-word abstract in English or Spanish.

Applicants will be informed by Monday, January 7 whether their proposals have been accepted.

MACLAS offers prizes for the best book and best article or chapter published by a member in the last two years, as well as prizes for the best graduate and undergraduate papers presented at the conference. Graduate students are encouraged to apply for a Christina Turner Travel Award to help defray conference costs. See details on the MACLAS website:

www.maclas.org.

Conference registration fees are \$125 for the full conference or \$75 for one day if submitted by January 21, 2019. After this date, the fees are \$175 for the full conference or \$100 for one day. In order to appear on the program, conference participants must be current members of MACLAS. Annual dues range from \$10-\$35, depending on professional status and income.

Bringing Students to MACLAS

MACLAS member Christina Baker shares her experience

Last year, Christina chaired a panel of her students from the College of William and Mary. We asked her to weigh in on her own and her students' experiences.

"From my perspective, being able to bring undergraduate students is so crucial for our discipline. In a time of helping students develop "hard skills," we compete (in literature/humanities broadly) with the sciences on this point of undergraduate research. So, this helps students value what they do as research, not just some activity. Moreover, it helps them understand what we, as professors, do in the profession like abstracts, research, original ideas, etc. Pulling back the curtain seems to really excite them, and even more when it relates to content in our classes that we share with them.

The act of bringing students to the conference was gratifying in many ways. I helped them write, practice and organize their presentations so they felt confident once we were there. I also know the reception of MACLAS attendees was beyond welcoming that it also bolstered their confidence. It does mean spending more time with them to make sure they feel included, since the conference environment can be overwhelming, but it was also great to be with them and get to know them as people.

If I had one suggestion, it would be that there perhaps be consideration for a student mingling hour or space. I think it would help them identify each other, talk through their experiences, and show up at each other's panels. Or, maybe some kind of hour for faculty and their students, so we all get a chance to meet all at once and share experiences. Just a thought.

Having been only my second MACLAS event, all I can say is that it is very well done. I am honored to bring students to such a warm, friendly, and well-organized event."

The Student Experience

Emma attended her first MACLAS Conference with Professor Rebekah Pite

"I attended MACLAS this year with Professor Pite. I had never been to an academic conference before MACLAS and I think it was a great first conference to attend. Because MACLAS was relatively small, I felt comfortable and welcomed despite the fact that I was an undergrad presenter. I especially liked the panels that were a mix of undergrads, graduate students and professors because I loved seeing how different topics could be looked at in depth at all academic levels. I thought I would feel intimidated asking questions, but everyone was very receptive and interested in all perspectives. Additionally, the size of the conference allowed me to meet and receive feedback on my work from so many different people, which I was not expecting. Overall, I had quite a positive experience."

-Emma Glubiak (Lafayette College)

Member News & Updates

Gonzalo Aguiar, Assistant Professor of Spanish and Portuguese at SUNY Oswego, has received the 2018 President's Award for Excellence in Academic Advisement. He will be recognized this fall at the annual Teaching and Learning Awards Ceremony. More at <https://www.oswego.edu/news/story/suny-oswego-advising-awards-honor-active-accessible-faculty>

Franca Roibal Fernández, Visiting Assistant Professor at Moravian College, successfully defended her dissertation on May 7, 2018. She completed her PhD from the Department of Romance Studies at Boston University with a dissertation entitled "*Un saludo cordial: Intellectual Musical Theater and Political Voice of the Uruguayan Murga.*"

Adam Shellhorse, Associate Professor of Spanish, Portuguese, and Global Studies at Temple University, has recently published the following peer-reviewed book chapter: "The Avant-Garde: From *Creacionismo* to *Ultraísmo*, Brazilian *Modernismo*, *Antropofagia*, and Surrealism." *The Cambridge Companion to Latin American Poetry*. Ed. Stephen M. Hart. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018. 36-62.

The 2nd annual Regional **Institute for the Study and Practice of Strategic Nonviolent Action** is now accepting applications until the deadline on November 15, 2018. This one-week bilingual program (Spanish-English simultaneous interpretation) for activists, civil society leaders, and scholars throughout Latin America will take place April 7-13, 2019 at FLACSO Ecuador. It includes sharing lessons learned from research on nonviolent action, case studies from Latin America and beyond, a field visit, and structured planning sessions to network with other activists and scholars to design strategies for scaling up and making campaigns more effective. A limited number of partial and full scholarships are available, particularly for grassroots activists in Latin America. The program is organized by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), FLACSO Ecuador, Universidad Católica (PUCE), and the NGO CEMPROC. More information is available at www.accionnoviolenta.org. You can read more about the program design and its impact in an essay by Jeff Pugh in the most recent issue of MARLAS: <https://www.marlasjournal.com/articles/abstract/204/>



Members of the MACLAS EC stopped to take a selfie during our tour of Stony Brook University, the site of our spring 2019 conference. Left to right: Michael Schroeder, León Arredondo, Patricia Rodríguez, Kathleen Cunniffe Peña, and our local host Eric Zolov.



Dr. Franca Roibal Fernández with her dissertation committee at Boston University's Department of Romance Studies (May, 2018)

Updates from *MARLAS*

From Managing Editor Ivani Vassoler

The editors invite all MACLAS members to submit scholarly articles, essays, research notes and reviews to the Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies. MARLAS is an interdisciplinary, peer reviewed, open access online journal focusing on the dissemination of scholarly work about Latin America and the Caribbean. It is published twice a year by MACLAS. The editors also welcome submissions focusing on relations among Latin American and Caribbean countries and with other states and regions of the world. MARLAS publishes research findings aimed at a multidisciplinary audience and invites submissions in English, Spanish and Portuguese based on rigorous analysis from a variety of theoretical and methodological perspectives. MARLAS accepts submissions on a rolling basis. We ask prospective authors to examine carefully the guidelines for submissions. The next issue is scheduled to be released in December of 2018.

Submissions should be made electronically through the journal website:
<https://www.marlasjournal.com/about/submissions/>

We also invite you to explore the journal's current issue:
<https://www.marlasjournal.com/15/volume/2/issue/1/>

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PLATFORM <https://www.larcommons.net/site/journal-publishing/>

Traveling to Stony Brook, NY

Tips for getting to the site of our spring conference

Stony Brook University is accessible by car, train, or plane. The Long Island Rail has a stop on the Stony Brook campus, just a few minutes' walk from the Humanities Center and the Wang Center, where our events will take place.

Traveling by car: From New York City and other points west of Southampton, travelers would take I-495 (Long Island Expressway) to Route 111.

Traveling by plane: Long Island's Islip-MacArthur Airport is 16 miles from the campus and is serviced by direct flights and commuter airlines. New York Area Airports (LaGuardia, JFK, and Newark) are approximately 50 miles to the west. From Kennedy Airport, you can take the AirTrain to Jamaica Station and transfer to the Long Island Railroad for the train to Stony Brook.

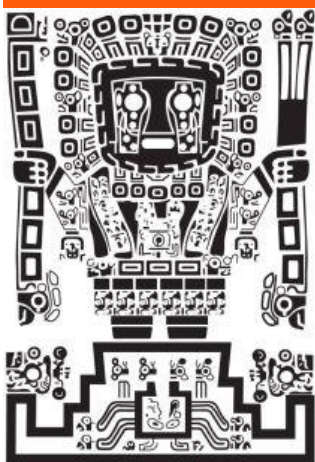
Traveling by train: Take the Long Island Railroad's Port Jefferson line from Penn Station in Manhattan to Stony Brook. The LIRR station is at the north end of the campus.

Staying overnight: MACLAS has arranged for a block of rooms for conference attendees at the **Hilton Garden Stony Brook**, also located right on Stony Brook's campus. Please reserve by **January 21** for the group rate.

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The **Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies** 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 Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1979. The MACLAS newsletter is published three times a year.

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