



FALL NEWSLETTER

MACLAS

Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

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Message from the President

by Patricia Rodríguez (2019-2020)

Hi everyone!

The organizing for the 2020 MACLAS conference is well underway, and it will be held at **Salisbury University, Maryland**, on March 27-28, 2020. The EC committee, Dr. Louise Detwiler (Associate Dean/Professor of Modern Languages), and the Dean's Office of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts at Salisbury University have been hard at work, getting the details fleshed out. At the EC Fall meeting we also enjoyed good music at the Folk Festival (check it out if interested, next Fall). The university is gorgeous, as are the settings for the panels and reception/dinner. The theme of the conference is *Tipping Points/Puntos de Inflexión en Latinxamerica*, to reflect the many crises, seismic shifts, and transformational thinking happening throughout and about the Americas. A full call for papers can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

We will be marking the 40th anniversary of MACLAS, so if you have stories, pictures, or anything you want to share about being a MACLAS member, please write to me. We are always encouraging and looking for ways you can become more actively involved, whether in a committee, the EC, attending our conference, letting your students and others know about MACLAS and MARLAS. Please let me know if you have ideas, questions and concerns at prodriguez@ithaca.edu.

Thank you. Best wishes for a lovely autumn.

Submit your proposals now!

Our annual conference will take place from March 27-28, 2019 at Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD. See our **Call for Papers** inside this newsletter!

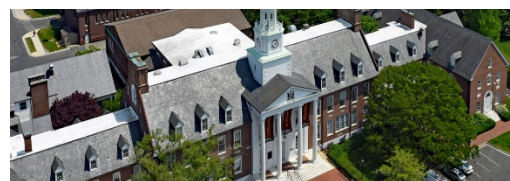
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Salisbury University

Call for Papers

Tipping Points/ Puntos de Inflexión en Latinamérica

Salisbury University, Salisbury MD

March 27-28, 2019

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) invites you to participate in our annual conference on March 27-28, 2020 at Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD. The invitation is to reflect on events such as seismic shifts across the Americas – from the fires raging across the Amazon Basin to the climate & migration crises in Mexico and Central America to the near-collapse of the Venezuelan state and the teetering peace accords in Colombia – as well as any other contributions in the areas of critical cultural theory, literary and language studies and performance. Our 2020 conference theme is: “Tipping Points | Puntos de Inflexión en Latinamérica”.

While we welcome paper and panel proposals on our theme, the conference is open to all topics bearing on the various disciplines that comprise Latin American Studies. We also invite workshop proposals 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 for the Latin American Studies classroom. All submissions are due by Fri. Jan. 10, 2020. Register for the conference at <https://maclas2020.exordo.com/> with the information below:

Submit a proposal for MACLAS 2020

Proposals are due by **Friday, January 10, 2020**. To submit, go to <https://maclas2020.exordo.com>. You will need to supply:

- Title of individual paper, panel, or workshop (specify which);
- Your name (panel proposals must include the names, institutional affiliations, and paper titles of all presenters; discussants are optional; undergraduates are warmly invited to participate);
- Your institution and position (faculty, graduate or undergraduate student, or other);
- A 250-word abstract in English, Spanish, or Portuguese.

Applicants will be informed by Sat. Feb. 1, 2020 whether their proposals have been accepted. Graduate students are encouraged to apply for a Christina Turner Graduate Student Travel Award by Jan. 13, 2020 to help defray travel and lodging costs for the conference. To be considered for this award, graduate students should send their title and abstract, current C.V., and travel budget to committee chair Melixa Abad-Izquierdo at izquiem@farmingdale.edu. Please put “Turner Travel Award” in the subject line. MACLAS also 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 undergraduate and graduate papers presented at the conference. Information about these awards, including submission deadlines and contact information, can be found on the MACLAS website, at www.maclas.org. To register for the conference, go to www.maclas.org, click on “Conferences,” and follow the links. Fees are \$125 for the full conference or \$75 for one day if submitted by Mon. March 2. After this date, fees are \$175 for the full conference or \$100 for one day. To appear on the program, conference participants must be members of MACLAS for 2020. Annual dues range from \$15 to \$45, depending on professional status and income.

Call for Submissions: Davis and Whitaker Prizes

Deadlines for the Harold Eugene Davis Prize and the Arthur P. Whitaker Prize

The **Harold Eugene Davis Prize** is awarded each year for the best book chapter or article published in the previous two years by a MACLAS member in good standing for the past two years. Submissions are due by **January 13, 2020**. Send submissions electronically to each of the three committee members. Questions can be addressed to the chair by email.

- **Ana Moraña, Chair** (Shippensburg University): anmora@ship.edu
- **Leticia Robles Moreno** (Muhlenberg College): leticiarobles@muhlenberg.edu
- **Tia Malkin-Fontecchio** (West Chester University): tmalkin-fontecchio@wcupa.edu

The **Arthur P. Whitaker Prize** is awarded each year for the best book published in the previous two years by a MACLAS member in good standing for the past two years. Submissions due by **January 13, 2019**. Send one copy of the book to each of the three committee members, listed below. Questions can be addressed to the chair by email.

- **Diane Johnson, Chair** (Lebanon Valley College): djohnson@lvc.edu
- **Ivette Guzmán-Zavala** (Lebanon Valley College): guzman@lvc.edu
- **Alistair Hattingh** (Muskingum University), hattingh@muskingum.edu

Inviting Grant Proposals for the Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant

Please consider applying for the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) **Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant**.

MACLAS awards the Froelich Grant of up to \$500 to faculty, professionals, and independent scholars who are members of MACLAS to carry out research or creative projects on any facet of Latin American culture, politics or society. Up to two grants are made each year.

All applicants wishing to be considered should send their CV, 2-page project proposal, and a cover letter containing the name and institutional affiliation (if any) of the applicant as a pdf file to Mirna Trauger mtrauger@muhlenberg.edu, by **January 13, 2020**. The proposal should include:

- Information about plans to disseminate the results of the project to MACLAS members through a MACLAS conference presentation, report in the MACLAS Newsletter and/or submission for publication review to the *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies (MARLAS)*.
- Budget
- Report of other funding sources already secured, to show that a Froelich Grant will in fact cover unmet expenses.

Job Opportunities

University at Albany, Visiting Assistant Professor, Migration Studies

The Department of Latin America, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies (LACS) at the University at Albany invites applicants for a two-year Visiting Assistant Professor (VAP) appointment for Fall 2020. We seek candidates who employ an interdisciplinary perspective to study transnational migration to the United States, focusing on the dynamics of Mexican, South American and/or Central American immigration to the United States, with an emphasis on transnational community formation, cross border connections, or social and political engagement and incorporation. A review of applications will start on October 18, 2019 and the search will remain open until the position is filled.

Union College, Assistant Professor, History

The History Department at Union College invites applications for a tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor in Latin American History, preferably with specialization(s) in environmental, economic, migration/immigration, and/or gender history. Deadline: Nov 30.

UNC- Greensboro, Assistant Professor, Spanish

The Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures at UNC Greensboro is seeking a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Spanish specializing in 20th- and 21st- century Latin American literatures and cultures or related fields.. Deadline Nov. 15.

Ithaca College, Assistant Professor, Gender and Feminist Politics

The Department of Politics at Ithaca College invites applications for a tenure-eligible position in Gender and Feminist Politics, with preferred expertise in the subfields of feminist political theory and public policy. While we are open to any geographical area of specialization, we are particularly interested in candidates with a strong research and teaching record in some or any of the following areas: politics, policy and power at the intersection of critical race, class, gender and feminist theorizing, reproductive rights, LGBTQI studies, politics of sexuality, transnational resistance movements, gender-responsive institution building, inclusive development, or related research areas. Deadline Nov. 15.



EC members visit Salisbury University for the Fall meeting.

Member Publications

Dr. Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti (Assistant Prof. of Spanish, SUNY-Oswego; MACLAS EC Member) published *La modernidad refractada: pensamiento, creación y resistencia en la historia intelectual de Argentina, Brasil y Uruguay, 1900-1935* (2019, Ed. Cuarto Propio). The book delves into the cultural and ideological work made by a group of intellectuals from Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay at the turn of the 20th century.

Dr. Dawn Slack (Associate Professor of Latin American Literature/Culture and Spanish Language, Kutztown University of Pennsylvania) co-edited, with Dr. Karen Rauch, *Disability in Spanish-speaking and U.S. Chicano Contexts: Critical and Artistic Perspectives* [Cambridge (UK) Scholars, 2019]. They also each have a chapter in the volume, as do **Dr. Gloria Clark** and **Dr. Carlos Rodríguez-McGill** (both MACLAS EC members).

Member News

Dr. Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti was also named Vice President of the Oswego Eta Omicron Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars.

Dr. Maria Alejandra Aguilar (Assistant Professor of Hispanic and Italian Studies, SUNY-Albany) has been awarded the 2019 Adela Zamudio Prize for Best Published Article by a member of **Feministas Unidas** in the areas of feminist studies, gender studies, queer studies and studies related to works of literature and cinema by female authors. Dornelles received the prize for the article "Activismo, literatura y cambio social en el Caribe hispano: aproximación en tres movimientos" (published in MARLAS' special dossier *Contention and Nonviolent Action in Latin America*, 2018). Congratulations!!!

Dr. Michael Schroeder (History, Lebanon Valley College) is running for the Democratic Party nomination for the 48th District Senate seat (PA). His campaign platform is one of green energy promotion and a transition away from fossil fuels. Bravo!

Updates from MARLAS

From Managing Editor Ivani Vassoler

MARLAS - The Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies

CALL FOR EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERS

In order to ensure the highest academic standards, MARLAS is calling MACLAS members to apply for a position in the journal's editorial board. Published since 2017, MARLAS is looking for scholars in the Social Sciences and the Humanities with teaching and research experience in Latin American Studies. Editorial board members work with the Editor and the Associate Editors to develop the journal's editorial policy and practices; editorial board members review manuscripts and provide advice and expertise to the editors regarding the journal's content; editorial board members are also expected to promote MARLAS to readers and solicit manuscripts. If you are interested in becoming a MARLAS Editorial Board Member, please send a letter of interest and a current CV to the journal's editor: ivani.vassoler@gmail.com

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Editorial Board invites MACLAS members to submit manuscripts to MARLAS, a peer-reviewed online journal published twice a year (June and December). We accept Social Sciences, Humanities and book reviews submissions in English, Spanish and Portuguese. Submissions should be made directly to the journal's website: <https://www.marlasjournal.com/about/submissions/>. If you have questions, please contact the Editor: ivani.vassoler@gmail.com.

We invite you to explore MARLAS' contents at: www.marlasjournal.com.



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Announcements:

-MACLAS has brought back the **James Street Prize**. This prize is awarded to the best peer-reviewed article published in MARLAS (Mid Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies) in the past two years (but as an exception for the 2020 prize, we will consider 2017-2019 articles, that is, all three years MARLAS has been published so far). NOTE: If the author(s) is/are running for Street Prize, they will not be considered for the Davis Prize. The MARLAS Editorial Board will nominate the top five articles to be considered by the MACLAS committee for this prize, by Jan. 13, 2020. **Street Prize Committee:** Melixa Abad-Izquierdo, Chair Farmingdale State College, izquierm@farmingdale.edu // Jennifer Jolly, Ithaca College // Daniela Johannes, West Chester University.

-MACLAS is looking for someone who can help the Outreach & Communications Chair (Maria Alejandra Aguilar Dornelles)—especially to manage our **Twitter page**, and help put MACLAS news on LinkedIn and Facebook.

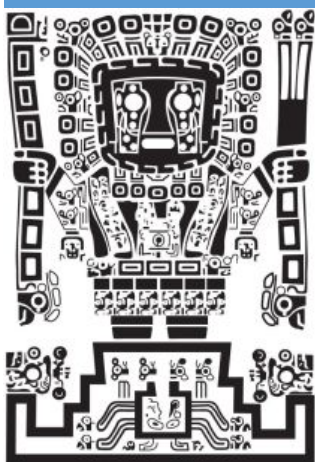
-MACLAS now has a **donations** and **membership** link on the website, under the *About* tab. Please donate to the prizes if you want and can! Tell your colleagues and students about MACLAS.

-Our next newsletter will have information on the **election of new Executive Committee members**, who the candidates are, and other items needing general approval by vote.

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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 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1979. The MACLAS newsletter is published three times a year.

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2019-2020

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