

MACLAS

Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President

Patricia Rodríguez (2019-2020)

Hello MACLAS Members! We had a great MACLAS conference at Stony Brook University, March 8-9th 2019, and I want to thank our hosts especially Dr. Eric Zolov, and administrators, faculty, and staff at Stony Brook University, whose efforts made this conference possible. It was an added treat to hear Dr. Robert Karl (Princeton University) and Dr. Joseph Pierce's (Department of Hispanic Languages and Literature, Stony Brook University) Keynote Lecture and Plenary Talk (respectively), and see the Special Exhibit: Braceros.

Huge gratitude goes out to our former president Kathleen Cuniffe Peña, to Conference Program Chair Franca Roibal Fernández, Moravian College, and to all those who helped to make the event a great success. I've included some **photos of the conference** on page 4, and you can find more on our Facebook page. If you missed this year's business luncheon and awards ceremony, you can read about **this year's awards winners** throughout this newsletter.

Our next conference will take place on **March 27-28th, 2020 at Salisbury University** in Salisbury, MD. Please stay tuned for more details and a Call for Papers in our fall newsletter. We hope to see you there, as this will be our **40th year celebration!** The Executive Committee will meet on September 7th to begin preparations for the fall conference.

Wishing you all an amazing, restful, and productive summer!

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Some snapshots of our March 2019 conference at Stony Brook University. Above, former President Kathleen Cuniffe Peña

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The ***Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*** is an interdisciplinary, peer reviewed, open access online journal focusing on the dissemination of scholarly work about Latin America and the Caribbean. 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 based on rigorous analysis from a variety of theoretical and methodological perspectives. The journal publishes scholarly articles, essays, research notes, book reviews, and periodic special issues examining specific topics in Latin American studies.** MARLAS accepts submissions in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The Editorial Board asks prospective authors to examine carefully the guidelines for submissions. MARLAS is a publication of MACLAS.
www.marlasjournal.com.



The Harold Eugene Davis Prize

The 2019 **Davis Prize** was awarded to **Christina Baker of the University of Dayton** for her article "Sounds of a Modern Nation: From Narcocorridos to Hugo Salcedo's *Música de balas*," published in *Symposium: A Quarterly Journal in Modern Literature* (2017). Baker weaves insights from literary analysis, theater studies, and ethnomusicology to provide a rich perspective on the experience of living in contexts of persistent violence. In this discussion of Mexico, Baker considers the likelihood of experiencing direct or indirect traumatic events through actual existential threat or through the exposure to a particular "soundscape" which includes the sounds of heavy boots stomping on sidewalks, the sounds of guns cocking, kickback, and bullets entering bodies, and the sounds of the narcocorridos. *Sounds of a Modern Nation* contributes to an emerging field that looks at the connectedness of sound culture and social conflict, and enriches the study of nation and culture by considering modern nations as defined by particular soundscapes.



The Davis Prize is awarded each year for best book chapter or article published in the previous two years by a member in good standing for the past two years. To apply, please send to Ana Moraña, (Chair of Davis Prize Committee) @ AnMora@ship.edu by January 13th, 2020.

Other MACLAS Awards and Deadlines

The 2019 Władysław Maryan **Froelich Research Grant** was awarded to María Alejandra Aguilar Dornelles of SUNY-Albany for her project "Herederos de la libertad: criminalización, heroísmo y escritura de afro-descendientes en Colombia, Brasil y Cuba (1850-1912)." Herederos de la libertad analyzes different ways in which Afro-Latin Americans contested the discourse of criminalization and negotiated their participation in the public sphere during the wars for emancipation. The committee feels that this project will definitely be a valuable contribution to Latin American Studies, especially her focus on Afro-Latin American topic that has been overlooked by many researchers. The grant will allow María Alejandra to access a unique collection of resources at the University of Florida Libraries in order to research nineteenth-century newspapers from Colombia, Cuba and Brazil. To apply, please submit a letter to the committee chair (TBA in Fall newsletter) that includes your research objectives, background and rationale for the project by **January 13th, 2020**.

The 2019 Christina **Turner Graduate Student Travel Award** was granted to Miranda Chase (U. Mass, Boston) and Juan Godoy (Florida International University). This award helps graduate students attend the annual conference. **Apply by January 13th, 2020**. Please send the title and abstract, a current C.V., travel budget, and a cover letter to committee chair (TBA in Fall Newsletter).

The 2019 Juan **Espadas Prize** was awarded to Emma Glubiak, Lafayette College, for best undergraduate student paper for "Branding a City Around Food: Media and Culinary Tourism in Lima, Peru. Deadline for consideration for the 2020 prize: **Sept 20th, 2019**. Please send your undergraduate paper submission to committee chair Carlos Rodríguez McGill, cerodrig@umich.edu.

The John D. **Martz III Prize** is given for Best Graduate Student Paper. This year there were no recipients of the Martz Prize, as there was only one submission. Deadline for consideration for the 2020 prize: **September 20th, 2019**. Please send your graduate student paper submission to committee chair James Siekmeier (Chair), James.Siekmeier@mail.wvu.edu.

The Judy **McInnis Distinguished Service Award** is granted in recognition of dedicated service to MACLAS. This year there were no nominations and therefore no recipients of the McInnis Award. To nominate someone, send a letter to committee chair (TBA in Fall newsletter) indicating the nominee and detailing the candidate's service. **Deadline: Jan 13th, 2020**.

This upcoming year we will also re-start the **James Street Prize for Best Paper published in MARLAS**. Stay tuned for more information on this prize in our Fall Newsletter.

For a detail of MACLAS prizes, please see: <http://www.maclas.org/prizes>. To donate to these prizes and/or become a member, see our website or <http://www.maclas.org/become-a-member>.

MACLAS 2019 Photos



Joseph Pierce (Stony Brook University)
delivers the Plenary Speech.



Faculty and students at the end of a panel.



Jennifer Jolly (Ithaca College) receives the
best book prize from Michael Schroeder
(Lebanon Valley College) and former
president Kathleen Cuniffe Peña (Wilson
College)



MACLAS members at the award
presentation (above) and Dr. Robert Karl
(Princeton Univ.) delivering his Whitaker
Lecture.

Member Updates:

MACLAS officers/members Ana Moraña, Ivani Vassoler, Gonzalo Aguiar, Kathleen Cuniffe Peña, and Carlos Rodriguez-McGill presented on a panel together at LASA2019 Congress, May 24 – 27, 2019 in Boston, MA. Title of the Session: "Discurso cultural y sordera política: medios masivos y cultura popular de Latinoamérica (cine y televisión)." GO MACLAS!



Jeff Pugh (UMass Boston) won the American Political Science Association Best Article award from the Migration & Citizenship section for his article in *International Migration Review* entitled, "Negotiating Identity and Belonging through the Invisibility Bargain: Colombian Forced Migrants in Ecuador." (2018).

Diane Johnson has co-edited the volume *Populist Nationalism in Europe and the Americas* (Routledge 2018).

Patricia Rodríguez has guest co-edited a Special Issue of *Polis-Latinoamericana* (Chile): 'Nuevas formas de politización y agencia indígena en America Latina.' May 2019. Forthcoming
<http://polis.ulagos.cl/index.php/polis>

Publishing Opportunities:

Brazilian Political Science Review: Call for Special Issue about 'Political Science in Latin America.' Articles can be submitted until September 16, 2019 in Portuguese, English, or Spanish. Go to:
https://brazilianpoliticalsciencereview.org/news/call-for-special-issue/?fbclid=IwAR1zI7ZlphR4zX9Ew1ROdQscxitffxqVNCtrW_14zsEJr38J1qKlq42XTJk

Please send member updates, etc to prodriguez@ithaca.edu, for our Fall Newsletter.

Dr. Jennifer Jolly awarded Whitaker Prize

Presented by committee members Luis Roniger, Gerardo Cummings, and Michael Schroeder

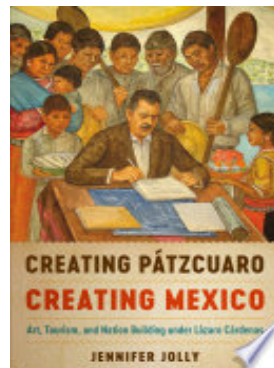
MACLAS honored **Dr. Jennifer Jolly** (Professor of Art History, Ithaca College) at the annual conference in March 2019 with the **Arthur P. Whitaker Prize**, awarded each year for the best book published in the previous two years by a member of MACLAS. Her book is titled *Creating Pátzcuaro, Creating Mexico: Art, Tourism, and Nation Building under Lázaro Cárdenas* (Univ. of Texas Press 2018). Her essays on David Alfaro Siqueiros and Josep Renau have been published in edited volumes and in the Oxford Art Journal.

Dr. Jolly teaches Latin American and Pre-Columbian art history at Ithaca College, N.Y. and holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. At I.C., she is a former co-coordinator for the Latin American Studies minor program. She is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Humanities Research Fellowship, as well as two Fulbright-García Robles fellowships.

The MACLAS Whitaker Prize Committee noted: "Professor Jolly's book offers a fresh, innovative, creative, and highly original treatment of a wide range of intertwined issues relating to state formation, nation-building, identity and community formation, transnational cultural relations, and cultural production relating especially to tourism and the legacy of the Mexican Revolution. Emphasizing national and transnational actors as well as local agency, Jolly's book offers a rich, insightful, compelling narrative and analysis of an important set questions that scholars have only begun to explore. Meticulously researched and elegantly written – and, for a book on cultural history, blessedly free of jargon – Jolly's examination of the ways that art and tourism "functioned together as a technology of nation-building" (p. 4) under President Lázaro Cárdenas not only advances our understanding of this specific episode in post-Revolutionary Mexican history. Her study also has many comparative implications that promise to push the literature in new and fruitful directions. For these reasons we are delighted to award the 2019 Arthur P. Whitaker Prize to Professor Jennifer Jolly of Ithaca College."

Dr. Jolly has been invited to be the Keynote Speaker at the 2020 MACLAS Conference, which will take place at Salisbury University in Maryland.

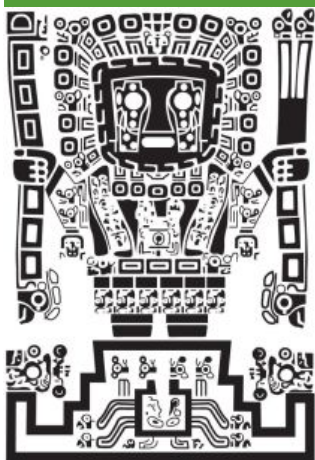
The deadline for the 2020 Whitaker Prize submissions is **January 13th, 2020**. Please send submissions to Chair of Whitaker Prize Committee), TBA in Fall newsletter.



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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.

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**Norah Gharala (2022) resigned from the EC, as she accepted a new position at the University of Houston. Best of luck Norah! You will be missed!

*Webmaster: **Gloria Clark**, *Penn State University*

