

MACLAS NEWS



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MACLAS 2016 is almost here!



Fox School of Business, March 4-5

*Details about the program, parking and
2016 officer elections inside*

Special Plenary Session, March 5th 6:00-7:30pm ***OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***

Carolina Palma, World Trade
Institute and the University of Costa
Rica

"New Regionalism in Latin America:
the Pacific Alliance agreement"

Message from the president



The conference will soon be upon us and I look forward to seeing many of you there! Thanks to the local host, **Kathy Cuniffe Peña**, program director **Mirna Trauger**, our Fox contact **Jeffrey Conradi**, and all my colleagues on the executive committee, it looks like it will be a diverse and engaging conference.

The MACLAS 2016 theme, *Cycles and Encyclicals in Latin America*, encourages vibrant discussion on the significance of cycles, whether they correspond to Latin American business, history, geography, politics, literature, religion, and more! Some of our panels include: *Shifting Frontiers of Citizenship in Latin America*, *Ethics and Theology in Latin America*, *Standing on the Border: Issues of Immigration and Law Enforcement*,

Literatura y humanismo: nuevas fronteras de la novela latinoamericana contemporánea, *History Repeating Itself: U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America, Past and Present*, and *Latin American Identity in the Global Economy*.

After the conference, **Michael Schroeder** will assume the presidency of MACLAS. As an active Executive Committee member and 2015 Program Director, he has the experience and dedication to lead our organization into the future. It has been a pleasure to serve as President to such a collegial and collaborative group. Thank you all!

– Meghan McInnis-Domínguez
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See you in Philadelphia March 4-5!

Philly has a lot to do while you are in town for the conference. Between the historic sites like the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, and the National Constitution Center; fantastic museums such as Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Rodin Museum, and the Barnes Museum; delicious eating destinations such as the Reading Terminal Market, one of the famous cheese steak eateries, or Hispanic restaurants such as Cuba Libre, Amada, and Mixto, there are a lot of choices!

While you are in town, check out the famous [Philadelphia Flower Show](#) which opens on March 5th in the convention center.

Important information about parking and other logistics

Conference goers are advised to park at their hotel and take public transportation to Temple University. Parking is available in the Montgomery Garage for \$17/day. The garage is two blocks from Alter Hall, where all conference events will be held.

Please visit this link for a campus map that includes the two locations: http://temple.edu/sites/temple/files/uploads/documents/TUMain_map.pdf. On the second page of the map, you will find driving, train, and public transportation instructions for reaching Temple's Main Campus. All panel rooms will have a projector and laptop, and unsecured Internet access is available on campus.

The registration fee for two days covers continental breakfasts both days, the banquet Friday, and the business lunch Saturday. If you registered for one day your meals are included for that day. For other meals, the link provides some helpful information about dining opportunities on campus and in downtown Philadelphia:

<http://www.maclas.org/conferences/maclas-conference-2016>.



MACLAS 2015 conference program and keynote address

We are happy to report that we received a wide-range of submissions for this year's conference that include many different disciplines and perspectives. Below you will find a list of the panels and events. For the complete program, visit: <http://www.maclas.org/conferences/maclas-conference-2016>. Paper copies of the full program will also be available at the registration table, containing the names of individual presenters and paper titles.



Cycles and Encyclicals in Latin America

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

Continental Breakfast. 7:30 – 9:45 AM

Registration 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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

SESSION I. 10:00 – 11:45 AM

Panel 1: Shifting Frontiers of Citizenship in Latin America

Panel 2: The Narrative and Poetry of Dissent

Panel 3: The Reality and Fiction of Sociopolitical Protest in the South American Detective Genre

Panel 4: Policy, Law, and Government in Colombia

Panel 5: Cheering, Dancing, Voicing, Witnessing: Presence and Absence in Four Performative Mediums in Contemporary Latin America

Lunch on your own: 12:00 noon— 1:30 PM

Session II: 1:45-3:30pm

Panel 6: Standing on the Border: Issues of Immigration and Law Enforcement

Panel 7: Argentina Conspiratoria

Panel 8: Linguistics and literacy in Narratives, Film, and Society

Panel 9: Authors and Cronistas in the Colonial New World and the "Coloniality of Being"

Panel 10: Workshop on Responsibility, Accountability, and Reporting in Scholar-Activism

Session III: 3:45-5:30pm

Panel 11: Print Media, Literature, and Culture in Latin America

Panel 12: Sexuality, Humor, Identity, and Nation-building

Panel 13: Literatura y humanismo: nuevas fronteras de la novela latinoamericana contemporánea

Panel 14: History Repeating Itself: U.S. Foreign Policy in Latin America, Past and Present

Reception: 5:45 – 7:00 pm

Dinner and Keynote Address by **María Roof: 7:00 – 9:00pm**

Saturday, March 5th**Continental Breakfast. 7:45 – 9:45 AM****Registration. 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM****Session IV: 8:00-9:45am**

Panel 15: Argentinian Politics: Past and Present

Panel 16: Culture, Art, and Politics in Latin America

Panel 17: Television and the Internet: Opportunities and Challenges

Panel 18: Short Stories and Letters: Social and Political Commentary

Panel 19: Film Adaptations, Hollywood, and Latin America

Session V: 10:00-11:45am

Panel 20: Ethics and Theology in Latin America

Panel 21: Andean Politics and Protest

Panel 22: Memory, Politics, and Film

Panel 23: Changing Realities in Ecuador

Panel 24: Motherhood, Slavery, Xenophobia: Abject Bodies

Business Luncheon. 12:00 – 1:45pm**Session VI: 2:00-3:45pm**

Panel 25: "From the ground up: a community-based approach to celebrating Latin culture in Philadelphia"

Panel 26: The Presidency and the Power for Change

Panel 27: Literature, Media, and Politics in Brazil

Panel 28: Colonial History Panel

Session VII: 4:00-5:45pm

Panel 29: Latin American Identity in the Global Economy

Panel 30: Rethinking Urban Spaces

Panel 31: Rereading the Greats and Beyond

Special Plenary Session: 6:00-7:30pm *OPEN TO THE PUBLIC***Carolina Palma**, World Trade Institute and the University of Costa Rica

"New Regionalism in Latin America: the Pacific Alliance agreement"

Keynote address: María Roof

Vidaluz Meneses and
María Roof

This year's keynote address will be by María Roof, Associate Professor Emerita in the Department of World Languages and Cultures at Howard University and winner of the 2015 Arthur P. Whitaker Prize for the best book published by a MACLAS member. María will speak on her Bilingual Poetry Edition of Vidaluz Meneses' *Flame in the Air*, published by Casola Editores in 2013. We look forward to hearing about her important work and having an engaging discussion to follow!

Elections: Candidate biographies

We will report the election results at the business luncheon on Saturday, March 5th. 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 email or mail your choices to MACLAS Secretary María Roof. Please find the mailing instructions and deadlines below.

Vice-presidential candidate



Bridget María Chesterton is an associate professor of history at Buffalo State (SUNY). She is the author of *The Grandchildren of Solano López: Frontier and Nation in Paraguay, 1904-1936* (University of New Mexico Press, 2013.) She also is the editor of the new text *The Chaco War: Environment, Ethnicity, and Nationalism* (Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, 2016) and co-editor of *Transformations of Populism in the Europe and the Americas* (Bloomsbury Academic Publishing 2016). She also has published articles in the *Journal of Women's History* and the *Hispanic American Historical Review*. She is currently in Paraguay researching her newest project provisionally entitled "The Hotel Guaraní: The Urbanization and Brazilianization of Paraguay during the Stroessner Years."

Executive Committee candidates



Gerardo T. Cummings Rendón is Chair of the Spanish Program at Wells College. He is a generalist, although his research has concentrated on Mexican film, literature and culture as of late. He has given over fifty-four presentations in professional conferences in Canada, Mexico, and the United States and published over 30 academic articles, interviews, translations and book reviews on Latin American and Spanish literature and culture in national and international refereed journals from Puerto Rico, Spain, Costa Rica, Mexico and The United States. He has published *Recuento historiográfico del Comisariado de Bienes Comunales y Consejo de Vigilancia de Huitzilac, Morelos: Trienio 2007-2010* and is currently editing *Studies in the Horror Film: Mexican Horror Film*. He has three other books awaiting publication: *Luis Buñuel en el cine latinoamericano*, *Emiliano Zapata en el cine mexicano y universal: El héroe morelense en la pantalla* and a compendium of Guillermo del Toro's cinema. He has been member of editorial boards for *Femspec*, *Chiricú*, *Negritud*, etc.



Silvia M. Pearl (B. A., National University of Córdoba, M.A., Texas Tech University, Ph. D., Texas Tech University) is an Associate Professor of Spanish and Second Language Acquisition at the United States Naval Academy where she teaches courses on Latin American Culture, Linguistics, Lower Level Spanish and Special Topics Seminars. She is the Chair of the Research Special Interest Group (723 members) of the American Council on The Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Her research and publications focus mainly on (1) gender variables in learners' cognitive progression when reading in a second language, (2) intercultural competence, and (3) identity construction in the literary production of Latino/a writers. She has been a member of MACLAS since 2008 and has collaborated with the organization in different roles over time.



James F. Siekmeier received his PhD from Cornell in 1993, where he studied the history of U.S. foreign relations under the direction of Walter LaFeber. He has published three books, and co-edited four documents collections on U.S.- Latin American relations as part of the *Foreign Relations of the United States* series, put out by the U.S. government. He has taught in Iowa, Texas, and Bolivia (Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowships). Currently he is an Associate Professor of History at West Virginia University where he teaches courses on 20th century US history, in particular U.S. foreign relations; inter-American history; and Latin American history. He is currently working on a book manuscript, written for a student audience, which is an overview of the history of Latin American nationalism in a globalizing world.

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

February 2016

MACLAS Ballot 2016 (Candidate biographies above)

VICE-PRESIDENT ELECT: Please vote for ONE candidate.

_____ Bridget M. Chesterton

_____ (write-in)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Please vote for THREE candidates. The top three candidates will begin a three-year term beginning at the close of the annual conference (March 6, 2016).

_____ Gerardo T. Cummings Rendón

_____ Silvia M. Peart

_____ James F. Siekmeier

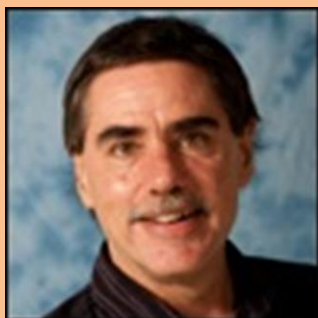
_____ (write-in)

INSTRUCTIONS

You may vote in one of three ways: 1) you may fill out this paper ballot, seal it in an unmarked envelope placed inside of another envelope that clearly shows your address, and send it (postmarked by Feb. 26th) to María Roof, MACLAS Secretary, 14 Tracys Lane, Tracys Landing, MD 20779; 2) you may e-mail your vote directly to the MACLAS Secretary at mroof@howard.edu by March 2nd (with this method you forfeit your anonymity); or 3) you may vote on-site at the conference.

Ballots will be available at the conference for those who did not vote via mail or e-mail.

Our Incoming President



Michael J. Schroeder is Associate Professor of History at Lebanon Valley College in Annville PA, where he teaches courses in Modern Latin America, World History, Historical Geography, Slavery in the Americas, and Sustainability, among other topics. A specialist in 20th century Nicaraguan history, he has published numerous articles and chapters in his area of expertise, and is author and administrator of the open-access digital historical archive, www.SandinoRebellion.com (his online vita, with direct links to many of his chapters and articles, can be found on the "Contact Us" page).

Update on the MACLAS Journal

We are happy to announce the new name of the MACLAS journal, the *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*. Thank you to all who participated in the vote! Over the winter, the Executive Board has been busy. We put a call for senior editor in the last newsletter, and we now have established a new board.

Senior Editor: Ivani Vassoler

Associate Editors

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Humanities: Gerardo Cummings

Book Review Editor: Bridget Chesterton

Outreach Coordinator: Jeffrey Pugh

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Humanities: John Stolle-McAllister

Literature: Meghan McInnis-Domínguez

Literature and film: Enrique González-Conte

Politics: Patricia Rodríguez and Brian Turner

Sociology/Politics: Jeffrey Pugh

Winners of the 2015 Martz and Espadas Prizes

The John D. Martz III prize for the best paper submitted to the conference by a graduate student was awarded to **Josh Esposito**, a Ph.D. Candidate from West Virginia University's History Department for his paper "Institutional Decolonization: Guianese, British, and American Perspectives on the Role of Organized Labor in Post-Colonial Society."

The Juan Espadas prize for the best paper submitted to the conference by an undergraduate student was awarded to **Kaitlin Senk** of SUNY Geneseo for her paper "What Makes Gender Quotas Effective: A Comparative Examination of Electoral Systems and Quota Legislations."

Other news and announcements

- **Book Sales Table at the Conference**

We are happy to report that a large number of our members have had recent publications that we would like to feature at a book-sales table at our upcoming conference. If you are interested in including your recent work, please contact **Kathy Cunniffe Peña** at kcunniffe@hotmail.com.

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



We want to hear what you're doing. Post your news and photos at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41442771820/> or Twitter [@maclasorg](https://twitter.com/maclasorg), or send them to **Kathy Cunniffe Peña** 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.

- **Taller Puertorriqueño's 20th Annual Schomburg Symposium: Feb 27, 2016**

Philadelphia's Taller Puertorriqueño will be holding its annual Schomburg Symposium "Shifting Identities: Expressing Afro-Latinidad" from 9:30 AM-5:00 PM on Saturday, February 27, 2016. The symposium will be held at the Taller Puertorriqueño's Ed Building, 2557 N. 5th St. Philadelphia, PA 19133. Carlos Pardo, the Taller's Cultural Enrichment and Education Manager, will be presenting at this year's MACLAS the following Saturday in Panel 25. For information call about attending and purchasing tickets, go to: <http://tallerpr.org/2015/12/18/2016-schomburg-symposium-program/> or call 215-426-3311.

- **Upcoming LASA Conference: "LASA at 50" In NYC May 27-30, 2016**

Please take a look at the website for the upcoming conference including information about how to register, hotel recommendations, and activities in NYC that weekend: <https://lasa.international.pitt.edu/eng/congress/upcoming-congresses.asp>

- **The second annual Summer Institute on Conflict Transformation Across Borders**, offered by The McCormack Graduate School of Policy and Global Studies of the University of Massachusetts-Boston, FLACSO-Ecuador, and the Center for Mediation, Peace, and Resolution of Conflict (CEMPROC), will take place from **June 5-24, 2016 in Quito, Ecuador** at FLACSO, with graduate-level credit issued by UMass Boston. The program will focus on conflict and peace in border regions. More info and application instructions are available at http://www.caps.umb.edu/conflict_transformation. **The application deadline is March 21, 2016.**

The program is coordinated by **Dr. Jeff Pugh** of UMass Boston (Dept. of Conflict Resolution, Human Security, and Global Governance) and **Dr. Cecile Mouly** of FLACSO-Ecuador (Dept. of International Studies and Communication), and will feature a series of high-level guest speakers (a former Ecuadorian Minister of Foreign Relations, UN Ambassador, UN peacekeeper involved in the Nicaraguan demobilization process, refugee leaders, NGO activists, and more).

This course is designed to equip early-career professionals, graduate students, and other future peacebuilders with practical tools, knowledge, and hands-on experience to understand the complexities of conflicts within and across border regions, and the types of interventions that can be used to transform these conflicts.

The program will include classroom learning; trips to the Amazon cloud forest and the northern border region; practical skills training workshops on negotiation, cross-cultural communication, and proposal writing; and participants will design their own proposal for a peacebuilding project, receiving feedback from a panel of experienced experts in the field. In this sense, the Summer Institute is not just a learning or training opportunity, but a platform for action that connects a cohort of peacebuilders and empowers them to address the complex conflicts related to borders, migration and refugees, and transnational environmental challenges that face the world today.

Topics:

- Human security vs. national security in border regions
- Transnational dimensions of conflict and peacebuilding
- Skills workshop: Conflict analysis
- Border disputes and binational dialogue/peace processes: the cases of Ecuador-Colombia and Ecuador-Peru
- Forced migration and social conflict in migrant-receiving communities
- Skills workshop: Negotiation and mediation
- Conflict involving transnational environmental challenges
- Skills workshop: Project development and proposal writing
- Indigenous identity, ethnicity and conflict in border regions
- Skills workshop: Cross-cultural and non-violent communication as peacebuilding resource
- Security sector reform; disarmament, demobilization, and reintegration (DDR) and the Colombian armed conflict
- Nonviolence and civil resistance

Check out the outcomes, student reflections, published articles, and photos from the 2015 Summer Institute at <https://conflicttransformationborders.wordpress.com/conflict-transformation-across-border-regions/>. This 3-minute video is a great way to get a quick feel for the program: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUO5nSFS0gM>.

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.

Executive council 2015–16

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