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MACLAS 2012

March 22-24, 2012

at American University in
Washington, D.C.



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If you would be willing to serve on one of the conference committees or chair one of the panels, please contact the president at klehman@hsc.edu

The Executive Committee will meet Saturday November 12, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Butler Conference Room at American University. The Executive Council meets the previous day at 2:00 pm also in the Butler Conference Room

Charles D. Ameringer Receives the MACLAS 2011 McInnis Award

Dr. Charles D. Ameringer, professor emeritus at The Pennsylvania State University, was awarded the Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Prize at the 2011 MACLAS Conference. The Award recognizes members with long and dedicated service to MACLAS.

Not only has Professor Ameringer had a distinguished career of scholarship and service to the profession, he was a charter member of MACLAS and its first president. Dr. Ameringer served as acting president in 1979-1980, after the Council was founded in Pittsburgh in 1979, and then as its first elected president in 1980-1981. It was therefore fitting that Professor Ameringer was honored when MACLAS returned to the University of Pittsburgh last year.

Professor Ameringer has publishing at least seven monographs including two for which he was awarded the MACLAS Arthur P. Whitaker Prize: *The Caribbean Legion: Patriots, Politicians, Soldiers of Fortune, 1946-1950* (1996) and *The Cuban Democratic Experience: The Auténtico Years, 1944-1952*. (2000),

Professor Ameringer has also published numerous articles in professional periodicals such as the *Journal of Interamerican Studies and World Affairs*, *The American Historical Review*, *The Hispanic American Historical Review*, and *Latin American Research Review*. He was Chair of the History Department at Penn State from 1985-1990 where he served as a distinguished member of the faculty for many years.

He has further served the profession by editing *Political Parties of the Americas, 1980s to 1990s: Canada, Latin America, and the West Indies* (Greenwood, 1982), and has also served in various professional organizations such as the Conference on Latin American History, the Latin American Studies Association, and MACLAS. This honor is extended in deep appreciation for Dr. Ameringer's contributions to the field of Latin American Studies and to MACLAS

The Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Award was established to recognize members for their dedicated service to MACLAS over the years. If you would like to nominate someone to receive this honor, please send a letter to MACLAS President Ken Lehman (klehman@hsc.edu), indicating the nominee and detailing the candidate's service to MACLAS and to the field of Latin American Studies. Nominations will be accepted through 15 February 2012, so that the selected candidate can be honored at the upcoming conference.



Professor Ameringer receives the McInnis Award from Brian Turner, MACLAS Treasurer and Joan Marx, Editor of *MACLAS Latin American Essays*

MACLAS 2012 at American University: Call for Papers

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies will hold its annual meeting at American University in Washington, DC from March 22-24, 2012. The theme of this year's conference is "Latin America: Hopes, Dreams and Reality after the Washington Consensus." The Program Committee invites faculty, students, and practitioners to submit individual papers and panel proposals that illustrate how the people and the countries of Latin America are responding to current challenges in light of the region's cultural, political and economic heritage and within the changing international economic and political environment. Of course, papers dealing with all aspects of Latin American studies are welcome. Additionally, the organizers will consider a limited number of workshop proposals that aim at informing students and faculty on issues such as study abroad programs in Latin America, academic publishing, the road to tenure, and the use of technology in the classroom.

Please submit a 250-word abstract for individual papers or complete panel proposals (one 250 word abstract for the panel) in English or Spanish by **December 21, 2011** to Program Director Jim Baer at maclasproposals@gmail.com. Presentations at the conference should be between 15 to 20 minutes. Please be sure to include a title, your name (and the name of all participants if a panel), your institution and your role (faculty, student or other title).

MACLAS offers prizes for the best undergraduate and graduate papers submitted, as well as prizes to the membership at large for best article and best book published in the last two years. Please see the website www.maclas.org for details and deadlines.

Finally, graduate students are encouraged to apply for a Christina Turner Graduate Student Travel Award to help reimburse travel and lodging costs for the conference. The number of awards is supplemented this year by American University. Information on the Turner and American University Travel Awards is available below and on the MACLAS website.

Check in frequently at www.maclas.org for conference updates and information on faculty and student prizes.

Funding Opportunities for Graduate Student Participants

The Christina Turner Travel Awards: The Turner Awards are made available to Graduate Students each year to subsidize a portion of the travel expenses to the annual MACLAS conference. This year the number of Turner Awards will be augmented with the generous assistance of the **Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS) at American University** which is making it possible to grant six additional Christina Turner Travel Awards of \$250.00 each.

To be considered for the Turner or American University Travel Awards, please submit your paper as well as a statement of need and budget details no later than February 16, 2012 to klehman@hsc.edu

Letter from the President



On March 22-24, 2012, MACLAS meets at American University in Washington D.C. The city continues to be a vibrant, exciting, center of national and global power although in the last decade its influence has waned noticeably. Ten years ago the Washington Consensus shared by the powerful set of institutions arrayed along Pennsylvania Avenue—the U.S. Capitol, the White House, the World Bank and the IMF—held seemingly unassailable influence around the world. Policies of privatization, down-sizing the state role in the economy, and adopting free-trade

held sway throughout Latin America even if not always consensually. The attack on September 11, 2001 revealed vulnerabilities but also underscored the power of Washington and its apparent willingness to further wield its influence around the globe.

Ten years, two open-ended wars, a Wall Street disaster, a rising debt crisis, and political gridlock in the US government have diminished confidence both in and toward Washington. This is particularly true as the country lurches toward what now seems a certain double-dip recession. Challenges from Latin America and the rising influence of the BRICs and other contending powers have revealed the limits of Washington's hegemony while opening new opportunities for our neighbors to the south.

The theme of the MACLAS conference this year is "Latin America: Hopes, Dreams, and Reality after the Washington Consensus." It is a theme that was addressed in Montreal at LASA 2007 but that seems even timelier now. Each of you is invited to submit an individual paper or panel proposal that relates even tangentially to this topic. We look forward to an exciting conference and hope that all can attend and participate.

Best wishes,

Ken Lehman

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MACLAS Latin American Essays

MACLAS Latin American Essays is a peer-reviewed journal published once a year. It contains a refereed selection of papers written by MACLAS members, including those presented at the annual meeting in March 2012 on the theme "**Latin America: Hopes, Dreams, and Reality after the Washington Consensus.**" The journal includes papers from a variety of disciplines, including: Political Science; Anthropology; Economics; History; Languages and Literature; and Pedagogy. Please see <http://maclas.org/pages/journal/submission-information.php>.

Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant

MACLAS again invites applications for its newly established Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant, which will award up to two \$500 prizes annually to faculty, professionals or independent scholars to carry out research or creative projects on any facet of Latin American culture, politics, and society.

Originally from Poland, Laszlo Froelich lived in Latin America for many years and showed a deep affinity for its culture and people. A business professional by training, he demonstrated great passion for scholarship on topics as varied as Latin American folk art, pre-Colombian art and history, Argentine *gaucho* culture and the landscape of the pampas. Because Laszlo's affection for Latin America was multifaceted, this award recognizes scholarly projects that push the field of Latin American Studies forward in innovative and interdisciplinary ways, and that disseminate this work in a way that will benefit scholars and students alike.

- At the time of submission and consideration, candidates must be MACLAS members in good standing who are not currently enrolled as students in a degree program.
- Awards will be made on the merits of the proposal, with selections made by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee of MACLAS.
- Interested candidates should submit a curriculum vitae and a two-page proposal (of no more than 1,500 words) describing the research or creative project. Proposals should include information about the methodology, timeline, intended results of the project, as well as plans for dissemination of the resulting product(s), if applicable. A preliminary budget must also be provided, with full disclosure of all pending or confirmed funds available through other sources.
- Because one of the goals of this grant is to encourage the production and dissemination of new ideas and knowledge about Latin America, recipients of the research grant will be asked to present results of their project at a future MACLAS conference. They are strongly encouraged to submit an article to MACLAS's journal, *Latin American Essays*, or to publish a summary of their work in the MACLAS newsletter. The dissemination of results shall be broadly defined, and can include publication in a scholarly journal, the development and dissemination of new classroom materials on the web, film screenings or broadcast, or the creation of a traveling exhibit. Products resulting from this grant should acknowledge the Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant of the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies.

All applicants wishing to be considered for the Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant should **submit materials electronically in PDF format to Dr. Joan Marx** at marx@muhlenberg.edu. Closing date for submissions this year is December 31, 2011.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Employment Opportunity:

New York University

Assistant Professor Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Arts and Science

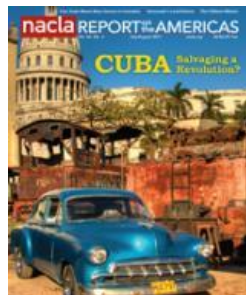
The Department of Spanish and Portuguese and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at NYU seek an innovative scholar of Brazilian Studies for a full-time, tenure-track assistant professor position. The position will begin September 1, 2012, pending budgetary and administrative approval. Successful candidates will demonstrate an interdisciplinary approach to Brazilian literary or cultural studies. Preference for scholars whose work places Brazil in a broader regional or global context. Native or near native fluency in Portuguese. PhD in hand by time of appointment.

Review of applications will begin **December 1, 2011**, and continue until the search is concluded. Applications received by December 1, 2011, have the best chance of being fully considered.

Interested applicants should submit letter of application, CV, teaching statement, and three letters of recommendation, and a writing sample (40-page maximum). To apply, see the NYU Department of Spanish and Portuguese web site at <http://spanish.as.nyu.edu>.

Instructions can be found under the homepage link "Employment Opportunities".

NYU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer



NACLA Report on the Americas

Eric Hershberg, Director of the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies at American University (the host of the 2012 MACLAS Conference)

has edited a *NACLA Report on the Americas* (Vol. 44 No. 4) on Cuba entitled "Salvaging a Revolution?" The special edition explores the implications of Cuba's new economy on social policy, cultural expressions, and U.S.-Cuban relations.

Washington Model Organization of American States

Each spring (this year from April 3-7, 2012) colleges and universities from across the hemisphere—including several represented in MACLAS—send delegations to the Washington Model Organization of American States (WMOAS) for a week of intense discussion of important hemispheric issues.

The Model kicks off and ends at the historic OAS building on the mall with most of the committee sessions taking place at a downtown hotel.

The Model allows students to gain a better perspective on hemispheric issues through the eyes of a delegate from the country they represent. If you are interested, check out the WMOAS website at <http://wmoas.shss.cofc.edu/>.
