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The Center for Latin American Studies at Stanford University strives to cultivate teaching, learning, and research in all fields of study as they relate to Latin America. CLAS achieves this goal by offering academic programs for undergraduate and graduate students, coordinating a range of conferences and lectures covering diverse academic disciplines, and providing funding for interdisciplinary research by students and faculty.



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# from the director

Our fourth class of MA students is now through their first quarter, and as ever, they have proved to be an interesting and quite divergent group of students. Moreover after three years of experience with the new MA program, we now feel quite comfortable with its organization and our students have been quite pleased with their courses and degrees. With their own seminar room and lockers, Bolivar House has really become home to our MA students.

Our staff is now well coordinated and Emily Davis and Angela Doria-La have become an integral part of BoHo. Megan Gorman has become such an important figure on campus (with her freshman advising as well as her position as Associate Director) that she received the Dean's Award of Merit this year. Moreover Angela (our Business Administrator) was even able to have the house fully integrated into Stanford's maintenance program, so that Stanford undertook to repaint the house as well as the outside offices, and completely redo our garden which has now been opened up into a mini park connecting ourselves to the dorm next door. So the next time you visit campus, you will see that BoHo has become an even more enchanting place than ever.

This year budget constraints forced us to eliminate our usual sponsored symposium program, though in May we will sponsor one Nabuco funded conference in honor of the distinguished Brazilian historian Boris Fausto. We have invited ten senior Brazilianists to discuss their views on the current status of their respective fields of Brazilian history. In addition to Boris Fausto, Brazil will be represented at BoHo by the colonial historian Daniela Calainho and the anthropologist Carlos Fausto, who is a leading ethnographer of Amazonian

Indian society. Each will spend one month in residence as Nabuco Scholars. Finally we are housing two Brazilian economists, Rosa Fontes and Pedro Maciel, both of whom are spending the year with us.

Our Tinker Visiting Professor Program got off to a lively start with the mathematical logician Fernando Ferreira of Portugal. Aside from teaching courses in his field and lecturing on his subject to several departments, he also gave a very engaging talk on his experiences as a young man during the Portuguese Revolution. In the next two quarters the Tinker Professors will be the Brazilian literature scholar João Hansen, and the Argentine mechanical engineer Eduardo Dvorkin.

We continued to add faculty to our center. Steve Haber has graciously agreed to serve on our executive committee and we have added the environmental anthropologist Lisa Curran as an affiliate. Nickie Irvine also of the Anthropology Department is teaching the MA environment and ecology core course, Human Ecology of the Amazon.

The Center is in the process of applying for federal funding with the aim of providing Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowships to graduate students in the next academic year. If this is granted we should be able to provide funding for most of our graduate students in the MA program. We also hope to continue with new and old funding our summer internship grant competition which remains a very popular undergraduate program. This year a pre-med student worked in a clinic in Honduras, an ecology student dug compost trenches in the Peruvian Amazon and two worked in micro-finance NGOs in Chile and Peru. It was as usual an amazing group of intrepid undergraduates whom we were delighted to support. We hope that we can continue with this program in the coming year as well.

**Herbert S. Klein**  
Director of CLAS  
Professor of History  
Senior Hoover Fellow  
Woods Institute Fellow  
December 2009



# alumni faculty & staff news

**MATTHEW BEEM** (MA, 2001) is now living in Miami and is a senior investment analyst for VectorGlobal WMG, a US and Latin American brokerage.

**MARCELO HALLACK** (Minor, 2003) has recently moved to São Paulo from New York and continues to work in private equity.

**DAN CONTRERAS** (MA, 1998) is a postdoctoral teaching fellow in the Intro to the Humanities program at Stanford, having completed his PhD in Anthropological Sciences (also at Stanford) in 2007.

**STEPHANIE EARLY** (Honors, 2005) graduated from Harvard Law School in June 2009, took the California bar exam, and will be starting work at White & Case LLP in Washington DC, doing international investment arbitration work, focusing on Latin America.

**IÑIGO GARCÍA-BRYCE** (MA, 1990) and **JUAN MANUEL ORTEGA** (MA, 1990), met in Mexico City for dinner and drinks. Iñigo was in Mexico City for a conference at the Universidad Iberoamericana. He is married with two kids, has a PhD in history from Stanford University and is a history professor at the University of New Mexico. Juan Manuel has a PhD in political science from Boston University and is currently advisor to the News VP of Grupo Televisa and the head of Noticieros Televisa.com. He is married and has twins.

**LYRIS WIEDEMANN** (Director, Portuguese Language Program) was awarded a prize from AATSP (American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese) as a co-author the best research article on the teaching of Portuguese published between 2004 and 2009.

**JOHANN STRAUSS** (MA, 2009) was selected as a 2009-2010 Judicial Administration Fellow through the Center for California Studies. Johann currently works in the Executive Office of the Administrative Office of the Courts of California where he contributes to judicial policy that looks at the impact of the budget crisis on the state judiciary and access to justice for socially, culturally and linguistically marginalized populations.

**JOSH STECH** (MA, 2009) is currently working for a San Diego based real estate investment firm in a dual role as Investment Manager/Relationship Manager, focusing on distressed residential real estate assets in San Diego and Las Vegas. He plans to move to Las Vegas to become head of operations there.

**MARYKATE HANLON** (MA, 2008) lives in San Francisco and leads forest carbon and biodiversity markets consulting project assignments for New Forests, an international forestry and environmental markets investment firm. In the past year, she has enjoyed traveling to Brazil, Peru, Colombia, and Bolivia to work with indigenous peoples and local stakeholders regarding reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation.

After three years in his post as State Secretary for Planning in Amazonas, Brazil, **DENIS BENCHIMOL MINEV** left in January 2010 to return to the private sector.

In March 2009, **CARLOS GERVASONI** (MA, 1995) became a full-time professor of political science at Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

**MARILIA LIBRANDI ROCHA** (Assistant Professor, Iberian and Latin American Cultures), **JOAN RAMON RESINA** (Professor, Iberian and Latin American Cultures) and **HANS ULRICH GUMBRECHT** (Professor, French and Italian Literature) have been awarded a grant by the Stanford Institute for Creativity and the Arts (SiCa) for their event: Trans-Poetic Exchange: Around “Blanco” and Campos de Paz Colloquium. The two-day art event and colloquium on the poetic and intellectual worlds of Octavio Paz (1914-1998) and Haroldo de Campos (1929-2003) includes video poems, poetry readings, scholarly debates and colloquia with internationally renowned poets and scholars from Brazil (Luiz Costa Lima, João Adolfo Hansen, André Vallias, Antonio Cicero), Catalonia (Frederic Amat), Japan (Keiji Suga) and the United States (Marjorie Perloff, Jerome Rothenberg, Enrico Mario Santí, Roland Greene, among others). The colloquium took place January 29-30, 2010.

**MEGAN GORMAN** (Associate Director, CLAS) is a recipient of the 2009 School of Humanities and Sciences Dean’s Award of Merit. She has also been selected to participate in the Rotary Foundation’s Group Study Exchange to Minas Gerais, Brazil in May 2010.

Having spent the last decade integrating neuroscience research into her work as an executive coach and leadership development consultant, **JANET CRAWFORD** (MA, 1995), has formally launched a new business, The Brain-Friendly Leader. Her focus is on how enterprises can increase productivity, innovation and collaboration through brain-optimizing leadership strategies.

**HÉCTOR HOYOS** (Assistant Professor, Iberian and Latin American Cultures) was named secretary of the Association of Colombianists and Editorial Board member of the journal *Periferias*. He received a grant from the Division of Literatures, Cultures and Languages at Stanford for the project “Cultural Synchronization and Dis-juncture,” a working group on Latin American and mainstream cultural theory. He received a second grant from the program in Philosophy and Literature for the curriculum development of his course on Borges and Philosophy. His article “El policial costumbrista en Colombia” appeared in *Lingüística y Literatura*, and a book chapter entitled “Three Visions of China in the Contemporary Latin American Novel” is forthcoming.

### News from the Library

In addition to the more than 10,000 new books added yearly to its Latin American collection, Green Library continues to acquire multimedia from throughout Latin America, the Caribbean and the Iberian Peninsula. There are currently more than 5,000 films that support research and teaching at Stanford.

As more and more digital resources become available, the Library has recently added the *US Hispanic Newsstand*, *Latin American Public Opinion Poll* (LAPOP) and strengthened the *Latinobarómetro* files. The electronic age has also brought social networks (like Facebook) which **ADÁN GRIEGO** has explored as teaching tools to reach undergraduate students.

Locally, the Law Library has added a Foreign, International and Comparative Law Librarian, Sergio Stone, to serve a continuously growing cohort of Latin American specialists in its Program in International Legal Studies.

Adán continues to work closely with Latin American Studies librarians at UC-Berkeley to coordinate current acquisitions and enhance *Latino-americana* holdings in the Bay Area at a time of reduced budgets.

In 2009 CLAS supported acquisitions travel to the Bogotá and Guadalajara book fairs, making possible addition of fugitive/ephemeral materials from the region that receive little commercial distribution.



# lecture series & event highlights



September 23, 2008

**DR. STEVE HABER**

Do Natural Resources Fuel Authoritarianism: A Reappraisal of the Resource Curse

September 26, 2008

**DR. SIMON SCHWARTZMAN**

Brazilian Education at the Crossroads

September 30, 2008

**STEVE REIFENBERG**

Santiago's Children: What I Learned about Life at an Orphanage in Chile

October 7, 2008

**DR. PAUL WISE**

Medicine and Governance: Confronting the Political Requirements of Global Child Health

October 14, 2008

**RICHARD BOLY**

Promoting Entrepreneurial Economies in Latin America

October 21, 2008

**ANNETTE HESTER**

Energy Policy in Brazil

October 28, 2008

**JOEL GUTIÉRREZ GONZÁLEZ**

Lessons Latin American Developing Countries can Draw from Emerging Economies such as Ireland, Spain, and others

November 4, 2008

**ALFONSO VALENZUELA AGUILERA**

The Electronic Eyes of Justice: Surveillance, Territory, and the Rule of Law in Mexico City

November 11, 2008

**DR. NICOLE VON GERMETEN**

Prostitution and the Captain's Wife: A Public and Notorious Scandal in Eighteenth-Century Cartagena de Indias

November 14, 2008

**DR. JUAN TIRAO**

Argentine Universities and Research Institutions: Their Role in Scientific and Technological Development

November 18, 2008

**DAVID HULTS**

Sanctuary for the State: National Oil Companies in Brazil, Mexico, and Venezuela

December 2, 2008

**DR. MAURO GALETTI**

10,000 Years of Extinction: Ecological and Evolutionary Consequences of Defaunation in the Neotropical Ecosystem

On December 3, 2008, photographer **STEVE CAGAN** spoke about his experiences traveling in and documenting the region of El Chocó, in northwestern Colombia. The photographer's visit and presentation accompanied the photo exhibit entitled **El Chocó, Colombia: Struggle for Cultural and Environmental Survival**, a collection of Cagan's photographs on display at Bolivar House October 2008-March 2009.

January 6, 2009

**DR. ALEXANDER GALETOVIC**

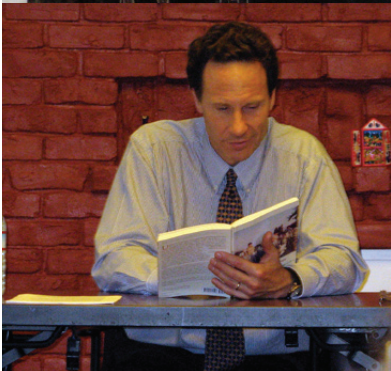
Pinochet and Economics: Market Reforms in Chile, 1973-2008

January 13, 2009

**DR. MATTHEW LOOPER**

Evidence for Ancient Maya Dance

A special **Career Development event** on January 16, 2009 began with **SAM RODRIGUEZ** of the campus Career Development Center, who presented on job search strategies and CDC resources. Next, LAS alumni **THERESA HWANG**, **THOMAS KOHNSTAMM**, **ANDREW MAIMAN**, and **DAVID RADEL** formed a career panel to discuss





their experiences navigating the job markets and their career trajectories since graduation from Stanford.

January 20, 2009

**DR. ERNESTO SCHARGRODSKY**

Property Rights for the Poor: Short and Long Run Effects of Land Titling on Poverty Alleviation

January 23, 2009

**SILVIA RIVERA CUSICANQUI**

From Tupak Katari to Evo Morales: Política Indígena in the Andes

January 27, 2009

**DR. HEBE MATTOS**

Slavery and Coffee in Rio de Janeiro: The Contemporary Map of Jongo and the Presence of the Past

February 10, 2009

**DR. JORGE RUFFINELLI**

¿Existe un canon del cine latinoamericano?

February 17, 2009

**DR. HERB KLEIN**

Emigration and Immigration in the Making of Modern Spain

February 24, 2009

**DR. WILLIAM SUMMERHILL**

From Credibility to Crisis: The History of Sovereign Borrowing in Brazil

March 3, 2009

**GERI SMITH**

Treading Water: How Complacency, Cronyism and Crime are Stalling Mexico's Progress

March 10, 2009

**DR. JOSÉ LUIS VILLACAÑAS BERLANGA**

Populismo y postcolonialismo latinoamericano: un ensayo de valoración desde la teoría política

March 31, 2009

**DR. IAN READ**

From Salubrity to Pestilence: Brazil's Untold Battle with Plagues in the Nineteenth Century

April 7, 2009

**DR. CAROL WISE**

U.S. Trade Strategy Towards Latin America Since the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

April 8, 2009

**PETRONILHA BEATRIZ GONÇALVES E SILVA**

Ações afirmativas na universidade brasileira - em busca da qualidade acadêmica com compromisso social

April 14, 2009

**JONATHAN GREENBERG**

Investor-state Disputes in Latin America

April 21, 2009

**DR. MATTHEW RESTALL**

The Forgotten History of Black Yucatan

April 28, 2009

**DR. MARK GOODALE**

Revolution and Counterrevolution in Contemporary Bolivia

April 30, 2009

**DEMIAN ZAYAT**

Meritocratic or Political? The Selection of Federal Judges in Argentina

April 30, 2009

**EVERALDO LAMPREA**

When Accountability Meets Judicial Independence: The Nomination of Colombia's Constitutional Court

May 5, 2009

**DR. LEONARD ORTOLANO & REBECA HWANG**

Delivery of Domestic Water Supplies by Cooperatives in Argentina

May 12, 2009

**DR. SETH JACOBOWITZ**

Funk, Favelas and Foucault: Representing Rio de Janeiro in José Padilha's Elite Squad

May 26, 2009

**DR. HÉCTOR HOYOS**

Aftershock: Naomi Klein and the Southern Cone

May 29, 2009

**OSCAR REYNOLDS & LALO IZQUIERDO**

The Black Music from Peru and Bolivia

June 2, 2009

**DR. MARÍA EMMA MANNARELLI**

The Written Word, Women, and Secularization. Peru, 1895-1925



# faculty conferences

During the 2008-2009 academic year, CLAS was able to fund several conferences headed by Stanford faculty. Representing the interdisciplinary nature of Latin American Studies, the conferences explored a range of themes including economics, education, and ecology.

## Historicization of the “Second-Order Observer”

February 2009  
Stanford University

Organizer: [HANS ULRICH GUMBRECHT](#), Department of Comparative Literature

Participants: Perla Chinchilla, Alfonso Mendiola, Ilán Semo, and Guillermo Zermeño, Universidad Iberoamericana (Mexico City); Hans Ulrich Gumbrecht, Stanford University; Aldo Mazzucchelli, Stanford University/Brown University

The February 2009 conference on “Historicization of the ‘Second-Order Observer’” was the third and culminating meeting spanning the years 2007-2009, a collaboration between the Department of History at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City and the Division of Literatures, Cultures, & Languages at Stanford. The main purpose of the third meeting was to debate and review final manuscripts derived from the workshops and discussions of the previous two conferences, which will be compiled into a book which the organizers hope will appear in Spanish, English, and German.

## Living in a Defaunated World: Consequences for Plant-Animal Interactions

March 12-13, 2009  
Stanford University

Organizers: Dr. [RODOLFO DIRZO](#), Department of Biology; Dr. [MAURO GALETTI](#), Tinker Visiting Professor/Department of Biology

Co-sponsored by the Department of Biology and the Center for Latin American Studies, the Living in a Defaunated World symposium provided a forum for debate and discussion by leading scientists in the field of defaunation ecology. Focusing primarily on tropical ecosystems, these researchers explore both the impact of animals on plant diversity, typically via seed dispersal and destruction, as well as the effects of deforestation, invasive species and poaching on meso- and mega-fauna populations since the end of the Pleistocene era. Symposium participants included scientists based in Mexico, Brazil, and Panama, among others. Papers presented at the conference include “The ecological effects of large mammals on vegetation dynamics in the Northern Andes” (Diego J. Lizcano), “Rapid evolutionary changes on seed size driven by bird extinctions” (Mauro Galetti), “Hunting and the functional composition of tropical forest floras” (Joe Wright), and “Severely defaunated but not totally empty forests: Experimental manipulations to assess ecological consequences of defaunation” (Rodolfo Dirzo).

## Recordar el pasado, inventar el futuro: The Personal Documentary

April 22-24, 2009  
Stanford University

Organizer: Dr. [JORGE RUFFINELLI](#),



Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures

In this unique event, eleven Latin American filmmakers met at Stanford to screen their documentary films. The screenings were followed by discussions wherein fellow filmmakers could critique one another’s work and all conference participants could exchange questions and comments on the films and the stories and issues they presented. The conference was punctuated by a keynote address by Leonor Arfuch, Universidad de Buenos Aires, on “Espacio biográfico y memoria en la cultura contemporánea.”

The filmmakers and the films they presented at the conference:  
Marilú Mallet (Chile): *Diario inacabado* (1982)  
Mateo Gutiérrez (Uruguay): *DF / Destino final* (2008)  
María Inés Roqué (Argentina/Mexico): *Papá Iván* (2002)  
Sandra Kogut (Brazil): *Um passaporte húngaro* (2001)  
Héctor Salgado (Chile) y Marianne Teleki (USA): *Circunstancias especiales* (2008)  
Albertina Carri (Argentina): *Los rubios* (2003)  
João Moreira Salles (Brazil): *Santiago* (2007)  
Lourdes Portillo (Mexico): *El diablo nunca duerme* (1994)  
Andrés di Tella (Argentina): *Fotografías* (2007)  
Marco Enríquez-Ominami (Chile): *Chile: Los héroes están fatigados* (2002)



## Second US Meeting of the Theoretical Archaeology Group

May 1-3, 2009

Stanford University

Organizers: [STANFORD ARCHAEOLOGY CENTER](#)

Plenary speakers: Rosemary Joyce (University of California Berkeley), Stephen Shennan (University College London), Webb Keane (University of Michigan), Michael Schiffer (University of Arizona)

The Theoretical Archaeology Group was founded in Great Britain in 1979 as an interdisciplinary forum to relationships between critical theories and archaeological studies. While annual TAG meetings have been held in the UK since 1979, the first TAG USA meeting was held in 2008 at Columbia University. The second meeting at Stanford in 2009 was a success, and annual TAG USA meetings have already been planned through 2014. The next host will be Brown University, in May 2010. CLAS was a co-sponsor of the TAG meeting at Stanford, with the main support coming from the Stanford Archaeology Center.

## Latin America and the Caribbean: Institutions, Human Capital, and Natural Resources

May 14-15, 2009

Stanford University

Organizers: Dr. [PETER HENRY](#), Graduate School of Business/Stanford Center for International Development and Dr. [ERNESTO SCHARGRODSKY](#), Tinker Visiting Professor/Department of Economics

The conference, co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies and the Stanford Center for International Development, consisted of eight panel sessions focusing on themes including education, health, natural resources, labor markets, and political economy. The featured keynote speakers were Anne Krueger, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, on "How Robust is Latin America to the Global Financial Crisis?" and Alejandro Toledo, former President of



Peru, on "Global Economic Crisis: Challenges and Opportunities for Poverty Reduction, Growth, and Democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean."

Panel participants and discussants represented a number of institutions throughout the Americas and beyond, including but not limited to Stanford, MIT, Claremont McKenna College, Harvard Business School, the University of Chicago, the University of Melbourne, the University of Munich, the Vanguard Group, the Mexican Secretariat of Finance, the Chilean Ministry of Finance, Universidad Torcuato di Tella, Universidad de Chile, Universidad de los Andes, and Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro.

Papers presented included "Schooling, Cognitive Skills, and the Latin American Growth Puzzle," "Evaluating the Impact of Community-Based Health Interventions: Evidence from Brazil's Family Health Program" and "Is Sugar Sweeter at the Pump? The Macroeconomic Impact of Brazil's Alternative Energy Program,"

## Meeting on Brazilian University Reform

August 7-8, 2009

Belo Horizonte, Brazil

Organizer: Dr. [MARTIN CARNOY](#), School of Education

Stanford Professor of Education, Martin Carnoy, in collaboration with the Centro de Estudos de Ensino Superior (CESPE) at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), organized a meeting of Brazilian researchers to present papers on

various topics relevant to the field of higher education in Brazil.

The meeting revealed that there are large, mostly untapped data sources on Brazilian higher education and resulted in a proposal to Brazilian universities to conduct a four-state study of university change and engineering education. This study will complement ongoing studies of these same issues in Russia, India and China, being conducted by Stanford researchers from the School of Education, School of Engineering, and the Freeman Spogli Institute, in collaboration with the State School of Economics in Moscow, the National University of Educational Planning and Administration in Delhi, and the Peking University in China.

The conference itself sparked debate and ideas for future study on issues central to Brazilian higher education, such as the cost and (in)efficiency of public versus private universities (which may be determined by analyzing entrance and exit exams) and the controversial question of whether to charge tuition at public universities and expand them to offer higher education to more middle-class youth. Hypotheses and suggestions for future study were offered to explain the low proportion of engineering graduates in Brazil compared to Russia, India and China.

# undergraduates and clas



## Summer Internship Grants

Thanks to a generous gift from Stanford alumna Monica Miller Walsh and her husband David Walsh, CLAS was able for the fifth year in a row to award Monica Miller Walsh grants to support Stanford undergraduates in summer internships in Latin America.

Grant recipients for summer 2009:

### JESSICA HINOJOSA

BS 2010 in Earth Systems  
Fauna Forever Tambopata in Madre de Dios rainforest, Peru  
“While hammering down my hypotheses and methods in the Madre de Dios region of southeastern Peru, I slowly fell in love with more than

experiments—I fell in love with the cumbia, and the lomo saltado, and the local artesanía.”

### LEAH KARLINS

BA 2011  
Microfinanzas PRISMA in Lima, Peru  
“[T]his internship gave me an invaluable opportunity to learn about microfinance, international development, NGOs, and Peruvian culture. It was definitely the adventure of a lifetime.”

### QUYNH NGUYEN

BS 2010 in Biology with minor in Spanish  
Roatan Volunteer Pediatric Clinic in Roatan, Honduras  
“[F]rom the hardworking people I

have met and the inspiring lessons I have learned, I feel motivated to continue pursuing medicine and discover new ways to promote health and treat, as well as prevent, diseases for people in developing countries.”

### ARDALAN TAJALLI

BAS 2009 in Economics and Management Science & Engineering  
Coterminal MS 2010 in Statistics  
Acción Emprendedora in Chile  
“[T]he whole summer was a success. [...] I learned so much [...] and all of the skills and analytic insight I picked up over this summer will help me tremendously on future projects.”

In addition, in 2009 CLAS awarded the first Pessoa-Trejos grant for a Stanford undergraduate to complete a summer internship in Brazil. This award is made possible by a gift from Stanford alumna Ana Paula Pessoa and her husband Raul Trejos.

Grant recipient for summer 2009:

**NIKOLAS IUBEL**  
BS 2012 in Mathematics  
ECE UNIFAE/EducationUSA in  
Curitiba, Brasil

### Guatemala at Bolivar House

Spring quarter 2009 saw a lively series of events organized by the association of Central American Students at Stanford (CASAS). Headed by **ALICIA ROBINSON** (BA 2012) and **DANIEL CRUZ** (BA 2011), the group hosted film screenings, lectures, and discussions to raise awareness about the contemporary history of Guatemala.

On April 20th, Associate Professor of History **ZEPHYR FRANK** presented a contextual overview of civil wars in Central America, as an introduction to a screening of *Voces Inocentes*.

CASAS presented “Guatemala Past and Present: Confronting Racism, Violence, and Inequality” on May 7th. A second film was shown, this time a student documentary by **EVAN RODRIGUEZ** (Haverford). Prior to the screening, Dr. **PAUL WISE** (Stanford School of Medicine) spoke on about his firsthand experiences with racism and social inequality in the community health realm in Guatemala.

Finally, on May 8th, guests of Bolivar House were treated to a Guatemalan lunch as Dr. **CHERYL KOOPMAN** (Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences) delivered a presentation on “Psychological Effects of Genocide on the Guatemalan Population.”

Bolivar House was delighted to house these events, along with a temporary accompanying exhibition of photos by **SARAH MUMMAH** (BA 2010), on display during the week of the May 7th & 8th CASAS events.

### Por eso hay tanto silencio

Inspired by her own experiences growing up in Guatemala (1998-2008) and by high school literature courses with Francisco Guzmán in Lago Atitlán, Stanford undergraduate **ALICIA ROBINSON** (BA 2012) penned a collection of short stories exploring issues of discrimination, poverty, and inequality in contemporary Guatemala. *Por eso hay tanto silencio* was published in August 2009 by Magnaterra Press in Guatemala, with illustrations by Claudia Tremblay, a Canadian artist residing in Guatemala.



# working groups



## Technological Entrepreneurship in Latin America

Student Coordinator: [JEFFREY GARCIA](#) (Management Science & Engineering)

Faculty Sponsor: [MARISA HERRERA](#) (Associate Director, El Centro Chicano)

Drawing on the already established student group, Society for Entrepreneurship in Latin America (SELA), the working group was able to host a number of speakers, including Stanford alumni and other entrepreneurs with significant experience in Silicon Valley. The year's events culminated in the SELA Summit, which brought 28 university students from Latin America to Stanford for a five-day conference with scholars, entrepreneurs and tech company CEOs, exploring topics such as technology licensing, writing business plans, going green, enhancing energy efficiency in Latin America and delivering the internet to remote Latin American villages.

[November 11, 2008](#)

[MELANIE EDWARDS](#), CEO, MobileMetrix  
[Mobile Metrix and Social Entrepreneurship](#)

[November 18, 2008](#)

[CONSTANZA NIETO](#), CEO, Global Tech Bridge  
[Tech Entrepreneurial Markets in Latin America](#)

[April 6-10, 2009](#)

[Society for Entrepreneurship in Latin America \(SELA\) Summit 2009](#)

## Mexican Studies

Student Coordinator: **BRENDA JARILLO RABLING** (Education)

Faculty Sponsor: **RODOLFO DIRZO** (Professor, Biology)

The Mexican Studies working group was able to hold two spring-quarter events, hosting two speakers from Mexico who discussed, in terms of the realms of business and education, respectively, the current position of Mexico in relation to the United States and the rest of the world.

April 29, 2009

**BRUNO FERRARI**, Director, ProMéxico ProMéxico and Mexico's Role in the International Economy

May 22, 2009

**DAVID LUNA ARELLANO**, journalist  
Emigration of Mexico's Intellectual Capital

## Brazilian Studies

Student Coordinator: **GABRIEL NOVAIS** (Education)

Faculty Sponsor: **LYRIS WIEDEMANN** (Senior Lecturer, Portuguese)

Following the successful series of events organized by the Brazilian Studies working group in 2007-2008, in the second year they were able to host a journalist, a filmmaker, and a government dignitary in diverse and well-attended events.

October 31, 2008

**PEDRO DORIA**, Knight Fellow  
Brazil After Lula

March 4, 2009

**DENISE ZMEKHOL**, Filmmaker  
Screening of *Children of the Amazon*

May 1, 2009

**MAURICIO CORTES COSTA**, Consul General of Brazil in San Francisco  
Biofuels in Brazil

## The Politics of Identity: Status Movements in Puerto Rico

Student Coordinator: **VICTORIA HARMAN** (Classics; Latin American Studies)

Faculty Sponsor: **ZEPHYR FRANK** (Associate Professor, History)

A new conceptual working group brought leading politicians from Puerto Rico to campus to discuss the

history, mission and current status of their respective political parties, bringing to light a topic relatively unknown to the Stanford community.

April 9, 2009

**MANUEL RODRÍGUEZ ORELLANA**, Secretary for North American Relations, Puerto Rican Independence Party  
A History of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement

May 18, 2009

**HÉCTOR J. FERRER RÍOS**, President, Puerto Rican Popular Democratic Party  
The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the Popular Democratic Party

## Latin American Literary Dialogs

Student Coordinator: **K. ANGELA WEIKEL** (Iberian and Latin American Cultures)

Faculty Sponsor: **JORGE RUFFINELLI** (Professor, Iberian and Latin American Cultures)

In its second year, the Latin American Literary Dialogs organized another series of successful meetings with prominent contemporary Latin American writers. All events were well-attended, largely thanks to the support of students and faculty in the Department of Iberian and Latin American Cultures.

April 9, 2009

**MARTÍN KOHAN** (Argentina)  
Political Reality

May 14, 2009

**GISELA KOZAK ROVERO** (Venezuela)  
Lecturas, escrituras y confesiones: escribir en Venezuela

June 5, 2009

**JORGE VOLPI** (Mexico)  
Latin America: A Hologram





# latin american studies class of 2009

Shortly before the end of the school year, on June 4th, Bolivar House was host to two thesis presentations by graduating Stanford students in Latin American Studies.

**ALEJANDRO PETER ZAFFARONI** (BA 2009 in International Relations and Economics with Honors in Latin American Studies), discussed his undergraduate honors thesis, “The Adverse Impact of Neoliberal Reform on Equity, the Social Welfare System

and Democracy in Chile,” completed as a requirement for the Interdisciplinary Honors certification in Latin American Studies.

**JOHANN STRAUSS** (MA 2009 in Latin American Studies) presented an engaging report on his masters thesis, “Bridging the Linguistic Divide – A Study on How a Self-Help Center Assists Spanish-Speaking Latinos Achieve Meaningful Access to the California Courts.” Given the intensity

and short timeframe of the one-year MA in Latin American Studies, the thesis project is an optional component of the MA curriculum. Johann’s thesis research was derived largely from his firsthand experiences observing and working in the self-help centers of the San Mateo County court system.



It was a warm and sunny almost-summer day when CLAS held its Commencement program in the Bolivar House garden on June 14, 2009. Graduating students **MARIANA GONZÁLEZ INSUA** and **LYNDA JOELLE ABEND** each spoke eloquently about their experiences in the MA program, their speeches peppered with anecdotes of awkward first meetings and adjusting to campus bike traffic, highlighted by memories of exciting classes and lasting friendships. They were followed by the keynote speaker, **VIVIANA KRSTICEVIC**, Executive Director of the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) in Washington, DC, who graduated from the Stanford MA in Latin American Studies in 1992.

Master of Arts in Latin American Studies awarded to:

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**JAMES ALEXANDER BURLESON-PORRAS**  
**MARIANA GONZÁLEZ INSUA**  
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**JOSHUA RYAN STECH**  
**JOHANN STRAUSS**

Interdisciplinary Honors in Latin American Studies awarded to:

**ALEJANDRO PETER ZAFFARONI,**  
**BA IN HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Undergraduate Minor in Latin American Studies awarded to:

**MELISSA MORALES,**  
**BA IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**VICTORIA CHAPMAN HARMAN,**  
**BA IN CLASSICS**

Congratulations, graduates!

# new grad students 2009-2010

The Master of Arts in Latin American Studies at Stanford University is a one-year interdisciplinary program in which students receive fundamental instruction in the core fields of Culture & Society, Political Economy, and Environment & Ecology. Through elective courses, they are able to explore their own diverse interests—in history, literature, health, politics, engineering, anthropology, and more—relating to Latin America. MA graduates leave Stanford with proficiency in both Spanish and Portuguese, and may study Quechua as well. For more details, see <http://las.stanford.edu> and <http://bulletin.stanford.edu>. The annual application deadline is in early January.

Current MA students in Latin American Studies include two continuing students: **ADAM RIGGS**, who began his studies at Stanford in January 2009, and **KARA KAPP**, a third-year law student pursuing the joint JD-MA degrees. Both will graduate in 2010.

New students welcomed in Fall 2009:

**ASHLEY BOWMAN**  
Joint JD-MA candidate (class of 2012)  
Home state: Michigan  
BA Latin American Studies, Yale University

**CASEY ENGELBERT**  
Home state: Delaware  
BA Anthropology & Spanish with minor in Portuguese/Brazilian Studies, University of Notre Dame

**VIJAY GALLARDO**  
Home state: California  
BA Latin American Area Studies with minor in Environmental Engineering, West Point

**APRIL JERNBERG**  
Hometown: Santa Cruz, California  
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BA Communications, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

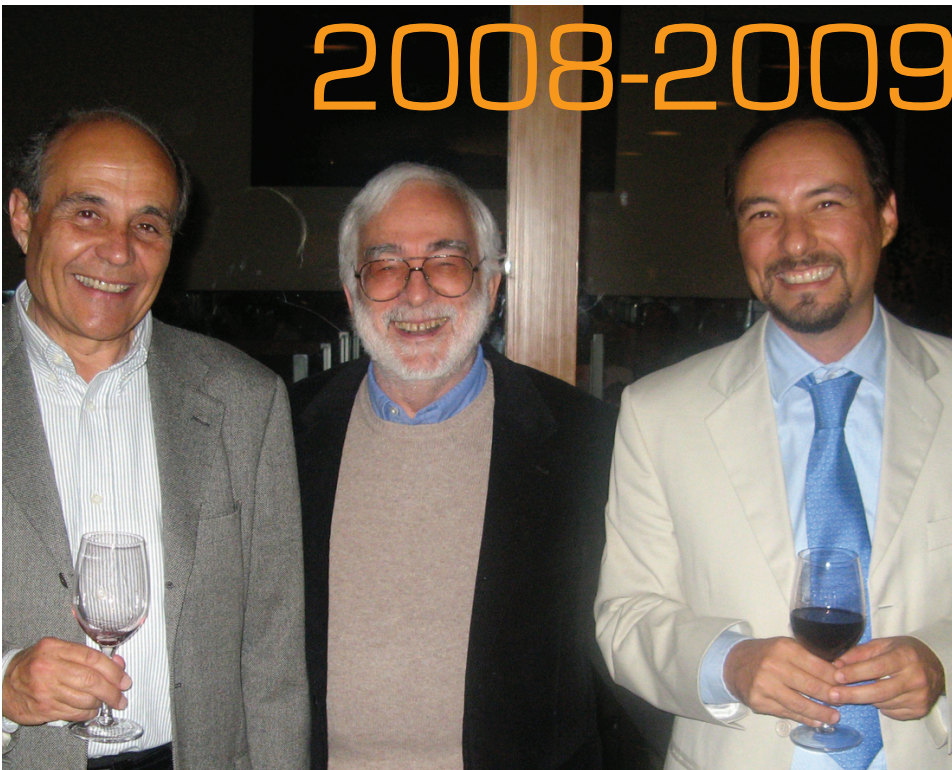
**MAC PARISH**  
Hometown: San Francisco, California  
BA Anthropological Sciences, Stanford University

**JARED RITVO**  
Hometown: Denver, Colorado  
BA History, Colorado College

**GUADALUPE ROJO**  
Hometown: Buenos Aires, Argentina  
BA Political Science, Universidad Torcuato di Tella

# bolivar house visitors

## 2008-2009



**SONIA ROCHA** (PhD, Université de Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, 1976) is a Senior Researcher at the National Research Council, Brazil and a researcher at Instituto de Estudos do Trabalho e Sociedade (IETS). During Spring Quarter 2009 at Stanford, Dr. Rocha taught SOC 143/243: Poverty in Brazil: From Empirical Evidence to Anti-poverty Policies.

### **Nabuco Scholars, 2008-2009**

**HEBE MATTOS** is a Professor of History at Universidade Federal Fluminense, Brazil. During her visit at Stanford she worked on developing research on slavery, manumission, and the historical process of building racial categories in Brazil.

### **Visiting Scholars, 2008-2009**

**NICOLE VON GERMETEN** (PhD, University of California, Berkeley) is an Assistant Professor of History at Oregon State University and has published two books. While at Stanford during the 2008-2009 academic year, she worked primarily on documents of the colonial period in Cartagena de Indias (in present-day Colombia).

**JOAN CASANOVAS** (PhD, SUNY Stony Brook) is an associate professor of Latin American history at the Universitat Rovira i Virgili in Tarragona, Spain. While at Stanford during the summer of 2009, he worked on the last stage of his research on semi-free urban labor in Cuba in the mid-19th century.

**MAGDALENA CHOCANO** (PhD, SUNY Stony Brook) is a lecturer at the Fundació Universitària Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona) and a researcher at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona. While at Stanford during the summer of 2009, she worked on a project entitled "Liberalism in Peru, late 19th and early 20 centuries."

### **Tinker Visiting Professors, 2008-2009**

**MAURO GALETTI** (PhD, Cambridge University, 1996) is Professor of Ecology and founding director of the Plant Phenology and Seed Dispersal Research Group at Universidade Estadual Paulista in Rio Claro, Brazil. During Spring Quarter 2008 at Stanford, Dr. Galetti taught BIOL 235: Challenges for Biodiversity Conservation in Latin America.

**JUAN ALFREDO TIRAO** (PhD, University of California, Berkeley, 1970) is a Professor of Mathematics at the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina. During Fall Quarter 2008 at Stanford, Dr. Tirao taught MATH 264: Matrix Valued Spherical Functions and Orthogonal Polynomials.

**ALEXANDER GALETOVIC** (PhD, Princeton University, 1994) is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Universidad de Los Andes, Chile. During Winter Quarter 2009 at Stanford, Dr. Galetovic taught ECON 123: Regulation and Competition in Less Developed Countries.

**ERNESTO SCHARGRODSKY** (PhD, Harvard University, 1998) is Dean of the Business School of the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella, Argentina. During Winter Quarter 2008 at Stanford, Dr. Schargrodsky taught ECON 122: Economic Development of Latin America.

**JOSÉ LUIS VILLACAÑAS BERLANGA** (PhD, Universitat de Valencia, 1981) is Professor of Philosophy at Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain. During Winter Quarter 2009 at Stanford, Dr. Villacañas taught SPANLIT 343: Nations, Continents, Worlds: Ortega and the Ibero-American Essay.

**MARÍA EMMA MANNARELLI** (PhD, Columbia University, 1998) is director and founder of the Center of Gender Studies at the Universidad de San Marcos in Lima, Peru. During Spring Quarter 2009 at Stanford, Dr. Mannarelli taught HISTORY 273B/373B: Latin American Societies: The Public and the Domestic Domain.

## Tinker Visiting Professors, 2009-2010

**FERNANDO FERREIRA** (PhD, Pennsylvania State University, 1988) is Associate Professor of Mathematics at the Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal. During Fall Quarter 2009, Dr. Ferreira taught PHIL 353C: Functional Interpretations.

**EDUARDO DVORKIN** (PhD, MIT, 1984) is professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. During Winter Quarter 2010, Dr. Dvorkin taught ME 411: Advanced Topics in Computational Solid Mechanics.

**JOÃO ADOLFO HANSEN** (PhD, Universidade de São Paulo, 1988) is Professor of Brazilian Literature at the Universidade de São Paulo. During Winter Quarter 2010, Dr. Hansen taught ILAC 374: Luso-Brazilian Practices of Representation in the 16th-, 17th-, & 18th Centuries.

## Nabuco Scholars, 2009-2010

**DANIELA CALAINHO** (PhD, Universidade Federal Fluminense, 2000) is Professor of History at the Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro,

specializing in the colonial history of Brazil. She will be at Stanford late March through late April 2010.

**BORIS FAUSTO** (PhD, Universidade de São Paulo, 1969) is Professor of History in the Department of Political Science at the Universidade de São Paulo and a member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences. He will be at Stanford in May 2010.

**CARLOS FAUSTO** (PhD, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, 1991) is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Museu Nacional, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro. He will be at Stanford in May 2010.

## Visiting Scholars, 2009-2010

**PEDRO MACIEL** (PhD, Universidade de Brasília) is former Manager of Fiscal Analysis at the Brazilian Secretariat of the National Treasury - Ministry of Finance. He is responsible for developing studies and policies regarding fiscal programs of the Brazilian Government. He has published articles about fiscal policy and economic growth in Brazil and has

been awarded several national prizes for his research. He is in residence at Stanford for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**ROSA FONTES** (PhD, North Carolina State University, 1988) is Professor of Economics at Universidade Federal de Viçosa, Brazil. She has been a Visiting Scholar at University of California – Berkeley (1993-94) and at Ludwig Maximilians Universität in Munich, Germany (2000-01), and she is the former Dean of Humanities, Languages and Arts at UFV (2001-2006). She is in residence at Stanford for the 2009-2010 academic year.

**MARTA MARIA CHAGAS DE CARVALHO** (PhD, Universidade de São Paulo, 1986) is a professor at Universidade de Sorocaba, specializing in the history of education in Brazil. She is currently academic advisor and research coordinator at Universidade de São Paulo and a member of the editorial board of *Educação e Sociedade*. She is in residence at Stanford during winter quarter, January-March 2010.

# 2009-2010



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Tuesday, March 30

**XIMENA BRICEÑO**, Visiting Lecturer,  
Iberian & Latin American Cultures,  
Stanford

Performance and Vision after the  
Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
in Peru

Thursday, April 1

**ANDREA BRACHFELD**, Latin Jazz Flutist  
The Origins and Role of the Flute in  
Afro-Cuban Music: 1900-Present

Tuesday, April 6

**DIEGO VON VACANO**, Assistant Profes-  
sor of Political Science, Texas A&M  
University

The Princely Republican: Bolivar's  
Machiavellian Approach to Race

Thursday, April 8

**FRANK MOYA PONS**, Historian and first  
Minister of the Environment, Domini-  
can Republic

Política y medio ambiente en la  
República Dominicana

Thursday, April 8

**CUAUHTÉMOC CÁRDENAS**, Former Mayor  
of Mexico City, Co-founder of the  
Party of the Democratic Revolution  
(PRD)

The Promise and Legacy of the  
Mexican Revolution

Tuesday, April 13

**DANIELA CALAINHO**, Professor of History,  
Universidade do Estado do Rio de  
Janeiro

Black Sorcerers in Portugal During  
the Modern Age

Friday, April 16

**HANS-JÜRGEN PUHLE**, Professor  
emeritus of Political Science, Goethe  
Universität Frankfurt

The State of Democracy in Latin  
America



Tuesday, April 20

**KARINA BUSTO-IBARRA**, Visiting  
Scholar, Hemispheric Institute of the  
Americas, UC-Davis

Mexican Ports and Communication  
Networks in the Pacific: Routes, Nav-  
igation, and Commercial Systems,  
1848-1927

Friday, April 23

Admit Weekend Open House

Tuesday, April 27

**KATHLEEN COLL**, Lecturer in Anthropol-  
ogy and Feminist Studies, Stanford  
Remaking Citizenship: Latina Immi-  
grants and New American Politics

Friday, May 21

Rethinking Brazilian History  
Conference in Honor of Boris Fausto

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