

PLAS

PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES NEWSLETTER

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Colleagues and Friends of PLAS:

I hope you had a relaxing summer and that you are now ready for the new academic year. I'm very happy to share the latest news from our Program:

This past spring, PLAS introduced a new undergraduate track on Brazilian Studies. Starting this fall, undergraduate students will have the option of choosing three tracks of study: a focus on Spanish-speaking Latin America; a focus on Brazil; or a combined course of study that combines Brazilian and Latin American Studies.



This year the Program will host two eminent Brazilian scholars (Lena Lavinás, an expert on policy; and Ronaldo Lemos, a legal scholar on music copyright) as visiting fellows.

Another new initiative: last semester PLAS launched a new graduate certificate program that was approved by the Graduate School in January. Within one month, we had over twenty graduate students signed up. The new certificate will allow students to pursue interdisciplinary work by taking courses outside their home department and working with the Program's visiting fellows in a more focused manner (some fellows can serve, for instance, as informal dissertation advisers).

In the coming years, we plan to create new spaces so that graduate students can interact with undergraduates. We have thought, for instance, of asking graduate students to run thesis workshops for undergrads.

We are very happy to welcome the following new faculty members to the Program: Jessica Delgado (Religion), Thomas Fujiwara (Economics), John Londregan (Woodrow Wilson School, Politics), and Tom Vogl (Economics, Woodrow Wilson School).

I look forward to seeing you at our events.

All my best wishes,

Rubén Gallo
Director, PLAS

2011–2012

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PLAS VISITING SCHOLARS

2012–2013 ACADEMIC YEAR



ÁLVARO ENRIGUE *Writer*

Postdoctoral Research Associate in the Program in Latin American Studies and Lecturer in Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures and the Program in Latin American Studies (2012–2013)

Research project: *New Latin American Journalism and its Fictions*

Fall 2012 Course: LAS 322 Gossip: Autobiographical Fiction from Vargas Llosa to Bolaño

Álvaro Enrigue is an award winning author of four novels and two books of short stories. He was awarded a Rockefeller Foundation Residence Fellowship (2009), was the Whitney J. Oates Fellow in the Humanities Council at Princeton University (Spring 2011) and a fellow at the Dorothy and Lewis B. Cullman Center for Scholars and Writers at the New York Public Library (2011–2012).

JORGE VOLPI *Writer*

Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Latin American Studies and Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures and the Program in Latin American Studies (2012–2013)

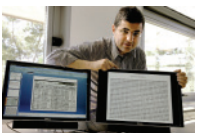
Fall 2012 Courses: SPA 331/LAS 331 Modern Latin American Fiction

SPA 342/LAS 342 Topics in Latin American Modernity - Autobiographies of the 20th Century

Juan Volpi is best known for his novels and essays. As a former lawyer and a successful scholar, Volpi's academic interests are abundant in his work. For his book, *En busca de Klingsor* (1999), he was awarded the Spanish literary prize Premio Biblioteca Breve and the French Deux-Océans-Grinzane-Cavour-Prize. In January 2007 he was appointed the director of Canal 22, a State sponsored cultural TV channel.



2012–2013 FALL SEMESTER



ALBERT ESTEVE *Centre d'Estudis Demogràfics, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*

Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Latin American Studies (September 2012)

Research project: *Towards a Unified Analysis of World Population: Family Patterns in Multilevel Perspective (WorldFam)*

Albert Esteve is Senior Researcher at the Center for Demographic Studies, Barcelona, Spain. His research focuses on household and family dynamics and union formation, with emphasis on Latin America. Currently he is Principal

Investigator for, among others, the European Research Council Starting Grant project "Towards a Unified Analysis of World Population: Family Patterns in Multilevel Perspective (WorldFam)."

GIANCARLO MAZZANTI *Architect*

Visiting Lecturer in the School of Architecture and the Program in Latin American Studies (Fall 2012)

Fall 2012 Courses: LAS 402/SPA 407 Latin American Studies Seminar - Architecture as a Mechanism of Social Inclusion

ARC 505C/LAS 506 Architecture Design Studio

Giancarlo Mazzanti is the founder of the studio El Equipo de Mazzanti in Bogotá, Colombia and has instructed at various Colombian universities. He is the winner of several Colombian competitions for the construction of buildings, including the Urban Design and Landscape category of the 10th Venice Biennale of Architecture awards (2006) and the award for the Best Work at the 6th Ibero-American Biennial of Architecture and Urban Planning (2008). Some of his award winning public buildings include the España Library, Nazca restaurant, and La Ladera Library. Most of his architecture work involves social values at its main core and Mazzanti searches for projects that empower transformations and builds community.



TIMOTHY J. SMITH *Appalachian State University*

Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Latin American Studies and Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology and the Program in Latin American Studies (Fall 2012)

Research project: *Critical examination of indigenous governance and autonomy, human rights and violence, citizenship and the state, development and grassroots indigenous politics in Latin America (Guatemala and Ecuador)*

Fall 2012 Course: LAS 401/ANT 434 Latin American Studies Seminar - The Politics of Ethnicity in Latin America

Timothy J. Smith is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Appalachian State University, member institution of the University of North Carolina. He has taught at the University of Illinois and University of South Florida as well as having had visiting appointments at Harvard University and Columbia University. He is completing a monograph on the history of indigenous praxis, electoral politics, and community-state relations in Guatemala and will spend the semester working on a new comparative ethnography examining indigenous mobilization and the formation of environmental subjectivities in the wake of resource extraction in Highland Guatemala and Amazonian Ecuador.

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2012–2013 SPRING SEMESTER

JAMES GREEN Brown University

Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Latin American Studies and Visiting Professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures and the Program in Latin American Studies (Spring 2013)

Research project: *Exiles within Exiles: Herbert Daniel, Brazilian Gay Revolutionary*

In Spring 2013 Professor Green will teach a course for PLAS on Brazil.

MARIA HELENA LAVINAS DE MORAIS Institute of Economics, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Latin American Studies and Visiting Professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures and the Program in Latin American Studies (Spring 2013)

Research project: *Comparative Analysis of the Recent Evolution of Social Protection Systems in Latin America: institutional breakdown, incremental dynamics, counter-reform?*

In Spring 2013 Professor Lavinias de Moraes will teach a course for PLAS on development strategies in Latin America from the 1940s to the present.

RONALDO LEMOS DA SILVA Fundação Getulio Vargas

Visiting Research Scholar in the Program in Latin American Studies and Visiting Professor in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures and the Program in Latin American Studies (Spring 2013)

Research project: *Determining the cultural and economic impact of the appropriation of technology on the part of the so-called "global peripheries"*

In Spring 2013 Professor Lemos da Silva will teach a course for PLAS on culture and technology in Latin America.

RICARDO LUNA Kluge Center of the Library of Congress

Visiting Lecturer in the Program in Latin American Studies and the Woodrow Wilson School (Spring 2013)

In Spring 2013 Professor Luna will teach "Passive-Aggressive Diplomacy: US-Latin American Relations" for the Woodrow Wilson School and PLAS.

LILIA KATRI MORITZ SCHWARCZ University of São Paulo, Brazil

Visiting Research Scholar, History and the Program in Latin American Studies. Global Scholar (Spring 2013)

During her time at Princeton, Professor Schwarcz will co-teach a course on Brazil with Pedro Meira Monteiro (SPO).