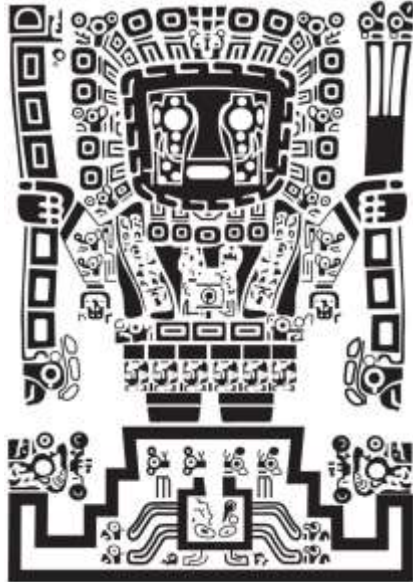


MACLAS NEWS



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MACLAS Returns to Temple University for the 2016 Conference, MACLAS!



Join us at the Fox School of Business in Philadelphia, Mar. 4-5



Message from the president



This September, the MACLAS Executive Committee met in Philadelphia to discuss the upcoming conference and to tour our host location, the Fox School of Business at Temple University. The members were impressed by the venue and the graciousness of our contact at Fox, Jeffrey Conradi. We were inspired in part by our exciting conference location as well as recent events in the city of Philadelphia, namely the visit of Pope Francis in September, in the creation of our 2016 conference theme: "Cycles and Encyclicals in Latin America."

While we have not held a conference at a business school in the past,

MACLAS has strong ties to Temple University. In fact, we held our second conference at this University in 1981. On p. 6 you will find an article on our return to Philadelphia.

This issue of the newsletter also contains our Call for Papers for the 2016 conference, an invitation to vote on the new name of the MACLAS journal and the Call for Senior Editor, as well as other MACLAS news. If you have information or ideas you wish to share, please send them to me for the spring edition.

– 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.

Before your trip, take a look at the local Latin group activities hosted by:

the Pan American Association:

<https://www.panamphilly.org/events/events>

the Taller Puertorriqueno:

<http://tallerpr.org/>

and the Philadelphia Capoeira Arts Center:

<http://www.phillycapoeira.com/>

For more ideas, go to the Visit Philadelphia site:

<http://www.visitphilly.com/>

And be sure to check out the Spanish language page for Hispanic activities and attractions:

<http://www.visitphilly.com/articles/philadelphia/philly-te-ama/>



MACLAS 2016 call for papers

- Open to faculty, graduate students, undergraduate students, and other scholars
- 250-word proposals for individual papers, full panels, and workshops are due electronically by Dec. 4, 2015, at maclas2016proposal@gmail.com

We are now accepting proposals for the MACLAS annual conference, to be held **Mar. 4-5, 2016**, at the Fox School of Business at Temple University in Philadelphia. The theme of



the 2016 conference is ***Cycles and Encyclicals in Latin America***. The lifting of the US trade embargo on Cuba, the expanding economic relations between Latin America and China, and the Pope's

moral stance against the social injustices engendered by neoliberalism and the "technocratic paradigm" are just a few current topics related to this year's MACLAS theme. Similarly, the historical cycles and tensions in the relations between Latin American countries with respect to migration, politics, as well as literary and artistic trends and movements, are worthy of exploration.

We encourage submissions that address this year's theme, and also welcome paper and panel proposals dealing with all other aspects of Latin America, as well as proposals for workshops that inform faculty and students on practical issues such as study abroad

programs in Latin America, academic publishing, the road to tenure, and effective pedagogical techniques.

All submissions are due by **Fri., Dec. 4, 2015**. Please send your proposal to maclas2016proposal@gmail.com with the following information:

- The title of your individual paper, panel, or workshop (specify which);
- Your name (panel proposals must include the names and paper titles of all presenters; discussants are optional);
- Your institution and position (faculty, graduate or undergraduate student, other); and
- A 250-word abstract in English or Spanish.

Applicants will be informed by Wed. Jan. 6, 2016 whether their proposals have been accepted.

If you have questions, contact Program Director Mirna Trauger at: maclas2016proposal@gmail.com. Please see information about prize submission and deadlines on p. 4 of the newsletter.

Conference registration and lodging

Registration will be online again this year. The link to register is <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/maclas-2016-annual-conference-tickets-18760122030?aff=es2>. Fees are \$125 for the full conference or \$75 for one day if submitted by Mon., Feb. 1, 2016. After this date, fees are \$175 for the full conference or \$100 for one day. To appear on the program, conference participants must be 2016 members of MACLAS. Annual dues range from \$10–\$35, depending on professional status and income.

We have booked a block of rooms at several hotels within a short subway trip of the Fox School of Business. We encourage you to make your reservations early to get a good rate. Hotel information is available now on the MACLAS website.

Prize submission information

- ◆ **Harold Eugene Davis Prize** for best book chapter or article published in the past two years by a member in good standing for the past two years. **Deadline: Dec. 4, 2015.** Send submissions to committee chair: Luis Roniger, ronigerl@wfu.edu.
 - ◆ **Arthur P. Whitaker Prize** for best book published in the previous two years by a MACLAS member in good standing for the past two years. **Deadline: Dec. 4, 2015.** Send one copy of the book to all three committee members: María Roof (chair), Susan Gauss, and Richard Gioioso. Find mailing addresses at <http://www.maclas.org/conferences/maclas-2016/maclas-submission-information>.
 - ◆ **Christina Turner Graduate Student Travel Awards** to help graduate students attend MACLAS 2015. **Deadline: Dec. 4, 2015.** Please send the title and abstract, a current C.V., and travel budget to committee chair Bridget Chesterton, chestebm@buffalostate.edu.
 - ◆ **Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant** of 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. **Deadline: Oct. 1, 2016.** Send submissions to committee chairs Ivani Vassoler, Ivani.Vassoler@fredonia.edu and John Stolle-McAllister, stollem@umbc.edu.
 - ◆ **John D. Martz III Prize** for best paper submitted to the MACLAS 2016 conference by a graduate student. **Deadline: Oct. 1, 2016.** Send submissions to committee chair Louise Detwiler, ladetwiler@salisbury.edu.
 - ◆ **Juan Espadas Prize** for best paper submitted to the MACLAS 2015 conference by an undergraduate student. **Deadline: Oct. 1, 2016.** Send submissions to committee chair James Siekmeier, James.Siekmeier@mail.wvu.edu.
 - ◆ **Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Award** for dedicated service to MACLAS. To nominate someone, send a letter to committee chair María Roof, mroof@howard.edu, indicating the nominee and detailing the candidate's service. **Deadline: Feb. 1, 2016.**
- All except the Martz and Espadas Prize winners and the Froelich grant will be announced at MACLAS 2016 in Philadelphia.*

Update on the MACLAS Journal

The MACLAS Journal Committee met in early October to discuss plans for moving forward in the search for a host institution for our online, open-access MACLAS journal. We began the process of creating an editorial board to support the new online platform and the administration of a blind review process using external reviewers. We have the good fortune to have most of the current editorial board members, who have served nobly for several years and contributed countless hours of hard work keeping us afloat in the interim, continuing in some capacity or another. We thank them for their valuable service. Because of the expanded scope of the new board, we are inviting other members to participate. If you would like to join us, please contact Meghan McInnis-Domínguez at mmd@udel.edu. At this time, we would also like to announce our search for a senior editor. Please take a look at the Call on the next page. There you will also find an invitation to assist us in choosing a name for the new journal through an anonymous Doodle Poll.

Call for Senior Editor

The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) seeks a senior editor for its new on-line journal, which was published as a print journal, *Latin American Essays*, for the past 28 years. The senior editor will serve a three-year term from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018. S/he will work with two associate editors, a book review editor, and an outreach coordinator.

The journal will be a multi-disciplinary, peer reviewed serial. It will publish original scholarship related to Latin America in all social sciences and humanities disciplines.

Working with the support of an editorial board, the senior editor will be responsible for journal content. This may include advancing the journal's mission and reputation, soliciting articles, overseeing the peer review process, working with authors, consulting with and managing the editorial board, and collaborating with the journal platform to increase the journal's visibility and readership.

Interested candidates should send a CV and a brief (1-2 paragraph) statement explaining their qualifications and vision to lead this journal in its new form to mmd@udel.edu, no later than December 4, 2015.

Vote on the New Name for the Journal

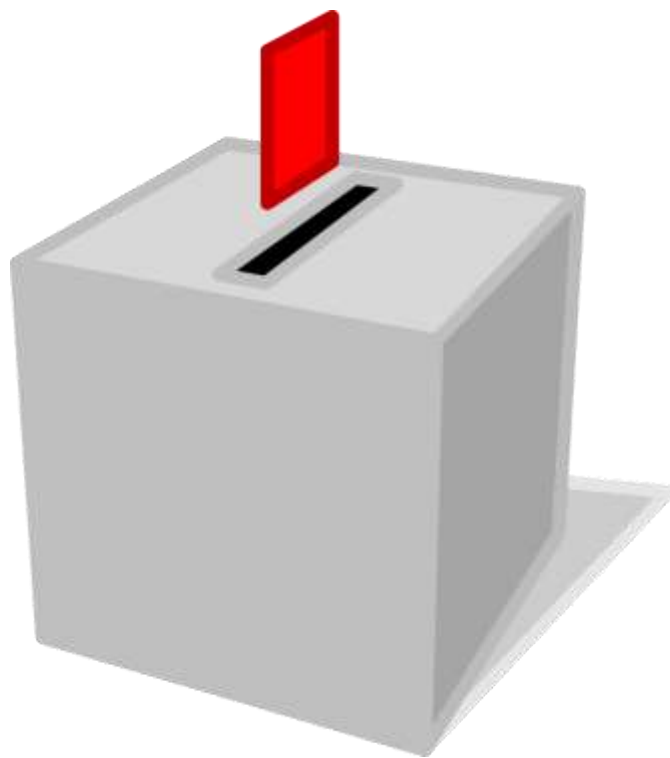
At the October meeting, we also discussed a possible name change for the journal. The current board members have settled on five candidates, and we would like you to help us decide! The names are:

- 1) Interdisciplinary Journal of the Americas
- 2) Interdisciplinary Journal of Latin American Studies
- 3) Middle Atlantic Journal of Latin American Studies
- 4) Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies
- 5) Studies on Latin America and the Caribbean

Please take part in an anonymous Doodle poll to vote. You can access it through this link:

<http://doodle.com/poll/m7mxn4q93bqdhuy>

Please submit your vote for your favorite name by Nov. 15, 2015. Thank you for participating!



MACLAS returns to Temple University

MACLAS is very happy to be returning to Philadelphia, and particularly to Temple University. Temple was the site of the second annual MACLAS conference in 1981 (the first was at the University of Delaware). The conference was held April 3-4 at the Sugarloaf Conference Center, at the time owned by Temple. Today it is the Commonwealth Chateau, Sugar Loaf Campus of Chestnut Hill College.



The MACLAS president at the time, Charles Ameringer, moved the creation of “an award for the outstanding article or book written by a member of MACLAS and published during the calendar year prior to the annual meeting ... to be known as the Arthur P. Whitaker Prize.” The motion was approved unanimously. The award carried a \$50 cash prize. The Whitaker Prize was first awarded to Carmelo Mesa-Lago in the following year for his *The Economy of Socialist Cuba*. That was long before MACLAS created the Whitaker Address, to be given by the previous year's winner, but we still got Dr. Mesa-Lago back for a keynote address at our 2011 meeting at the University of Pittsburgh.

Michael Burke of Villanova University and MACLAS Secretary-Treasurer from 1980 to 1983, reported that over seventy people participated in the program at Temple, and 105 individuals attended. He reported the finances were strong. Thirty-five years later, our finances are still strong, and we hope more than seventy people will appear on our 2016 program in Philadelphia. – by Brian Turner

In Memoriam

MACLAS members were sad to learn of the passing of Doug Cameron, Professor of Modern Languages at Ursinus University and participant in many of our conferences over the last few years. Here is an excerpt of the Ursinus memorium of the beloved Spanish professor.



Doug, whose Aug. 8 death was due to complications of cancer, loved bringing Cervantes to life for his students. Other favorite courses included Mexican Cinema and Spanish Golden Age Literature. He taught all levels of Spanish language, and for many years led summer programs that took Ursinus students to Cuernavaca and Puebla, Mexico, for the study of language and culture.

Born in New York City, Doug lived in many countries in his youth. His family left Cuba just ahead of Castro taking power. He graduated cum laude from Harvard University, and earned his Ph.D in Spanish and Comparative Literature from the University of California, San Diego.

He is survived by his wife, Edith Guay, and daughters, Maya Houston of Houston, Texas, and Rima Cameron of Harrisburg. He has five loving grandchildren.

In his long career at Ursinus, Doug influenced the lives of thousands of students, inspiring them with his playful love of life and literature. He will be deeply missed. A celebration of his life, learning, and teaching at Ursinus College is being planned for Saturday, November 7th.

MACLAS Member Notes:

Below you will find the descriptions of the works and recognitions of some of our MACLAS members. If you would like to be featured in future newsletters, please send an email to Meghan McInnis-Domínguez at mmd@udel.edu.

Charles Ameringer



Charles D. Ameringer's *The Caribbean Legion: Patriots, Politicians, Soldiers of Fortune, 1946-1950*, published by the Penn State Press in 1996 and winner of the Arthur P. Whitaker Prize for 1995-1997, has been translated into Spanish and published (August 2015) by La Academia

Dominicana de la Historia (Santo Domingo, República Dominicana)

Bridget Chesterton

Bloomsbury Academic Publishing will release two new texts co-edited and edited by Bridget María Chesterton (SUNY Buffalo State).



In November 2015, *Transformations of Populism in Europe and Latin America*, edited by John Abromeit, Gary Marotta, York Norman, and Bridget María Chesterton (all SUNY Buffalo State) will be

released. Chesterton was editor of the Latin American section and contributed an chapter entitled "Performing Populism in Paraguay: *Febrerismo* on Stage in the works of Correa and Ruffinelli, 1933-43."

In February 2016 Chesterton's edited volume *The Chaco War: Environment, Ethnicity, and Nationalism* will also become available. *The Chaco War* volume is the first volume of its kind to explore the Chaco War from the perspective of both combatants, Bolivia and Paraguay, and highlights the war's effects from new historiographical angles. Chapters include works from Erick D. Langer (Georgetown University) entitled "Indigenous Peoples and the Chaco War: Power and Acquiescence in Bolivia, Paraguay, and Argentina" and Elizabeth Shesko (Oakland University) contribution entitled "'Same as here, Same as Everywhere:' Social Difference among Bolivian Prisoners in Paraguay." Bridget María Chesterton co-authored a chapter with Thilo F. Papacek (Freie Universität, Berlin) "Paraguay Guazú: Big Paraguay, Carlos Fiebrig, and the Botanical Garden as a Launching Point for Paraguayan Nationalism."



Louise Detwiler



Congratulations, Louise, on your promotion to Full Professor of Spanish at Salisbury University!



Vidaluz Meneses and María Roof

Keynote address at MACLAS 2016

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.

Other news and announcements

- **MACLASista news**

Keep us up to date on Facebook and Twitter! Send your news and photos to Kathy Cunniffe Peña at kcunniffe@hotmail.com, or post them on our facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/41442771820/> or via Twitter [@maclasorg](https://twitter.com/maclasorg).

- **Opportunities**

Position available: Assistant Professor of Latin American History. The St. Mary's University Political Science Department is conducting a search for an Assistant Professor faculty position to begin August of 2016. The desired applicant should hold a Ph.D. in political science from an accredited University and concentrations in areas related to International Organizations and International Law (primary) and Latin American Politics (secondary). Some combination of teaching, professional expertise, and research in areas of diplomacy, conflict resolution, security studies related to International Law and Latin American Politics is desired. The expected teaching load is four courses per semester. Experience with Model Arab League or Model Organization of American States or Model United Nations is preferable.

Applications can be found at <http://stmarytx.applicantpro.com/jobs/> with the option to upload all supporting documents electronically. Along with the employment application please also submit (1) letter of application addressing interest in position, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) official graduate transcript confirming the doctoral degree, (4) three letters of reference; (5) statements of teaching philosophy and research interests; and (6) evidence of teaching excellence to: Arturo Vega, Ph.D., Chair, Political Science Search Committee, Box 71, St. Mary's University, One Camino Santa Maria, San Antonio, Texas, 78228-8574.

Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until position is filled. Any offer of employment will be contingent upon successful completion of a background check.

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Visiting Instructor of Hispanic Cultural Studies Position: The Department of Modern Languages & Literatures at The College of William and Mary invites applications for a Visiting Instructor position beginning December 25, 2015 with a one year renewal for the academic year 2016-17. We seek a scholarly teacher who has the ability to attract, motivate, retain, and mentor students. Specialization area is open in Hispanic cultural studies. The successful candidate will teach three courses per semester. Teaching duties may include lower division Spanish language courses, as well as bridge courses in Hispanic literature and culture.

Submit a curriculum vitae, a cover letter including a statement of research and teaching interests, a sample syllabus for a course you would like to teach and three letters of reference, at least one of which must speak directly to teaching ability. For full consideration, ALL application materials must be submitted by the review date, November 8, 2015. Applications received after the review date will be considered only if needed. You will be prompted to submit three names and email addresses of three references who will be contacted by the online system once your application is successfully submitted, with instructions about submitting letters of recommendation. All three letters of recommendation must be received by the review date for the application to be considered complete. Please ensure the email addresses are accurate or your referee will not receive the email.

M.A. and previous teaching experience in field of Spanish language and cultural studies. Native or near-native proficiency in Spanish and English is required. ABD status by the time of appointment December 25, 2015 or Ph.D. highly desirable. Preference given to candidates with experience in teaching introductory literature and composition courses.

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.

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