

Tulane University's Latin American Graduate Organization (LAGO) and the Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies with support from GSSA are proud to present

The 2012 Graduate Student Conference:

Balancing Societies: Social Justice and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean

January 19-21, 2012

Tulane University



PROGRAM

THURSDAY – January 19, 2012

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Welcome and Registration

(Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Jones Hall)

2:00pm – 3:15pm

PANEL 1 – Gender Studies and Identity

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Judith Maxwell, Department of Anthropology

Andrew Zachery Shultz (Tulane University): “Gay Identity and Masculinity in the Dominican Republic: The Role of Civic Organizations in the Formation of Political Consciousness”

Raheleh Dayerizadeh (University of South Florida): “Women in Politics in Venezuela and Iran”

Bianka Ballina Calderon (Tulane University): “*La Yuma*: Gender and Class in Florence Jauey’s Representation of Nicaraguan Youth”

Geek squad: Susanne Hackett

3:30pm – 4:45pm

PANEL 2 – Development Theory in a Globalized Neoliberal Context

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Aaron Schneider, Department of Political Science

Ngaire Honey (Tulane University): “The Neoliberal Development Paradigm and its Impact on Education Policy in Brazil”

Yu Chen (University of Texas, Austin): “*Cuentapropismo* in Havana: Informality in Time and Crisis and Structural Changes”

Michael Brasher (Florida International University): “Always the same fantasy: Colombia-U.S. Free Trade Agreement and Transnational Alliance”

Geek squad: Sonya Wohletz

3:30pm – 5:00pm

PANEL 3 – Human Rights and Social Change

(Lavin-Bernick Center 202-Kendall Cram Conference Room)

Moderator: Dr. James Huck, Stone Center for Latin American Studies

Jorge Valenzuela (Tulane University): “Educational Aspirations of Youth. A Panel Study of a *Favela* in Rio de Janeiro”

Luis Limon (UCLA): “Advocating for a Better World: Latin America’s Role in Making Human Rights Universal”

Katie Sobering (University of Texas, Austin): “From Worker to Worker-Owner: Service Work as a Site of Social Change”

Katherine Jensen (University of Texas, Austin): “Continuities of State Repression and Social Injustice: Lessons from the Spatial Margins in Argentine Memory-Making”

Geek squad: William Faulkner

5:30pm – 6:45pm

Keynote Speaker

John Gibler

Author of *Mexico Unconquered: Chronicles of Power and Revolt* and *To Die in Mexico: Dispatches from Inside the Drug War*

(Woldenberg Art Center, Freeman Auditorium)

6:45pm – 7:30pm

RECEPTION

(Woldenberg Hall Breezeway)

FRIDAY – January 20, 2012

9:30am – 10:30am

Breakfast (Jones Hall)

10:30am – 11:45am

PANEL 4 – Colonial Visual Culture and Identity

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Orlando Hernandez Ying, Department of Spanish & Portuguese

Jennifer Saracino (Tulane University): "Decoding *The Florentine Codex*: Cultural Negotiation Through Image in 16th Century Mexico"

Theresa Hagen (Tulane University): "Painted Representations of the Virgin of Belén in Colonial Cuzco"

Lucia Abramovich (Tulane University): "Inventing the Inka: Colonial Inka Portraiture and its Value in the Viceroyalty of Peru"

Geek Squad: Melissa Manchester

PANEL 5 – Urban Communities and Land Reform in Brazil

(Lavin-Bernick Center 202-Rechler Conference Room)

Moderator: Dr. Colin Crawford, Payson Center

Adam Smith (Tulane University): "Judicial and Administrative Land Titling in the Favelas of Rio de Janeiro"

David McCoy (Tulane University): "Growing Pains of Brazil's Landless Movement: Examining the Potential Rifts between Leadership, Occupiers, the Past and the Present"

Janine Waranowicz (Tulane University): "Informal Land Development in Brazil: Causes, Prevention, and Regularization"

Geek Squad: Jorge Valenzuela

11:45am – 12:45pm

LUNCH (Lavin-Bernick Center, LBC)

12:45pm – 2:00pm

PANEL 6 – Performing Cultural Identity

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Christopher Dunn, Department of Spanish & Portuguese

Sean McPherson (Tulane University): "The Political Significance of Oswald de Andrade's *The Candle King* (1937) and its Performance by Teatro Oficina (1967)"

Cherif Saloum Diatta (Tulane University): "Reinventing the Postcolonial Caribbean nation: Culture, Identity, and Politics of Nationalism in Earl Lovelace's *The Dragon Can't Dance* and *Salt*"

Susanne Hackett (Tulane University): "The Performance of Afro-Cuban Folklore in Post-"Special Period" Cuba"

Geek Squad: Lucia Abramovich

1:00pm – 2:15pm

PANEL 7 – Ethnic Identities and Governance

(Lavin-Bernick Center 202-Rechler Conference Room)

Moderator: Dr. Justin Wolfe, Department of History

Farren Yero (Tulane University): “Ethnogenesis, Pueblo Status, and Corporate Identity: Nahua-Afro-Mexican Relations in Colonial Mexican Communities”

Melissa Manchester (Tulane University): “Nativism and Arizona’s SB 1070”

Sonya Wohletz (Tulane University): “War, Peace, and Cultural Change in the Historiography of the Mapuche People”

Geek Squad: Hannagan Johnson

1:00pm – 2:00pm

PANEL 8 – Misconceptions of Health and Sickness: Social Consequences

(Lavin-Bernick Center 210-McKeever Conference Room)

Moderator: Dr. Carl Kendall, Department of International Health and Development

Emily Spangenberg (University of Texas, Austin): “The “Healthy Professional” and the “Sick Poor”: Discourse on Lead Contamination in Abra Pampa, Argentina”

Stewart Dandorf (Yale): “Examination of HIV Testing Characteristics in Santa Elena Province, Ecuador”

Geek Squad: Scarlett Andrews

2:30pm – 3:45pm

PANEL 9– Sizing up Conditional Cash Transfers: Impacts and Interpretations

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Nora Lustig, Department of Economics

Sean Higgins (Tulane University): “The Impact of Bolsa Familia on Poverty: Does Brazil’s Conditional Cash Transfer Program Have a Rural Bias?”

William Faulkner (Tulane University): “Negotiated Perspectives: The Complexity Approach to Social Policy Evaluation in Mexico”

Geek Squad: Jennifer Saracino

PANEL 10 – The Drug War in Mexico: Securing Democracy
(Lavin-Bernick Center 202-Rechler Conference Room)

Moderator: John Gibler, Journalist/ Scholar

Luis Fernando Reyes (Tulane University): “The Mexican Drug Syndicates: Mexican Democracy’s Newest Threat”

Mónica Medel (University of Texas, Austin): “Narco Violence in Mexico: A Spatial Analysis of Drug-Related Bloodshed”

Diana Soto (Tulane University): "Framing between Contestation and Resonance at the Plenaria of Ciudad Juárez: The Arrival to Ithaca"

Geek Squad: Farren Yero

4:00pm – 6:00pm

PACHANGA

(Jones Hall Patio)

Featuring Music by **DJ Sereia**, and Catered by **Felipe’s Mexican Restaurant**

SATURDAY January 21, 2012

10:30am – 11:30am

Late Breakfast Presentation

Lecturer Patrick Sylvain, Brown University’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Title: *Coloniality, Resistance and the Pervasion of Violence*

11:45am – 1:15pm

PANEL 11 – Environmental Policy and Interaction

(Greenleaf Conference Room, 100A Jones Hall)

Moderator: Dr. Laura Murphy, Department of International Health and Development

Scarlet Andrews (Tulane University): “Sustainable Urban Food Systems in the Peruvian Amazon Basin: Considering Urban Agriculture in the Context of Food Security and Urbanization”

Nicole Katin (Tulane University): “Protected Areas and Endangered Livelihoods: A Case Study in Núcleo Itariru, Serra do Mar State Park, São Paulo, Brazil”

Paulo Barreiro Sanjines (Yale): “Policy Analysis of the National Payment for Environmental Services Policy in Agroforestry Coffee Systems in Costa Rica”

Geek Squad: Bianka Ballina

PANEL 12 – Sustainable Development and Reconstruction

(Lavin-Bernick Center 208-Korach Conference Room)

Moderator: Dr. Eduardo Silva, Department of Political Science

Angela Whitney (Yale): “Perpetuating Vulnerability: The Rebuilding of Central America After Hurricane Mitch”

Tom Owens (Yale): “Can Brazil Maintain its Rise as a Wind Energy Powerhouse Throughout the Global Recession?”

Geek Squad: Ngaire Honey