

CLACS

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2013-2014

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A letter from the DIRECTOR

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at Brown University promotes knowledge, teaching, and research on all aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean. As this Annual Report vividly illustrates, CLACS has an exciting and diverse program of undergraduate courses, lectures, seminars, conferences, films, concerts, and other events that aim to foster greater engagement by faculty, students, and the broader community with Latin America and the Caribbean.

Based at the Watson Institute for International Studies, CLACS aligns much of its activity with the mission of the Institute to promote a peaceful and just world through research, teaching, and public engagement about development, security, and governance. For example, CLACS organized a major international conference *Governing Climate Change* that convened the key Mexican architects and leaders of the successful UN Climate Change Conference in Cancún in 2010, including the former President of Mexico, Felipe Calderón, to exchange ideas and insights with the Peruvian team in charge of the UN Climate Change Conference, which took place in Lima in December 2014. The impact of the conference can be seen in a striking observation by Ricardo Lagos, former President of Chile and Professor-at-Large at Brown, who participated in the CLACS event and was subsequently invited by the Peruvian government to meet in Lima with high-level officials from Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru, and other countries to discuss the upcoming UN Conference. According to Lagos, “The entire meeting was structured around the discussion that had taken place at Brown. I was impressed by that, because an event that was centered on academic discussion had an influence on policymakers.”

Drawing on the expertise of visiting scholars and Brown faculty, CLACS sponsored a set of workshops to explore current challenges of development, security, and governance in specific Latin American countries. The conference *Venezuela after Chávez* focused on the pressing problems of violence, citizen insecurity, and economic turbulence facing the country since the death of President Hugo Chávez in 2013. Another workshop assessed the political and social implications of Argentina’s economic instability.

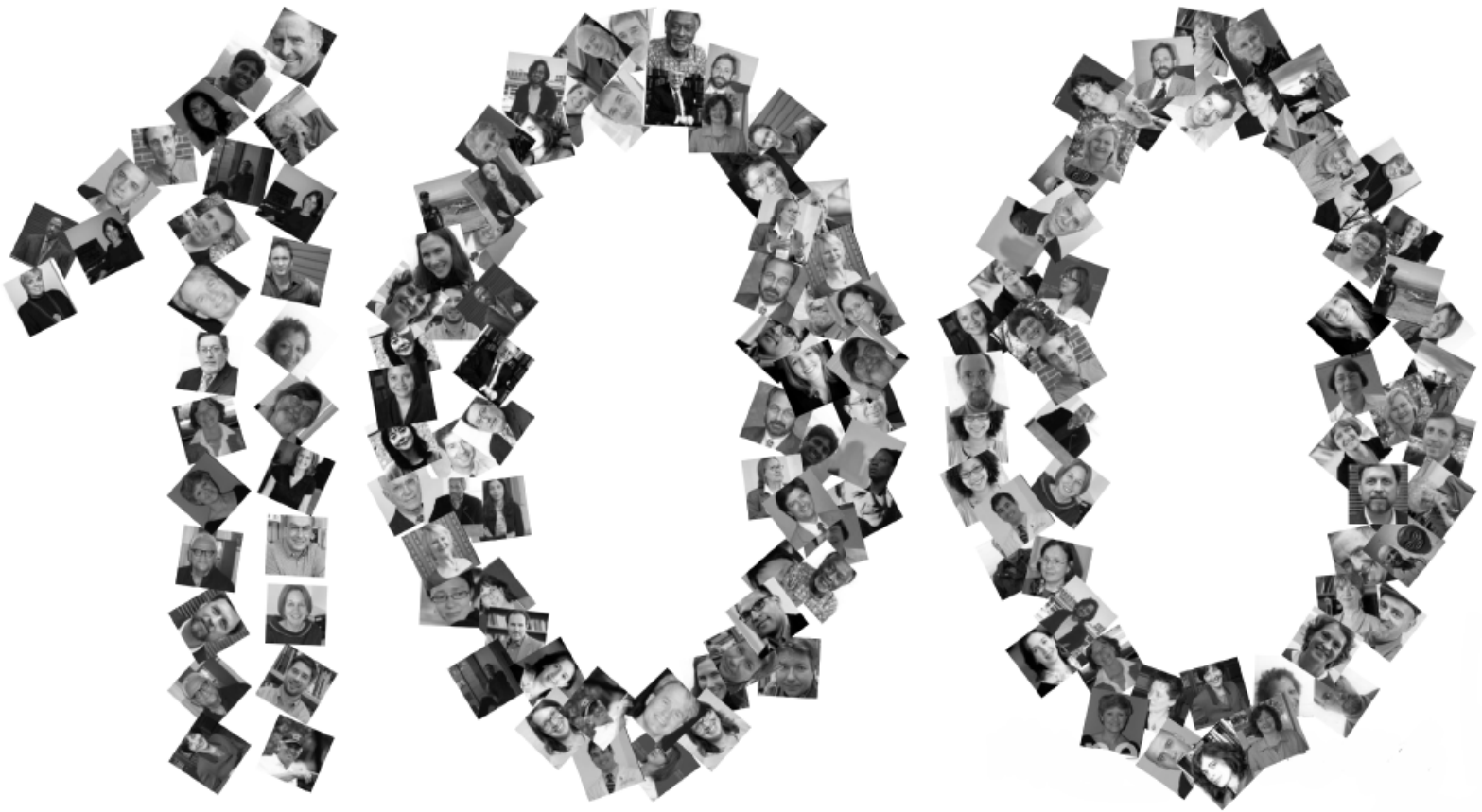


The scope of CLACS’ activities also goes beyond the Watson Institute’s mission by encompassing artistic and cultural programming that aims to engage the large Latino community in the Greater Providence area. Highlights from 2013-14 include live musical performances by the Grammy-nominated, Afro-Cuban funk band, PALO!, Latin folk rocker Gina Chavez, and Chilean classical pianist, María Teresa Sepúlveda. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the military coup in Chile, CLACS held a special screening of the film *No* about the plebiscite in 1988 that brought an end to the military dictatorship. And together with the Music Department, CLACS organized a groundbreaking trip to Havana, Cuba by the Brown Jazz Band. In addition to this busy schedule of programming, CLACS hosted visiting professors and scholars from Argentina, Cuba, and Venezuela, offered undergraduate courses on contemporary Latin American politics and society, and celebrated the graduation of a cohort of twelve concentrators in Latin American Studies.

I want to thank the faculty and administration, the staff, and the students who all helped make last year a great success for CLACS. Please join us in the excitement of another lively year of Latin American and Caribbean Studies at Brown!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Richard Snyder, Director



FACULTY & STAFF

Comprising 100 Brown faculty members in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences who work on Latin America and the Caribbean, the CLACS faculty community is broad and diverse.





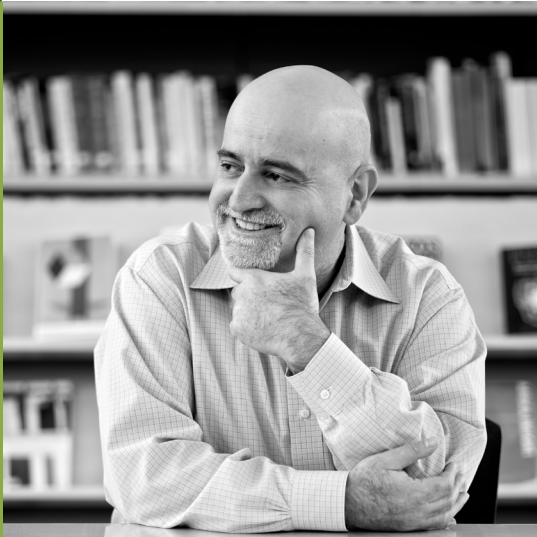
Richard Snyder is a Professor of Political Science at Brown University, where he is also Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Snyder's research focuses on the comparative politics of development, comparative political economy, and Latin American politics.

RICHARD SNYDER

Director

JOSÉ ITZIGSOHN

Concentration Advisor



José Itzigsohn is a Professor of Sociology at Brown University. His research focuses on racial identity formation and the emergence of panethnicity among first and second generation immigrants from Latin America and the Caribbean, and on the transnational aspects of immigrant lives.

María Esperanza Casullo is a Professor of Political Science at Universidad Nacional de Río Negro and a visiting professor at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella in Argentina. She teaches courses on the comparative study of populist government in Latin America and Latin American political systems.

MARÍA ESPERANZA CASULLO

Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor



Faculty Affiliates

Almeida, Onesimo Portuguese and Brazilian Studies
Amor y Vázquez, José Emeritus, Hispanic Studies
AnderBois, Scott Linguistics
Andreas, Peter Political Science / Watson Institute
Augusto, Geri Africana Studies
Bauer, Beth Hispanic Studies
Becker, Adeline Portuguese and Brazilian Studies
Bensmaïä, Réda French Studies
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Bliss, Joseph Medical School
Bogues, Anthony B. Africana Studies
Borkan, Jeffrey Medical School
Bushnell, Amy Research Associate, History
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Diaz, Joseph Medical School
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Edwards, Erika Ecology and Evol Biology (EEB)
Egilman, David Community Health / Biology & Medicine
Elliott, Claudia International Relations
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Fagan, Mark Medical School
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Fiering, Norman Emeritus, John Carter Brown Library
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Fischer, Karen Geological Sciences
Flanigan, Timothy Medical School
Foster, Andrew Economics / PSTC
Gander, Forrest English / Literary Arts
Goldman, Roberta Medical School
Granai, Skip Medical School
Green, James N. History
Gutmann, Matthew Anthropology
Hamerly, Michael John Carter Brown Library
Harrison, Emily Medical School
Hastings, Justine Economics
Heath, Dwight Emeritus, Anthropology
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Henry, Paget Sociology
Houston, Stephen Anthropology
Hu-DeHart, Evelyn History
Itzigsohn, José Sociology
Jacoby, Karl History
Jaquette, Jane Watson Institute
King, Dawn Center for Environmental Studies
Kirkman, Geoffrey International Advancement
Kriz, K. Dian History of Art and Architecture
Lagos, Ricardo Professor-at-Large, Watson Institute/CLACS
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Leslie, Heather Environment Sciences and Biology
Lewis, Thomas Religious Studies
Lindstrom, David Sociology
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Locke, Richard Watson Institute
Lowenthal, Abraham Watson Institute
MacCarthy, Sarah Division of Biology and Medicine
Mazzucchelli, Aldo Hispanic Studies
McGarvey, Stephen Medical School
Merrim, Stephanie Hispanic Studies / Comparative Literature
Miller, Kiri Music
Mumford, Jeremy History
Mustard, Jack Geological Sciences
Nagavarapu, Sriniketh Economics
Neil, Christopher Marine Biology Laboratory
Nunn, Amy Medical School
Ortega, Julio Hispanic Studies
Pacheco, Maria Portuguese & Brazilian Studies / Education Alliance
Perry, Keisha-Khan Africana Studies / Anthropology
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Scherer, Andrew Anthropology
Schuhmacher, Nidia Hispanic Studies
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Simon, Peter Medical School
Schrank, Andrew Sociology / Watson Institute
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Snyder, Holly University Librarian
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Stallings, Barbara Watson Institute
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Thomas, Sarah Hispanic Studies
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Vieira, Nelson Portuguese & Brazilian Studies
VanWey, Leah Sociology
Ward, Kenneth John Carter Brown Library
Warren, Kay Anthropology / Watson Institute
Weitz-Shapiro, Rebecca Political Science and Public Policy
Whitfield, Esther Comparative Literature
Witman, Jon Ecology and Evol Biology (EEB)
Ybarra, Patricia Theatre, Speech & Dance
Zerner, Catherine Art & Architecture

Visiting Scholars



Ricardo Lagos Escobar

Widely regarded as one of Latin America's most important political leaders, Lagos served as president of Chile from 2000 to 2006. During his term, Lagos was known for aggressively pursuing free-trade agreements, improving health care and education legislation, and addressing the crimes of Augusto Pinochet's military regime. Since leaving office, Lagos founded the Fundación Democracia y Desarrollo (Foundation for Democracy and Development) in 2006 and currently serves as its president. He is also vice-chair of the Inter-American Dialogue and was UN special envoy for climate change from 2007 to 2010.

Verónica Zubillaga, a professor of sociology at Universidad Simón Bolívar in Venezuela, spent one month at Brown as the CLACS-Watson Institute Visiting Fellow in Security Challenges in the Americas. Professor Zubillaga was recently a guest speaker at CLACS and a Visiting Professor at Connecticut College. CLACS is pleased to announce that Zubillaga will be returning to Brown in the Fall as the Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Verónica Zubillaga



Yailenis Mulet

Yailenis Mulet Concepción is a Cuban economist who visited Brown as a Sarmiento Fellow in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. She gave a talk entitled "Decentralization and Socialism in Cuba," attended lectures and conferences, and met with graduate and undergraduate students.

Sarmiento Fellowship

Established through the generous support of Alfredo C. Cassiet, M.D. and Maria-Elena Cassiet, the fellowship enables close collaboration with Brown scholars from a wide array of disciplines. The grant is designed to cover airfare, living expenses, and research expenditures for the visiting scholar, who is expected to be in residence in Providence, Rhode Island for approximately one month.

2013 - 2014
Highlights

THE BROWN UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE
COMMEMORATE THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUP IN CHILE PRESENTS

Sept. 11

NUNCA MÁS

AN EVENING OF MUSIC, POLITICS AND
REMEMBRANCES

FEATURING

ALTURAS DUO

GINA CANEPA (PROVIDENCE COLLEGE)

*Commemoration of the 40th Anniversary
of the Coup in Chile: Nunca más: An
Evening of Music, Politics, and Remem-
brances.*



Oct. 2

PALO!
*Grammy-nominated,
Afro-Cuban Funk Band*

EL DISCUSSION

with **RICARDO LAGOS**, former President of Chile, and **GENARO ARRIAG**
leader of the "No" campaign and former Chilean Ambassador to the US

Oct. 3

NO

a film by
PABLO LARRAÍN

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2012

ON CINEMA, 260 THAYER STREET

Special screening of the film *No* (Pablo Larraín, 2012) with panel discussion featuring former President of Chile Ricardo Lagos, The Avon Cinema, 300 people attend

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INSTITUTE
Oct. 4



Social Media and Political Change in Latin America and the Middle East: Comparative and Historical Perspectives, Featuring a current Senator from Colombia, former Ambassador to U.S. from Chile, and a former Presidential candidate and well-known Chilean writer.

Oct. 30



Gina Chavez (Latin Folk Rock Performance), Granoff Center for the Creative Arts

Feb. 12



Argentina: Prospects and Challenges

March 15

*27th Annual Eric Adam Brudner '84 Memorial
Jazz Band Concert*
Featuring Chilean musician Melissa Aldana,
Tenor Sax.

April 5



*Back from Havana: Reflections on the Brown University
Jazz Band's Trip to Cuba. Panel Discussion and Screening of
Film by Jordan Beard '15 about the Brown University Jazz
Band's 2014 Trip to Cuba.*

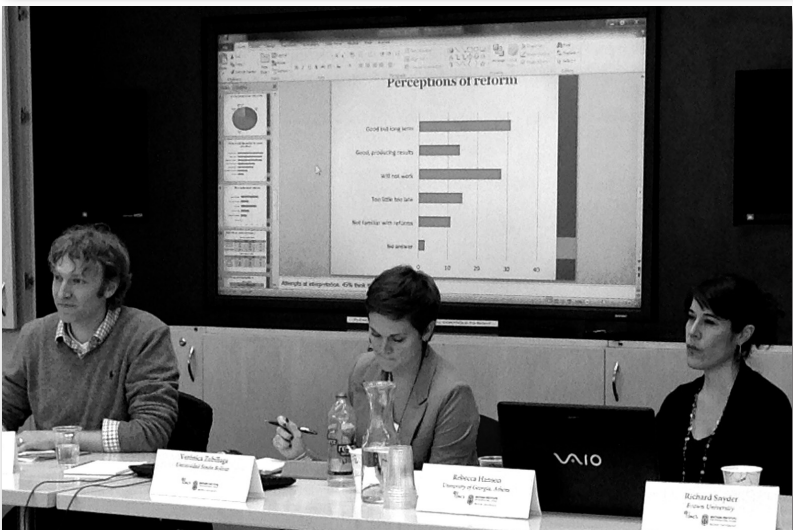


April 16

Governing Climate Change: New Ideas and Latin American Leadership As Peru Prepares to Host the 2014 UN Climate Negotiations, Featuring: Felipe Calderón, former President of Mexico, and Ricardo Lagos, former President of Chile.

April 23

Book presentation and panel discussion: Crecer a golpes: Crónicas y ensayos de América Latina a 40 años de Allende y Pinochet. Introduction by Brown University Professor-at-Large Ricardo Lagos. Featuring Jon Lee Anderson, Marín Caparrós, Boris Muñoz, Diego Fonseca, and Enric González.



April 30

Venezuela After Chávez: Challenges of Democracy, Security, and Governance.



Our events are viewed from all over the world...

CLACS has greatly increased the reach of our talks, conferences, and other events through live webcasts. Many are recorded and livestreamed, and can be viewed through the CLACS Website in their entirety.

Hundreds and even thousands of people tune in to CLACS events, and many join the conversation through social media. For example, the webcast of our conference *Governing Climate Change* has been viewed by more than 2,000 people from around the world.

STUDENTS



MARY CRAIG

"Nobody sees a flower really - it is so small - it takes time, we haven't time and to see takes time, like to have a friend takes time." - Georgia O'Keeffe



ANTONIA PICCONE

"Upon graduating, I hope to travel to the Amazon."



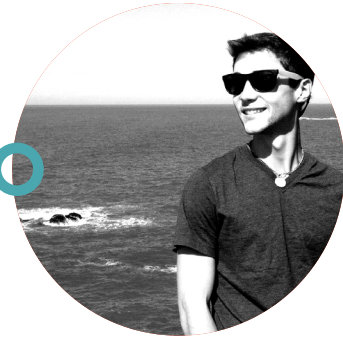
**ALEXANDER
LEBLANG**

"I'm glad to have been part of an open freethinking department."



CAMERON PARSONS

"My job is to sing of all things beautiful, to stir enthusiasm for all things noble, and to both admire and help others to admire all great things." - José Martí



CHICHI ANYOKU

"I plan to buy a one-way ticket to Brazil in the next year."



BLAIR CAMERON

"...my LAS experience has been full of enriching experiences that have allowed me to explore this continent to the fullest."



MARGOT PENNEY

"...I hope to use my experiences during my college education to better see the similarities rather than the differences between myself and those around me."



MICHAEL GALE

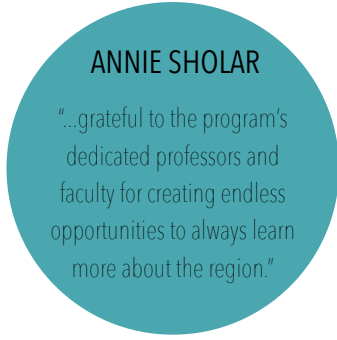
"After graduation, I plan to work as a paralegal for a year in São Paulo, Brazil before attending Yale Law School in the fall of 2015."





KATHLEEN LISTER

"I will be working at Trip Advisor post graduation, but my CLACS education has inspired my dream to one day enter the foreign service."



ANNIE SHOLAR

"...grateful to the program's dedicated professors and faculty for creating endless opportunities to always learn more about the region."



CLACS congratulates the Class of 2014, especially our concentrators!

CLASS OF 2014

Each year, CLACS hosts undergraduate concentrators with a diverse and fascinating array of interests. The concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is designed to help students develop a deep interdisciplinary understanding of culture, history, and contemporary issues in Latin America. Students explore how social, political, economic, literary, and cultural factors combine to explain the Latin American and Caribbean societies of today. The concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies provides the opportunity to use the methods of various disciplines and integrate different ways of knowing.

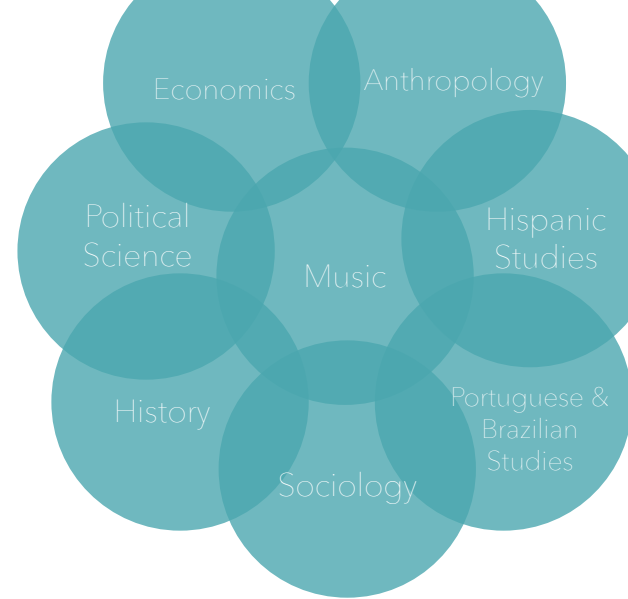


**SEAN LUNA
MCADAMS**

"Post-graduation I'll be working in Bogotá, Colombia for a human rights NGO/think tank called Dejusticia."

CLACS Graduate Programs

CLACS contributes to graduate education and training at Brown by supporting students through courses and events, providing funding for summer fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean, and offering dissertation writing fellowships. The Center also sponsors interdisciplinary graduate colloquia where students are given an opportunity to present and get feedback on their research from peers and faculty members.



Graduate students in 8 departments are affiliated with CLACS.

Cogut Dissertation Fellows

CLACS offers dissertation fellowships for graduate students at Brown who are in the writing stage of their dissertation. The fellowships are open to students in any department whose research is directly relevant to Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

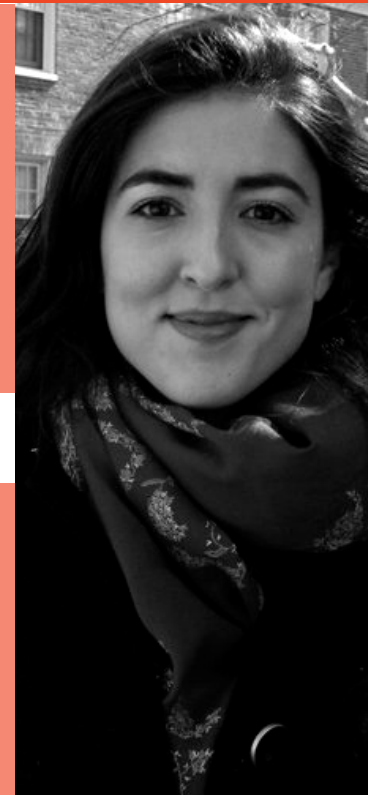
Peter Klein



Peter Klein is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology. His dissertation uses an ethnographic lens to examine local contestations—within and between the state, civil society, and the private sector—around the construction of Brazil's Belo Monte dam, projected to be the world's third largest hydroelectric facility. He recently accepted a tenure-track position at Bard College.

Cogut Fellows '13-'14

Jazmin Sierra is a Ph.D. candidate in Political Science specializing in comparative and international political economy. Her research interests include the developmental state, state-business relations, geopolitics of oil, and Brazilian politics. Her dissertation explores the role of the state in the emergence of developing country multinational corporations.



Jazmin Sierra



Botín@Brown

Each year since 2010, the Botín Foundation, headquartered in Santander, Spain, has offered 40 talented university students from throughout Latin America the opportunity to take part in the Program on Leadership, Liberal Arts, and Public Service. The members of the fourth cohort of the program began their intensive two-month program by spending a week at Brown in late September 2013, where they attended lectures and events.

This year's guest lecturers included former President of Chile and Brown University Professor-at-Large Ricardo Lagos and Anna Cano Morales, Director of the Latino Policy Institute at Roger Williams University. The week also featured a visit to the State House, a tour of Newport, a performance by the Grammy-nominated, Afro-Cuban Funk band PALO!, a screening of the Oscar-nominated film *No*, and lectures by Brown faculty.

HIGHLIGHTS
FALL 2014



Miami Boheme Film Screening

Avon Cinema

PALO! Performance
The Spot Underground

PALO!



Conference:
Advances and Challenges in the Politics, Society and Social Policies of Contemporary Brazil



Visiting Scholars and Concentration Advisor
Jeremy Mumford (Concentration Advisor) and Visiting Scholars Verónica Zubillaga, Maritza Paredes, and José Carlos Orihuela

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Stay tuned for more events on the CLACS website!

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