



Welcome to *Focus on Faculty*

We are pleased to bring you this new issue of *Focus on Faculty*. Comprising some 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 (see p. 8 for a list of CLACS faculty affiliates). *Focus on Faculty* offers a window onto the cutting-edge scholarship, pedagogy, and public engagement our colleagues across the University are doing on Latin America and the Caribbean. We are especially excited to welcome two new faculty members to the Department of History, Jennifer Lambe and Daniel A. Rodriguez, both of whom focus on Cuba (see p. 2). We are also happy to report that next academic year CLACS will host seven visiting faculty from Argentina, Brazil, Peru and Venezuela. The Fall issue will include profiles of these visitors. As always, many thanks for your interest in and support of CLACS!

Richard Snyder

Director, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

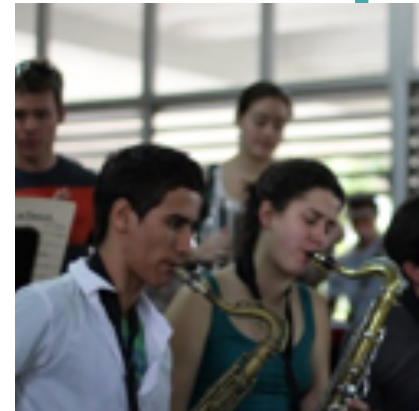


CLACS Organizes Jazz Band Trip to Cuba

In January, 14 undergraduate student musicians from the Brown University Jazz Band and three faculty members traveled to Havana, Cuba for one week. The ground-breaking trip was organized by CLACS and coordinated by CLACS Director Richard Snyder and Jazz Band Director Matthew McGarrell. CLACS faculty affiliate and Merton P. Stoltz Professor of the Social Sciences Glenn Loury also participated in the program.

The Jazz Band performed and jammed with fellow musicians at several locations in Havana, including Casa de las Américas, which hosts the Brown in Cuba Program.

Jordan Beard '15 produced a short film about the trip, which was screened at the Watson Institute for International Studies on April 5. More information about the initiative, including links to some of the extensive press coverage of the trip, has been posted on the CLACS Website, www.brown.edu/clacs.



Faculty Receive Fulbrights

CLACS Director Richard Snyder will travel on a Fulbright to Argentina this summer to teach a graduate course on “Democracy, Development and Inequality” at the Catholic University of Argentina in Buenos Aires. He will also give lectures to undergraduates on recent advances in the field of comparative politics concerning the study of political regimes, violence, and public policy.

Michael Hamerly, Invited Research Scholar at the John Carter Brown Library, was awarded four months of funding for research in Ecuador with a side trip to Colombia to complete research for his book, *Historia de la población de la Antigua Provincia de Cuenca, Ecuador durante el largo siglo XIX* [History of the population of

the former Province of Cuenca, Ecuador during the long 19th century], and to gather additional materials for a comprehensive history of Ecuador between 1500 and 2000 for English language readers.



Introducing New Faculty

Jennifer Lambe joins the Department of History with a focus on Latin America and the Caribbean, specifically 19th and 20th century Cuba. Her current book project, *Madhouse: Cuban History from the Margins*, traces the history of mental illness and mental healing in Cuba from the colonial period through 1980. The project foregrounds the history of the Mazorra Mental Hospital, the only public psychiatric facility in Cuba until the 1959 Revolution and a key site of political intervention and social reform. Lambe's work, which has received support from the American Council of

Daniel A. Rodriguez joins the department of history as a scholar of 19th and 20th century Latin America and a specialist in Cuban history as well as the history of public health. He is currently working on a book that traces the local, national, and transnational politics of disease, healthcare, and social assistance in late 19th and early 20th century Cuba. Entitled *A Blessed Formula for Progress: The Politics of Health, Medicine, and Welfare in Havana, 1897-1935*, this project explores the relationship between the transnational discourses and practices of public health and medicine and local



Learned Societies, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the Cuban Heritage Collection, and the Coordinating Council for Women in History, explores the intersection between political history, intellectual debates, and popular culture. She received her PhD from the Department of History at Yale University in May 2014.

The CLACS team is happy to welcome Professor Lambe back to campus. She worked at the Center when she was an undergraduate at Brown!



urban struggles in a nation undergoing a fraught transition from colony to republic. Professor Rodriguez's research interests also include the development of the modern welfare state in Latin America and its roots in colonial histories of *beneficencia*, and the global history of the “third pandemic” of the plague. A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Professor Rodriguez comes to Brown from Kenyon College, where he is currently the Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in History and International Studies. Before coming to Kenyon, Daniel was the 2012-2013 Mendenhall Fellow at Smith College. He completed his PhD in History at New York University in 2013.

Profiles of other new faculty affiliates will be included in the Fall 2014 edition of Focus on Faculty.



Venezuelan Sociologist Visits CLACS in April

Verónica Zubillaga of Universidad Simón Bolívar in Venezuela spent one month at CLACS this semester as our Sarmiento Fellow. Professor Zubillaga was recently a guest speaker at CLACS and a Visiting Professor at Connecticut College.

During her time at Brown, Professor Zubillaga attended events on campus, conducted research, and met with graduate and undergraduate students. She also organized the April 30 conference “Venezuela After Chavez,” which featured a dozen scholars from numerous disciplines and universities in the U.S. and Venezuela.

The Working Papers for the conference will be posted on the CLACS Website later this year.

CLACS is pleased to announce that Professor Zubillaga will be returning to Brown in the Fall as the Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor of Latin American and Caribbean Studies.



Green Testifies in Brazil

On Saturday, March 29, History and Brazilian Studies Professor James N. Green testified to the National Truth Commission on the topic of the repression of gays and lesbians during the Brazilian military dictatorship (1964-1985). The hearing was held at the Memorial de Resistencia, a museum and cultural center located in the former headquarters of the Brazilian political police (DOPS) where many dissidents were detained and tortured under the military regime.

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, a member of the National Truth Commission appointed by President Dilma Rousseff and Adjunct Professor of International Studies at the Watson Institute, was one of the Commissioners who presided over the hearing.

Roberts Wins Award

Professor Timmons Roberts has been awarded the International Sociology Association’s Frederick H. Buttel International Award for Distinguished Scholarship in Environmental Sociology. This is the most prestigious award offered for the study of international environmental sociology. It is awarded once every four years to a scholar for the outstanding contribution to the international study of environment-society relations.

The Award Committee recognized Professor Roberts for his publication of 15 peer reviewed articles, six book chapters and two book manuscripts during the last four years. These works all take an international sociological view of issues including climate change, biodiversity, international aid, and inequality, and have had a major impact on the field of environmental sociology.

The Award also celebrates his work extending beyond the Academy. This includes numerous influential policy reports with the likes of the Brookings Institute and the International Institute for Environment and Development, extensive coverage in media outlets such as *The New York Times* and *The Guardian*, and his

co-founding of three organizations on international environmental issues: AidData, Adaptation Watch and Brown’s Climate and Development Lab. In addition, the award recognizes Professor Roberts for his exceptional commitment to teaching and mentoring students.



CLACS, Climate and Development Lab Organize Climate Change Conference



CLACS Director Richard Snyder, former President of Chile and Brown University Professor at Large Ricardo Lagos and former President of Mexico Felipe Calderón.



Professor Timmons Roberts with Mexico's Ambassador to Austria and formerly Mexico's Special Representative for Climate Change Luis Alfonso de Alba and Minister of the Environment of Peru Manuel Pulgar-Vidal.

The conference “Governing Climate Change” took place on April 16 and 17, 2014 at Brown University. The event, which was organized by CLACS and the Climate and Development Lab, was chaired by former President of Chile and Brown University Professor at Large Ricardo Lagos, who served as UN Special Envoy for Climate Change.

It featured the participation of former President of Mexico Felipe Calderón, Minister of the Environment Manuel Pulgar-Vidal, Special Representative for Climate Change of Peru Jorge Voto Bernales and the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, Christiana Figueres.

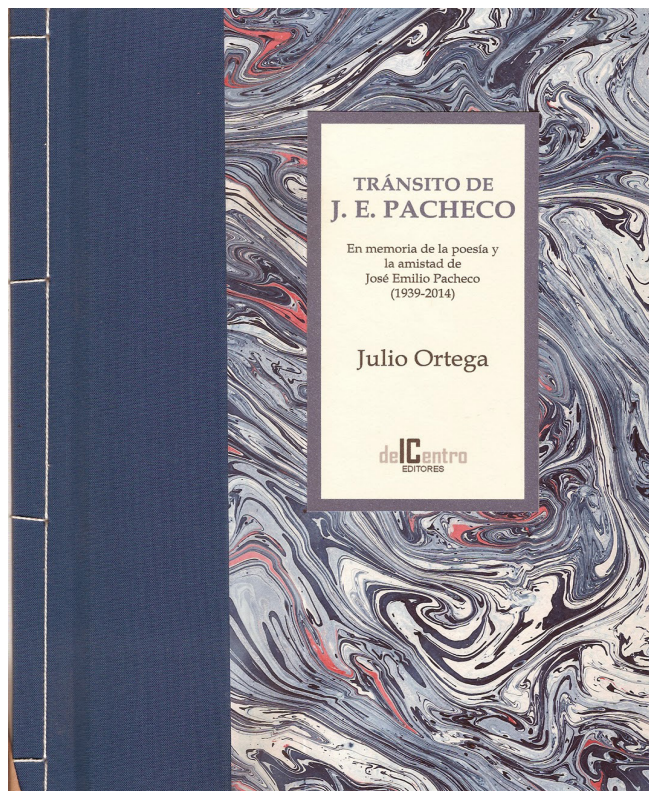
The conference was sponsored by Brown University’s Office of the President, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS), the Climate and Development Lab, the Center for

Environmental Studies (CES), and the Watson Institute for International Studies with support from Fundación Botín and the Starr Lectureship Fund.

It was designed to provide a unique and neutral space to explore how new ideas and leadership from Latin America are changing climate change discourse and governance. The meeting had a special focus on Peru’s role as incoming president of the Twentieth Conference of the Parties (COP20) to the UNFCCC in December 2014, in Lima.

Over 2,000 people from countries around the world tuned into the webcast of the event, which can be viewed online through the CLACS and Watson Websites. For more information, see www.brown.edu/clacs.

Do you have news to share with your colleagues? The next issue of Focus on Faculty will be published in November 2014. Feel free to submit your news to clacs@brown.edu.



Ortega Finishes Prolific Year of Publications and Lectures

Professor Julio Ortega of the Hispanic Studies Department has just completed a very productive academic year in terms of both lectures and publications. Professor Ortega was one of the keynote speakers at the international conference “La dimensión transnacional del ensayo hispánico” at University of Leuven, Belgium (Nov. 28-29, 2013). He presented a paper on “Carlos Fuentes y la crítica de las fronteras” at the event. He also attended the international conference “World Literature and Latin American Literature: Global Networks” (University of Cologne, Germany, Jan 28-31, 2014), delivering a keynote presentation on “La lectura transatlántica: Paradigma dialógico de la historia cultural latinoamericana.”

He also participated in an event honoring the writer José Emilio Pacheco at the Centro de Arte Moderno in Madrid on February 24. His recent book, *Tránsito de José Emilio Pacheco* (Madrid: Centro de Arte Moderno, 2014) was launched for the occasion.

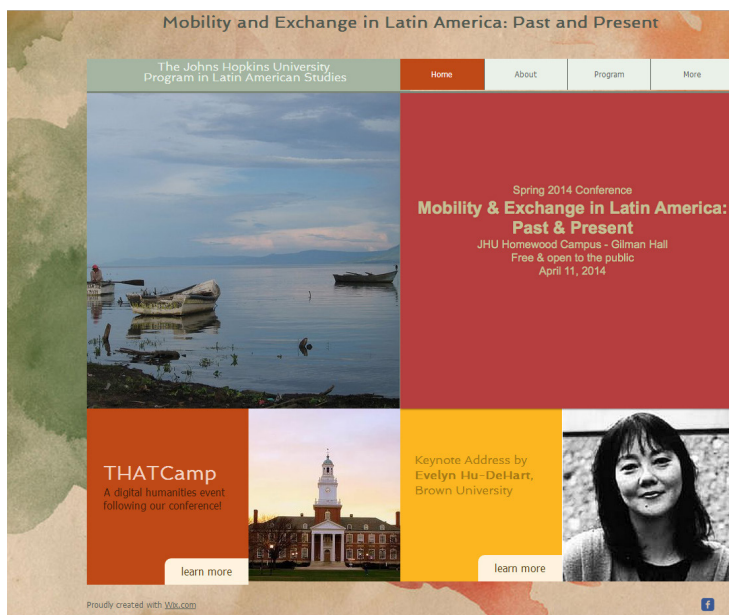
This semester, Professor Ortega visited Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais to discuss his work on Transatlantic studies in late March. In April he traveled to Santiago de Chile to serve as member of the jury of the Pablo Neruda Poetry Prize. Finally, in early May he appeared at the Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes in Buenos Aires to present a talk at the commemoration of Julio Cortazar’s centenary and to participate in two round tables on the Argentinian author.

Evelyn Hu-DeHart Appears as Keynote, Invited Speaker at Several Events

On April 11, Evelyn Hu-DeHart was the keynote speaker at the Johns Hopkins Conference on Latin America. Presenters included Marisela Ramos, who received her PhD in History from Brown. The Website is <http://jhuplas.wix.com/jhu-plas>.

Professor Hu-DeHart was also an invited speaker to the International Conference at University of Cologne, Germany “Conceptualizing Ethnicity as a Political Resource Across Disciplines, Regions, and Periods: Perspectives from Africa, Latin America, Asia and Europe.” That event took place April 2-4.

Finally, she was an invited speaker on “Hakka Chinese Migration to Cuba, Caribbean and Central America” for the International Conference on “Changing Hakka Cultures and Societies.” The conference was organized by the Department of Anthropology at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China and took place on May 6-8.



Publications

Michelle Clayton published the articles “‘Animalestar’: Animal Affections in Vallejo’s Poetry” in *Politics, Poetics, Affect: Revisioning César Vallejo*, ed. Stephen Hart (Newcastle, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2013) and “Modernism’s Moving Bodies” in *Modernist Cultures* 9.1 (2014), from her manuscript-in-progress.

Professor of Anthropology Paja Faudree was featured on NPR on January 24, 2014. Follow this link to listen to her contribution to the piece “Banning the Other N Word?” <http://www.onthemedial.org/story/banning-other-n-word/>.

Forrest Gander, *Pinholes in the Night: Essential Poems from Latin America* (Selected by Raul Zurita, edited by Forrest Gander.) New publication date of April 15, 2014.

Julio Ortega, Review of Felipe Fernandez Amesto’s *Our America*, *The New York Times Book Review*. (Jan 19, 2014).

-----, “El español en los Estados Unidos,” Instituto Cervantes: *El español en el mundo*, Anuario. Madrid, 2013.

-----, “O bodegón e a mescla: uma sintaxis transatlântica,” *ALEA, Estudos Neolatinos*. Universidade Federal de Rio de Janeiro, Vol 15, Num. 1, January-June 2013.

-----, “La sintaxis transatlântica del barroco,” *CALIOPE, Journal of the Society for Renaissance and Baroque Hispanic Poetry*. Vol 18, No. 2, 2013.

-----, “Adeus Ayacucho,” with Miguel Rubio, Parte XXI, *Revista do Teatro da Universidade de São Paulo*. No. 6, 2013.

-----, “Transatlantic Representations of Abundance in the New World,” Peruvian Trajectories of Sociocultural Transformation. *Journal of Global Initiatives*. Kennesaw State University, Institute for Global Initiatives, 2012.

Patricia Sobral and Clémence Jouët-Pastré (Harvard University), *Mapeando a Língua Portuguesa através das Artes*. This publication is an intermediate Portuguese textbook that incorporates the arts as a foundation for cultural and linguistic development. The book features a series of texts, interviews, and original writing from and by Portuguese-speaking artists.

Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, “Partisan Protesters and Non-Partisan Protests in Brazil,” *Journal of Politics in Latin America*. This article has been published online at <http://journals.sub.uni-hamburg.de/giga/jpla/article/viewFile/733/731>.

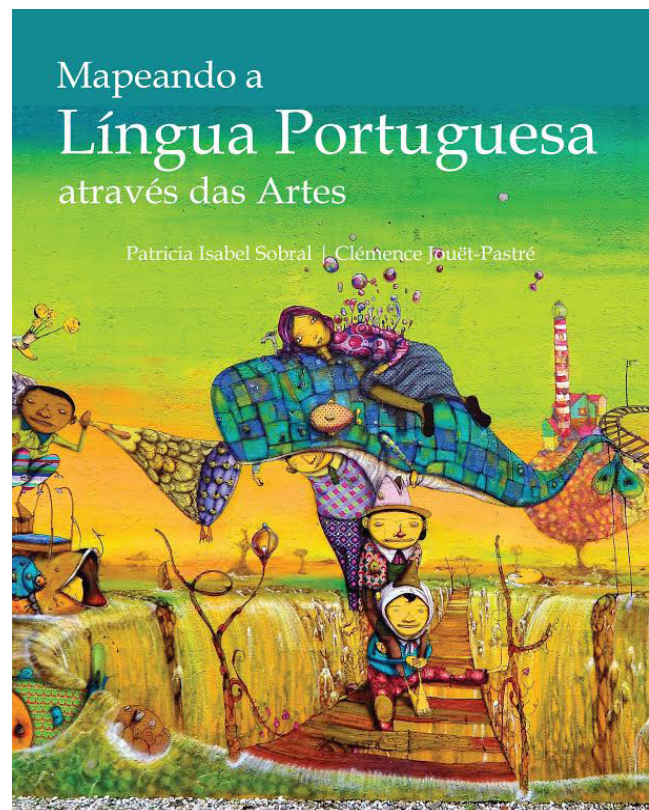
Lectures

Michelle Clayton offered a talk at Harvard University’s Mahindra Humanities Center in September 2013 entitled “New World Views.” She also gave lectures at Northwestern University (March), the Columbia-Barnard Dance Seminar (April) and the University of Chicago (May) entitled “Modernism’s Moving Bodies.” All were based on her manuscript-in-progress.

Forrest Gander, book launch of *Fungus Skull Eye Wing: Selected Poems of Alfonso D’Aquino* at the Associated Writers Program Conference in Seattle on March 1.

Thomas A. Lewis presented “Gustavo Gutiérrez and Four Aspects of Historical Inquiry” at the annual meeting of the Society of Christian Ethics in Seattle in January.

Rebecca Weitz Shapiro offered a lecture entitled “Discerning Corruption: Credible Accusations and the Punishment of Politicians in Brazil” at Columbia University’s Comparative Politics Seminar.





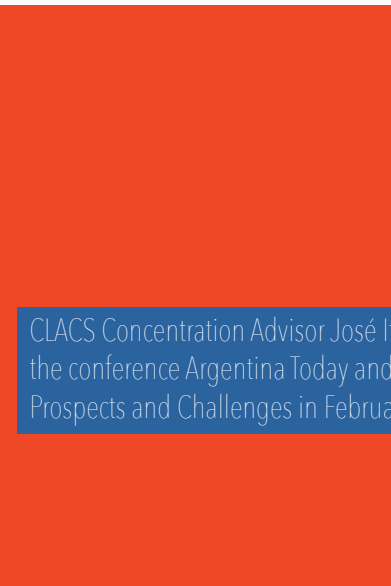
Richard M. Locke, Director of the Watson Institute for International Studies, and Timmons Roberts at the Governing Climate Change conference on April 16, 2014.



Arnulf Becker of the International Relations Program offered a talk at CLACS in February 2014.



Several CLACS Faculty Affiliates were in the audience for the conversation between former President of Chile and Brown University Professor at Large Ricardo Lagos and The New Yorker staff writer Jon Lee Anderson in the Kim Koo Library on April 23, 2014.



CLACS Concentration Advisor José Itzigsohn at the conference Argentina Today and Tomorrow: Prospects and Challenges in February 2014.



Cogut Visiting Professor María Esperanza Casullo at the conference Argentina Today and Tomorrow: Prospects and Challenges in February 2014.

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