Welcome to *Focus on Faculty*

As we conclude another successful year, CLACS is pleased to bring you a new issue of *Focus on Faculty*. Comprising more than 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. 11 for a list of CLACS faculty affiliates). *Focus on Faculty* opens a window on the cutting-edge scholarship, pedagogy, and public engagement of our colleagues on Latin America and the Caribbean. I am happy to report that this academic year CLACS will host visiting faculty from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, and Venezuela. The Fall issue will include profiles of these visitors. As always, many thanks for your support of CLACS!

Richard Snyder  
Director, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Evelyn Hu-DeHart Leads Cuba Study Abroad Program

After settling into what was to be a year-long sabbatical at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore, Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Professor of History and American Studies, received an unexpected request from Brown’s Dean of the College to take charge of Brown’s longstanding Study Abroad program in Havana, Cuba. Since arriving in October 2014, Professor Hu-DeHart has helped stabilize the program, which has now expanded to be a Consortium of other Ivies and elite private universities. CLACS affiliated faculty Esther Whitfield, Jennifer Lambe, and Daniel Rodríguez have also been instrumental in overhauling the academic program for the Consortium.

In June, Professor Hu-DeHart will return to Singapore to resume her interrupted sabbatical, during which she will teach a course with Professor Robert Lee (Department of American Studies) that will link two classes in real time across the Pacific to examine transpacific Asia and Asia America from trade during the Ming dynasty to the present waves of new Chinese immigrants to Latin America and the Caribbean. Professor Hu-DeHart will be returning to Brown University in Fall 2016.

CLACS Faculty Contribute to the Choices Program

Throughout this academic year, CLACS affiliated faculty collaborated with the Choices Program to develop high school curricula on current and historical international issues. Janice Gallagher, James N. Green, Jennifer L. Lambe, J. Timmons Roberts and Esther K. Whitfield worked with Choices to develop curricula on Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, and global climate change. Numerous scholars from CLACS-sponsored events—including Peter Kornbluh, Marcelo Ridenti, Devyn Spence Benson, Orlando Luis Pardo Lazo, and Odette Casamaya-Cisneros—also contributed video interviews to Choices’ collection of free educational videos. The Choices Program is affiliated with the Watson Institute and the School of Professional Studies.
Understanding Social-Ecological Sustainability in Baja Fisheries

In a recently published paper in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Professor Heather Leslie, the Peggy and Henry D. Sharpe Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies and Biology and Sriniketh Nagavarapu, Assistant Professor of Economics and Environmental Studies, demonstrate how the social-ecological systems (SESs) framework can be operationalized as a way to assess both the social and ecological dimensions that contribute to sustainable resource use and management. Using an interdisciplinary approach, Professor Leslie and her team of anthropologists, economists, ecologists, fisheries scientists, geographers, and other social scientists applied the SES framework to assess the spatial variation in the potential for social-ecological sustainability of small-scale fisheries in Baja California Sur, Mexico (BCS). These small-scale, coastal fisheries offer an ideal case study of social-ecological sustainability because of the benefits they offer to human communities - income and food security - as well as the effects they have on marine populations and overall ecosystem health.

As a means to identify opportunities and trade-offs in managing coupled SESs like the small-scale fisheries of Baja California Sur, data was gathered on 13 social and ecological variables in 12 regions across Baja California Sur. Using this data, regional profiles of sustainability potential were developed along four dimensions: 1) Governance Systems; 2) Actors; 3) Resource Units; 4) Resource System. Once compiled, the results of this analysis illustrated a high degree of spatial heterogeneity in the potential for social-ecological sustainability within BCS small-scale fisheries as regions that scored high in one dimension did not necessarily score high in the other SES dimensions. The resulting map of regional strengths and weaknesses could be used as a tool to help guide relevant stakeholders in the region in the sustainable management of these dynamic coastal marine ecosystems.
Forrest Gander to Translate Lost Poems of Pablo Neruda

After a bidding war for the rights to publish the newly discovered manuscript of poems by Pablo Neruda, *Toco tus pies en la sombra y otros poemas*, Forrest Gander, the Adele Kellenberg Seaver Professor of Literary Arts and Comparative Literature, has been asked to be the English language translator. Discovered last year, this never-before-seen work of the late Chilean Nobel laureate consists of more than 20 unpublished poems, which are considered to be of extraordinary quality. Written by a mature Neruda after *Canto General* (1950), the pieces are full of imaginative language and range from love poetry to poems dealing with simple everyday objects, along the lines of Neruda's Odes.

Julio Ortega Organizes VII Transatlantic Conference

Based in Brown’s Department of Hispanic Studies, the Transatlantic Project is an academic initiative dedicated to research, teaching, and colloquia on the cultural and intellectual history of exchange, dialogue, and debates between Spain and the Americas. Last year’s VII International Conference on Transatlantic Studies at Brown was successfully organized by Julio Ortega, Professor of Hispanic Studies. Unfolding over four days (April 21-24, 2015), the conference brought together 160 participants from 17 countries and 113 universities. Participants presented papers, readings, and talks on the conference topic, “After Transitions/Global Humanities/Transatlantic XXI Century.”

The conference was inaugurated at the Watson Institute with opening remarks by President Christina Paxson followed by a round table discussion on “A Balance of Transitions,” with Former President of Chile and Brown University Professor at Large Ricardo Lagos, Francisco Pinto Balsemão (CEO of Grupo Impresa, Portugal), and Claudio Escribano (*La Nación*, Argentina). Highlights from the conference included a keynote speech on the Spanish transition by Juan Luis Cebrián (President of *El País*, Madrid), a presentation on Octavio Paz’s political ideas by Javier Garcia de León (President of *El Colegio de México*), and a closing talk on “Writing between Mexico and the U.S.” by Mexican writer Yuri Herrera.
Stephanie Merrim Publishes First Translation of Sigüenza’s *Glories of Querétaro*

Stephanie Merrim, the Royce Family Professor of Comparative Literature and Hispanic Studies, recently published *The Glories of Querétaro* by Carlos de Sigüenza y Góngora, which is the first critical edition and the first translation into any language of the text. In *Glories of Querétaro*, Sigüenza, a preeminent 17th century Mexican intellectual, chronicles the arduous process of founding the Ecclesiastical Congregation of Querétaro, which became colonial Mexico’s second most important church dedicated to the Virgin of Guadalupe after the shrine in Tepeyac.

However, *Glories* is more than a chronicle—it holds keys to an era. In Sigüenza’s text, readers will find dynamic articulations of the spiritual, political, and cultural issues that to a significant extent drove colonial Mexico and even the Hispanic New World in general. Beyond the theology and cult of the Virgin of Guadalupe, it includes full-bodied accounts of New World festivals, the indigenous past and present, creole patriotism and cultural nationalism, colonial cities, evangelization, the tangles of New World religious and civil politics, and some touches of colonial satire. Geared to students and scholars alike, Merrim’s edition aims to render Sigüenza’s extremely rich, intensely Baroque chronicle as alive and comprehensible as possible to English-speaking readers.

James Green Wins São Paulo LGBT Pride Parade Book Award

James N. Green, the Carlos Manuel de Céspedes Professor of Latin American History and the Director of Brown’s Brazil Initiative, received the 2015 Citizenship and Diversity Best Book Award from the São Paulo LGBT Pride Parade Association for the co-edited volume *Ditadura e homossexualidades: repressao, resistencia e a busca da verdade*, co-authored with Renan Quinalha and published by the Federal University of São Carlos Press. The collection of essays by leading scholars and LGBT activists analyzes the history of homosexuality during the military regime (1964-85). The publication of the book late last year coincided with the final report of the Brazilian National Truth Commission mandated by President Dilma Rousseff to investigate human rights violations committed by the state during the dictatorship. In a historic move, the Commission published a twenty-page report penned by Green and Quinalha that summarized the content of the book and offered a series of recommendations for government implementation. The Truth Commission report highlighted the call for the elimination of all forms of gender and sexual discrimination in the Brazilian military as one of 29 policy changes that could be carried out immediately to improve Brazil’s human rights record.
Assessing Climate Change & Sustainable Development in Latin America

The Botín Foundation generously supported the organization of three events on Latin America, climate and sustainable development in the 2014-15 academic year. The Climate and Development Lab at the Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, which is directed by Timmons Roberts, the Ittleson Professor of Sociology and Environmental Studies and co-directed by Research Fellow Guy Edwards, led the organization of the events with close support from the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

On November 21, 2014, the Watson Institute hosted the event “Chinese-Latin American Relations in a Warming World: Toward a More Sustainable Paradigm?” The aim of the conference was to better understand the development of Chinese-Latin American relations and explore opportunities and limitations toward establishing a more sustainable agenda on tackling climate change. Speakers included Lisa Viscidi (Director of the Energy, Climate Change and Extractive Industries Program, Inter-American Dialogue), Sandra Lopez (Inter-American Development Bank), Rebecca Ray (Research Fellow at the Global Economic Governance Initiative of Boston University’s Pardee School of Global Studies and PhD student in economics at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst), and Ruijie Peng (Graduate student, University of Texas at Austin).

The second event of the series, “The Countdown to the 2015 UN Climate Summit in Paris: Assessing Latin America’s Importance and Leadership,” focused on the state of the UN climate negotiations leading up to the December 2015 deadline in Paris to create a new global climate change agreement. Experts assessed the region’s importance and leadership on global and national climate governance as well as the efforts by Latin American countries to prepare their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), which will be a key element of a new climate agreement. The panel consisted of Walter Vergara (Senior Fellow, World Resources Institute), Mariana Panuncio (Climate Change Director, Latin America and Caribbean Program, WWF), Jorge Gastelumendi (Senior Policy Advisor on Climate Change, The Nature Conservancy), and Professor Timmons Roberts. The session was chaired by Guy Edwards.

The final session took place on April 18, 2015. The panel entitled “Leader or Spoiler: Where Next for Brazil’s Climate Policy?” was part of the First Annual International Symposium on Brazil’s Model of Low Carbon Sustainable Development. The aim of the panel was to better understand Brazil’s climate policy and what we might be able to expect this year before the major round of climate negotiations in December. The panel was made up Eduardo Viola (University of Brasília), Carlos Rittl (Brazil’s Climate Observatory), Kathryn Hochstetler (University of Waterloo), and Natalie Unterstell (Kennedy School of Government at Harvard).
Pinheiro Contributes to Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry

Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro, Adjunct Professor of International Studies at the Watson Institute, has served as chair of the UN Human Rights Council’s Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria since September 2011. As a member of a group of professionals brought together by the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative’s Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR), Pinheiro and a team of high-level experts on monitoring, reporting and fact-finding (MRF) drafted the HPCR Advanced Practitioner’s Handbook on Commissions of Inquiry which was completed in March of 2015. This Handbook aims to complement existing policy literature by reviewing the practice of MRF from a different angle. It focuses on key issues faced by MRF practitioners working in the context of commissions of inquiry and addresses the more challenging methodological dilemmas facing them. Proposing a methodological approach based on the experiences of past MRF missions and established professional standards, the Handbook equips practitioners with the ability to draw on best professional practices.

Matthew Gutmann Advocates for Non-Violence Against Women

In March of 2015, Matthew Gutmann, Professor of Anthropology and Faculty Fellow at the Watson Institute, participated in the 1st International Seminar on the Culture of Violence Against Women held in São Paulo, Brazil. Professor Gutmann spoke on a panel entitled “Features for a Culture of Non-Violence against Women between Young People.” Co-organized by the Patrícia Galvão Institute and the Vladimir Herzog Institute, this international seminar brought together a wide cast of experts, activists, and representatives of national and international governmental and non-governmental organizations with the mission of fostering a deep, purposeful, and unique discussion on the culture of violence against women, in all forms and approaches, so that a global pact of non-toleration of violence can be reached.
Lectures, Talks, & Awards

Rebecca Weitz-Shapiro, Stanley J. Bernstein Assistant Professor of Political Science
Professor Weitz-Shapiro has been busy giving talks and lectures on her new book *Curbing Clientelism in Argentina: Politics, Poverty, and Social Policy*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2014. She has presented her book at invited talks at the following venues: MIT, Comparative Politics Seminar (Nov. 2014); Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina (May 2015); Boston University (April 2015); University of Pittsburgh, Global Politics Seminar (March 2015); and Harvard University, Positive Political Economy Series (Oct. 2014).

Award: Weitz-Shapiro received a Brown University Salomon Faculty Research Award for her work on public attitudes towards corruption in Argentina.

Jessaca Leinaweaver, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of Graduate Studies
Presenting her research on international adoption of Peruvians in Spain, Professor Leinaweaver gave numerous talks held at the following venues: University of Oregon; University of Witswatersrand; Oregon State University; Modern Language Association Annual Convention in Vancouver; an the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Professor Leinaweaver also gave a talk on Peruvian aging at the Autonomous University of Barcelona and the Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting in Chicago. Finally, focusing on the topic of children and care-giving in rural Peru, Professor Leinaweaver gave a presentation at the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Conference in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Forest Gander, Adele Kellenberg Seaver Professor of Literary Arts and Comparative Literature
Professor Forest Gander and Chilean poet Raúl Zurita read together from their anthology *Pinholes in the Night: Essential Poems from Latin America* at the 2015 Ottawa Poetry Festival.

Julio Ortega, Professor of Hispanic Studies
During the Fall of 2014, Professor Ortega was the Faculty Fellow at the Centro de Estudios Superiores de Barcelona. While in Barcelona, he organized a colloquium on transatlantic studies at the Universidad de Barcelona with the participation of three PhD students from Brown’s Hispanic Studies department. Also, while in Spain, Ortega offered inaugural talks for Master Programs at the Universidad de Salamanca and the Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, gave the inaugural talk at a conference on Julio Cortázar at the Universidad de Sevilla, and the closing remarks for the conference on “Centenarios” at the Universidad de Granada. Back in the United States, Professor Ortega was one of the keynote speakers at the conference “Transatlantic Senses and Spaces” at Harvard University.

Award: In April 2015, Professor Ortega was decorated by Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico with its Medal for Academic Merit.
Richard Snyder, Professor of Political Science, Faculty Fellow at The Watson Institute, and Director of CLACS

In July, Professor Snyder participated in the Congreso de la Asociación Latinoamericano de Ciencia Política (ALACIP), held at the Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Perú (PUCP), where he organized a featured roundtable on “Subnational Research in Latin America.” Following his visit to Perú, Snyder gave invited Keynote Lectures about the forthcoming Spanish edition of his co-authored book Passion, Craft and Method in Comparative Politics at two conferences in Latin America: First, in Mendoza, Argentina at the XII Congreso Nacional de Ciencia Política organized by the Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Politico (SAAP) from August 12-15, 2015; and then in Quito, Ecuador at the III Congreso Latinoamericano y Caribeño de Ciencias Sociales, from August 26-28, 2015.

Jeremy Mumford, Lecturer in History and CLACS Concentration Advisor

Professor Mumford will be co-directing a National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) project that was awarded funding through the Digital Humanities Start-Up Grant Program. The grant is for the collaborative project Deep Mapping the Reducción: Building a Platform for Spatial Humanities Collaboration on the General Resettlement of Indians which will bring together Peruvian and North American historians, archaeologists, and data visualization experts to build a “deep map” of the Peruvian reducciones (planned towns, created by the Spanish in the 16th-century Andes, in which indigenous people were forcibly resettled). Many reducciones survive - some of the oldest rural towns in Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia date from this campaign - while others were abandoned. This NEH-funded project will create the first map of the reducciones, overlaid with historical, archaeological and geographic information. The information will initially be collected by scholars, but will eventually be crowd-sourced to the towns’ residents and neighbors.

Evelyn Hu-DeHart, Professor of History, Ethnic Studies, and American Studies

In June and July, Professor Hu-DeHart gave keynote lectures at two international conferences in Australia (Cairns and Sydney) on Chinese plantation workers in the Americas, based on her research on Chinese “coolies” on Cuban sugar plantations.

Maritza Paredes, Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor of Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Professor Paredes was awarded the Drugs, Security, and Democracy Fellowship of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) to conduct research in the Alto Huallaga Valley, an important coca producing region.
Publications


**Julio Ortega**, *César Vallejo y la poesía del devenir*. Barcelona: Taurus. 2014.


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