



2016 newsletter ■

# brazil initiative

# message from the director

Dear Brown and Brazilian colleagues,  
alumni and other supporters:

Through two years of hard work, and the expansion of Brazil activities through key inter-department and other collaborations, and with the arrival of the Secretariat of the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), Brown University has become ever more abuzz with Brazil-related programming and accomplishments. We have continued to fund collaboration grants and spearhead education and programming on Brazil on Brown's campus together with the contributions of Africana Studies, Portuguese and Brazilian Studies, the Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, and the collaborations of Middle East Studies, the China and India Initiatives, the larger Watson community, and a host of other departments.

This past year boasted a beautiful art exhibition at the Watson Institute in collaboration with Instituto Moreira Salles, a symposium in tribute to Afro-Brazilian leader and activist Abdias Nascimento, the thirteenth international conference of the Brazilian Studies Association, CineBrasil 2015 and a spring film series focused on Brazilian music in addition to a number of captivating lectures.

We look forward to continuing to provide a space for debate



and rigorous examination of the issues of the day in Brazil and have an exciting set of speakers and events in store for Fall 2016 focused on the theme of "Equality and Social Justice." As always, we are excited to support the education and expansive opportunity for reflection on Brazil at this institution. Thank you to all who have participated and will continue to participate together with us in our future endeavors.

Um abraço,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James N. Green".

**JAMES N. GREEN**

*Director, Brazil Initiative, Brown University*

*Carlos Manuel de Céspedes Professor, Latin American History*

# message from administrative manager



The academic year 2015-2016 was a year of great accomplishments in programming and academic exchanges. From CineBrasil 2015, to an exciting array of lectures and seminars, an art exhibition with Instituto Moreira Salles, a symposium in tribute to Abdias Nascimento and BRASA's 13th International Conference, the fall and spring alike were a resounding success. We saw greater engagement and collaboration with Africana Studies, Middle East Studies and the China and India Initiatives on our events and expanded even further on the scope of topics covered.

Thank you to my team of students who helped to make these events and the daily administration of Brazil Initiative and BRASA a success: Aida Palma, Donovan Dennis and Lovinia Reynolds at the Brazil Initiative; Beatrice Bagané and Louise Leitão at BRASA; and also for the assistance of Uyanga Battulga, Flora Thomson-Deveaux on the curating of the film festival and series, and the countless volunteers from the Watson Institute and graduate student programs who made the BRASA Conference run so smoothly!

I remain at work and open to feedback and engagement from faculty, students, alumni and all interested members of the Brown, Providence and larger community in our push to enhance and expand on the offerings of the Brazil Initiative and the Brazilian Studies Association.

Sincerely,

**RAMON STERN**

*Administrative Manager,*

*Brazil Initiative and Brazilian Studies Association  
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs  
Brown University*



# CINEBRASIL 2015



BRAZIL INITIATIVE

Co-sponsored by Portuguese and Brazilian Studies

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
MARTINOS AUDITORIUM, OPENING NIGHT

## Últimas Conversas (Last Conversations)

dir. Eduardo Coutinho/Jordana Berg/  
João Moreira Salles (2015)  
85 min.

Conversation with João Salles and a reception to follow.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.  
MARTINOS AUDITORIUM, SHORTS

## Casa Forte (Casa Forte)

dir. Rodrigo Almeida (2014)  
15 min.

## O Lugar Mais Frio do Rio

(The Coldest Place in Rio)  
dir. Madiano Marcheti (2014)  
6 min.

## Nossos Traços (Our Heritage)

dir. Rafael Spínola (2013)  
4 min.

## Até o céu leva mais ou menos 15 minutos

(It Takes About 15 Minutes  
to Get to Heaven)  
dir. Camila Battistelli (2013)  
15 min.

## Pouco mais de um mês

(About a Month)  
dir. André Novais de Oliveira (2013)  
22 min.  
Virtual conversation with several  
directors to follow in Portuguese.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 5:00 - 10:00 P.M.  
MARTINOS AUDITORIUM

## Orestes (Orestes)

dir. Rodrigo Siqueira (2015)  
93 min.

## Praia do Futuro (Futuro Beach)

dir. Karim Aïnouz (2013)  
106 min.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 12:00 - 5:00 P.M.  
MARTINOS AUDITORIUM, CLOSING NIGHT

## Um Homem Comum

(Everyman)  
dir. Carlos Nader (2014)  
103 min.

## O Homem das Multidões

(The Man of the Crowd)  
dir. Cão Guimarães/Marcelo Gomes (2013)  
95 min.

# cinebrasil 2015

Largely due to the efforts of curator Flora Thomson-Deveaux, the artistic quality of CineBrasil 2015 and of the spring film series soared to even greater heights. The films were excellently attended and exposed many social issues in Brazil and many new dimensions, largely unknown, about its film industry.

# spring film series

FEBRUARY 11, 2016:

## Saravah

Pierre Barouh, 1969

FEBRUARY 18, 2016:

## Branco Sai, Preto Fica

Adirley Queirós, 2014

MARCH 3, 2016:

## Sou Feia Mas Tô na Moda

Denise Garcia, 2005

MARCH 10, 2016:

## Horas

Marga Kempner, Brown student

MARCH 17, 2016:

## A Negação do Brasil

Joel Zito Araújo, 2000

MARCH 24, 2016:

## Eu Sou Carlos Imperial

Renato Terra, 2015

APRIL 7, 2016:

## Vou rifar meu coração

Ana Rieper, 2011



BRAZIL INITIATIVE

BRAZIL INITIATIVE 2016 FILM SERIES  
7P.M. THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11  
SARAVAH  
1969  
dir. PIERRE BARROUH  
THURSDAYS AT 7  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM  
WATSON INSTITUTE






# art at watson and instituto moreira salles exhibit rio: a visual dialogue over one hundred and fifty years


March 2 - May 31, 2016

Watson Institute hosted a stunning collection of photographs of iconographic and more marginal sections of Rio in the spring of 2016.

An opening lecture and reception kicked off the exhibition on March 2, 2016.



## brazil lecture series & seminar 2015 - 2016



**KEY COLLABORATIONS:**  
AFRICANA STUDIES, CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES,  
CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF SLAVERY AND JUSTICE, CHINA INITIATIVE,  
INDIA INITIATIVE, MIDDLE EAST STUDIES

**Professor Patrick Heller**

*Sociology, Brown University*

**“BRAZILIAN CITIES IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE”**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2015, 1:30 PM  
MCKINNEY CONFERENCE ROOM, WATSON INSTITUTE

**Professor Vitor Izecksohn**

*History, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ)*

**“WAR AND SLAVERY IN THE RIO DE LA PLATA BASIN:  
THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE AGAINST PARAGUAY (1864-1870)”**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015 12:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

**Lazaro Cunha**

*Mechanical Engineer,*

*Founding Director of the Steve Biko Institute in Salvador, Bahia*

**“OGUNTEC: THE INCLUSION OF BLACK YOUTH IN SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY IN BAHIA”**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2015, 4:00 PM  
BASSPAS, CHURCHILL HOUSE, 155 ANGELL STREET

**Roquinaldo Ferreira, Mila Burns,  
Sílvia Cabral Teresa and Moisés Costa**

**“POLITICAL AND SOCIAL UNREST:  
A ROUNDTABLE ON THE CURRENT BRAZILIAN CRISIS”**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015, 6:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

**Professor Paul Amar and  
Paulo Hilu da Rocha Pinto**

*Global and International Studies, UC Santa Barbara,  
and Universidade Federal Fluminense (UFF)*

**“VALUE OF TRANSREGIONAL/TRANSNATIONAL  
COMPARATIVE SCHOLARSHIP”**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2015, 4:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

**Professor Rahul Sirohi**

*Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India*

**“ALTERNATE PATHS TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:  
A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF BRAZIL AND INDIA  
IN THE ERA OF NEOLIBERALISM”**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 4:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE





### Professor Oswaldo Truzzi

*Federal University of São Carlos (UFSCAR) and National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)*

**“LEBANESE AND SYRIAN IMMIGRATION TO SÃO PAULO FROM 1880 TO 1950: SOCIO-ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND IDENTITY PATTERNS IN A NEW HOMELAND”**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2015, 6:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor John T. Karam

*Spanish and Portuguese, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

**“MANIFOLD DESTINY: ARABS AT A SOUTH AMERICAN BORDER REMAKING THE HEMISPHERE”**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2015 AT 4:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor Darien Lamén

*Spanish and Portuguese, University of Wisconsin-Madison*

**“THE FUTURE OF THE FUTURE: AMAZONIAN SOUND SYSTEMS AND DIGITAL MUSIC MAKING IN BELÉM, BRAZIL”**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2016, 12:00 PM  
MCKINNEY CONFERENCE ROOM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor Marcelo Paixão

*Associate Professor, University of Texas at Austin*

**“THE LEGEND OF ENCHANTED MODERNITY: RACIAL INJUSTICE AND MODERNIZATION IN BRAZIL”**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016, 12:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor Jeffrey Hoelle

*Anthropology, UC Santa Barbara*

**“CATTLE CULTURE AND DEFORESTATION IN THE BRAZILIAN AMAZON”**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016, 12:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Fabiano Maisonnave

**“DO CRISES SELL NEWSPAPERS? COVERING BRAZIL’S BREAKDOWN”**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016, 6:30 PM  
MCKINNEY CONFERENCE ROOM, WATSON INSTITUTE



### Professor Barbara Weinstein

*History, NYU*

**“REPRODUCING REGIONAL INEQUALITY: THE CASE OF SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL”**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 12:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor Rachel Harding

*Ethnic Studies, University of Colorado-Denver*

**“MYSTICISM AND MOTHERING IN BLACK WOMEN’S SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTIVISM: BRAZIL/USA”**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016, 12:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor James Woodard

*History, Montclair State University*

**“CREATING BRAZILIAN CONSUMER CAPITALISM IN THE AMERICAN CENTURY: COMMERCE, CULTURE, POWER”**

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016, 4:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Professor Robert Gay

*Sociology, Connecticut College*

BOOK DISCUSSION OF

**“BRUNO: CONVERSATIONS WITH A BRAZILIAN DRUG DEALER”**

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016, 5:00 PM  
MCKINNEY CONFERENCE ROOM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Gregory Morton

*Watson Fellow in International Studies, Brown University*

**“ASSETS THAT LAST: WOMEN’S OWNERSHIP AND THE TIMING OF BOLSA FAMÍLIA BENEFITS IN RURAL BRAZIL”**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016 12:00 PM  
JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Jeff Sluyter-Beltrao

*Political Science, Alfred University*

**“TAKIN’ IT TO THE BEACHES: A COMPARATIVE INTERPRETATION OF BRAZIL’S 2013 URBAN PROTESTS”**

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016, 12:00 PM  
MCKINNEY CONFERENCE ROOM, WATSON INSTITUTE

### Renan Quinalha, Edilza Sotero and André Martins Bogossian

ROUNDTABLE: **“BRAZIL: WHAT’S NEXT?”**

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2016





## Brazil: A History of Change



THE  
**CHOICES  
PROGRAM**  
BROWN UNIVERSITY

### choices program updates brazil curriculum in collaboration with brazil initiative

Brazil: A History of Change uses innovative lessons and readings to help secondary school students explore Brazil's history and trace its legacies through the present. There is special emphasis on Brazilians' efforts to reclaim their democracy after the end of military rule.

## PAN-AMERICAN STUDENT FORUM ON RACE



### pan- american student forum on race

In an event organized by Brown students largely for students, the "Pan-American Student Forum on Race" focused on centering personal experience as another form of knowledge production, specifically surrounding racial hierarchies and forms of classification across the Americas. Great thanks are owed to Aida Palma for conceiving of the event and working so hard to make it a success! The help of Lovinia Reynolds and Donovan Dennis was also essential in putting on the workshop.



# homenagem: remembering the life and work of abdias nascimento

December 4, 2015

Africana Studies, along with Brazil Initiative, organized a day-long tribute to a towering figure in Brazil's Black Movement and for Black Rights, Abdias Nascimento (1914-2011), a political thinker, activist, educator, painter, playwright, human rights advocate and untiring warrior in the fight to end racial exclusion in Brazil and elsewhere. A number of scholars who knew Abdias Nascimento personally and were inspired by his work and activism, gathered for a special day of remembrance and intellectual rigor to reflect on the continued importance of Nascimento to present politics of Afro-Brazil and the larger African diaspora.

## homenagem: REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND WORK OF abdias nascimento

friday, december 4, 2015 || 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. || reception to follow  
joukowsky forum, watson institute, 111 thayer street, providence ri



9 - 9:30 a.m. [ welcome and opening remarks ]  
**ANANI DZIDZIENYO** brown university

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. [ abdias nascimento: quilombismo,  
pan-africanism and afro-centricity ]  
**MOLEFI KETE ASANTE** temple university

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. [ diasporic dialogues and political exchanges ]  
**VERA BENEDITO** universidade paulista  
**ANGELA GILLIAM** evergreen state college  
**OLLIE JOHNSON** wayne state university

1:45 - 3 p.m. [ enacting afro-brazil ]  
**CARLOS ALBERTO MEDEIROS** independent scholar and translator  
**ZACHARY MORGAN** university of new mexico  
**CHERYL STERLING** the city college of new york

3:30 - 5 p.m. [ the ram's horns ]  
**ELISA LARKIN NASCIMENTO** director of ipeafro

5 - 5:15 p.m. [ closing remarks ]  
**KEISHA-KHAN PERRY** brown university

5:15 p.m. [ closing reception ]

THE DEPARTMENT of AFRICANA STUDIES /  
RITES AND REASON THEATRE

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BRAZIL INITIATIVE

C S R E A | CENTER FOR THE STUDY  
OF RACE AND ETHNICITY  
IN AMERICA

co-sponsored by the Watson Institute,  
Institutional Diversity, POBS, CSSJ,  
Anthropology, Pembroke and CLACS



9:00-9:30 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks  
*Anani Dzidzienyo, Brown University*

9:30-10:45 AM

Abdias Nascimento: Quilombismo,  
Pan-Africanism and Afro-Centricity  
*Molefi Kete Asante, Temple University*

11:00AM-12:15 PM

Diasporic Dialogues and  
Political Exchanges  
*Moderator: Roquinaldo Ferreira, Brown University*  
Transformation of the Self in a Time of Chaos:  
Honoring Abdias Nascimento  
*Angela Gilliam, Evergreen State College*  
Abdias Nascimento and Brazilian Politics  
*Ollie Johnson, Wayne State University*  
Conversations with a Pioneer  
*Vera Benedito, Universidade Paulista*

1:45 - 3:00 PM

Enacting Afro-Brazil  
*Moderator: Geri Augusto, Brown University*  
Abdias Nascimento: The Impact of an Afro-Brazilian  
Leader on the Field of Race Relations in Brazil  
*Carlos Alberto Medeiros, Independent Scholar and Translator*  
Shaping Afro-Latin America  
*Zachary Morgan, University of New Mexico*  
The Art and Life of Abdias Nascimento  
*Cheryl Sterling, The City College of New York*

3:30-5:00 PM

The Ram's Horns  
*Elisa Larkin Nascimento, Director of Ipeafro*

5:00-5:15 PM

Closing Remarks  
*Keisha-Khan Perry, Brown University*





# brasa xiii international conference

March 31 - April 2, 2016



Attended by circa 500 scholars from across the United States, Europe and Brazil, BRASA XIII was a tremendous success. A plenary session on the "Future of Brazil" and a townhall on the "Future of Brazilian Studies" drew hundreds and the panels were rigorous and well-attended!



Special thanks is also owed to Jody Soares and Meghan Silvestri from Event and Conference Services at Brown University and student assistants Beatrice Bagané, Louise Leitão and Fernando Guimarães.



Great thanks is owed to Administrative Manager, Ramon Stern, for all of his hard work and to his team of volunteers drawn from the Watson Institute and among the graduate students.



And finally a great thank you is owed to Judy Bieber of the program committee and all of the members of the BRASA Executive Board for their assistance, as well as the James N. Green, Executive Director of the Secretariat.



# collaboration grants spring 2016

Dr. Helen Fuchs and Dr. Eleftherios Mylonakis

New treatments, diagnostics methods, and a better understanding of fungal virulence factors are needed to improve the health-care of patients with candidiasis. Fungal infections are a major cause of morbidity and mortality in Brazil, with even higher infection frequency than observed in the U.S. Our lab has developed infections models with the nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* and the greater wax moth *Galleria mellonella* that aid in identifying new antimicrobial compounds through the use of high through put methods, and evaluating virulence traits.

Dr. Amy Nunn

## ENHANCING PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS PROGRAMS

The Brazil Community Health Fellowship (BCHF) is a collaboration between Brown University’s Brazil Initiative, the Brown University School of Public Health, and Instituto de Saúde Coletiva, Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA), the premier public health program in Northeastern Brazil.

The objective of this program is to engage Brown University undergraduate and medical students in experiential learning about community-engaged work related to HIV/AIDS and reproductive health in Brazil, with a focus on community service and reducing health disparities.

This year, our students spent their internships in the community interviewing men about HIV prevention programs. Most patients were HIV-negative men who were at high risk for HIV acquisition. These interviews took place in Portuguese in clinical and community settings in Salvador.

Dr. Richard Bennett

## UNDERSTANDING CLINICAL PERSISTENCE IN HUMAN FUNGAL INFECTIONS

This project is a collaboration between the Bennett lab at Brown and Dr. Colombo at the Universidade Federal de São Paulo (UNIFESP) in Brazil, and addresses the mechanisms by which bloodstream fungal infections resist drug treatment. In particular, it examines clinical isolates of *Candida* that have been collected by Dr. Colombo and persisted in the bloodstreams of patients despite treatment with antifungal drugs. The collection of isolates are now being examined both by Dr. Colombo’s group (to determine their intrinsic resistance to antifungal drugs) and by the Bennett lab (to define their genome sequences as well as their phenotypes). These experiments will reveal if a subset of *Candida* isolates resist effective drug treatment due to particular properties associated with these isolates. In addition, exchange visits between researchers will strengthen the expertise in both groups in analyzing the properties and genomes of *Candida* isolates.

Dr. Chi-Wang Shu

## EFFICIENT NUMERICAL METHODS AND APPLICATIONS

Joint research on the development, analysis and application of high order weighted essentially non-oscillatory schemes for hyperbolic partial differential equations.

## STUDY OF CANDIDIASIS

# brasil small grant awardees 2016

The Brazil Small Grants program awards modest grants to doctoral students:

Thamyris Almeida

*Doctoral Student, History*

THEY WILL NOT KILL ME:  
THE COLLECTIVE MEMORY OF OSVALDÃO

Sílvia Cabral Teresa

*Doctoral Student,  
Portuguese and Brazilian Studies*

RACE AND GENDER IN CONTEMPORARY  
LITERATURE IN BRAZIL AND AFRICA

Nicolas Campisi

*Doctoral Student, Hispanic Studies*

INVENTORS OF EXILE: BRAZILIAN JEWISH FICTION  
AND COSMOPOLITANISM

Adi Gold

*Doctoral Student,  
Portuguese and Brazilian Studies*

SUBJECTIVITY AND THE INTEGRATION OF NATURE AND  
THE CITY IN CONTEMPORARY BRAZILIAN FICTION

Esther Viola Kurtz

*Doctoral Student, Ethnomusicology*

EMBODIED KNOWLEDGE AND THE TRANSFORMATION  
OF CONSCIOUSNESS IN CAPOEIRA ANGOLA

Robert W. Lamb

*Doctoral Student,  
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology*

PLACING BRAZIL’S REEF FISH COMMUNITIES  
IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

Daniel McDonald

*Doctoral Student, History*

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND THE POLITICS OF  
CONSUMPTION, WELL-BEING AND WELFARE IN BRAZIL

David Mittelman

*Doctoral Student,  
Portuguese and Brazilian Studies*

LISPECTOR’S ÁGUA VIVA AND THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Jon Nelson

*Doctoral Student, Sociology*

ATLANTIC RAINFOREST

Oluwadamilola  
O. Oni-Orisan

*Doctoral Student,  
School of Public Health*

LEGACY OF YORUBA SLAVES IN BRAZIL:  
IDENTIFYING ETHNICITY THROUGH THE LENS  
OF FACIAL SCARIFICATION

Watufani M. Poe

*Doctoral Student, Africana Studies*

THE RACE TO SEXUALITY:  
BLACK LGBT MOVEMENTS IN BRAZIL

Amy S. Teller

*Doctoral Student, Sociology*

CHOCOLATE FUTURES ON BRAZIL’S CACAU

Flora Thomson-  
DeVeaux

*Doctoral Student,  
Portuguese and Brazilian Studies*

TRANSLATION OF MEMÓRIAS PÓSTUMAS  
DE BRÁS CUBAS





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