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CLAG Increases Amount and Number of Graduate Student Field Study Awards

The income from downloads of articles from CLAG's *Journal of Latin American Geography* (Project Muse) has given CLAG an opportunity to increase our organization's commitment to getting graduate students to Latin America for field and archival work. At the recent CLAG Business Meeting, held in New York City during the recent AAG Conference (February 2012), the CLAG membership discussed how to use some of our increased income, and there was overwhelming support to use it for trying to get more graduate students into Latin America.

The CLAG Board approved, by an overwhelming majority, of increasing the number of awards from one to three for both the Ph.D. and the Master's level. This increases the number of awards from a total of two per year to six per year. Because of the increased income, the amount of the awards went up from \$1,000 and \$600 for the Ph.D. and Master's level to \$2,000 for the Ph.D. level and \$1,000 for the Master's level. This increases the amount of CLAG's commitment to graduate field study awards from \$1,600 per year to \$9,000 per year.

The income that makes the increases in these awards possible comes from the [Project Muse](#) downloads of articles from the *Journal of Latin American Geography*. Please download the articles, and refer your colleagues and graduate students to also download the articles and make it possible for CLAG to continue our commitment to field and archival research. The winners of this year's competition have been announced on CLAGnet and included in this newsletter.

The awards were named after geographers who have made important contributions to Latin American geography (including the first award honoring a woman geographer). Thanks to the judging committee for their hard work in selecting the award winners.

This is a great opportunity for graduate students to get funding. Please **encourage your students and colleagues to join CLAG**, as the recipients of these awards have to be active members of our organization. For more information and updates, please check [CLAG's webpage](#).

CLAG's New Graduate Student Awards

Award name	Level
Robert C. West	PhD
Clarissa Kimber	Master's
William M. Denevan	Master's

CLAG's existing Graduate Student Awards

Award name	Level
Bernard Nietschmann	PhD
James J. Parsons	PhD
Oscar Horst	Master's

CLAG: Letter from the Chair

Fellow CLAG Members,

It has been a pleasure to spend the last two years serving you as the Chair of our great organization. In that time CLAG has moved forward on many things, much of which I had nothing to do with, and I do not want to even try to take credit for these things.

Revenue from Project Muse with our *Journal of Latin American Geography (JLAG)* has risen significantly in the last several years. Part of this increase comes from making *JLAG* available in Latin American universities, special issues that have attracted a broader range of readers, and research exercises by members to teach students how to find good online articles and directing them to *JLAG* on Project Muse.

A huge “Thank You” to Jim Biles, for his work on the January 2012, CLAG Meeting in Mérida, Mexico. A fantastic location for a CLAG Meeting, it was well-organized, with a large number of great papers presented, as well as some great camaraderie with fellow CLAG members, new and old.

With our increased revenue from *JLAG*, CLAG is moving forward right now to get more graduate students into the field. Instead of the single award at both the PhD and Master’s levels, we are now giving out three separate awards at each level, for a total of six field study awards. The amount of the awards has increased substantially, and now stands at \$2,000 for Ph.D. students and \$1,000 for Master’s students. The winners of these awards were announced on CLAGnet a few days ago. I want to thank the Judging Committee for volunteering for this important task.

As Chair, I really simply coordinated a few things, and it was the work of many of CLAG’s members that have really helped me over the last two years serve in this position. I would especially like to thank, in no particular order and at the risk of leaving someone out, the following people: Antoinette Winkler-Prins, Andres Guhl, Jeff Smith, Craig Revels, Matthew Taylor, Rob Kent, Catherine Nolan, Jorn Seemann, Kent Mathewson, David Robinson, Jim Biles, Rebecca Clouser, Kristen Conway-Gomez, Dan Klooster, David Salisbury, and Joby Bass for a ton of help with various important things over the last several years. I would also like to thank John Augelli, a founding member of CLAG who is enjoying retirement in Florida, for encouraging me to join CLAG when I was a Master’s student at the University of Kansas.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the members of CLAG for helping to make this one of the best professional organizations there is. Without you and your volunteer help, this organization would not be possible.

Taylor E. Mack, Chair
Louisiana Tech University
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LASG: Letter from the Chair

The New York City AAG Meeting presented another excellent opportunity to appreciate the quality of research and camaraderie shared with our LASG colleagues. Vibrant and innovative Latin America focused research was well represented throughout the conference with 19 sessions sponsored by LASG, 2nd amongst regional specialty groups, and over 150 presentations, posters, or panels indexed topically as Latin America. Perhaps equally important, informal discussions with colleagues proved enlightening, engaging, and productive.

In 2012 we recognized the impressive efforts of a new generation of student researchers with the LASG Best Paper Award and our LASG Field Study Awards. Congratulations to Martha Bell (Ph.D. level, Pennsylvania State University), who received the Best Paper Award for her paper "The Consolidation of Colonial Hydraulics: Cycles, Flows, and Processions in Municipal Water Management in 17th Century Lima." Additional congratulations to the three recipients of LASG Field Study Awards, Mireya Bravo (Ph.D. level, Clark University) for her fieldwork in the Peruvian Andes, Gary Lavanchy (Ph.D. level, University of Denver) for his fieldwork on the Pacific coast of Nicaragua, and Christine Bonthius (Master's level, University of Texas at Austin) for her fieldwork in the Chaco.

Of course, such recognition comes only through the service of regular members. Many thanks this year to the LASG Student Paper Award Committee (Kathleen Schroeder, Appalachian State University and Committee Chair; Sarah Blue, Texas State University; Mary Finley-Brook, University of Richmond; Matt Fry, University of North Texas) and the LASG Field Study Travel Award Committee (Chair Phil Crossley, Western State University and Committee Chair; Ellen Hansen, Emporia State University; Nancy Hoalst-Pullen, Kennesaw State University; Richard Hunter, SUNY Cortland; Alexandra Ponette-Gonzalez, University of North Texas). Your commitment is greatly appreciated.

Regarding commitment, I would like to thank our departing chair Craig Revels for his excellent work over the last two years. Gracias Craig! I look forward to strong support from our membership as we work through the next two.

That said, summer is here, and I wish you a most pleasant and productive season!

Cheers,

David S. Salisbury
University of Richmond
LASG Chair 2012-2014

CLAG Meeting Awards

CLAG awards at the 2012 Merida meeting: Preston E. James, Carl O. Sauer and Enlaces

The CLAG Honors committee elected the recipients of the 2011 and 2012 Preston E. James and Carl O. Sauer awards. The awards were announced during the Merida meeting in January, 2012. CLAG would like to thank the Honors committee (Kent Mathewson (Chair), Mathew Taylor, Craig Revels, Maria Fadiman, Gerardo Bocco, Taylor E. Mack (ex-officio), David Robinson (ex-officio)) for their work in recognizing the work of these outstanding geographers

The "Preston E. James" award is given in recognition of a life-time achievement towards the understanding of the geography of Latin America.

- 2012 Recipient -- **Roberto Lobato Corêa**: With more than 50 years of professional and academic experience as a geographer based in Rio, he has research interests covering all of Brazil. This award recognizes his contributions to urban and cultural geography and the development of geography in Brazil.
- 2011 Recipient -- **Hilgard O'Reilly Sternberg** (posthumous): As a native Brazilian, he explored the Amazon basin for more than 50 years, writing about its geography, the culture of its people, and the problems caused by deforestation and continued damage to the region's environment. This award recognizes his contributions to understanding the Brazilian Amazon geography.

The "Carl O. Sauer" is given in recognition for a corpus of important published work or other significant contribution towards Latin American geography.

- 2012 Recipient -- **Judith A. Carney**: She is a leading authority on the role of African people, ideas, and biota in establishing the patterns of land and life that characterize many places in Latin America and the Caribbean. She is the author and co-author of numerous journal articles and two celebrated books on that topic.
- 2011 Recipient -- **David J. Robinson**: His contributions on historical demography and historical geography are important research milestones on Latin America. His publications, about the Colonial period, which span a wide variety of subjects, include works about Peru, Venezuela, Mexico and Colombia among others.

The honors committee also awarded the 2012 Enlaces award to **Ana María Liberali**. This award is given in recognition of contributions to improving relationships between geographers and geography departments throughout Latin America. She is known by CLAGistas because of her work at "[Centro Alexander von Humboldt](#)", an NGO committed to advancing the discipline in Argentina through courses, lectures and the publication of the journal *Meridiano*. She has also played a key role in the Latin American International Geographical Union committee.



CLAG 2012 Field Study Awards.

As the edition of this newsletter was closing, the Judging Committees work for the CLAG Field Study Awards for 2012 completed its work, and it is a great pleasure to announce the winners in this issue of newsletter. The winners are

PhD Awards

Award	Winner	Research Project	Institution (Advisor)
Robert B. West	Tammy Elwell	Reconciling Marine Conservation with Livelihood Development	University of California at Santa Barbara (David López-Carr)
Bernard Nietschmann	Zoe Pearson	The War against Coca: Grounding the Impacts of Drug Control Policy in Bolivia	Ohio State University (Kendra McSweeney)
James J. Parsons	Alex Sphar	Industrial Policy, Ideas, & Institutional Change in Brazil	Clark University (James T. Murphy)

Master's Awards

Award	Winner	Research Project	Institution (Advisor)
William M. Denevan	Nikolai Alvarado	Impacts on Small-scale and Subsistence Fisheries of Tourism Development and Conservation Schemes	University of Denver (Matthew Taylor)
Oscar Horst	Catherine Jampel	How Bears become "problems": Understanding Human-Bear-Cattle Relations in the Northern Ecuadorian Andes	Penn State University (Melissa Wright)
Clarissa Kimber	Niki von Hedemann	Communities and Carbon: Evaluating Opportunity and Access in the Guatemalan Highlands	University of Arizona (Tracey Osborne)

We would like to thank the members of the Judging Committee – David Robinson, Christian Brannstrom, Karl Offen, Jorn Seemann, and Kristen Conway-Gomez – for all the hard work they put in during a short time period in judging the applications at a particularly busy time in the academic calendar. These grad students will owe a report to CLAG for the Fall Newsletter describing their field work. Congratulations to Tammy, Zoe, Alex, Nikolai, Catherine, and Niki for your excellent field work proposals.

Theses and Dissertations completed (Fall 2011/Spring 2012)

Dissertations:

- Claudia R. Asch. *A Tale of Three Cities: An Evaluation of Urban World Heritage Management in Mexico*. Syracuse University, Department of Geography
- Amy E. Potter. *Transnational Spaces and Communal Land Tenure in a Caribbean Place: "Barbuda is for Barbudans"*. Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge
- Eric Samson. *Geopolitical Ecology of Rebellion on Environmental Quality in Northeast Chiapas, Mexico*. Texas State University, San Marcos
- Jordi Santolito Prieto. *Evaluación sustentabilidad en sistemas agro-extractivos-forestales de la selva Amazónica Boliviana*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia

Theses:

- Daniel Ernesto Benet Sánchez Noriega. *Potencial de los paisajes naturales para actividades de turismo de naturaleza en el sector de la costa michoacana Río Coalcomán-el Farito*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia
- Daniel Hinojosa Flores. *Biocombustibles en el Estado de Michoacán*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia
- Iván Alejandro López Nieto. *Análisis geohistórico regional: cambios en la producción del paisaje de la costa Sierra de Michoacán, siglos XVI y XX*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia
- María Mestre. *Indicadores de sostenibilidad en viñedo ecológico. Prueba piloto de aplicación de los indicadores en diferentes fincas de la zona del Penedés*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia
- María José Nieto. *El Nuevo Delta del Río Turbo: Colonización, Cambio de Paisaje y Dinámica Costera en el Urabá Antioqueño*. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá
- Violeta Rangel . *Paleosismología e incursiones marinas en lagunas costeras tropicales de Guerrero, México*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia
- Héctor Ulises Sánchez Sepulveda. *Calidad del agua y contexto social como base para la planeación y gestión en cuencas periurbanas*. CIGA-UNAM, Morelia

Member News/News from the Field

Grants and Awards

CLAG Student Travel Awards for the CLAG Mérida Meeting, January 11-13, 2012

CLAG Awarded two Student Travel Awards for papers presented by graduate students at the recent CLAG Meeting in Mérida, Mexico, January 11-13, 2012. The two graduate students receiving \$600 awards were:

- **Rebecca Clouser**, *Indiana University*, "Facing fear: The importance of engaging with fear in development literature."
- **Anne-Marie S. Hanson**, *University of Arizona*, "Unclean and unnatural: garbage networks, conservation space, and sanitary subjects in coastal Yucatán."

CLAG would like to thank the Judging Committee for all of their hard work and recognize the members of the committee: Richard Hunter, Catherine Nolan, Jason Davis, Jorn Seeman, and Heidi Hausermann.

Research Grants

David Salisbury (University of Richmond) received a grant from the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History to lead a workshop with the governments of Acre, Brazil and Ucayali, Peru to improve GIS data sharing, cartography, and planning to mitigate transboundary environmental challenges in Amazonia

Alexandra Ponette-González has received a National Science Foundation, OISE research award. US-Mexico Collaborative Research: Afforestation Effects on Nitrogen Cycling in Mexico's Eastern Highlands. She received this award with Kathleen Weathers (PI), Feifei Pan (Co-PI).

Alexandra Ponette-González (PI) received a National Geographic Society Award: Tropical Treelines and Global Change in the Andes.

Honorary Faculty

David Robinson was appointed as an Honorary Faculty member of the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, in Lima in November, 2011. He is the first geographer to receive this award.

New Appointments

- Elvin E. Delgado has been appointed Tenure-track Assistant Professor in the Geography Department at Central Washington University (September 2012)
- Joe Scarpaci has been appointed Interim Chair of the Marketing and Management Department in the Gary E. West College of Business, West Liberty University, West Liberty, WV.

Member News/News from the Field

- Jeffrey Smith (Dept of Geography; Kansas State University) is co-hosting Mabel Matamoros Tuma from CUJAE (Instituto Superior Politécnico José Antonio Echeverría) in Havana Cuba. Mabel will be learning about cultural landscape studies and the architecture program at Kansas State University so as to develop a collaborate research and teaching partnership between the two universities (KSU and CUJAE).
- The Center for the Study of Cuban Culture and Economy completed its eight people-to-people trip to Cuba, one of which partnered with the American Geographical Society (Landscapes & Legacies). Joe Scarpaci is Executive Director of the Center.
- Claudia Radel was granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor at Utah State University, effective 1 July 2012. Congratulations to Claudia!
- Emma Gaalaas Mullaney is currently living in Mexico's Central Highlands conducting 11 months of dissertation fieldwork on local maize diversity and contested agricultural modernization, while studying Nahuatl with the support of a Boren Graduate Fellowship.
- She has just been awarded an Evelyn L. Pruitt Dissertation Fellowship from the Society of Women Geographers (SWG) to support her dissertation research during the 2012-2013 academic year. In March 2012, She served as Lead Delegate representing U.S. youth to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York. There, she presented a research paper entitled "Countertopographies of Agriculture: Toward a Reframing of Gender, Food Production, and Development in a Globalizing World" and won 1st place in the Citizen Science Graduate Student Paper Competition.
- Case Watkins, a doctoral student at LSU, is spending all of 2012 in Brazil on a IIE Graduate Fellowship for International Study (formerly, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program) to conduct research for his project on sustainable agricultural practices in Bahia in relation to oil palm production.
- Kevin Anchukaitis (Columbia University), Matthew Taylor (University of Denver), and Edwin Castellanos (Universidad del Valle, Guatemala), conduct research investigating climate change and droughts in Guatemala . Their work was highlighted in a [NY Times blog](#)

Member News/News from the Field

- Andrew Sluyter will be a fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies for 2012-2013 .

- Yale University Press is publishing Andrew Sluyter's new book, *Black Ranching Frontiers: African Cattle Herders of the Atlantic World, 1500-1900*, which includes case studies on Spanish Louisiana, the Caribbean, New Spain, and the Pampas



- The Geographical Review has published much notable work by Latin Americanist geographers over the years. Its editorship will soon pass from the LSU team of Craig Colten (editor in chief), Andrew Sluyter and Dydia DeLyser (associate editors), and Kent Mathewson (book review editor) to one headed by Bimal Paul at Kansas State University. As the LSU team completes the 2012 volume and this venerable journal transitions to its new editorial home over the summer, we encourage CLAG members to keep submitting their manuscripts.

Ben Tillman led undergraduate students from his Geography of Latin America class to Panama, Fall 2011 (here a photo of the group in Portobelo) . Students experienced aspects of Panama's historical, cultural, and physical geography, while learning about the positive and negative impacts of globalization, tourism, and the Panama Canal to the isthmian country's economy.

Andres Guhl has been appointed Director of the Master's in Geography at Universidad de los Andes. He replaces Claudia Leal in this position. This program is only four years old, but it already has 34 students and 8 graduates.

Please remember that every *JLAG* article downloaded at Project Muse increases the chances for having student awards. Encourage your colleagues and students interested in Latin America to use this valuable resource!

Graduate students can only be awarded CLAG field awards if they are members of CLAG! For an investment of \$ 20/year students are eligible for Field awards amounting \$9000!

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A special issue of *JLAG* was published in late April. This issue, devoted to “Imperial Geographies and Spatial Memories in Spanish America”, was edited by Alexander Hidalgo and John F. López (guest editors). People wishing to get a hard copy of this special issue (aboutt \$11.00) should contact [David Robinson](#). It will be available online in [Project Muse](#) by mid May.

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Upcoming Meetings and Opportunities for Students

6th SOLCHA symposium (June 6-8, 2012), Villa de Leyva, Colombia.

The Sociedad Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Historia Ambiental (SOLCHA) is pleased to announce its 6th Symposium, which will take place in Villa de Leyva, Colombia, from June 6 to June 8, 2012. The invitation to participate is open to anyone who examines environment-society relations from an historical perspective in topics such as (and not restricted to) cities and the environment, landscape change, political ecology, among others. For more information please check

<http://visimposiosolcha.uniandes.edu.co/>

of the key premises of the undergraduate degree in Geohistory is the recognition of the complex problems inherent to territorial development and how societies occupy spaces through time leaving a clear footprint in them. This field requires a contribution from the social sciences and humanities, referred to as the social “turn” in geography. Issues such as the planning and use of territory cannot be understood from a solely biophysical point of view. On the contrary, it’s necessary to understand what are the social processes and historical landmarks through which the occupation of a territory, use of natural resources, deployment of infrastructure and human settlements happen. Hence, GIS, which have traditionally been used for biophysical disciplines, must be also a tool for geohistory professionals, so they can transform historical and geographical data into information that is valid for land management decision making.

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