After a thirty-year absence, CLAG will return to San José, Costa Rica, in 2018, for its 35th Meeting. All of the activities of CLAG 2018 will be held at the Holiday Inn Aurola in downtown, San José. The hotel is just blocks from the Pre-Columbian Gold Museum, botanical gardens, zoo, and Museum of Contemporary Art and Design. The discounted room reservation includes breakfast and lunch throughout your stay.

Planned field trips include day trips of city San José, a tour of coffee plantations and surrounding volcanoes, and the coastal rainforest at Monte Verde on the Pacific coast. Overnight trips planned include the Caribbean Lowlands, Manuel Antonio National Park, and the Cabécar Alto Chirripó Reserve.

Registration will begin in June, 2017, at the Meeting’s website: http://clag2018costarica.ku.edu/

Organized jointly by the University of Kansas and the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA), like all CLAG Meetings, this 35th Meeting will offer a relaxed setting in a family-friendly location for geographic and interdisciplinary intellectual, social, and cultural exchange. Please keep a watch for future announcements about CLAG Costa Rica 2018.

CLAG Board Nominations & Elections

Board members provide advice to the Chair regarding a variety of CLAG affairs (student research awards, CLAG conferences, JLAG, etc.) and are a vital part of keeping CLAG active, engaged and responsive to its membership. Each Board member is also assigned to one or more of the Standing Committees (Finance, Honors, Publications, and Membership). Please consider nominating yourself or another CLAG member to join the Board. Before nominating colleagues, please verify that they are willing to serve if elected. Nominees must be CLAG Members, and may include outgoing Board members for reelection, as well as Graduate students, with at least one position reserved for Graduate students. All Board members have the same rights and responsibilities as other Board members. Voting will be in early June (watch your email!), with 3-year terms beginning July 1st. Send nominations to Rebecca Clouser, Chair of the Membership Committee at rclouser@wustl.edu. Deadline for Nominations: May 26, 2017.
Dear CLAG Members,

For a lot of us, this is the time of year to head to the field. Those doing fieldwork this summer include the ten 2017 awardees of CLAG’s Student Field Study Awards (more below). Those four MA and six PhD students’ projects exemplify the depth and variety of CLAG scholarship—from post-conflict healing in Guatemala and migrant politics in Costa Rica to ecological restoration in Ecuador’s Andes. We are thrilled to be able to support such important work.

But how does a small organization like ours—228 members at the end of 2016—manage to come up with the $13,000 we just awarded to these students? Not from our modest membership dues!* The answer is: our Journal of Latin American Geography. We may be small, but CLAG boasts an enviably independent, high-quality journal. Every time its articles are clicked on or downloaded—whether through Project Muse, JSTOR, or other digital distributor—CLAG earns revenue. We then put that money directly back into the organization: after covering JLAG’s costs, the next-biggest chunk goes to supporting the next generation of CLAG scholars. We are particularly pleased to be able to offer fieldwork funding for Master’s students, who can find it difficult to secure research support. We are also excited to see that the share of students in our membership is growing. Please continue to support them by supporting JLAG—as a reader, author, or reviewer!

It was a pleasure to see many of you last month in Boston at the AAG meeting—whether at CLAG-sponsored sessions, our Board and Business Meetings, or our party at the Brahmin! For me, though, the massive and manic AAG meetings are a great reminder of how important and necessary CLAG’s own meetings are. Held every 18 months or so and with participants usually numbering between one and two hundred, our meetings are legendary for their collegiality, great field trips, and stimulating discussions. Our meeting in New Orleans last January was a great illustration of this—super paper and poster sessions, and lots of time to talk with each other about our shared interests. Now we have our 35th meeting to look forward to, in San Jose, Costa Rica, May 21-23rd. Organized jointly by the University of Kansas and the Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA), expect wonderful accommodations, great fieldtrips, and opportunities for relaxed and sustained conversations with your colleagues. Like New Orleans, this is also a very family-friendly destination! (Students: in late Fall of this year, please look out for the opportunity to apply for a Student Travel Grant to help offset the costs of conference participation.)

Finally, some words of thanks. First, to the outgoing Board Members Christian Abizaid, Sarah Blue, J. Christopher Brown, Rebecca Clouser, Richard Hunter, Alexandra Pedersen, Jörn Seemann, and Jeffrey Smith. All are ending three-year terms of much-appreciated service—whether as newsletter editors, committee members, or proposal evaluators. THANK YOU. The next newsletter you read will be compiled by our future Communications Coordinator. In the meantime, many thanks to Taylor Mack for stepping in as one-time interim newsletter editor.

Enjoy the summer!

Kendra McSweeney
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*Membership dues and sales represented only 20% of CLAG’s income in 2016; Project MUSE and JSTOR combined revenues accounted for 73%.
Dear LASG Members,

Greetings from Newport News, Virginia. It’s an honor to write this letter at the end of my first year as the Chair of the AAG’s Latin America Specialty Group. Many thanks to LASG Vice-Chair Federica Bono, and LASG Secretary/Treasurer Denielle Perry for their service. Also, a huge thanks to our three outgoing graduate student directors, Diego Pons, Joshua Rudow, and Anna Sveindottir. Be on the lookout in the near future for a call for nominations for new graduate student directors.

The 2017 AAG meeting in Boston was a success for the Latin America Specialty Group. In total we sponsored 19 paper and panel sessions that covered an incredibly diverse array of topics, theoretical and methodological approaches, and locations. Among these sessions, LASG supported the participation of Brazilian geographer Rogerio Haesbaert in a heartfelt and inspirational panel honoring Doreen Massey. Together with CLAG, we also organized a last-minute panel discussion on the implications of the Trump presidency on Latin American Geography. That panel is the source material for a forthcoming “JLAG Perspectives forum” in the Journal of Latin American Geography. Finally, and as usual, LASG and CLAG co-hosted our annual Party at the Brahmin. It was great to see so many people there.

The bulk of LASG’s annual budget goes to supporting multiple graduate student awards, and we were happy to announce three winners this year. First, Jared Van Ramshorst (Syracuse University) won the LASG Field Study Award at the PhD level for his project titled “Transit Migration, Emotion, and Migrants’ Journeys from Central America to the US.” Leila Donn (University of Texas at Austin) won the Field Study Award at the Masters level for her project titled “Long-Term Human-Environmental Contributions to Landscape Formation in the Belize-Guatemala Transboundary Area.” Finally, the Best Paper Award at the PhD level went to Mara Nogueira (London School of Economics and Political Sciences) for her paper entitled “Conserving the (segregated) city: the role of the middle-classes in shaping urban space, the case of Belo Horizonte/Brazil.” Congratulations to these winners, and many thanks to the ad hoc awards committees, including Chris Hartmann, Julio Postigo, Jacob Miller, Anne-Marie Hanson, and Chris Gaffney, who reviewed all field study proposals and read all paper submissions.

Finally, over the last several years we have been experimenting with different formats for the student awards. I am currently working with other LASG officers to devise a proposal for a few final tweaks to our awards structure, to be put into place in 2018. When that proposal is ready, we will circulate it online to all the LASG membership for discussion.

Happy summer everyone, and I look forward to seeing you next year in New Orleans, if not before.

Sincerely,
Johnny Finn
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LASG Chair, 2016-2018
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The Latin America Specialty Group of the AAG, has sponsored a number of Graduate student awards over the years. Besides sponsoring a Best Paper Award for decades, the LASG started sponsoring Field Study Awards nearly ten years ago. Congratulations to the following Award winners.

**LASG Field Study Award, PhD Level ($1,000)**

**Jared Van Ramshorst** (Syracuse University):
Transit Migration, Emotion, and Migrants’ Journeys from Central America to the U.S.  Advisor: Jamie Winders.

**LASG Field Study Award, Masters Level ($500)**

**Leila Donn** (University of Texas at Austin):
Long-Term Human-Environmental Contributions to Landscape Formation in the Belize-Guatemala Transboundary Area. Advisor: Timothy Beach.

**LASG Best Paper Award, PhD Level ($200)**

**Mara Nogueira** (London School of Economics and Political Sciences): Conserving the (segregated) city: the role of the middle-classes in shaping urban space, the case of Belo Horizonte/Brazil. Advisor: Hyun Bang Shin.
CLAG Student Field Study Awards

For 2017, CLAG has awarded US$13,000 to support Graduate student Field Work in Latin America, honoring its commitment to aid students to get into the field. Congratulations to the following honorees:

Ph.D. US$1500

Araby C. Smyth
University of Kentucky
*Women’s agency and remittance governance*
Mexico City, Oaxaca, Puebla, Mexico

Sisimac Alli Duchicela
UT-Austin
*Ecological Restoration as a Means for Alternative Development in the Ecuadorian Andes*
Northwest Andean mountain range, Ecuador

Samantha M Krause
UT-Austin
*Ancient wetland agroecosystems*
Usumacinta River (Mexico/Guatemala border), Belize

Nikolai Alexander Alvarado
University of Denver
*Migrant Politics in the Global South City: the Political Strategies of Nicaraguan Migrants to Secure Housing and Basic Services in the Urban Informal Settlement of La Carpio*
San José, Costa Rica

Caroline Felix Oliveira Parks
University of Florida
*Changing Relationships between Smallholders and Ranchers*
Marabá, PA, Brazil

Carlos Enrique Dobler Morales
Clark University
*Drought in the New Rurality: Linking Livelihoods and Landscapes in a Changing Climate Calakmul, Southern Yucatán, Mexico*
Rebecca Alexandra Patterson-Markowitz
University of Arizona, *Co-Producing Healing in Post-Conflict Guatemala: a Case Study*, Guatemala City, Guatemala

Brenna Sweetman
University of Alabama
*Analysis of Water Quality in the Port Honduras Marine Reserve, Belize: a case study of human impacts on a diverse and critical marine landscape*, Punta Gorda, Belize

Jennifer Catherine Langill
University of Toronto, *Gendered Experiences of Climate Change: Coping with High Flooding in the Peruvian Amazon*, Riverine community, Department of Ucayali, Peru

Sara Elizabeth Eshleman
UT-Austin
*Mechanisms for the distribution of Cohune Palm* 
Orange Walk District, Belize
Congratulations to These Recent Graduates

Jennifer Cardinal, Ph.D., in Anthropology, University of New Mexico. “Paradise Found? Local Cosmopolitanism, Lifestyle Migrant Emplacement, and Imaginaries of Sustainable Development in La Manzanilla del Mar, Mexico.” Advisor: Dr. Ronda Brulotte.


Nicholas L. Padilla, Ph.D. (May 21, 2017), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. "Thinking with the Global South and Decolonizing Indigeneity: Indigenous and Peasant Struggles to Reclaim Spaces, Identities, and Futures in Cauca, Colombia.” Advisor: Kristin M. Sziarto.


1ª REUNIÓN DE GEÓGRAFOS ESPAÑOLES EN MÉXICO
8 y 9 de junio de 2017
Centro Cultural de España en México, Ciudad de México

Por diversas circunstancias económicas y sociales en los últimos 15 años ha habido una salida de España de no pocos científicos que en estos momentos, están desarrollado su actividad en el exterior. México ha sido uno de los países que ha recibido algunos de ellos, quienes ahora trabajan como profesores e investigadores en distintas universidades y centros de investigación mexicanos. La geografía mexicana ha sido una de las disciplinas que más se ha beneficiado de esta movilidad laboral. En la actualidad, más de una veintena de investigadores y estudiantes de posgrado españoles, vinculados a la geografía y a disciplinas afines desarrollan su actividad en México, haciendo distintas aportaciones que enriquece n el desarrollo de esa ciencia en el país y dan continuidad a la labor que desarrollaron otros, provenientes del exilio de la Guerra civil. La 1ª Reunión de Geógrafos Españoles en México ha reunido algunos de estos geógrafos españoles residentes en México para conocer sus investigaciones y tener un intercambio de experiencias y metodologías.

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Christian Abizaid (University of Toronto) has been appointed Associate Professor, Department of Geography & Planning and School of the Environment, effective July 1, 2017.

Laurel Bellante. 2017 was one of 100 doctoral students in the U.S. and Canada to receive a $15,000 Scholar Award from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was sponsored by Chapter BF in her hometown of Bozeman, MT. Laurel also was awarded the Evelyn L. Pruitt National Fellowship by the Society of Woman Geographers for Dissertation Research, $7,500.

Christian Brannstrom, is not only a Professor of Geography at Texas A&M, but also the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Director of Environmental Programs, College of Geosciences. In April 2017, he received a Texas A&M Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching excellence.

Geografxs Colombianistas, https://geografxscolombianistas.wordpress.com/, held a seminar on May 10th, titled “Críticas interdisciplinarias a la propiedad. Espacio, propiedad y conflict,” in Bogotá. The featured speaker was Professor Nicholas Blomley, Legal Geographer from the Department of Geography at Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada. An interview with Professor Blomley introducing his work is available on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y8VFASyRBOc

Brian Godfrey, Geography Professor, History Prof. Leslie Offut, Economics Prof. Sarah Pearlman, led 33 Vassar College students to Cuba over Spring for a 14-day trip that continued the preliminary research earlier in the semester on topics that ranging from Cuba’s political and cultural history, its urban planning, agriculture environmental policies, and tourism. During their stay, they met with members of neighborhood block organizations, historians, economists, artists, environmentalists, and educators in Havana and several other Cuban cities. Including Camagüey, and three other communities designated as World Heritage Sites, La Habana Vieja, Trinidad and Cienfuegos.

Laura Herlihy, Latin American & Caribbean Studies, University of Kansas, has a radio show reaching the Miskitu people of Nicaragua, and has written poetry and performed songs in the Miskitu language, which she learned in the 1990s, while doing field work. Over the Easter weekend, 5,000 people attended her operetta title “Green Man, Blue Woman,” in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, and the municipal government has invited her back in June for a repeat performance. http://news.ku.edu/2017/05/10/star-born-ku-lecturer-hit-among-indigenous-central-americans

Claudia Maria Lopez will be in a tenure-track assistant professor position in the Sociology department at California State University, Long Beach starting in Fall 2017.

David Lopez-Carr is a recipient of the Population Specialty Group’s (PSG) 2017 Research Excellence Award. The award recognizes early- and/or mid-career scholars for research excellence in the field of population geography, either in the form of a single piece of published work or a continuing record of high accomplishment. The award was received at the PSG awards ceremony at the annual AAG meeting in Boston.

Case Watkins recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Justice Studies at James Madison University to begin in fall 2017. Case was also the recipient of the 2017 of the J. Warren Nystrom Award, for a paper based upon a recent dissertation in geography, presented at the Boston AAG.
David Lopez-Carr cofounded the Planetary Health Center of Expertise at UC Santa Barbara, under which interdisciplinary researchers from the UC system and beyond study the complex interaction of human and natural forces. The Planetary Health Center was recently funded by the National Science Foundation and the Gates Foundation, with the team underwriting $1.5 million in creative projects to tackle complicated problems around the globe.

Héctor Agredano Rivera, a PhD Candidate in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York (CUNY). He was awarded the Summer Research Travel Fellowship by the Center for Latin America, Caribbean and Latino Studies (CLACLS) based at the Graduate Center, CUNY. He will conduct the final phase of his dissertation research in Mexico City.

Matthew L. Fahrenbruch, University of Kansas, received a Fulbright US Student Award to Nicaragua for his dissertation, titled *A Geographical Analysis of Chinese Jellyfish Fisheries on the Miskitu Coast of Nicaragua*. He was also awarded the Charles Stansifer Fellowship from the University of Kansas Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Nicholas Jon Crane, University of Wyoming, received a Center for Global Studies Faculty Research Grant for "Tracing Social Disappearance and Mapping Social Mobilization in Authoritarian North America" (a collaborative project with Dr. Oliver Hernández Lara, Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México), Center for Global Studies, University of Wyoming.

Scott Odell, Doctoral Student, Clark University, was awarded the Inter-American Foundation (IAF) Grassroots Development Ph.D. Fellowship for dissertation fieldwork in Chile, on his project titled “Bridge over Troubled Water: Assessing hydrosocial relations among communities, mining companies, and policymakers in Chile.”

Diana Restrepo-Osorio Doctoral Student, University of Kansas, co-founded the Latin American Graduate Organization to encourage and mentor women in STEM fields, an instructor and counselor with the KU Summer Science Residential Academy and the KCK Saturday STEM Academy. Diana has strived to include ethnic culture within the STEM program and as an example of success in education while displaying the pride for her Colombian cultural traditions. She was awarded the university’s Rusty Leffel Concerned Student Award, for students who demonstrate a concern for furthering the ideals of the university and higher education

Joe Scarpaci, Center for Cuban Culture + Economy <http://www.cubancultureeconomy.org/>, led A Sustainability + Design Workshop with Virginia Commonwealth University liberal arts, design, and engineering students. The one-week course took place at the Bamboo Center in Havana's Chinatown, and explored sustainable design practices in solving a variety of household needs. Field trips outside the city examined sustainable harvest practices.
Critical Geographies in Latin America

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Jorge Sequera and Tomás Rodríguez

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Zoe Pearson and Nicholas J. Crane

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Ben W. Brisbois and Patricia Polo Almeida
On October 1, 1920, the city of Santiago, Chile, came to a halt as tens of thousands stopped work and their daily activities to join the funeral procession of José Domingo Gómez Rojas, a 24 year old university student and acclaimed poet. Nicknamed "the firecracker poet" for his incendiary poems, such as "The Cry of the Renegade" Gómez Rojas was a member of the University of Chile's student federation (the FECh) which had come under repeated attack for its critiques of Chile's political system and ruling parties. Government officials accused the FECh's leaders of being advocates for the destruction of the social order, subversives who had the temerity to question national policy making, and insolent youths who did not know their place. Arrested for alleged sedition as part of a five-month-long "prosecution of subversives," Gómez Rojas joined other students and workers in Santiago's prison system. He never left. After two months in police custody, he died in Santiago's asylum, quickly to be reborn as a political martyr for students and workers alike.

This microhistory recovers the context within which Gómez Rojas's arrest, imprisonment, and death unfolded and the experiences of men he counted as friends, comrades, colleagues, mentors, and pupils. Fifty years before the much-heralded student movements of 1968, Raymond Craib shows, university students and workers were active political collaborators and radicalized political subjects. In interwar Chile, members of Chile's sizeable working class marched side-by-side with students from the FECh. At the same time, increasingly radicalized university students, as well as former students, workers, and worker-intellectuals, gathered together to talk, read, and find common cause. Members of what Craib calls a "capacious Left" they shared a wide-ranging interest in works of sociology and political theory, a penchant for poetry, and an eclectic embrace of anarchist, socialist, and communist principles and practices. They also shared the experience of repression, an experience that ultimately cost Gómez Rojas his life and marked an entire generation of political organizers and agitators, including future president Salvador Allende and poet Pablo Neruda.

Raymond B. Craib is Associate Professor of History at Cornell University. He is the author of Cartographic Mexico: A History of State Fixations and Fugitive Landscapes.
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