At this point we still plan to host the CLAG meeting in Tucson in May 2021 by which time we hope it will feel safe to travel and you will be able to enjoy the warmth of Tucson in late May in person. Should risk of infection still be of concern in early 2021 we will consider rescheduling, but we can also consider lower risk options including holding sessions outside or a remote conference. Expect the call for papers in the fall.

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Posters in Temuco, Chile (2019) Photo credit: Kristen Conway-Gómez
Letter from the Executive Director
Michael Steinberg

Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well given the circumstances. It is certainly a strange time to be a geographer. Like many or most of you, all my fieldwork and field courses have been cancelled, so I have learned what my house and yard look like during the months of May and June. I feel very fortunate that we were able to meet in Antigua, in January, given how radically everything has changed in the months that followed. While it is far too early to say with certainty, I am still hopeful that we can meet as planned in Arizona for our next conference in May 2021. Updates will be provided as available of course.

While the pandemic has certainly disrupted fieldwork, opportunities remain abundant for geographers as was demonstrated in the latest edition of JLAG that focused on COVID-19. It is a timely and important contribution to our understanding of past and present pandemics in Latin America. Please read and share with colleagues inside and outside our discipline! The pandemic may force us to rethink certain methods and approaches (putting it mildly), which is certainly challenging for a field-based discipline, but new approaches can also provide meaningful research avenues for geography.

While the disruption in fieldwork is unfortunate, CLAG as an organization remains strong in terms of membership, scholarship (our journal), and financially. We will weather this storm and remain a vital organization given the commitment of our rank and file members, board members, and officers. As such, I want to acknowledge the dedication of outgoing Chair Brad Jokisch. Brad has worked tirelessly and often anonymously on behalf of CLAG for many years. Brad was enthusiastic about CLAG when I met him many (many) years ago when we were graduate students, and his enthusiasm has never waned. He leaves the organization stronger than when he began his term and I look forward to him playing vital roles in CLAG in the future. Similarly, I want to thank Johnny Finn for his continuing and outstanding guidance of JLAG. The journal continues its upward trajectory, breaking new ground not just in Latin American geography, but geography overall. We can all be proud of the diverse content and mission of the journal.

Stay healthy and I hope to see everyone in Tucson!

Saludos!
Michael Steinberg
CLAG Executive Director
University of Alabama

A late afternoon shot of the Eastern Cordillera in southern Tolima, Colombia. The beginning of dry season. June 2019. Photo: Megan Dwyer Baumann, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Geography, Penn State University.
Dear CLAG colleagues!

Wow. So much has changed since Antigua! It has been difficult to watch Guayaquil struggle with finding room for the dead, the Brazilian president recklessly mismanage the crisis, and meat plant workers from Latin America suffer needlessly in Iowa. I would like to believe that we have seen the worst of the COVID crisis, but I fear the problems will simply evolve, and we’ll be dealing with this problem for years to come. The timing of the Antigua meeting was very fortuitous; we were able to have an incredibly successful meeting just before the pandemic blew up. We are still counting on having the next meeting in Tucson, May 20-22, 2021. (CLAG will keep you posted.) I hope the 2023 meeting can return to Latin America, but it’s impossible to know at this point. A silver lining of this crisis is that Johnny Finn and the JLAG board were able to pull together a JLAG Perspectives Forum in record time. This issue not only shows Johnny’s leadership and the board’s dedication to CLAG, but also the valuable contributions geographers are making to this crisis. The socio-environmental, health, human rights, and spatial implications of this pandemic are overwhelming, and it will be part of our research and understanding of Latin America for years.

Just before the pandemic took hold in the US, CLAG’s Awards Committee decided on the 2020 field study recipients. We made six Ph.D. and three Master’s level awards. And then March happened... everyone’s field study plans were delayed, changed, or simply up in the air. The executive committee decided that CLAG will honor the awards, even if the research is delayed for months or a year. We are working with the recipients on their revised research plans and timeframe. The recipients and other CLAG members are finding creative ways to improvise.

CLAG is looking for a Social Media and Newsletter coordinator (or two-person team). As social media outlets become more important for the distribution of news and information CLAG needs someone to stay on top of our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages (and whatever platform comes next). It is a two-year voluntary position. This is an important position for CLAG because social media has become the “face” of many organizations, and it’s important that CLAG have a positive and consistent presence on social media. Please contact me if you are interested in the position.

This is my last newsletter! I step down from my four-year stint as Vice Chair and Chair of CLAG and turn it over to Catherine Nolin, who has already done an outstanding job as VC. Over the last few years we revamped our web page, transitioned the membership functions to CLAG from UT Press (thanks Tim!), got CLAG legally registered as a non-profit in Indiana (!), had a successful meeting in Antigua—all the while funding student field work, travel grants and hosting the JLAG lecture at the AAG. The challenges continue of course, but I am very confident in CLAG’s future. I think the board is making the right moves to keep our organization strong, financially stable, and attractive to multiple generations of scholars. JLAG is doing great and is well-positioned to continue to prosper.

As a final thought, the last four years have taught me how valuable CLAG is, something many of you have already concluded from your own experience. CLAG plays an important role as a social and intellectual home for many scholars, but more importantly as an institution that builds bridges across numerous types of barriers and borders. That is something to cherish and nourish.

All the good work of CLAG, of course, is done by voluntary labor. So, I thank everyone who contributes to CLAG! And, I encourage everyone to find a way to contribute—submit a manuscript to JLAG (or review a manuscript), run for the board, assign JLAG articles to your students, sponsor a paper/poster session at the next meeting, or simply encourage younger scholars to join CLAG and go to the meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as Chair of this organization. Stay healthy and see you in Tucson!

Brad D. Jokisch
Chair 2018 - 2020
LETTER FROM THE LASG CHAIR
Ben Gerlofs

Dear LASG and CLAG readership,

Saludos from a recovering Brooklyn. I write to you as the outgoing Chair of the LASG, a position it has been my sincere pleasure and privilege to hold these two years. I want to offer you all my thanks for your support and your patience, and for being the wonderful scholars, administrators, researchers, students, comrades, friends, and people that you are.

It’s been a difficult year for most of us. We are living in troubling times, and I want to thank all of you who are working on the frontlines of change in our classrooms and communities around the US, throughout the hemisphere, and across the globe.

It was sad not to see you all in person in Denver for our annual meeting. I look forward to next year’s AAG in Seattle, where we’ll have a chance to share our work and spend some time together at our joint reception. Please be on the lookout for calls for LASG sponsorship and ways to collaborate and otherwise get involved as the fall approaches.

One of the LASG’s most important privileges is our ability to support and amplify the work of our graduate student members. This year, I’m happy to report that our volunteer committees have selected two excellent projects for our graduate student travel awards. Congratulations to our MA/MS winner, Natalie Gordon (International Studies, Wyoming), who will conduct qualitative research with cocaleros in Bolivia, and our PhD winner, Claudia Díaz-Combs (Geography, Syracuse), who is working on the political ecology of sugar cultivation in a changing El Salvador. Congratulations, and the very best of luck to both Claudia and Natalie. Thanks also to our volunteer reviewers.

As for the election our new leadership cadre, please be on the lookout for a link to vote on our candidates in the coming days.

Please take care of yourselves and those around you. Thanks and good wishes to all for taking part in and supporting the LASG, we hope to see you all in Seattle.

Sincerely,
Ben A. Gerlofs
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Latin American Studies Book Series
Call for book proposals and manuscripts

Please remember that CLAG collaborates with Springer-Nature to publish “Springer Briefs in Latin American Studies.” It is a great place for manuscripts too short for a lengthy book but too long for a journal article to submit to JLAG. Several CLAG members have published graduate theses and other short manuscripts in it, as you can see at the following link:


Another option, for longer manuscripts, is the “The Latin American Studies Book Series.” (http://www.springer.com/series/15104).

To submit a proposal or manuscript, please contact mksteinberg@ua.edu – Michael Steinberg – CLAG Executive Director
Camaradas:
The Journal of Latin American Geography is happy to announce a newly expanded editorial team, including the addition of three new associate editors and a new book review editor.

Jessica Budds joins the JLAG editorial team as an Associate Editor. Jessica is an Associate Professor in Geography and International Development at the University of East Anglia. She has an interdisciplinary background in Hispanic studies, Latin American studies and human geography. Her work explores the relationship between economic development, water governance, and the lives, livelihoods, and landscapes of low-income groups from a political ecology perspective. She has researched the implications of both neoliberal approaches to water management (water privatization, water markets, payments for ecosystem services), and the development of major resource-based industries (agribusiness, mining, hydropower), showing that the ways in which they construct and produce water consolidates economic and political power.

Eugenio Arima also joins the JLAG editorial team as an Associate Editor. Eugenio is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Texas, Austin. His research lies in the intersection of land change science, spatial analysis, and landscape ecology. Broadly, he is a human-environmental geographer interested in understanding the motivations that drive humans to act upon and transform tropical landscapes and how that manifests spatially in terms of patterns. This link between human agency and landscape pattern is based on conceptual and theoretical approaches derived from behavioral theory and political economy. His work typically employs mixed-methods such as interview-based fieldwork, computer simulation, econometrics and spatial statistics, geographic information systems, and remote sensing.

Diana Tung joins the JLAG editorial team as an Associate Editor for Visual Content. Diana is currently a freelance graphic designer and a Ph.D. candidate in anthropology at the Australian National University. Her dissertation project examines the commercialization of the aguaje palm fruit (Mauritia flexuosa) in Iquitos, Peru, where she is currently based. As a graphic designer she has worked primarily on projects promoting the public interest. She holds a BA from Bryn Mawr College and a MA in Applied Anthropology from the ANU. As the inaugural Associate Editor for Visual Content, Diana is excited to further interdisciplinary scholarship in Latin American geography through art and design.

Finally, Alan Marcus joins the JLAG editorial team as its new Book Review Editor. Alan is professor and graduate director at the Geography and Environmental Planning Department at Towson University, Maryland. The main focuses of his research include immigration, race, sense of place, and the geography of music, and he is a regional specialist on Brazil. His new book, forthcoming from the University of Nebraska Press, focuses on U.S. Confederates who migrated to Brazil.

This newly expanded editorial team will further enable us to recruit, review, edit, and ultimately publish cutting edge geographical scholarship on and from Latin America. Be on the lookout for coming announcements about new JLAG initiatives, and please keep the manuscripts coming. The success of the journal, first and foremost, depends on you, its authors and readers.

Johnny Finn
Editor, Journal of Latin American Geography
NEW PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS: PAPERS


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Yucca trees used as a living fence. San Luis Potosí, México. Photo credit: Adi Lazos. 2019


NEW PUBLICATIONS: BOOK CHAPTERS


NEW PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS


DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

The conquest of Guatemala was brutal, prolonged and complex, fraught with intrigue and deception, and not at all clear-cut. Yet views persist of it as an armed confrontation whose stakes were evident and whose outcomes were decisive, especially in favor of the Spaniards. A critical reappraisal is long overdue, one that calls for us to reconsider events and circumstances in the light not only of new evidence but also keener awareness of Indigenous roles in the drama.

While acknowledging the prominent role played by Pedro de Alvarado (1485–1541), "Strike Fear in the Land" reexamines the conquest to give us a greater appreciation of Indigenous involvement in it, and sustained opposition to it. Attention is paid to strategic alliances forged with native groups, which facilitated Spanish objectives. The book reveals, furthermore, that during the years most crucial to the conquest, Alvarado was absent from Guatemala more often than he was present, relying on his brother, Jorge, to act in his stead. A pact with the Kaqchikel Maya was not nearly as solid or long-lived as previously thought: Alvarado’s erstwhile allies soon turned against the Spaniards, fomenting a prolonged rebellion. An arresting saga of personalities and controversies, "Strike Fear in the Land" conveys as never before the turmoil of this pivotal period in Mesoamerican history.

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“This is the best book-length study, to date, of any of the Spanish invasions of the Maya area. "Strike Fear in the Land" shows how a sensitive reading of both European and Mesoamerican sources can produce a succinct and significant contribution to the New Conquest History.”

Matthew Restall, author of "When Montezuma Met Cortés: The True Story of the Meeting That Changed History" (2018)

PODCAST

In the next JLAG, I have a piece coming out in the Perspectives section called "From Columbus to COVID-19: Amerindian Antecedents to the Global Pandemic." I have had occasion to be interviewed about the topic by the American Geographical Society, which has converted the interview into a podcast. Many of the points I raise in the JLAG article the very ones discussed in the AGS podcast, which is online at:

https://americangeo.org/2020/05/20/lessons_from_the_past/

Providing a sweeping overview of world urban geography, noted experts explore the eleven major global regions, including the U.S. and Canada, Middle America, and South America. Each regional chapter considers urban history, economy, culture, and environment, as well as urban spatial models and problems and prospects. Chapters conclude with a list of references, including films and webpages, which can be used by the student and instructor for additional information about specific cities. This edition adds the important new themes of climate change and migration, while continuing to focus specifically on sustainability, water, technology, social and environmental justice, security and conflict, the history of urban settlement, urban planning trends, and daily life. Vignettes of key cities give the reader a vivid understanding of daily life and the "spirit of place." Liberally illustrated in full color with a new selection of photographs, maps, and diagrams, the text also includes a rich array of textboxes to highlight key topics ranging from migration and immigration to LBGTQ activism, human security, and climate change. Clearly written and timely, *Cities of the World* will be invaluable for those teaching introductory or advanced classes on global cities, regional geography, the developing world, and urban studies.


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Please contact the Book Review Editor, Eric Carter (ecarter@macalester.edu), with a summary of your scholarly interests, if you’d like to volunteer to write a book review, or if there are specific titles we should know about.

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CLAG/LASG Member News

Awards and Honors:

Maria Renee (MS 2019) earlier this Spring was awarded the Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CaGIS) Digital/Interactive Award for the map produced through her MS project: Conservation Areas in South America, [https://mahorn.github.io/conservation/](https://mahorn.github.io/conservation/).

Joseph L. Scarpaci - 2020 Association of American Geographers, Kauffman Award, Runner-up, for Best Paper in Geography and Entrepreneurship. Issued for promising research studying geography and entrepreneurship and to identify innovative research in business, applied or community geography that is relevant to questions related to entrepreneurs and their firms as well as to relevant practitioners and policymakers.

Domino game: Melena del Sur, Cuba (1994); The view out the window from the Iznaga Towner in the Valle de los Ingenios (2014), Trinidad (World Heritage Site). The tower dates from 1830 and was used by the overseer (mayordomo) to watch slaves working in sugar-cane fields. Photo Credits: Joseph Scarpaci.
Hearty congratulations to Diana Restrepo-Osorio, who is Kansas Association of Mappers’ (KAM) 2020 recipient of the John Cowan Memorial Scholarship in Geography! Ms. Restrepo-Osorio is a doctoral candidate in Geography at the University of Kansas. Her recent projects focus on land and water use among the members of the Alianza del Pastizal (Grassland Alliance) in the Southern Cone Region of South America. We wish her safe travels to Uruguay whenever she is able to make her trip to share her findings with the participants in her most recent study! [ Restrepo-Osorio_Diana.jpg ]

**NOTES FROM THE FIELD:**

Matthew Taylor (University of Denver) has been “stuck” in Nicaragua since mid-march of this year (he is not complaining). If you want to ask him what it is like there, send him an e-mail. At the same time as trying to teach over Zoom with poor wifi, he is taking the chance to conduct fieldwork of the likes we only do during our dissertation fieldwork periods.

Diego Pons (post doc at Columbia and going on to CSU Fort Collins), Anna Sveinsdottir (post doc at Urbana Champaign), and Nikolai Alvarado (TT at Urbana Champaign) discuss the finer points of field work in Central America in Matthew Taylor’s office (left). Flor de Caña may have been present too. Matthew Taylor proudly dons a T-shirt proclaiming “Soy de la Carpio” (right). The shirt was a gift from a rapper in La Carpio, El Transformer. To see the song “Soy de la Carpio” click here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQiruQb4NJo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VQiruQb4NJo). Somehow, Matthew stayed sane (or so he says) working with this group of graduate students (Anna, Diego, Nikolai). They pushed him hard and made sure he spent even more time in the field than even he wanted!

**RECENT GRADUATES AND NEW POSITIONS**

**SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THESESES AND DISSERTATIONS:**

**PhD**

Dinka Natali Cáceres Arteaga

*Climate Change Adaptation in Highland Ecuador: Intersections of Gender, Geography, and Knowledge in Farming Communities*

Latin American Studies at the University of New Mexico.

Committee Chair: K. Maria D. Lane
Diana Denham

The Persistence of Indigenous Markets in Mexico’s ‘Supermarket Revolution’

Toulan School of Urban Studies and Planning, Portland State University
Chair: Nathan McClintock

Supported by the Inter-American Foundation for Grassroots Development, a NSF-IGERT fellowship, and CLAG, this dissertation investigates the paradoxical survival of Indigenous markets in the context of state-sponsored development strategies that privilege multinational retailers and work to rebrand Mexican cities as modern and globally competitive. Drawing on ethnographic research in Oaxaca, it argues that Indigenous markets have survived supermarketization (and more precisely, Walmartization) because they reproduce local culture rooted in attachment to Indigenous foodways and vernacular perceptions of public space, the latter reinforced by fierce vendor activism. The project deepens our understanding of Indigenous productions of urban space in Mexico and generates new knowledge crucial to theorizing food systems in the global South.

Nikolai Alvarado

Urban Informality, Environmental Xenophobia, and Infrastructures of Citizenship: The Political Lives of Nicaraguan Migrants in the Informal Settlement of La Carpio, Costa Rica

University of Denver, Geography
Committee Chair: Matthew Taylor

He moves on from the University of Denver where he worked with Matthew Taylor since 2010 (MA and Ph.D) - sob, sob – to a tenure track position in Geography at the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign. Adelante compañero! Ya, we will miss you here in Denver.
Scott Odell

Hydrosocial displacements: Climate change and community relations in Chile’s mining regions

Clark University, Graduate School of Geography
Committee Chair: Anthony Bebington

This dissertation conceptualizes the emerging relationships between climate change, mining, and conflicts over water through a framework referred to as Hydrosocial Displacements. It demonstrates that common “fixes” deployed to address such conflicts tend to transfer socio-environmental harms downstream and to more vulnerable regions, rather than resolving them. Geographical, technical, economic, and political factors constrain the range of fixes proposed, while downstream dynamics and relations of power predict the nature of the displacements they produce. The framework emanates from and explains outcomes of water conflict between communities and mining companies in three case study sites in Chile, as observed through sixty-nine interviews and four focus groups with stakeholders representing communities, mining companies, and government. This analysis offers new insight into the geographical and political ecological factors that shape socio-environmental conflicts and their outcomes, and adds evidence-based research to the scarce literature existing on the intersecting impacts of climate change and mining.

Jordan Brasher

From South of the Mason-Dixon Line to South of the Equator: A Critical Exploration of the Transnational Contours of Confederate Memory

University of Tennessee, Geography; Graduate Certificate in Africana Studies
Committee Chair: Dr. Derek Alderman.

For chapters from the dissertation, please see the list of publications under Brasher, J. in this newsletter

Chris Hair

A View From Above: Alternative Perspectives on Smallholder Livelihoods and Agrobiodiversity Conservation in Northern Ecuador

Committee Chair: David M. Cochran, Jr.

This dissertation explores obstacles facing female Indigenous farmers in Cotacachi Ecuador. It examines the potential for using small unmanned aerial systems (drones), as well as other geospatial technologies, for rapid inventories of crop diversity and to enhance crop management techniques on smallholder farms. In the community of Cotacachi, located in the Imbabura Valley of northern Ecuador, small-scale multi-crop agriculture is increasingly conducted by Indigenous women, as men redirect their focus toward single-crop agriculture or employment in urban centers. As a result, Indigenous women are the primary line of defense against the loss of agrobiodiversity. Small-scale agriculture continues to be an important source of food for many Latin Americans. The incorporation of mapping techniques and aerial imagery has the potential to help sustain and monitor agrobiodiversity, enhance food production, implement effective water and soil management practices, and promote agritourism, all while bolstering livelihoods throughout the region.
Masters

Talia Anderson

*Spatiotemporal peatland productivity and climate relationships across the western South American Altiplano*

University of Arizona

Talia was also one of the recipients of the Student Travel Awards to support her attendance at the CLAG meeting in Antigua in January 2020. She now continues on to the PhD program here at the University of Arizona.

Committee Chair: Dr. Kevin Anchukaitis

NEW POSITIONS:

**Diego Pons** (Ph.D., University of Denver in 2017) moves on to a assistant professor position at the Colorado State University, Fort Collins in their department of Anthropology and Geography. Diego moves to this position after a two year post-doctoral position at the University of Columbia. Adelante compañero! We will see you here in Denver soon!

**Jordan Brasher**, PhD accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Geography on the tenure track in the Department of History & Geography at Columbus State University in Columbus, Georgia.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Social Science Post-doc: infectious zoonotic disease in forest gradients – University of Georgia**

We are pleased to announce a recently funded social science post-doc on infectious zoonotic disease in forest gradients. The post-doc will work together with a team of anthropologists, ecologists, veterinary scientists and parasitologists at the University of Georgia (UGA) and the Gorgas Memorial Institute of Health Studies on a three-year NSF Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems (CNH2) grant. The team will investigate relationships between habitat characteristics, human activity, and disease transmission for two zoonotic vector-borne tropical diseases, cutaneous leishmaniasis and Chagas disease (see https://anthropology.uga.edu/news/scientists-get-16m-study-disease-transmission). Research will take place in Panama, and the post-doc will work at UGA with annual travel to Panama. The position is for 1 year, with renewal possible for an additional 1.5 years.

Quantitative and qualitative data skills, GIS, and Spanish language skills are preferred. For additional information, please see this link for post-doc posting number G/R07304P: https://www.ugajobsearch.com/postings/143089

Review of applications begin on June 30, 2020. We look forward to geographers’ application to this post-doc.

Susan Tanner and Julie Velásquez Runk
Department of Anthropology
University of Georgia

Study Abroad - Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice of Bolivia – University of Oregon
https://geo.uoregon.edu/programs/bolivia/indigenous-rights-and-environmental-justice-of-bolivia

Dear students and community members,

We have an exciting new opportunity to announce, a remote GEO #NoPassportNeeded (NPN) experience called Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice of Bolivia, which is open to University of Oregon and non-University of Oregon students (undergraduate and graduate), as well as high school students, staff, international students and other members of the public. It is open to everyone, anywhere. You can even share the experience with a friend or family member by enrolling together! Students who enroll in a summer NPN experience will receive a $1,000 grant toward travel-based study abroad programs when programs resume normal operation. Students who have studied abroad with GEO in the past will receive 20% off of the cost of a NPN experience this summer.

I will co-teach this four-week experience during UO’s first summer session (June 22 to July 16, 2020) with Bolivian Professor Jose Martinez (Quechua) and Bolivian environmental scientist Zulma Villegas. Participants will collaborate with Bolivian indigenous peoples and learn how environmental justice, social justice, and indigenous rights are intertwined. In addition to learning through lectures, guest presentations, virtual tours, and readings you will work on remote service learning projects prioritized by Guarayo and Chiquitano/Monkox indigenous peoples. Students who went to Bolivia on this study abroad program in summer 2019 founded an exciting new UO student organization called Students for Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice (SIREJ), which has continued to work on such projects since then (be sure to check out the new 4-minute video about the 2019 program!) These projects, which will be models for 2020 remote service learning projects, include:

- Raising awareness and support related to the Amazon fires and COVID-19 in Bolivia.
- Developing websites in collaboration with Bolivian indigenous peoples.
- Soliciting donations such as computers, projectors and music instruments.
- Identifying new markets to support indigenous women collectives selling medicinal oils and handicrafts.

Anyone can participate in the ongoing work of SIREJ at any time. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested.
Through the #NoPassportNeeded experience, Global (International) Studies students will earn 6 quarter credits approved as 400/500-level Global (International) Studies credit, which count for the GLBL/INTL intercultural experience requirement, Block B or C. The course counts for many other majors as well. This experience is open to students and community members (through the Continuing Education Program). You can find registration information here. The cost is the same as UO summer tuition and fees plus a $100 course fee. Please contact GEO Advisor Crystal Galarza if you have any questions at cgalarza@uoregon.edu.

Longer remote internships with Bolivian legal, human rights and environmental organizations, such as World Wildlife Fund, CEJIS, CIPCA and DIAKONIA are available as well – please contact me directly about these!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or want to learn more about this experience. You can also reach out to Crystal for more information or to set-up a remote advising appointment.

We hope to see you this summer!

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Note from the CLAG Communications Coordinator

This may be the last newsletter for some time that I compile and edit for CLAG; a bittersweet moment. As always, it is a pleasure to reach out into the CLAG community and take the pulse of Latin-American scholarship in this context. Something I will miss. At the same time, I look forward to passing the baton and stepping down from this role.

It is also with great pleasure that I report that the online membership system, after its inauguration at the CLAG Antigua meeting earlier this year, has been running with no known major glitches. Indeed, it remains available at https://clagscholar.org, and you can continue to login, check your membership status, and renew all in one place. As always please pay attention to the renewal reminders (and check your spam folders). Please do let me know if you have any problems.

And finally, As I step down from the direct roles with the newsletter and social media presence for CLAG, I will remain the communications coordinator. I look forward to continued service in a slightly less visible role as a coordinator and maintainer.

Kind regards
Timothy B Norris
CLAG Communications Coordinator
Estimad@s miembros de la Conferencia Latinoamericana de Geografía (CLAG/LASG),

Nos complace mucho invitarlos a participar en la conferencia regional de la Alianza para los Servicios Ecosistémicos (Ecosystem Services Partnership) de la región América Latina y el Caribe (ALyC), a realizarse del 25 al 27 de noviembre 2020. Ante el contexto que nos sitúa la emergencia sanitaria COVID-19 que estamos atravesando a nivel mundial, y con el espíritu de seguir fomentando el intercambio de conocimiento y experiencias, hemos decidido realizar la conferencia en formato virtual.

Bajo el lema “Trascendiendo el estudio de los Servicios Ecosistémicos hacia la Transdisciplina e Incidencia”, hacemos el llamado a científicos, profesionales, actores locales, ONGs, sociedad civil y tomadores de decisiones de la región para poner en común el conocimiento plural existente sobre los servicios ecosistémicos, así como las herramientas y experiencias transdisciplinarias que permitan construir vías hacia la sustentabilidad regional.

Por su diversidad biológica y cultural, esta región ocupa un lugar preponderante en la provisión de servicios ecosistémicos a nivel mundial. Sin embargo, los patrones de manejo no sustentable de la naturaleza han llevado a la degradación de sus ecosistemas y del bienestar humano. Al mismo tiempo, existen experiencias relevantes de conservación, que son vitales para la preservación de su riqueza socio-ecológica. Muchos de estos esfuerzos provienen de comunidades rurales e indígenas, y de organizaciones sociales, cuya acción colectiva ha favorecido la construcción de vías hacia la sustentabilidad de ALyC. Por estas razones, la conferencia ESP-LAC 2020 propone analizar los servicios ecosistémicos desde la perspectiva transdisciplinaria, para afrontar la complejidad socioambiental e incidir en la planeación territorial sustentable.

Está abierta la inscripción a ponencias y carteles, en las mesas temáticas, hasta el 15 de junio de 2020, en este link: https://www.esplatinamerica2020.org/UI/Public/TalleresSesiones.aspx

*El idioma oficial de la conferencia es español, y se reciben trabajos en inglés o portugués.

Fechas importantes:
X REP CONFERENCE UPDATE
Online, October 2020 : Baltimore, October 2021

The X REP Conference has been rescheduled to October 2021, with a smaller online conference focused on Race, Ethnicity, Place and the Covid-19 Pandemic in October 2020.

The X REP Conference Board has approved converting the 2020 REP Conference in Baltimore to a smaller, virtual online model that will focus on the Covid-19 pandemic and vulnerable populations (note: this would be an excellent venue to share the research from the recent papers published in JLAG). The full, in-person conference is rescheduled for October 2021.

The extended conference will include the following online sessions:

- Panel, paper, or speaker sessions with a focus on Covid-19 and vulnerable populations
- Student paper sessions with awards for best papers
- Community events, e.g. films, speakers, etc., relevant to Baltimore
Registration is now open at the REP Website. The $25 registration fee ($15 for students) will cover the cost of online participation.

We are now soliciting applications for the REP Pre-Conference Workshop focused on Advancing Geography in HBCUs, MSIs, and Tribal Colleges

We are now accepting applications for the NSF-sponsored REP Pre-Conference Workshop on Advancing geography programs at HBCUs, MSIs, and Tribal Colleges. The REP Pre-Conference Workshop now will be spread over a year-long period. Online sessions will be held during Fall 2020, Spring 2021, and Fall 2021 in preparation for the in-person pre-conference workshop at Morgan State University in October, 2021. The online activities will include:

- networking and professional development opportunities through sessions focused on strategies to promote geography in your college or university, applying for external funding in partnership with R1 universities, etc.
- opportunities to collaboratively plan and develop panel session(s) at the 2021 AAG meeting in Seattle and subsequent AAG and other conferences.

Workshop organizers seek applications from geographers teaching at or preparing to teach at HBCUs, MSIs, or Tribal Colleges for participation in the workshop, including pre-conference online activities. Applications are due on September 1, 2020. Note that accepted workshop participants will receive travel, hotel, and registration support for the October 2021 conference in Baltimore. Please contact Joe Wood for more information at raceethnicityplace@gmail.com. More information on registration for the Online REP Conference (to be held on October 22-23, 2021) and the Pre-Conference Workshop can be found at the REP Conference Website: www.repconference.org

Conference of Latin American Geography
Tucson Arizona, May 20-22 2021

The next CLAG meeting will be in Tucson, Arizona May 20th-22nd 2021! The University of Arizona School of Geography, Development, and Environment will host the meeting with the help of other Latin Americanists across campus and colleagues from ASU and universities in Sonora. The conference venue will be the LEED platinum Environment and Natural Resources building which is designed to echo a Southwest desert canyon. We hope to have some great field trips (contact us with ideas) and to welcome you to Baja Arizona and the border. For more information contact Diana Liverman (liverman@u.arizona.edu).