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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KRISTEN CONWAY-GÓMEZ

January 1, 2024

Happy New Year! ¡Prospero Año Nuevo! Feliz Año Novo! I wish for all a peaceful and productive 2024.

Mark your calendars for May 22-24, 2024, when we'll meet for CLAG in San Juan, Puerto Rico! The Comité CLAG 2024 Puerto Rico and Executive Board, in particular Chair David Salisbury in conjunction with Carlos Guilbe deserve hearty thank yous for the wonderful program they're putting together. Their collaborative hard work and planning are setting us up for a stimulating meeting, including a great selection of field trips.

CLAG remains an active organization in solid financial standing. Stay tuned for a significant and exciting financial development in the coming months.

In terms of our scholarly outlets, JLAG continues to be an impressive source of scholarship and a testament to the activity of our members and all who are interested in Latin American and Caribbean geography. JLAG co-editors Martha Bell and Jessica Budds have made great strides toward getting our journal indexed on Scopus, an important metric for us. Last year our new book series – Critical Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean – with University of Florida Press launched. The book series will augment our scholarly presence alongside JLAG. A big thank you to Chris Gaffney for his efforts and persistence in seeing this task to completion. The book series is aimed at examining Latin America and the Caribbean through the multiple lenses and areas geographers apply: environment, land, people, culture, history, economy, and politics. The breadth encompassed in the book series means there is a venue for your work, consider contacting one of the editors to discuss your monograph or short text.

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membership is going strong with 159 active members who are aware of the great assets CLAG membership offers – a strong community of geographers doing quality work in and about Latin America; biannual conferences to bring us together and strengthen our community; access to JLAG, a soon-to-be Scopus indexed journal; an exciting new book series; various honors for work in the field of geography; student field work awards; and, student conference travel awards. Although a bit low, this number will increase with CLAG registration, as it always does, and the planned efforts of the membership committee. In terms of our membership, we have seven Latin American countries represented – Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, México, Peru, and Venezuela – among 16 active members. I think we'd all like to see greater Latin American and Caribbean involvement in our organization. As you make and renew connections with colleagues and students through your work, please consider inviting them to join us, because as important as increasing membership among our international colleagues is making sure we have robust student membership.

As always, thank you for your interest in and contributions to CLAG, I look forward to seeing you in San Juan in May!

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LETTER FROM THE CLAG CHAIR

David Salisbury

Letter from the CLAG Chair

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Feliz Año Nuevo!

I very much look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Viejo San Juan, Puerto Rico in late May (22-25). Puerto Rico provides a unique opportunity to reflect on major themes within Latin America such as climate change and inequality (among many others). Puerto Rico increasingly struggles with the impacts of more frequent extreme weather and rising sea levels, both of which exacerbate existing inequalities not only with mainland USA, but also throughout the Puerto Rican archipelago. Our conference location in the Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña (ICP) and neighboring Cuartel de Ballajá will allow us to engage at the landscape scale with these topics as we overlook the iconic, and frequently assaulted, Castillo San Felipe de Morro and surrounding Caribbean Sea. The wide and open air galerías of these colonial buildings are also ideal settings to review posters and discuss their findings with the authors, as we move between thought provoking paper sessions.

Our hope is that more than a handful of the CLAG posters and papers presented at the 38th Conference of Latin American Geography will be submitted for publication either with our Journal of Latin American Geography or our new University of Florida Press book series, "Critical Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean." Volume 22, No. 3 of JLAG is just out, and like the new CLAG book series is open for submissions for 2024. Hats off to the editorial teams of both these publication venues as we enter into an exciting 2024 lleno de research focused on Latin America.

Puerto Rico also provides an important site to build material for the classroom given Puerto Rico's powerful and controversial relationship with the mainland. The Puerto Rico Conference Committee

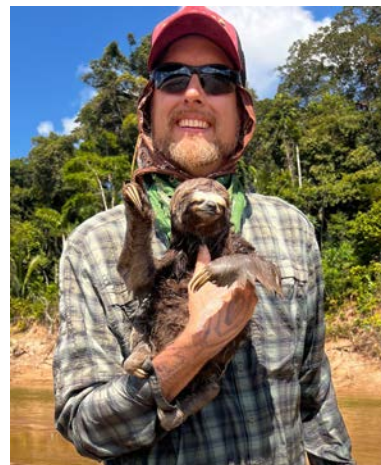
led by CLAG Board Member Dr. Carlos Guilbe has done a stellar job of building field trips that engage with urban, agricultural, energy and transportation landscapes of Puerto Rico. We hope you'll learn with us as we share knowledge, food, and fellowship in the field.

- Urban Geography of Old San Juan
- Climate Justice & Political Ecology of Puerto Rico's Southern Coast
- Agroecología in Puerto Rico: Finca El Josco Bravo en las Montañas de Toa Alta
- Trains, Boats, and Buses: Tour of the Transportation Networks of the San Juan Metropolitan Area

Finally, don't forget to follow CLAG on your favorite platforms (Facebook: @clagscholar, Instagram: clagscholar, Twitter: @CLAGGeography) so that you can feel the energy and excitement of Latin America, and our organization.

¡Viva CLAG!

Abraços,
David



LETTER FROM THE LASG CHAIR

Amy Thompson

Dear LASG and CLAG readers,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful 2023 and is looking forward to an eventful and bright 2024. For me, the start of the spring semester means a shift to a focus on the upcoming annual conference. At the AAG in Hawai'i, JLAG and LASG will co-sponsor the annual JLAG Keynote Lecture by Dr. Amber Wutich (Arizona State University) on micro-level relations of household water insecurity in Latin America. The lecture will include a 45 min talk followed by a discussion panel on the topic. The exact date and time are TBD, so please stay tuned! Vice Chair Nick Padilla and I will be attending the AAG virtually this year and our annual business meeting will be hybrid so everyone will be able to attend regardless of in-person or virtual participation! We're planning on hosting a joint in-person CLAG-LASG social event after the business meeting – please stay tuned for more details closer to the event.

As we approach the upcoming AAGs, I'd like to remind readers of the annual call for papers for student awards including the Student Field Study Awards for PhD students (up to \$800) and MA/MS students (up to \$500), Best Student Paper Award (\$100 + the opportunity to submit their paper to the Journal of Latin American Geography), and the Solidarity Award (up to \$200). The solidarity award is to support students from historically under-represented communities to attend the AAG in-person or virtually. The calls for these proposals can be found on the LASG website (<https://community.aag.org/lasg/home>) under the Awards tab. All applications are due March 15, 2024 by 11:59 pm Eastern Time. Please share this information widely with your students, colleagues, and friends and reach out if you have any

questions! Also, later this spring we will be looking for 3-4 people to serve as ad hoc reviewers for the student award applications. If you're interested in supporting LASG and student research as an ad hoc reviewer, please email me at amy.thompson@austin.utexas.edu.

LASG has implemented a rotational system of leadership to ensure the retention of institutional knowledge among the LASG officers. Under the 3-year rotational system, new LASG officers begin as the Secretary-Treasurer in Year 1, transition to Vice Chair in Year 2, and end their leadership role as Chair in Year 3. Current Vice Chair Nicholas Padilla will be the first LASG officer to complete this cycle as he transitions to Chair in July 2024 and Secretary-Treasurer Priscilla Ferreira will step into the Vice Chair position. If you or anyone you know is interested in contributing to the AAG, LASG, and by extension CLAG community with leadership service, please consider nominating yourself for the LASG Secretary-Treasurer position later this spring.

The trend continues that LASG membership has declined in recent years, likely due to a combination of the pandemic along with the creation of new Specialty Groups in the AAG that highlight the diverse and overlapping interests of scholars studying a variety of topics in Latin America. As of the end of December 2023, LASG has 219 members. We hope to increase membership, continue to support students who study Latin America through membership fees, and increase our collaborations and connections with other AAG specialty groups.

Finally, in addition to the AAG, we're all looking forward to the 38th annual CLAG conference in Old

San Juan, Puerto Rico from May 22-24, 2024. While that is the prime time for field work in Central America as the semester has ended but the rains haven't yet arrived, I am hopeful that I'll be able to attend. But if not, please enjoy time with colleagues making community and disseminating research at the annual CLAG conference in May as I conduct my research studying ancient Maya inequality in southern Belize!

Cheers,

Amy E. Thompson

Chair, LASG



LETTER FROM THE CO-EDITORS - JLAG

Martha G. Bell and Jessica Budds

Dear Colleagues,

It gives us great pleasure to write to you as we mark the end of our first year as co-editors of JLAG. It has been a steep learning curve and a busy year, but we are thankful to have been well supported by our associate editors and production team, as well as the CLAG Board.

Since the past CLAG newsletter, we have published issues 22(2) and 22(3) in September and December, respectively. Together these included nine research articles on a diverse set of topics: ancestral gold mining in Colombia, land inequality on the US-Mexico border, housing dynamics in Buenos Aires, international retirement migration in Ecuador, cartographies of COVID-19 in Brazil (also published as JLAG em tradução), dynamics of indigenous mobility in Brazil, shrimp trawling in Costa Rica, urban spatial inequalities in Quéretaro (Mexico), and the Nazi biologist Heinz Brücher (written by longtime CLAG member Dan Gade and published posthumously). We sincerely thank our peer reviewers for their service. Complementing these articles were two JLAG Perspectives, on pandemic food production and urban marronage in Ecuador, as well as a JLAG Perspectives forum comprising four essays on the water crisis in Chile. In addition, issue 22(3) contained a book review forum on Case Watkins's monograph, *Palm Oil Diaspora*, and both past issues contained a set of reviews of recently published books. Finally, the editorial team composed two introductory essays discussing our perspectives on decolonizing academia via translation and AAG/CLAG conference locations, which we published in the three languages in which we work. We welcome your feedback on the issues we raise, via jlag@clagscholar.org. We warmly invite you to read the issues, in print or online via Project MUSE (<https://muse.jhu.edu/journal/240>), use the content in your teaching and research, and spread

the word by retweeting our announcements on Twitter (@JLatAmGeog)!

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all CLAG members to the 2024 JLAG Annual Lecture, to be held at the AAG Meeting in Honolulu in April, 2024. We are honored to introduce Dr. Amber Wutich of Arizona State University as our keynote speaker. Dr. Wutich is Director of the Global Ethnohydrology Study and a 2023 MacArthur Fellow. An anthropologist working at the interface of geography, she will be presenting on her work on the dynamics of household water insecurity, which started in Cochabamba, Bolivia, and has since extended to over 20 countries in Latin America and worldwide. Two discussants, Dr. Tatiana Acevedo Guerrero from Utrecht University and Dr. Ana Britto from Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, will offer their comments on the lecture. The JLAG lecture will be held immediately prior to the joint LASG/CLAG Business meeting, so we very much hope to see you all at both events!



Dr. Amber Wutich

Over the course of the year, we have also been active behind the scenes to improve our editorial and production processes, and to update and expand the journal's web presence. We have streamlined the article handling process, and have set shorter target timeframes for peer review and initial decisions. We have also now completely updated the information about JLAG on the CLAG website

(<https://clagscholar.org/publications/jlag/>), which is our primary homepage, and replicated that information on other websites where we have a presence (such as Project MUSE). On the new webpage authors and reviewers can find all the necessary information about journal policies, submission and review processes, as well as our fully revised style guide, in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Finally, once again we warmly invite new submissions from yourselves, your colleagues and students, and your collaborators. We welcome new research articles, proposals for special issues, JLAG Perspectives and Retrospectives (short essays on current issues and the impact of articles previously published in JLAG, respectively), as well as photographs or artwork for the journal cover (all these can be submitted through our Digital Commons portal, with the exception of special issue proposals, which should be emailed to jlag@clagscholar.org). If you are interested in reviewing a book, or proposing a book review forum, please get in touch with our book review editor, Jörn Seemann (jseemann@bsu.edu). As always, we sincerely thank you for contributing to JLAG!

With our best wishes

Martha Bell

Jessica Budds

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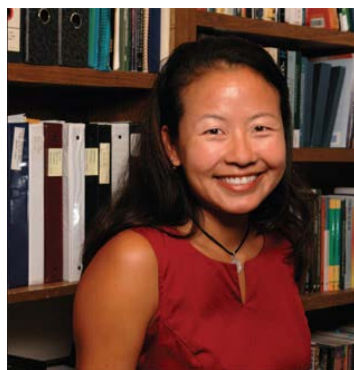
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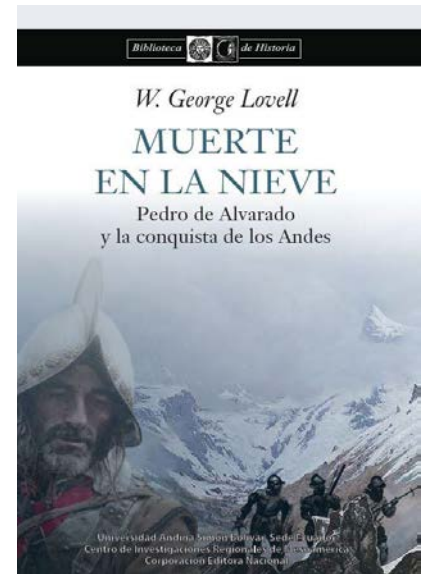


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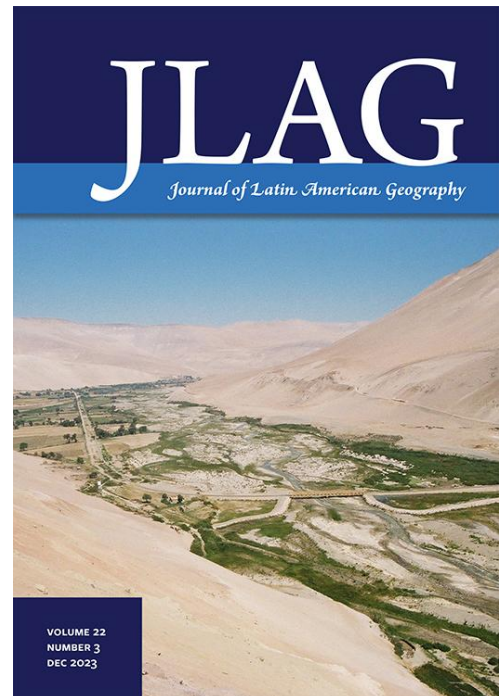
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CLAG/LASG MEMBER NEWS

Member Awards and News:

*In Memoriam – **Dr. Joseph L. Scarpaci** January 13, 1955-December 30, 2023:*

CLAG extends sympathy to the family and friends of Joe Scarpaci, renowned scholar of Latin American geography, particularly of Cuba, professor emeritus at Virginia Tech, and founder of the Center for the Study of Cuban Culture and Economy. Joe was an active member and contributor for many years, his lively presence and contributions will be missed.

Audrey Joslin of Kansas State University has been awarded the William L. Stamey Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching. One of two faculty recognized across K-State's College of Arts and Sciences for excellence in teaching.

W. George Lovell (Queen's University) is delighted to share the good news that the Spanish-language journal *MESOAMÉRICA*, after a six-year absence, is up and running again: <http://www.mesoamericarevista.org/>. It came back to life in 2022 thanks to the initiative of Professor Jordana Dym (Skidmore College), who guest edited *MESOAMÉRICA* 59 (2017) with contributors focusing on COVID-19 and epidemic antecedents in the region. George followed Jordana's lead, guest editing *MESOAMÉRICA* 60/61 (2018-2020), a diverse double issue whose alluring cover features Maya musicians from Chajul, Guatemala, their performance depicted in a recently unveiled mural dating to the late colonial period. CLAG members Michelle Morán-Taylor, América Navarro-López, Karl Offen, and Matthew Taylor are among the contributors.

MESOAMÉRICA



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MESOAMÉRICA is now under the editorial supervision of Professor Walter E. Little (mesoamerica.editorial@gmail.com) of the University at Albany, SUNY (U.S.A), to whom CLAG members and JLAG readers are encouraged to contact regarding submissions and subscriptions.

Andrew Sluyter has been awarded the Presidential Laurel Medal on behalf of The Louisiana State University System.

Andrew Sluyter is named the Doris Z. Stone Latin American Studies Distinguished Professor on behalf of The Louisiana Board of Regents.

Andrew Sluyter was interviewed for a report about the role of African cattle herders in establishing ranching in Latin America. Read more here:

<https://www.science.org/content/article/america-s-first-cowboys-were-enslaved-africans-ancient-cow-dna-suggests>

Andrew Sluyter was interviewed by a Swiss magazine for a report about the role of African cattle herders in establishing ranching in Latin America. It's in German. Read more here:

<https://magazin.nzz.ch/nzz-am-sonntag/wissen/die-ersten-cowboys-waren-sklaven-und-stammten-aus-afrika-ld.1771181?reduced=true>

Catherine Nolin, recipient of CUFA BC Academic of the Year Award

The Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia (CUFA BC) recently awarded Catherine Nolin the Ehor Boyanowsky Academic of the Year Award in recognition of ideas that contribute to the community beyond the university and whose scholarship demonstrates the necessity and vitality of university-based research in the public interest. Announcement:

<https://cufa.bc.ca/awards/past-winners/winners-of-the-2023-distinguished-academics-awards-nominees/>

Video of Interview with Recipient: CUFA BC YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HH8yq_t2erA (3 minutes) Full interview with Recipient: CUFA BC YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNBikSsL24I> (13 minutes)



← Photo caption: Catherine Nolin in conversation with CUFA BC President Dr. Ken Christie

Eric Carter gave his inaugural lecture as the Edens Endowed Chair of Geography and Global Health at Macalester College in November 2024, on his new book "In Pursuit of Health Equity: A History of Latin American Social Medicine."



^Photo: Eric Carter at Macalester College

In June and July of 2023, **Matthew LaFevor** (University of Alabama) and **Carlos Ramos-Scharrón** (University of Texas at Austin) conducted fieldwork in Mexico's Pico de Orizaba National Park and Natural Protected Area. The research project, funded by the National Geographic Society, focused on assessing the effectiveness of water harvesting earthworks (infiltration trenches) in alpine environments. Subsequently, in August of the same year, Drs. LaFevor and Ramos-Scharrón initiated a new three-year project supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF). This project involves the examination of similar structures in Mexico's Iztaccíhuatl-Popocatepetl National Park and Natural Protected Area.

The [Amazon Borderlands Spatial Analysis Team \(ABSAT\)](#) and **Dr. David Salisbury** worked with partners at the [Transboundary Commission of the Yurúa-Alto Tamaya-Alto Juruá](#) and the [Upper Amazon Conservancy](#) to bring five Amazonian Indigenous leaders to the [Braided Knowledges for a Sustainable Future Summit: Indigenous Peoples, Rivers, Justice](#) hosted by the [University of Richmond](#) as part of [International Education Week](#). These Ashéninka and Yaminahua leaders combined with a Tsimane law student from the [Autonomous University of Beni](#), Bolivia, and [Conservación Alto Amazonas'](#) Peruvian Director of Projects to represent Amazonia in [round table events](#), [field trips](#), and [plenary discussions](#) that also included Indigenous representatives from the Maori of New Zealand ([Jacinta Ruru](#)), the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma ([Dan Wildcat](#)), the Lake Manitoba First Nation, Canada ([Steve Derooy](#)), the Cheroenhaka Nation of Virginia's Nottoway River ([Chief Walt "Redhawk" Brown](#)), and the [Nansemond Nation](#) of Virginia's Nansemond River (Irma Adams).

Scientists, educators, scholars, and leaders in attendance wrote and signed a [letter of support](#) for the Amazonian Indigenous representatives of the Transboundary Commission after hearing the details of their struggle to defend their homelands, rivers, and forests from the invasion of illegal loggers, land traffickers, *narcotraficantes*, and unsanctioned forestry roads. The Transboundary commission recently delivered a [letter of denunciation](#) to the Peruvian and



Brazilian governments due to the state's lack of support in their ecologically and culturally rich homelands. Following the summit, Dr. Salisbury, Anthropologist Dr. [Chris von Rueden](#), and UAC's Executive Director [Chris Fagan](#) joined the Amazonians on the Amazon Sustainable Knowledge Train to Washington, DC, where over three days they met with [NASA](#), [USAID](#), the [US Global Change Research Program](#), [Conservation International](#), and the Sant Director of the [Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History](#).

The advance of logging roads documented in the [third MOCAF bulletin](#), the lack of justice in the [ongoing Saweto trial](#), and the recent [controversial modifications to the Peruvian forestry law](#) indicate that sustainability in the Amazon remains elusive despite transboundary and transnational collaboration to limit deforestation, defend Indigenous rights, and prevent an Amazon tipping point.



Leaders, students, staff, and other attendees observing and discussing posters and maps of the Amazon borderlands created by ABSAT at International Education Week. November 13-16, 2023. →

← Indigenous leaders from the Amazon and Virginia gather for a photograph at the University of Richmond's International Education Week. November 13-16, 2023.



Amazonian Indigenous leaders on the James River of Virginia →



← Indigenous leaders from the Amazon, David Salisbury, and Chris von Rueden enjoy the fall foliage reflecting off the University of Richmond's Westhampton Lake during UR's International Education Week. November 13-16, 2023.



PICTURES FROM THE FIELD:

Vaclav Masek – time in the field in Guatemala (El Estor, Izabal) and Peru (Urubamba, Cusco):



UNBC Geography + Rights Action Field School to Guatemala, May 2023

After several full days in class at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), **Catherine Nolin** and Grahame Russell of Rights Action led their 9th two-week long field school / 'experiential learning road trip' to Guatemala with eleven graduate and undergraduate students from UNBC, Dalhousie University, and Brock University.

Our course is titled: Geographies of Culture, Rights & Power: The Global Order, Injustice and Resistance in Guatemala and takes place in rural and urban Guatemala with a focus on furthering the understanding of Canadian citizens (students, media, funders, NGOs and solidarity groups, students, community and religion-affiliated groups) about what are the actual interests, policies, and actions of the U.S. and Canadian governments, and our banks, investors and companies in a place like Guatemala.

For a roundup of the course and the why & how we plan and carry out these type of learning/solidarity courses, see Grahame's post at: <https://mailchi.mp/rightsaction/unbc-rights-action-experiential-learning-trip>



← Photo caption: Meeting in Guatemala City with FAMDEGUA – Families of the Detained and Disappeared of Guatemala



Photo caption: Learning with Aniseto López on Maya Mam land adjacent to the now 'closed' Marlin Mine opened and run by Canadian mining giant Goldcorp.

Michael McCall: Children's Participatory mapping of urban risks: 'Journey to school', Morelia. Michoacán, Mexico

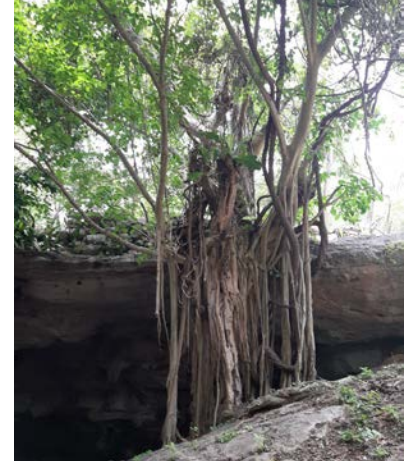


RECENT GRADUATES AND NEW POSITIONS

SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED THESES AND DISSERTATIONS:

PhD

Dr. Karen Hudlet Vázquez. Doctorate in Geography at Clark University. Dissertation: “The Cenote is my Neighbor: Litigation from Below and More than Human Ethics of Care against Meat Extractivism in Mexico”. Co-advised by Drs. Anthony Bebbington and James McCarthy.



OPPORTUNITIES

GRANT AND CALL FOR FUNDED PhD STUDENT POSITION:

Ph.D. Opportunity: Geographies of Migration and Insecurity at the US-Mexican Border

We are seeking a Ph.D. student to join the Texas State University's Department of Geography and Environmental Studies to work on an NSF funded project focusing on issues of migration, asylum/immigration policy, infrastructure, and security at the US-Mexican border. The NSF funded project includes three years of full funding (including funded summer research in year one) beginning in Fall 2024. One year of additional funding as a graduate assistant is available upon completion of qualifying exams. The Ph.D. student will be supervised by Drs. Sarah Blue and Jennifer Devine and will join a highly collaborative, multi-institutional research team partnering with University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley and George Washington University. We welcome students with a strong commitment to social and environmental justice. Underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply.

Required skills for the position:

- Research experience/interest in migration studies, border studies, political geography, critical security studies, and feminist geography and geo-politics
- Fluency in Spanish
- Willingness to conduct qualitative research at the US-Mexican border
- Enthusiasm, timeliness, reliability

- Experience and/or interest in mentoring
- Ability to work independently

Preferred skills for the position:

- Training and experience using qualitative methods
- Intermediate skills in GIS and/or remote sensing

The doctoral student will contribute to research examining how changing asylum policies have impacted migration practices and patterns, as well as migrants' journeys to the US border. The project also seeks to understand how changing policies have transformed the physical landscapes and infrastructure of the US-Mexican border through practices of securitization and border fortification. Lastly, the project aims to understand how changing migration policy and securitization of the border increases migrant vulnerability and empowers organized crime.

If you are interested in this position, please submit a ½ page letter describing how you fit the position along with a CV to Sarah Blue (sblue@txstate.edu) and Jennifer Devine (devine@txstate.edu). Contact Drs. Blue and Devine with any questions about the position. The priority application deadline for the position is **January 15, 2024**. Texas State University is a Hispanic Serving Institution located in San Marcos, Texas, and is home to more than 38,000 students and 2,000 faculty members in the growing Austin-San Antonio corridor.

CONFERENCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

2024 CLAG MEETING:

Join us May 22-24, 2024 in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico for the 38th Conference of Latin American Geography (CLAG) at the Cuartel del Ballajá & Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña! Field Trips May 25 & 26. January = early registration & abstracts.

**** Travel grants** available for [students](#) and [Global South/early career professionals](#) **

Student travel grants are due **February 15th**. Global South/early career professionals grants are available on a rolling application basis and begin the review process on **January 19th** and continue to be reviewed every 2 weeks. Once all awards are allocated, no further applications will be accepted.



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Hotels near the Conference:
Note, there are cheaper options outside the old city, and you can Uber in!
High (\$200+)
El Convento
Villa Herencia
Decanter Hotel
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Sheraton Old San Juan
Casa Blanca
Others...
Medium (\$100+)
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Potential Field Trips:
Tour of Old San Juan
Wildlife in the Estuary
Community Ag. Toa Alta
Political Ecology of the South Coast (Ponce+)




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LSA [HTTPS://LATINXSTUDIESASSOCIATION.ORG/CONFERENCE/](https://latinxstudiesassociation.org/conference/)

NOTE FROM THE CLAG NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

Hi, CLAGistas! Happy new year to all, we hope you've had a good holiday break.

We can't help but notice all types of news relating to Latin America lately – the recent elections in Argentina and Guatemala, the ever-growing US-Mexico border crisis, and violence continuing to affect communities across Latin America. In these politically polarizing times, our research continues to be relevant in this region and a critical part in contributing to just and sustainable solutions for all. Whether that research be environmental, economic, historical, or any of the many topics we all focus on, we are all providing important perspectives that span languages and borders.

I (Elise) look forward to seeing some of you in-person at the meeting in May! Learning from the informative presentations, experiencing a new landscape, and meeting more clagistas will be a great start to the summer before fieldwork kicks off.

We are happy to serve as the co-editors of this newsletter where we are able to keep up to date with the impressive work that is being done and other news we get informed about. Kudos to everyone! We would like to thank everyone again for all of the submission contributions that were sent in for this newsletter. We look forward to what's next and getting to highlight the annual meeting, summer fieldwork, and all other news that occurs between now and the next newsletter!

Saludos,
Elise and Beth
CLAG Newsletter Co-Editors



Elise Arellano-Thompson



Beth Tellman

