

PROGRAM - Conference of Latin American Geography 2024

Old San Juan, Puerto Rico

May 22-26, 2024

This preliminary program is subject to change, please check back before the conference begins.

Tuesday May 21

Informal Gathering: 7 pm – midnight – La Verguenza (bar) – [web page](#) | [map](#)

Come by to see old friends and make a few new ones.

Wednesday May 22

Registration: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Register for the conference, get your name tag and swag.

Breakfast: 7:45 am – 8:45 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Light breakfast provided.

Welcome: 8:45 am – 9:30 am – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Dra. Angélica Varela Llavona, Chancellor, University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

Dra. Milagros Mendéz Castillo, Dean of Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico

Kristen Conway-Gomez, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, CLAG Executive Director

David Salisbury, University of Richmond, CLAG Chair

Keynote: 9:30 am – 10:30 am – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Colonialism, Hurricanes and Disaster Capitalism: The Case of Puerto Rico

Dr. José Hernández Ayala

Director, Climate Research Center

Sonoma State University

Concurrent Session A: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Environmental Justice – ICP Salón piso 1

Chair: Mary Finley-Brook – University of Richmond

Predatory Energy Privatization in Puerto Rico

Mary Finley-Brook – University of Richmond

The Maitasangara Tsuni (Tunchi Negro/Black Evil) in the Lives of Kukama Indigenous Women – 50 Years of Oil Extraction Impacting Their Livelihoods, Homes, and Bodies

Mirella Pretell Gomero – Syracuse University

Lessons and Complexities of a (Just) Energy Transition in Post-Peace-Agreement Colombia

Daniela Mosquera – Rutgers University

Geographies of Water – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Chair: Adriana Zuniga-Teran – University of Arizona

Analyzing Water Policy Impacts on Vulnerability: Cases Across the Rural-Urban Continuum in the Arid Americas

Adriana A Zuniga-Teran – University of Arizona

Paula C Mussetta – Universidad Nacional de Cuyo

America N Lutz-Ley – Colegio de Sonora

Rolando E Díaz- Caravantes – El Colegio de Sonora
Andrea K Gerlak – University of Arizona

From Páramo to Huerta: Water as a Site of Community Autonomy and Identity in Bogotá

Ame A. Min-Venditti – Arizona State University
Lauren Emer – Florida International University
Isabel Kwass-Mason – Barnard College
Julián Jaramillo – Cornell University
Natasha Timmons – independent researcher
Daniela Rivera – Barnard College
Eduardo Vargas – independent researcher
Maicol Ramirez Moreno – independent researcher

Barriers to Collaboration and Transformation in Lake Titicaca's Water Pollution Governance

Dayna Cueva Alegría – University of Kentucky

Political & Legal Geographies – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Chair: Rebecca L Clouser – Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Guatemalan Maps of Remembrance: Cartographies of Memory, Place, and Violence

Rebecca L. Clouser – Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Security Without the State: Alternative Forms of Justice in Urban Chiapas (cancelled)

Will Baynard – University of Wisconsin-Madison

Nosotros, El Pueblo De Puerto Rico: Lessons and Experiences of Peoples Tribunals of Puerto Rico

Jean P López-Cepero Virella – University of Massachusetts, Amherst

"Development" vs. Decolonization: Reparatory Justice for Haiti

Anne-Valerie Clitus – University of Richmond

Mentoring Panel – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

CLAG
AAG LASG
AAG LatinX Specialty Group
AAG Caribbean Specialty Group
Graduate School Representatives

Chair: CLAG

Panel Description: This panel will discuss mentoring in the context of geographical research in Latin America.

Panelists:

William E Doolittle – Aqueduct Geographer, LLC
Mayra A Román Rivera – University of Tennessee – Knoxville
José M Longo Mulet – University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras
Guillermo Douglass-Jaimes – Pomona College
Madeline C. Cahuas – University of Minnesota

Poster Session I and Lunch: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Light lunch provided with concurrent poster session.

Poster Session I

Careful Considerations: Navigating Conference Planning Amidst Cultural, Political, and Economic Diversity in Puerto Rico

Daniela A Pérez – University of Richmond

How Shortcutting the National Environmental Policy Act Harms Rural American Communities: A Case Study from the US-Mexico Border

Nicolas J. Salgado-Stanley – California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt

La Investigación Acción Participativa Como Herramienta Democrática Para El Estudio Del Deporte Con Perspectiva De Género en Puerto Rico

Kenializ A. Vega Sepúlveda – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
Diego Sanabria Hernández – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Roads to Ruin?: Road Networks in the Amazon Borderlands of Brazil and Peru

Nathan E Winiarski – University of Richmond
David S Salisbury – University of Richmond
Marvin Quispe – Conservación Amazónica – ACCA
Eric Nascimento – Federal University of Acre – Campus Floresta
Sidney Novoa – Conservación Amazónica – ACCA
Sonaira Souza Da Silva – Federal University of Acre – Campus Floresta
Rowan Keller – University of Richmond
Megan Montoya – University of Richmond
Tim Babchak – University of Richmond
Nereida Sosa Antunez – University of Richmond
Gloria Kroodsma – University of Richmond
Stephanie Spera – University of Richmond
Elizabeth Zizzamia – University of Richmond

Enhancing Strategic Climate Literacy and Climate-Informed Management to Empower Communities: Insights from the Caribbean-Smart Caribbean Project

Nora Álvarez-Berrios – USDA Caribbean Climate Hub, Forest Service-International Institute of Tropical Forestry
Viviana Medina – USDA Caribbean Climate Hub, Forest Service-International Institute of Tropical Forestry
Gabriela Cotto – USDA Caribbean Climate Hub, Forest Service-International Institute of Tropical Forestry
William A Gould – USDA Caribbean Climate Hub, Forest Service-International Institute of Tropical Forestry

A Transboundary Analysis of Overlapping Ecologies in the Amazonian Headwaters of the Juruá-Yurúa River

Nereida Sosa Antunez – University of Richmond
David Salisbury – University of Richmond
Delaney Demaret
Amazon Borderlands Spatial Analysis Team

Breadfruit Use on the Caribbean Island of St. Vincent

Ben Tillman – Texas Christian University

Roads and Rights in the Amazon Borderlands: National Priorities and Cultural Landscapes Collide Over the UC-105 Road Paving Proposal

Jasmine Lin – University of Richmond
Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond
David S Salisbury – University of Richmond

China's Investments in the Brazilian Amazon: Patterns, Motivations, and Prospects for Sustainable Supply Chains in the Era of Climate Goals

Livia M. Costa – University of California Santa Barbara

Assessing Well-Being Impacts of Sargassum Events in Puerto Rico

Patricia Valentín Lloréns – U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources (NOAA)
Carlos García-Quijano – University of Rhode Island
Tracey Dalton – University of Rhode Island

Environmental Justice and Carbon Offsets in Latin America: Patterns of Conflict and Resistance

Audrey J. Joslin – Kansas State University

Concurrent Session B: 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm (extended session)

Geographies of Cuba: A Session Honoring the Work and Influences of Joséph Scarpaci – ICP Salón piso 1

Organizer(s):

Cynthia Pope – Central Connecticut State University
Sarah Blue – Texas State University

Chair: Cynthia Pope – Central Connecticut State University

Discussant: Sarah Blue – Texas State University

Global Health Power to Proxy Partner: Cuba Enters a Period of Descent.

Robert Huish – Dalhousie University

Driving the Hershey Railroad

William E. Doolittle – Aqueduct Geographer, LLC

Cuba as a Diasporic Nation: Challenges and Opportunities for Research and Teaching
Cynthia Pope – Central Connecticut State University

Inflation and Monetary Policy in Cuba: Rise and Fall of the Dual Currency System
Catherine M Kunkel – CUNY

Discussant
Sarah A Blue – Texas State University

Sports Geography: Exploring the various intersections between sports, recreation and space – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Organizer(s):

Rafael R. Díaz Torres – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Chair: Rafael R. Díaz Torres – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Baseball vs Béisbol; The Geography of MLB's Global Policies in the Caribbean
Carlos J. Guilbe López – University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

Advocating for Feminist Sports Geographies: The Insertion of Women's Basketball in Puerto Rico's Cultural Landscape
Rafael R. Díaz Torres – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Designing Safe Spaces for Puerto Rican Women in Sports: A Participatory Research Methods Approach
Adriana Piñero Torres – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
Camila M Bermúdez González – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Hoops Horizon: Integrating Basketball Into Puerto Rico's Urban History Through G.I.S.
Fabián A. Jiménez Febres – University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

La 'Cara Linda Del Deporte': Desenmascarando El Discurso Patriarcal en El Juego
Lorraine N Santiago Andino – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
Michael A Rivera Lima – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao
Jan L Arévalo González – University of Puerto Rico at Humacao

Mining and Extractivism in Latin America I – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Matthew Himley – Illinois State University

Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

Chair: Matthew Himley – Illinois State University

Discussant: Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

The Mineral Vortex: Labor Regimes, Commuting and Spaces of Social Reproduction in Large-Scale Mining
Felipe Irarrazaval – Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Real Money: Geopolitics, Monetary Policy, and Gold Rushes in the Bolivian Amazon
Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Shared Social License: Mining and Conservation in the Peruvian Andes
Timothy B Norris – University of Miami

Speculative Extractivism: Disputes Over Lithium Mining Expansion in Peru and California.
Lorena De La Puente Burlando – University of California, Los Angeles

Discussant
Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

Geographies of Amazonia: Dynamism in Landscapes & Livelihoods I – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond

Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto

Chair: David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Introduction to Dynamism in Livelihoods and Landscapes

Robert T. Walker – University of Florida
Oliver T Coomes – McGill University
Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto
David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Mapping Sustainability and Solidarity in the Threatened Amazon Borderlands: Climate Crisis, Territorial Threats, and Community Empowerment

David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond
Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond
Nathan Winiarski – University of Richmond
Nereida Sosa Antunez – University of Richmond
Rowan L Keller – University of Richmond
Stephanie A Spera – University of Richmond
Elizabeth Zizzamia – University of Richmond
Kyle Redican – University of Richmond
Absat – University of Richmond

Resource Use, Household Economy, and Ecological Isolation in Indigenous Eastern Ecuador

Robert T. Walker – University of Florida
Michael S. Esbach – The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Mike P. Waylen – The U.S. Forest Service
Cynthia S. Simmons – The University of Florida
Miguel A. Acevedo – The University of Florida
Joel E. Correia – Colorado State University
Carlos Urgiles – Instituto para la Conservacion y Capacitacion Ambiental
Morgan M. Manning – The University of Florida
Kaitlyn M. Anderson – The University of Florida

Rural Livelihoods and Poverty in the Peruvian Amazon

Oliver T Coomes – McGill University
Yoshito Takasaki – University of Tokyo
Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto

Break: 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Coffee and snacks ☺

Sponsored by the College of Social Sciences at the Universidad de Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras.

Concurrent Session C: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Feminist Decolonial Resistance: Climate Justice for Puerto Rico – ICP Salón piso 1

Organizer(s):

Mariela Méndez – University of Richmond
Alicia Díaz – University of Richmond
Mary Finley-Brook – University of Richmond
Patricia Herrera – University of Richmond

Chair: Mariela Méndez – University of Richmond

Discussant: Ruth Santiago – Community and Environmental Lawyer

Panel Description: “Feminist Decolonial Resistance: Climate Justice for Puerto Rico” builds upon and expands work carried out for the past year by faculty in the Departments of Latin American, Latino & Iberian Studies, Geography, the Environment & Sustainability, and Theatre & Dance at The University of Richmond. In the Spring of 2023, four classes engaged in research around the environmental and financial crisis in Puerto Rico and staged a theatrical procession to both raise awareness and mobilize collective resistance. Anti-colonial pedagogy in prestigious universities reveals alarming contradictions when academic institutions do not assume responsibility for the social and ecological costs of consumption in the face of our shared climate crisis. Patterns of coloniality narrow our vision to create an environmentally just future. University of Richmond’s partnership with AES Corporation and the environmental and human rights violations caused by their coal-fired power plant in Puerto Rico provides us with a template both to discuss decolonizing, climate justice activist practices in Puerto Rico and beyond and to imagine worlds otherwise.

Panelists:

Mary Finley-Brook – University of Richmond
Mariela Méndez – University of Richmond
Alicia Díaz – University of Richmond

Patricia Herrera – University of Richmond

Latinx geographies: Tejiendo conocimientos de Abya Yala y Turtle Island – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Organizer(s):

Madelaine C. Cahuas – University of Minnesota

Chair: Adam Bledsoe – University of Minnesota

Mapping Latinx Geographies Through Testimonio

Madelaine C. Cahuas – University of Minnesota

Placing Latinx Geographies: Representational Conundrums in GIS

Guillermo Douglass-Jaimes – Pomona College

Communitarianism in Latinx Geographies

Yolanda Gonzalez Mendoza – UMBC

Genealogies of Latinx Geographies

Diego Martínez-Lugo – Phd Student; Department of Geography, University of Washington

Mining and Extractivism in Latin America II – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Matthew Himley – Illinois State University

Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

Chair: Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

Discussant: Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Mapping Syndemics and Extractivism in Guatemala

Meghan J. Albritton – Virginia Tech

Korine N. Kolivras – Virginia Tech

Murals as a Scenic Device Against Mining Extractivism in the Toltec Region, Mexico

Oliver G Hernández-Lara – Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México

David Tapia-Martínez – Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

Nicholas J Crane – University of Wyoming

Social Change and Climate Change in Chile Lead Mining Companies to Replace Continental with Desalinated Water

Scott D Odell – George Washington University

From Obstacles to Heritage: The Shifting Status of Glaciers Across 150 Years of Mining Research

Caroline C. White-Nockleby – MIT

Scott Odell – George Washington University

Discussant

Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Geographies of Amazonia: Dynamism in Landscapes & Livelihoods II – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond

Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto

Chair: Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto

River Dynamics and Riverine Settlement in the Peruvian Amazon

Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto

Oliver T Coomes – McGill University

Yoshito Takasaki – University of Tokyo

Connecting Continents, Disrupting Lives: Unraveling the Impact of Infrastructure Development on Indigenous Peoples of the Ecuadorean Amazon

Cynthia S. Simmons – University of Florida

Michael Waylen – US Forest Service

Aghane Antunes – University of Florida

Kaitie Anderson – University of Florida
Wania Cardoso – University of Florida
Morgan Manning – University of Florida
Carlos Urgiles – Colorado State University
Miguel Acevedo – University of Florida
Joel Correia – Colorado State University
Michael Esbach – Colorado State University
Robert Walker – University of Florida

Extractive Violence in the Amazon Borderlands: Forestry Concessions, Roads, and Indigenous Resistance

Delaney S. Demaret – University of Richmond
David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Beyond Formalization: Legal Empowerment Strategies for Strengthening Indigenous and Afro-Descendant Land Tenure in Ecuador

Valerie N Pasi3n – University of Maryland Baltimore County
Manolo Morales – ECOLEX
Margaret B Holland – University of Maryland Baltimore County

Show Artístico: 5:45 pm – 6:30 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballaj3

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballaj3

La Tuna de la Universidad de Puerto Rico : La Tuna de la Universidad de Puerto Rico se fund3 1961 por la profesora Norma Urrutia de Campo, por lo que es considerada la tuna mixta m3s antigua del continente americano con actividad continuada y la primera tuna de Puerto Rico ([website](#)).

Historic reenactment of the Cuartel del Ballaj3 : Recreadores de Historia de Puerto Rico ([facebook](#)).

CLAG Slideshow and Drinks: 7:00 pm – La Factoría – [map](#) | [webpage](#)

Join us for drinks and a CLAG slideshow. First drink is free!!

[Thursday May 23](#)

Registration: 7:00 am – 5:00 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballaj3

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Breakfast: 7:45 am – 8:45 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballaj3

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballaj3

Light breakfast provided.

Concurrent Session A: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

[Mobilities and International Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean I – ICP Sal3n piso 1](#)

[Organizer\(s\):](#)

Brad D Jokisch – Geography, Ohio University

Lindsey Carte – Arizona State University

[Chair:](#) Diego Pons – University of Denver

Crimmigration and Immigrant Arrival in US Sanctuary Cities

Diane Nuñez – Texas State University

Zero Tolerance to Prolonged Liminality: Asylum Seekers at the US-Mexico Border

Sarah A Blue – Texas State University

Marie Price – George Washington University

Jennifer Devine – Texas State University

Elizabeth Chacko – George Washington University

Caroline Miles – University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

Carla Angulo-Pasel – University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

Es Mejor Arriesgarse a La Migraci3n: Understanding Family Emigration from Southern Ecuador

Brad D Jokisch – Geography, Ohio University

A Multi-Theory Approach for Assessing Human Mobility in Guatemala
Diego Pons – University of Denver

Land, Forests & Fields – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Chair: Matthew C LaFevor – University of Alabama

Land Tenure and Producers' Organizations as Contributors to Livelihood Resilience in the Chaco Salteño

Alejandro M Collins – New Mexico Forest and Watershed Restoration Institute
Jesse Abrams – University of Georgia
Cristina C. Nuñez Godoy – Universidad Católica de Salta
Mauricio M. Núñez-Regueiro – Universidad Católica de Salta, The Nature Conservancy (Argentine Program)
Alicia Peduzzi – University of Georgia
Pablo Lapegna – University of Georgia

Household Environmental Impacts and Adaptation Strategies in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve

David López-Carr – University of California, Santa Barbara
Narcisa Pricope – Mississippi State University
Kevin Mwenda – Brown University
Aracely Martínez – Universidad del Valle, Guatemala
Felipe Giron – Universidad del Valle, Guatemala

Beyond the Deforestation Front – Unveiling Land Control Dynamics in Emerging Agricultural Frontiers

Olivia Del Giorgio – McGill University
Matthias Baumann – Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Patrick Hostert – Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Tobias Kuemmerle – Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
Yann le Polain – McGill University

Regional Changes in Crop Species Diversity in Mexico (1980-2020)

Matthew C LaFevor – University of Alabama

Book Review Panel: Andrea Marston's Subterranean Matters: Cooperative Mining and Resource Nationalism in Plurinational Bolivia – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Matt Himley – Illinois State University

Chair: Matt Himley – Illinois State University

Discussant: Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Panel Description: Participants in this book review panel will engage in a discussion on Andrea Marston's *Subterranean Matters: Cooperative Mining and Resource Nationalism in Plurinational Bolivia* (Duke University Press, 2024), including by identifying and elaborating on the book's key themes; shedding light on its contributions to the study of Latin American geography, and reflecting on its significance for their own scholarship.

Panelists:

Gisselle Vila Benites – Clark University
Gabriela Valdivia – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Zoe Pearson – University of Wyoming
Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines
Adrienne Johnson – University of San Francisco
Joel Correia – Colorado State University

Environmental Geography – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Chair: Mayra A Román Rivera – University of Tennessee – Knoxville

Desarrollo De Herramienta Digital Sobre Las Dunas Costeras De Puerto Rico

Rosana Grafals-Soto – University of Puerto Rico at Cayey
Sandra Soto Bayó – Freelance Geographer, Puerto Rico

Caribbean Winter: Coastal Damages Caused by Cold Front Remnants

Mayra A Román Rivera – University of Tennessee – Knoxville
Alexa Buskirk – University of Tennessee - Knoxville
Shreya Patel – University of Tennessee

Early Indigenous to Modern Human-Driven Fire and Vegetation Dynamics on the Island of Barbuda from an Interdisciplinary Perspective

Lisa M. Kennedy – Virginia Tech
Allison R. LeBlanc – Virginia Tech
Michael Burn – John Moores University
Allison Bain – CELAT Research Centre, Laval
Sophia Perdikaris – University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Searching for Biogeography in the Classroom: A Proposed Curriculum to Address the State of Geography Education

Carlos A Morales-Ramirez – West Chester University

Concurrent Session B: 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

Mobilities and International Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean II – ICP Salón piso 1

Organizer(s):

Brad D Jokisch – Geography, Ohio University
Lindsey Carte – Arizona State University
Chair: Lindsey Carte – Arizona State University

Migration from and Through the Land of Lakes and Volcanos (Name Omitted Intentionally): Stories and Perspectives Based on a Prolonged Field Presence

Matthew Taylor – University of Denver
Michelle Moran-Taylor – University of Denver

Migration, Land Access and Gender at the Family Level in Guatemala

Anika M Rice – University of Wisconsin-Madison

'We Live to Write, from Our Life, the Best of Stories': Exploring Colombian Women's Embodied Narratives of Displacement Through Body Mapping

Risa C. Whitson – Ohio University
Nancy R. Gómez – Universidad del Norte (Colombia)
Camilo Pérez Quintero – Universidad del Norte (Colombia)

'Just in Pace' Migration: the Logistics of Global Labor

Michele Cannon – The CUNY Graduate Center

Health Geographies – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Chair: Eric Carter – Macalester College

When Stigmatization and Re-Bordering Intersect and Hurt Latinxs Adolescent's Health in the Arizona-Sonora Region

Hilda García-Pérez – El Colegio de la Frontera Norte
Marsiglia F. Flavio – Arizona State University
Stephen Kulis – Arizona State University
Stephanie Ayers – Arizona State University
Marvyn Arevalo-Avalos – Arizona State University

Influence of Social Infrastructure on Public Health: A Neighborhood-Level Study in Tucumán, Argentina

Eric D Carter – Macalester College
Maria Laura Cordero – Conicet – Argentina

El Uso De Drogas en Estudiantes De La Universidad De Puerto Rico Del Recinto De Río Piedras: Rendimiento Académico Y Estado Emocional

Carolina N Ocasio Gracia – University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras

Explorando Las Raíces De La Pedofilia: Un Análisis Del Origen Y La Prevalencia en Sectores De Puerto Rico

Paola N. Nieves Santiago – University of Puerto Rico at Río Piedras

The Multidimensional Impacts of Agricultural Commodities in Latin America – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Eugenio Arima – University of Texas at Austin
F García-Oliva – UNAM-Morélia

A González-Rodríguez – UNAM-Morélia
A Denvir – WRI-USA
M.C Latorre-Cárdenas – UNAM-Morélia
K.R Young – Univ. Texas at Austin
R.M Torres – Univ. Texas at Austin
Chair: Eugenio Arima – University of Texas at Austin

Avocado Territory Contested by Organized Crime Groups in México.

Eugenio Arima – University of Texas at Austin
F García-Oliva – UNAM-Morélia
A González-Rodríguez – UNAM-Morélia
A Denvir – WRI-USA
M.C Latorre-Cárdenas – UNAM-Morélia
K.R Young – Univ. Texas at Austin
R.M Torres – Univ. Texas at Austin

Sustainability and Mexico's Avocado Belt

Kenneth R Young – University of Texas at Austin
Eugenio Y Arima – University of Texas at Austin
Audrey Denvir – University of Texas at Austin
Felipe García-Oliva – UNAM-Morelia
Antonio González-Rodríguez – UNAM-Morelia
María Camila Latorre-Cárdenas – UNAM-Morelia
Rebecca M Torres – University of Texas at Austin

La Pudrición Del Cogollo: Incertidumbres, Violencia Y Palma De Aceite en Colombia.

Jenni C. Perdomo Sánchez – University of Montreal

Nowhere Left to Settle: Criollo Encounters with Land Scarcity in the Paraguayan Chaco's Agribusiness Frontier

Yann le Polain – McGill University

Diverse Insights: Past and Present – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Chair: Timothy B Norris – University of Miami

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Jasmine E McNealy – University of Florida

Placing Ethnic Difference: The Economy of Handmade Production in the Ch'orti' Maya Area

Silvia Sánchez Díaz – University of Kansas

Getting to the Core of the Corps: Personal Narratives of Peace Corps Volunteers in Latin America in the 1960s

Jörn Seemann – Ball State University

An Endangered Bibliographic Resource: Handbook of Latin American Studies at the Crossroads

Gregory Knapp – University of Texas at Austin

Poster Session II and Lunch: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Light lunch provided with concurrent poster session.

Poster Session II

Napo Runa Living Relations to the Amazon Rainforest: Oral Traditions

Ana Zurita Posas – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Brenda A. Palacios Rodriguez – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Valeria Orozco Saldarriaga – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

China's Forests in Amazonia: A Political Ecology Analysis of Chinese Interests in the Forestry Sector of the Peruvian Amazon

Selena Z. Deng – University of Richmond
Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond
David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Looking Upriver: Mapping the Connection Between Amazonian Indigenous Knowledge and Remote Sensing Indicators

Rowan A. Keller – University of Richmond
David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond
Nathan E. Winiarski – University of Richmond
Delaney S. Demaret – University of Richmond
ABSAT – University of Richmond

Chile's Green Energy Contradictions: A Case Study of AES Corporation

Kerin A. Debany – University of Richmond

The Botanicas of Springfield: Afro-Caribbean Spirituality and Herbalism in Western Massachusetts

Grace J. Morgan – Westfield State University

El Deporte Como Herramienta Para La Enseñanza De La Geografía

Camila I Molinary Sánchez – University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras
Yered A. Velez Alfaro – University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

Floods in the Frontier: Assessing the Impact of Extreme Flooding on Indigenous Communities in the Amazon Borderlands

Andrés E. Mauco – University of Richmond
David Salisbury – University of Richmond
ABSAT – University of Richmond

La COALonización De PuErtO Rico

Charlie A. Fisher – University of Richmond
Rafael Cruz III – University of Richmond
Mary Finley Brook – University of Richmond
Jones Z. Shannon

Using Public Participatory GIS to Enhance Climate Adaptation and Resilience in Puerto Rico

Diane M Styers – Western Carolina University
Karin Rogers – North Carolina at Asheville
Greg Dobson

Using Remote Sensing to Assess Health in Water Bodies, Forests, and Land Cover Change in Mangrove Forests in the Gulf of Fonseca, Central America.

Ariel A Quintanilla Magana – University of Rhode Island

Concurrent Session C: 2:00 pm – 3:45 pm (extended session)

Decolonial Methodologies in Abya Yala: Exploring Solidarity, Memory, and Performance as Resistance – ICP Salón piso 1

Organizer(s):

Roxana Escobar Ñañez – University of Toronto

Chair: Madeleine Carhuas – University of Minnesota

Discussant: Madeleine Carhuas – University of Minnesota

The Anonymous Divas of Criollismo: The López Sisters, Performance Geographies and Musical Houses of the Black Pacific

Roxana Escobar Ñañez – University of Toronto

Reading Urban Fugitivity Through the Archive: Afro-Descendant Women's Lives and Labour in Nineteenth-Century Salvador Da Bahia, Brazil

Laura J Vaz-Jones – University of Toronto

Abya Yala: Rexistiendo en Dignidad

Laura Daniela López Peinado – Universidad de Puerto Rico

Equivocations as Technique: Interspecies Cosmopolitics in the Peruvian Amazon

Monica A Nuñez Salas – University of Minnesota

Discussant

Madelaine Cahuas – University of Minnesota

Climate Change: Perceptions and Actions – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Organizer(s):

Lucas J. Belury – University of Arizona

Elise B. Arellano-Thompson – University of Arizona

Chair: Nicholas L. Padilla – Western Michigan University

Complexity and Mediating Factors in Farmers' Climate Perceptions and Agricultural Adaptation Strategies in the Guatemalan Dry Corridor

Talia G Anderson – University of Arizona

Diego Pons – University of Denver

Matthew Taylor – University of Denver

Antonia Xuruc – Asociación CDRO, Totonicapán, Guatemala

Hugo Rodríguez – World Food Programme, Chiquimula, Guatemala

Zack Guido – University of Arizona

Jon Sullivan – University of Arizona

Tom Evans – University of Arizona

Diana Liverman – University of Arizona

Kevin Anchukaitis – University of Arizona

Perceptions of Climate Change Among Amerindian Communities in the Rupununi, Guyana and the Impacts on Indigenous Knowledges

Nicholas L Padilla – Western Michigan University

Crystal Conway – University of Texas-Dallas

Anthony R Cummings – University of Texas-Dallas

Context Matters: Insights from Panama on Incorporating Livelihood Change in Forest Carbon Projects

Marie-Claude Carignan – McGill University

Pirates of the Caribbean?: The Financialization of Ocean Conservation in the Caribbean

Nia Cambridge – Rutgers University

Autogestión to Rasquachismo; Examining Community-Based Resilience/Resistance Strategies Against the Environmental Racism of Flooding in the Colonias of the Rio Grande Valley

Lucas Belury – University of Arizona

Mining and Extractivism in Latin America III – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Matthew Himley – Illinois State University

Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

Chair: Andrea Marston – Rutgers University

Discussant: Matthew Himley – Illinois State University

Formalization Rhythms: Subsoil Legibility and the Temporalities of Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining in Colombia and Perú

Gisselle Vila Benites – Clark University

El Lito Como Mineral Estratégico Para El Desarrollo (In) Sustentable: Experiencias Contra-Extractivistas América Latina

Gavilán Ma. I – Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Analyzing ASM's Livelihood and Economic Impacts in Arequipa, Peru

Aaron Malone – Colorado School of Mines

Nicole M Smith – Colorado School of Mines

Yezelia Cáceres Cabana – Universidad Nacional de San Agustín de Arequipa

Tinzar Htun – Colorado School of Mines

Taking Over Mining Endeavors on Behalf of the River: How the Colombian State Extracts Value from Gold, Copper, and Environmental Stewards

Diego A. Melo-Ascencio – University of Colorado at Boulder

Discussant

Matthew Himley – Illinois State University

Geographies of Amazonia: Dynamism in Landscapes & Livelihoods III – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond

Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond
Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto
Chair: Joel E. Correia – Colorado State University

Biocultural Geographies: Indigenous Territories, Protected Places, and Stewardship as Conservation in Ecuador's Amazon

Joel E. Correia – Colorado State University
R.T Walker – University of Florida
M Esbach – Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
M.A Acevedo – University of Florida
M.M Manning – University of Florida
C.S Simmons – University of Florida
C Urgilés – Univerisdad San Francisco del Quito
N.N Quenama – Sinangoe Indigenous Territory
E Piaguaje – Sotosiaya Indigenous Territory
Y Payaguaje – San Pablo Indigenous Territory

What Are the Causes and Consequences of Growing Land Scarcity in Indigenous Territories in Amazonia?

Ana Lucía Araujo Raurau – McGill University

Oil Palm, Deforestation and Land Formalization in Ucayali, Peru

Celeste O. Gunderson – University of Wisconsin-Madison

Scientific Storytelling, and Stakeholder Impact of Dynamic Digital Tools for Presenting Amazon Forest Degradation and Climate Change Data

Elizabeth A Zizzamia – University of Richmond
Scott LaRocca – Northern Arizona University
Yunuen Reygadas Langarica – Texas Tech University
Stephanie Spera – University of Richmond
David Salisbury – University of Richmond
Nathan Winiarski – University of Richmond
ABSAT

Break: 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Coffee and snacks ☺

Sponsored by the College of Social Sciences at the Universidad de Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras.

Concurrent Session D: 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Mobilities and International Migration in Latin America and the Caribbean III – ICP Salón piso 1

Organizer(s):

Brad D Jokisch – Ohio University
Lindsey Carte – Arizona State University

Chair: Brad Jokisch – Ohio University

Immigration and Asylum Policy and the Smuggling/Trafficking Economy in the Americas

Jennifer Devine – Texas State University
Sarah Blue – Texas State University
Carla Angulo-Pasel – University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Caroline Miles – University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Elizabeth Chacko – Georgetown University
Marie Price – Georgetown University

Examining Chile as a Node in the New Geographies of Migration in Latin America: Venezuelan and Haitian Experiences of Return and "Moving On"

Lindsey Carte – Arizona State University

Changing Latinization of New York City Revisited

Ines Miyares – Hunter College-CUNY

Climate Refugees or Forced Displacement: The Case of Puerto Rican Emigration in the 21st Century

Juan C. Garcia-Ellin – University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

Conservation and Environment – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Chair: Fiona J Gladstone – Fairleigh Dickinson University

The Multi-Stranded Emergence of Commoning: from Anomalous to Everyday Politics

Fiona J Gladstone – Fairleigh Dickinson University
Arun Agrawal – University of Michigan

A Synoptic View of Forest Cover Change in Central America's Indigenous Territories

Taylor A. Tappan – University of Kansas
Peter H. Herlihy – University of Kansas

Impactos De La Cooperación Internacional en La Conservación Del Patrimonio Biocultural Kuna (Panama): Una Lectura Institucionalista

Vildan TUNCAY – Université Laval

Thinking Through Ecotourism and Engaged Visitation in Guatemala and Belize

Brian W Conz – Westfield State University

Historical Geography – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Chair: W. George Lovell – Queens University

Tracking the Archbishop: Draft Cartography and the Construction of Pedro Cortés Y Larraz's Moral Geography of Guatemala (1768-1770)

W. George Lovell – Queen's University

Configuración Y Ocupación Del Territorio Hondureño Post Independencia

Fredis Mateo Aguilar Herrera – Universidad Pedagógica Nacional Francisco Morazán

En Lo Esencial Unidad: La Proyección Desde Puerto Rico De La Iglesia Cristiana Discípulos De Cristo en América Latina

José M Longo Mulet – University of Puerto Rico

Planning for Whiteness: Migration and the Racial Imaginaries of the Criollo Bloc

Joquin Villanueva – Gustavus Adolphus College

Geographies of Amazonia: Dynamism in Landscapes & Livelihoods IV – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

David S. Salisbury – University of Richmond
Delaney Demaret – University of Richmond
Christian Abizaid – University of Toronto
Chair: Andrea Baudoin Farah – Colorado State University

Political Economy of Land and Green Grabbing in the 'Aftermatch' of Armed Conflicts: Insights from the Colombian Amazon

Daniela Mosquera – Centro de Alternativas al Desarrollo (Colombia)// Rutgers University
Sebastián Gómez – Centro de Alternativas al Desarrollo
Sammy Sánchez – Centro de Alternativas al Desarrollo//Calgary University
Daniel Ortiz – Centro de Alternativas al Desarrollo// Queens University

Biocultural Heritage and the Distribution of Fauna with Harvest Potential Among Indigenous Territories in the Ecuadorian Amazon

Morgan M Manning – University of Florida
Miguel A Acevedo – University of Florida
Michael Esbach – Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Joel Correia – Colorado State University
Cynthia S Simmons – University of Florida
Robert T Walker – University of Florida

After the Flood: Expansion and Retreat of Indigenous Autonomy and Environmental Justice in the Isiboro Sécure Indigenous Territory and National Park (TIPNIS, Bolivia)

Andrea Baudoin Farah – Colorado State University

Indigenous Nations Under Siege: Comparing De Jure and De Facto Indigenous Rights in Ecuador and Brazil.

Wania G. Cardoso – PhD Student University of Florida
Thais Gonçalves – University of Florida
Cynthia S. Simmons – University of Florida

Robert T. Walker – University of Florida
Joel Correia – Colorado State University
Michael Esbach – Princeton University
Miguel A Acevedo – University of Florida

Banquet: 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

where: Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Keynote Speaker: Ruth Santiago – Community and Environmental Lawyer
Electric System Transformation Imperatives to Enact Energy and Climate Justice in Puerto Rico.

Presentations:

Earth Justice
Queremos Sol
White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council
CLAG Honors and Awards

Friday May 24

Breakfast: 7:45 am – 8:45 pm – Arcades del Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

Light breakfast provided.

Concurrent Session A: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Exploring Difference through Method – ICP Salón piso 1

Chair: Francisco Lara – Arizona State University

La Representación De Las Periodistas Puertorriqueñas Negras en Los Noticieros Televisivos en Puerto Rico

Sofía L Pérez Suárez – University of Puerto Rico at Rio Piedras

Successes and Challenges of Snowball Sampling in Qualitative Fieldwork in Nicaragua (Based on Ongoing Dissertation Research Regarding LGBT+ Spaces and Experiences in Contemporary Nicaraguan Society)

Jesse E. Tenenbaum – University of Denver

Kitchenspace: How a Participatory Approach to Food Preparation and Gendered Spaces of Everyday Life in Central Mexico Ends Up in East Africa

Maria Elisa Christie – Virginia Tech

The Border Transect: Exploring the Socio-Spatial Dimensions of Bordering

Francisco Lara – Arizona State University

Urbanization – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Uso piso 2

Chair: Luis Sánchez Ayala – Universidad de los Andes

Crecimiento De La Superficie Urbanizada De La Zona Metropolitana De Oaxaca, México

Manuel Bollo Manent – UNAM. México
Ayesa Martínez Serrano – ENES Mérida. UNAM
Gabriela Cuevas García – CIGA. UNAM

The Emergence of the “Ecobarrios” of Bogotá, Colombia: A Strategy of Territorial Resistance

Luis Sánchez Ayala – Universidad de los Andes
Valeria Borrero – Universidad de los Andes

The Time to Buy a Car Is Now: A Political Economy of Car Dependence in Puerto Rico

Andrea Pimentel Rivera – University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Decadencia Y Desarrollo: Los Legados Coloniales en Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico

Laurian Rosa – Rutgers University

Author meets critics and compañer@s. Disrupting the patrón: Indigenous land rights and the fight for environmental justice in Paraguay’s Chaco – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Joel E. Correia – Colorado State University
Gabriela Valdivia – University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Aaron Bobrow-Strain – Whitman College
Andrea Marston – Rutgers University
Matt Himley – Illinois State University
Andrea Baudoin-Farah – Colorado State University
Chair: Joel E Correia – Colorado State University
Discussant: Joel E. Correia – Colorado State University

Panel Description: This session convenes experts in political ecology, environmental justice, Indigenous politics, and extractivism to engage and discuss Joel Correia's book *Disrupting the patrón: Indigenous land rights and the fight for environmental justice* published by University of California Press in April 2023. Each panelist will share critical feedback followed by an author response and open conversation.

Political Ecologies of Agriculture in Latin America I – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

Zoe Pearson – University of Wyoming
Adrienne Johnson – University of San Francisco
Case Watkins – James Madison University
Chair: Zoe Pearson – University of Wyoming

A Relational Approach to Transforming Agricultural Landscapes in Latin America

Karen E. Allen – Furman University
Stefan Ortiz-Przychodzka – Leuphana University of Luneburg, Germany
Marcondes G Coelho-Junior – Federal Rural University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Thora Herrmann – University of Oulu, Finland
Maggie Atchley – Furman University, USA
Felipe Benra – Leuphana University of Luneburg, Germany
Vanessa Chavez – Furman University, USA
Eduardo Darvin – Instituto Centro de Vida, Brazil
Julia McCabe – Furman University, USA
Laura Nahuelhual – Universidad de Los Lagos, Chile
Camila H Rodrigues – Instituto Centro de Vida, Brazil
Barbara Muraca – University of Oregon, USA

Jurisdictional Sustainability and the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO): 'Downscaling' Certification in Palm Oil Governance

Adrienne Johnson – University of San Francisco

People and Bamboo in Ecuador's Manabí Province

Zoe Pearson – University of Wyoming
T Britton – University of Wyoming
M Moscatelli – University of Western Ontario

Hurricane Disturbance and Recovery: Puerto Rico and Cuba's Abilities to Promote Resilient Agriculture Through Agroecology

Sara L. Santiago – The Forest School at the Yale School of the Environment, Yale University

Concurrent Session B: 10:45 am – 12:30 pm (extended session)

Emerging Research into Extractivism(s) in Guatemala – ICP Salón piso 1

Organizer(s):

Catherine Nolin – University of Northern British Columbia
Vaclav Masek – University of Southern California
Chair: Catherine Nolin – University of Northern British Columbia

Corporate Power and Territorialisation on an Extractive Frontier: The Case of Nickel Mining in Guatemala

Lazar Konforti – Unidad Regional Sureste (CIESAS-Sureste)

Climate Finance in Kleptocracy: Why International Aid to Strengthen Environmental Governance May Be Doing the Opposite

Kelsey Alford-Jones – UC Berkeley

Contemporary Narratives of Centre-Periphery Dynamics in Guatemala: An Exploration of Media Coverage in Eco-Distributive Conflicts and Citizen Discourses in 2023's Protests

Ana L Pelaez Echeverria – University of Cambridge

In Focus: Amplifying Community Resistance to Canadian Mining Company Operations in Guatemala.

Alexandra B Pedersen – Queen’s University
Catherine Nolin – University of Northern British Columbia

Tres Resistencias: Grassroots Movements in Guatemala’s Extractive Frontier

Vaclav Masek – University of Southern California

Urban Geographies – Cuartel de Ballajá MLA Salón Multi-Usos piso 2

Chair: Nikolai A. Alvarado – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Urban Infrastructures and Migrant Citizenships: Notes Towards Actually Existing Migrant-State Relations in the Urban Peripheries

Nikolai A. Alvarado – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

A Critical Landscape Studies Approach for Politicizing Urban Economic Development and Accounting for the Violence of “Transformations” in Mexico and Turkey

Nicholas J Crane – University of Wyoming
Oliver G Hernández-Lara – Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México
David Tapia-Martínez – Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla

Small Island Urbanization in the Caribbean: Balancing Urban Growth with Land Constraints in Aruba and Barbados

Carola Oliveras-Rodriguez – Utrecht University

Book Series Launch: Critical Geographies of Latin American and the Caribbean – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Protocolar

Organizer(s):

Andrea J. Marston – Rutgers University

Chair: Andrea J. Marston – Rutgers University

Panel Description: In partnership with CLAG, the University of Florida Press has launched a new book series, Critical Geographies of Latin America and the Caribbean. This series seeks to explore Latin America and the Caribbean through the multiple lenses of geography: environment, land, people, culture, history, economy, and politics. Conceptualizing the region broadly, and even working to destabilize Latin America as a political category, this series explores how political, economic, social, and ecological structures intersect with race, gender, class, sexuality, and other critical social categories. The confluence of these interactions at various scales will show how the region is defined by ruptures and barriers, but also by rhythms, continuities, and fluidities of time and space that lend to new political possibilities. Series editors Joel Correia, Andrea Marston, Aaron Strain, and Joaquín Villanueva discuss their perspectives, goals, experiences, and recommendations for prospective authors interested in creating new opportunities and new narratives in the study of Latin American and Caribbean geography.

Panelists:

Joel Correia – Colorado State University
Andrea Marston – Rutgers University
Aaron Strain – Whitman College
Joaquín Villanueva – Gustavus Adolphus College
Adam Bledsoe – University of Minnesota

Political Ecologies of Agriculture in Latin America II – Cuartel de Ballajá OECH Salón Rafael Cordero

Organizer(s):

Zoe Pearson – University of Wyoming
Adrienne Johnson – University of San Francisco
Case Watkins – James Madison University

Chair: Adrienne Johnson – University of San Francisco

Green Grabbing and Environmental Injustice in the Pantanal Wetlands of Western Brazil

Ana Maria Bicalho – Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro
Scott W Hoefle – Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro

Spatializing Life Stories: Plantation Geographies and Women Workers in the Oil Palm Industry in Colombia

Ingrid Díaz Moreno – The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Greening the Paramilitary Zone: The Pursuit of “Sustainable Development” in Concepción, Paraguay

Jamie C. Gagliano – Rutgers University

Learning from Indigenous Shuar Ways of Knowing in the Cordillera De Transkutukú: Cultivating Relations with the More Than Human World Through Singing Shuar Ánents

Martina Jakubchik-Paloheimo – Queen’s University
Shuar Kakakaram De Buena Esperanza

Development Is a Plantation: Palms, Biofuels, and Foreign Direct Extraction in Bahia, Brazil

Case Watkins – James Madison University

Lunch: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch on your own or with some friends.

Field Trip – Urban Geography of Old San Juan: 3:00 pm ~ 6:00 pm

Meet at: Tercer Piso del Cuartel de Ballajá

3-hour walking tour of Old San Juan that ends with a free drink at a local pub. Dr. Rafael Díaz (UPR Humacao) and Dr. Carlos Guilbe (UPR Rio Piedras) will lead this tour of the urban and historical geography, including gentrification, informal economies, and urban poverty of San Juan. Stops will include a diversity of barrios including La Perla.

Saturday May 25

Field Trip – Climate Justice & Political Ecology of Puerto Rico’s Southern Coast: 8:00 am ~ 6:00 pm

Meet at: Plaza at Cuartel de Ballajá, Viejo San Juan

10-hour day trip with private tour buses and lunch included. This tour led by Dr. Carlos Guilbe (UPR Rio Piedras) and Ruth Santiago (community and environmental lawyer) will cross the island (Cordillera Central) to the southern coast (Ponce and Guayama) to visit a coal-burning power plant, impacted landscapes, mangrove management areas, and food production sites, while exploring the south’s physical and historical geography through a climate justice & political ecology lens.

Field Trip – Agroecología and Land Uses in the Karst Region; Tanamá River, Cueva del Indio Nature Reserve and Finca La Semilla (Cacao Farm): 8:00am ~ 5:00 pm

Meet at: Plaza at Cuartel de Ballajá, Viejo San Juan

All day in Northern Puerto Rico including the Limestones. The field trip includes a visit to the falls of Tanamá River (20 minutes hike) and a visit to a natural cave. Lunch at a local restaurant (not included) and an afternoon visit to a small-scale cacao farm. This project is oriented to promote cacao/cocoa production in the island. Francisco Amundaray will be the guide. He is a geographer, lawyer, and owner of Nátura PR Tour & Experiences.

Field Trip – Trains, Trolleys, and Buses: Tour of the Transportation Networks of the San Juan Metropolitan Area: 10:00 am ~ 2:00 pm

Meet at: Plaza de Colón, Viejo San Juan

4-hour vuelta of the local transportation systems in the greater San Juan Metropolitan Area with lunch included. Professors Rafael René Díaz (UPR Humacao) and José Longo Mulet (UPR Rio Piedras) will take interested folk on a geographic journey of the complex and dynamic peri-urban public transportation system with a stop for an authentic Puerto Rican lunch.
