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From: Josefa Salmón, Chair of Latin American Studies Committee

Re: Annual Report

Date: June 1, 2009

Students:
This past year has been extremely good for the Latin American Studies Minor and Major concentrations. We had 5 majors (2 graduated) and we have 14 minors. I was able to secure an award for the best LAS major which consisted of a free trip to Bolivia given by the Bazoberry family from Washington D.C. I will continue to press for this award each year so it could serve as an incentive to attract majors.

We also had a fall and spring party for Latin American Studies majors, minors and alumnae. The fall party was at the University and the spring at Josefa Salmon’s house. Both were well attended and students and faculty enjoyed Latin American food.

Activities:
-In the fall of 2008, we had a film series organized by Cynthia Garza who had been teaching part time for Sociology and Latin American Studies. We thought we would announce the new major concentration with this event. Cynthia contacted UPB and got funding to bring newly released films to campus. Also Dean Mary McCay, and the Director of the Ross Language Lab, Alice Kornovich, the Languages and Cultures Department and our own budget contributed with the rest of the expenses. Some of the films are part of our library collection now.

-In the Spring we funded two other activities. The Mexican writer and Professor Jorge Aguilar Mora came to give a talk “Los pliegues del tiempo: Las metamorfosis de las ideas en el siglo XIX” on March 11th, organized by Blanca Anderson. He also spoke in Blanca’s culture class on Mexico and the 68 movement.
The second talk, organized by Professor Nathan Henne, entitled: “Writing the sacred: Maya Text through time” by Dr. Judith Maxwell, Professor of Anthropology, Tulane University & Dr. Markus Eberl, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Vanderbilt University. This talk was well attended by students and faculty.

Faculty news:
New Hire
The big step for Latin American Studies is the creation of the Center for Latin American Studies and the hiring of the director, Prof. Uriel Quesada who will start in the fall. We look forward to working with him and the Center.

**New Full time extraordinary**

Cynthia Garza was hired as full time faculty this coming year and will be teaching four Latin American Studies courses. Two new LAS “Introduction to Latin American Studies”

**New members of the Latin American Studies Committee**

Al Alcazar who will be teaching “Theology of Liberation”
Len Treviño will teach “Doing Business in Latin America”
Angel Parham will teach “Encountering the Caribbean”
M. Bouzigard, S.J. will teach “Social Enterprise in Action” and “Radicalism and Religion”

**Faculty Scholarship (does not include work in progress)**

**Blanca Anderson:**

**Book:**

**Articles:**
- Article: "El Visionario PKDick". Requested and accepted for publication by the literary journal "La Caleta", Cadiz, Spain. Expected publication 12/08-01/09.

**Presentations at National Meetings:**

**Maurice Brungard:**

**Journal Editorships, Committees Appointed to, and Offices held in Professional Organizations**

Accepted an invitation in October of 2007 to join the editorial board of the Colonial Latin American Historical Review (CLAHR). The appointment is for a period of three years.

Accepted an invitation in September of 2007 from the Vice Chair of the European History Section of the Southern Historical Association, Prof. Robert D. Billinger, Jr., to serve on the Parker-Schmitt-Simpson Committee for a three year term beginning in 2008. This three-member committee recommends for a Section award (in alternate years) either the best dissertation in European history or the best paper presented in the European History Section of the annual program of the Southern Historical Association meeting. I would lend my expertise and perspective on all dissertations or papers presented for either of the two awards. In 2008 there were eight or nine dissertations submitted and in 2009 there were 29 papers from the years 2007 and 2008 that were submitted, judged, and awarded.

**Book Reviews**


**Evaluator of Manuscripts for Publication in Scholarly Journals**

In January 2009 I reviewed and critiqued the thirty-eight page manuscript “Minería y poblamiento en Antioquia, siglos xvii y xviii,” for possible publication in the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*.

In January 2009 I reviewed and critiqued the twenty-nine page manuscript “El proceso jurídico político de la desamortización de bienes de manos muertas en Colombia, 1766-1887,” for possible publication in the journal *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe* of the Instituto de Historia y Cultura de America Latina at Tel Aviv University.

In July, 2008, I reviewed and critiqued the thirty-page manuscript “Estructuras demográficas y estado de salud de la mano de obra esclava en algunas haciendas cacaoteras del siglo xviii: Provincia de Maracaibo (Venezuela),” for possible publication in the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*.

In January, 2008, I reviewed and critiqued the manuscript “Prices, Wages and Economic Change. The *Espacio Peruano* Region, 1591-1790,” for possible publication in the *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*.

**Scholarly Presentations**

Public Lecture before the Round Table Club of New Orleans, October 30, 2008, entitled “The Spanish Empire and the Making of the Modern World.”

**Cynthia Garza**

**Articles:**


**Presentations**

“Performing Creole in the Global City” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 2009

**Nathan Henne**

**Articles:**

“*Nombres de maíz: El indígena ficticio y su candidatura política en Guatemala*” will be published in Spanish in the proceedings of the XV AHILA Conference. This publication will come out in June 2009.

**Presentations**


15th International Congress of the *Asociación de Historiadores Latinoamericanistas Europeos*. Leiden, the Netherlands, 26-29 August 2008: “*Nombres de maíz: El indígena ficticio y su candidatura política en Guatemala*.”

*Oxlajuj Aj* (Tulane professor Judith Maxwell’s annual language and culture workshop in Guatemala for native *Kaqchikel* speakers and Tulane graduate students in various disciplines.) Panajachel, Guatemala, 16-17 July 2008. “¿La nueva era democrática? Exclusión e ‘inclusión’ en las elecciones del 2007.”
Focus the Nation- Teach In- Loyola, New Orleans. 31 January 2008. “Dismantling the Fairness Objection: How Joe Blow (or You or I) can Reverse US Environmental Obstructionism”

Larry Lorenz

Presentations:


Panelist, Journalism and Mass Communication Education in Mexico and Latin America, Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication Winter Workshop, „Globalization and Media Education: Mexico, Latin America, and the United States, Jan. 29, 2009, Mexico City, Mexico.

Participant, Council on International Educational Exchange International Faculty Development Seminar, "Chile and Argentina: Economic Reform, Regional Integration, and Democratization,” SAntiago, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, June 1-11, 2009.

Publications:
“Journalism and Jesuit Mission,” Conversations on Jesuit Higher Education. 35 (Spring, 2009), 16-17.


Josefa Salmón

Publications:


Presentations:
“La literatura indigenista en Bolivia: ¿Quién incluye a quién?” presented at the Asociación de Historiadores Latinoamericanos (AHILA) at the University of Leiden, Netherlands, August 2008

Editorial Work

**Budget:**

$1,461

We covered the Latin American Student receptions/parties, two lectures (honorariums, hotel, dinners) the LAS brochure and film rentals.