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CLACS Faculty in the News

CLACS Lecturer, **Dr. Quetzil Castañeda**, recently participated in an extensive televised interview on the Al Jazeera English talk show *The Stream*. The segment, titled “Is the Mayan Prophecy Being Exploited for Profit?” focused on 2012-related tourism in southern Mexico and questions of appropriation, resistance, and cultural resiliency among contemporary Maya populations. View the segment in its entirety [here](#).

Mendel Professor of History, **Dr. Daniel James**, was recently interviewed by the prominent Argentine magazine *Revista Ñ*, marking twenty years since the first Spanish-language release of *Resistencia e Integración (Resistance and Integration)*, his seminal study of the Argentine labor movement in the Peronist era. In his introduction to the interview, journalist Horacio Bilbao calls the book “a classic of Argentine historiography,” and engages Dr. James in a discussion not only about the Peronist period, but also about the status of the labor movement in contemporary Argentina. Read the full Spanish-language interview [here](#).

Rudy Professor Emeritus of French and Italian and Director of the Creole Institute, **Dr. Albert Valdman**, was recently honored with the inaugural Life Time Achievement Award of the Society for Pidgin and Creole Linguistics, an international scholarly association gathering together specialists of pidgin and creole languages from around the world. Learn more about the SPCL [here](#).

CLACS Events

Cinema Maldito: On the Margins of Brazilian Cinema

Thursday, February 23 & Friday, February 24

IU Cinema

CLACS, IU Cinema and various cosponsors are preparing for a Brazilian film with Richard Peña, who will be programming the festival, introducing the films and presenting a public [lecture](#) on Friday (2/24) at 3pm. Peña has organized the NY Film Festival at Lincoln Center for 25 years, is a professor of film at Columbia University and specializes in Latin American/Latino Cinema. For show times and more details, visit the IU Cinema [webpage](#).

Portuguese-Speaking Diaspora from the 16th to 20th Century

Exhibit runs until March 1

Lilly Library – Lincoln Room

This exhibit calls attention to the Lusophone presence in Brazil, India, Africa, China and Japan. Many of the materials are from the Charles R. Boxer collection, which is one of the major archives on the Portuguese in Asia. Certain Brazilian materials are from the Bernardo Mendel collection. Items on display include rare first editions, maps, engravings and photographs; the content ranges widely with works of history, religion, fiction, poetry and art. This exhibit represents only a small fraction of the extraordinary Lusophone materials in the Lilly's collection.

"Sowing Struggle: Urban and rural social movements in Tlaxcala, Mexico" featuring Luz Rivera Martinez of the Consejo Nacional Urbano Campesino (CNUC)

Friday, March 9, 2012

Time/Location TBA

Luz Rivera Martinez will speak about her 20 years of experience constructing autonomy, organizing outside the electoral system, and resisting free trade. Luz is an inspiring speaker and her talk will have important lessons for anyone interested in women's, peasant, and labor movements. Luz established CNUC in the 1980s to coordinate resistance to the impending North American Free Trade Agreement. This talk is part of a Mexico Solidarity Network speaking tour. For more info on the tour and MSN, visit their website [here](#).

Americans in the Treasure House: Travel to Porfirian Mexico and the Aesthetics of Economic Conquest

March 23, 2012

Time/Location TBA

CLACS, Latino Studies and the Borderlands Initiative of American Studies are excited to host [Jason Ruiz](#), assistant professor of American Studies at Notre Dame. This talk, based on Ruiz's forthcoming book of the same title, argues that travelers played a crucial but overlooked role in producing knowledge about Mexico and "Mexicanness" through literary and visual tropes that circulated in the United States during the Porfiriato. In particular, it attends to the roles that discourses of race, gender, and sexuality played in shaping Mexico as a desirable but dangerous location in which to expand U.S. capitalist influence. Stay tuned for more on this event!

IU & Community Events

Black in Latin America: Documentary Film Screenings

Various Wednesdays in February, 2012 / 7:00-9:00pm

"La Casa" Latino Cultural Center (715 E 7th St)

La Casa will be screening the [Black in Latin America](#) PBS documentary series that follow Henry Louis Gates Jr. through different countries in the region. Showings are scheduled as follows:

February 8 – Cuba: The Next Revolution

February 22 – Brazil: A Racial Paradise?

February 29 – Mexico & Peru: The Black Grandma in the Closet

Latin Parties & Salsa Dances

February 10 & 18, 2012

Salsa Attitude is sponsoring three upcoming Latin Parties. On February 10, the event will be held at the Video Saloon. Then, on February 18, Serendipity Martini Bar will host. There will be a general cover of \$5 at the door.

Café Cubano

Saturday, February 11, 2012 / 10:00pm

Rachel's Café – 300 E. 3rd St.

Bloomington-based salsa band, Café Cubano, will perform at Rachel's this Saturday night.

Dominos Tournament

Monday, February 13, 2012 / 6:30 – 8:30pm

“La Casa” Latino Cultural Center (715 E 7th St)

Test your dominos skills or just learn how to play! La Lasa is planning an evening of fun, a bit of competition and the opportunity to learn more about the history of dominos. Sign up by February 10 with David Cervantes (dcervant@umail.iu.edu) to or stop by La Casa.

Bolivian Carnivale!

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 / 6:30pm

“La Casa” Latino Cultural Center (715 E 7th St)

Come and learn about Bolivian Carnivale! Enjoy food, music and cultural presentations. For more information, contact Natalia Fernandez de Cordova at natferna@umail.iu.edu.

Brazilian Feijoada

Sunday, February 26, 2012 / 1-3:30pm

Butler University – Reilly Room in the Atherton Union

704 W. Hampton Dr. Indianapolis, IN

Come and enjoy the party with a performance from the Youth Ambassadors, authentic Brazilian cuisine, and your favorite Brazilian friends. This annual event is sponsored by Indiana Partners of the Americas. Tickets cost \$20 per adult, \$10 for children & students (6-22) and free for children under 6. Find more information and purchase tickets on the INpartners [website](#).

Conferences & Calls for Papers

OSEA Emerging Scholars Research Seminar 2012

Submission Deadline: April 7, 2012 / Seminar: June 27-30 or July 4-7, 2012 (Tentative)

Pisté, Yucatán, México

This year's topic will be On the Development of “Tourism Regions” as Anthropological Theory: Oaxaca and Yucatán in Comparative Framework and is co-organized by Quetzil Castañeda, Ronda Brulotte and Bill Wood. OSEA seeks paper abstracts from emerging scholars who work on tourism issues in Yucatan and Oaxaca. Proposals for papers and requests for screening ethnographic film are accepted. For full details, visit OSEA's website [here](#).

Midwest Mesoamericanist Meetings

Deadline: Friday, February 10, 2012 / Meetings: March 9-10, 2012

Michigan State University

To submit work for the meeting, only a title and short abstract (1-2 sentences) is required. Find information on the meetings, schedules, travel and accommodations on the event [website](#).

Working Papers in Literacy, Culture, and Language Education (WPLCLE)

Submission Deadline: March 30, 2012

The Department of Literacy, Culture, and Language Education at Indiana University solicits submissions for publication in the WPLCLE. Graduate students, post-docs and faculty are strongly encouraged to submit their papers. For more information, a list of encouraged topics and full submission guidelines, please visit the WPLCLE [website](#). Questions concerning submission can be directed to the Editorial Manager, [Bita H. Zakeri](#).

Scholarships & Funding Opportunities

Part-time Spanish Instructor Position

Berlitz is looking for a Spanish instructor to teach two times per week (10:00am-12:15pm) at a company in Spencer, IN. Pay is \$13.66/hour and \$30 for travel. Anyone interested should contact Shawn Scott, Manager of Instruction at shawn.scott@berlitz.us or 513-381-4650.

Summer FLAS Fellowships

Application Deadline: February 15, 2012

FLAS (Foreign Language and Area Studies) fellowships support graduate study of modern foreign languages and related area and international studies in preparation for careers in teaching, research, government service, and international organizations. CLACS offers the academic year FLAS fellowship for the following languages: Haitian Creole, Portuguese, Quechua, Spanish, and Yucatec Maya. See our FLAS webpage [here](#).

FLAS Fellowships can also be sought at the Center for the Study of Global Change for the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, French, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish, and among others. Please visit the [FLAS webpage](#) for more information.

Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize

Submission Deadline: February 15, 2012

Nominations are being sought for the Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize. This is a biennial award that recognizes the best article in the field of Caribbean history. Last year's deadline was extended and the current committee will consider work published from 2009 through 2011. Authors, publishers, editors and others interested in submitting articles for consideration must submit nominations to the chair and other members of the adjudicating committee. For full details visit the Association of Caribbean Historians (ACH) [website](#).

2012 Summer Internship Program in Sustainability

Application Deadline: February 17, 2012

The Internship Program in Sustainability uses campus as a living-learning lab, enlisting students as researchers in investigating important questions facing our community. Find full details on their [website](#).

International Enhancement Grants and Pre-dissertation Grants

Deadline for summer 2012: February 17, 2012

Sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for International Affairs (OVPIA) and the University Graduate School. Grants for graduate students on any campus and in any discipline to support overseas activities. Guidelines and applications can be found [here](#).

Latino Studies Program 2012-13 Dissertation Year Fellowship

Application Deadline: February 24, 2012

The Latino Studies Program Dissertation Year Fellowship includes a stipend of \$18,000 and student health insurance coverage. It does not include a fee remission. The award will enable a doctoral candidate to engage in focused work leading to the completion of a Ph.D. dissertation.

During the fellowship year, the student is expected to devote full time to dissertation work and to participate in the Latino Studies Program's scholarly activities. For details about eligibility and the application process, visit the Latino Studies website [here](#).

Library Travel Research Grants at the University of Florida

Application Deadline: March 2, 2012

The University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies will sponsor Library Travel Research Grants for Summer 2012. Their purpose is to enable faculty researchers from other U.S. colleges and universities to use the extensive resources of the Latin American Collection in the University of Florida Libraries.

Two travel grants of up to \$1000 each will be made to cover travel and lodging expenses. Grantees are expected to remain in Gainesville for at least one week and, following their stay, submit a brief (2-3 pp.) report on how their work at UF Libraries enriched their research project and offer suggestions for possible improvements of the Latin American Collection. Find full details on the grant webpage [here](#).

Summer 2012 Tinker Field Research Grants

Application Deadline: March 9, 2012

CLACS will offer Tinker Field Research Grants for Summer 2012, with generous matching support from the IU College of Arts and Sciences and the IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Grants are intended to support pilot research projects in Spanish- or Portuguese-speaking countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, by graduate students in the early phases of their careers. Students from any school or discipline are welcome to apply. Grants may not, however, be used in support of dissertation research. Find full details [here](#).

Travel & Study Abroad

OSEA Heritage Ethnography Field School in Yucatán, Mexico

Various sessions: June & July 2012

This program includes the Ethnography Field School, Teaching English Service Learning, learning Maya language or Spanish Immersion. Learn to design, conduct & complete independent ethnographic and applied anthropological research while staying with Maya families. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact quetzal@osea-cite.org or visit their [website](#).

Cuba – Concurrent Summer Field Courses in Geography and Spanish

Summer I session – 2012

As it has recently become possible again for U.S. university double field course, a collaboration between IUPUI Geography and Spanish programs, will give students a unique opportunity.

Two three-unit courses will be taught concurrently *Landscapes and Cultures of the Caribbean* and *Introducción a la cultura hispana*. Find full details on the IUPUI study abroad [webpage](#) or email Dr. Tim Brothers at tbrother@iupui.edu.

Study Business and Portuguese in Brazil

Application deadline: February 15, 2012 / Program dates: May 28 – June 22, 2012

Rio de Janeiro

The University of Florida has opened application to their summer program to undergraduate and graduate students with at least one full semester of business coursework. This program is sponsored by the Center for Latin American Studies and the Arrington College of Business. Find full details on their [website](#).

Food Sovereignty Tours in Latin America

Bolivia (March 10-19, 2012) / Nicaragua (March 24 – April 4, 2012)

Food Sovereignty Tours, a project of [Food First/Institute for Food & Development Policy](#), takes you to the front lines of the global food movement to meet the farmers, consumers, scholars and policymakers working to make food sovereignty a reality. Find details are on their [website](#).

Language Learning

The Bloomington Spanish/English Club

Thursdays / 12:00-1:00pm

City Hall, Dunlap Room (235)

This brown bag lunch event provides a friendly setting for basic conversation skills. Come and practice Spanish and English with native speakers of both languages. For more information see the Spanish Conversation Club's [website](#).

Café Hispano: Spanish Conversation Hour

Thursdays / 3:00-4:30pm

IMU Starbucks

Spanish speakers and learners of all levels are encouraged to attend!
Contact the [Department of Spanish & Portuguese](#) with any questions.

Cafezinho: Portuguese Coffee Hour

Fridays / 4:00-6:00pm

IMU Starbucks

All levels are welcome to join these informal conversation sessions for Portuguese speakers and language learners.
Contact [Olivia Holloway](#) with any questions.