Another great semester comes to an end, full of challenging courses taught by our dedicated affiliated faculty and engaging events coordinated by colleagues devoted to disseminating knowledge about Latin America and the Caribbean. A very well-attended speaker series on Latin American economics showcased the work of our colleagues, Francisco Martínez and Laura Ebert from the Department of Economics, and included Prof. Roxana Juliá (NYU Global Studies) on April 29th. Prof. César Barros (LLC/LACS) organized the I Latin American Film Festival, bringing to campus an array of provoking contemporary films. In addition, twelve undergraduate New Paltz students presented their work at the First World Diasporas of Color II Undergraduate Conference at SUNY Geneseo, and three LACS seniors will participate in the New Paltz Student Research Symposium to share findings from their Capstone Projects and internship experiences. On the curriculum end, we are very excited to announce that in fall ’14 Portuguese 101 will be offered for the first time to encourage students to continue studying the language and study abroad in Brazil. Also for the first time, LACS joined forces with the Dept. of Mathematics to offer a course on Ethnomathematics, MAT293 Math Across Cultures, and Provost Phil Mauceri will teach a seminar on Latin American Politics, POL371. Looking ahead, the Organizing Committee is already hard at work preparing for this fall’s II Multicultural Networking Event, scheduled for Alumnae Weekend, and we will host the III Undergraduate Conference on campus in spring ’15. Lastly, a new colleague, Prof. Sharina Maillo-Pozo, a Latin Americanist and Latino Studies specialist, will join the LLC Dpt. and will contribute to LACS. We look forward to her courses, which are certain to be of interest to many students beyond our majors and minors.

### Lectures and Cultural Events Spring 2014:

- **Speaker Series on Latin American Economics**
- **I Latin American Film Festival**
  - *Con mi corazón en Yambo*, Ecuador, Dir. M. F. Restrepo, 4/10/14.
  - *Infancia clandestina*, Argentina, Dir. F. Jaguey, 4/17/14
- **II African Diaspora Film Festival**
  - *Life and Debt*, Dir. F. Jaguey, 4/17/14
- **II Áfricano Diaspora Film Festival**
  - *Life and Debt*, Dir. S. Black, April 30/14, LC 108.
  - *La Yuma*, Nicaragua, Q&A with Dir. F. Jaguey, 4/17/14
  - *La demora*, Uruguay, Dir. F. Jaguey, 4/17/14
- **Soccer Tournament**, Wed., May 7, 14, Turf Field, 3:30 PM
- **Cinco de Mayo**, Th., May 1, 14, SUB100, 3-4:30 PM

### LACS Summer 2014 Online Schedule of Classes

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I am a double major in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Spanish. I am currently working on my capstone project with Professor Benjamin Junge. I was lucky to live in Madrid, Spain for 6 months where I was able to practice my Spanish. Since, I have not had the opportunity to travel to Latin America yet, and I decided to focus my capstone on contemporary social, economic, and political issues facing Brazil to learn about the largest country of the region. I became interested in Brazil, because of the protests in Rio de Janeiro and Sao Paulo June 2013. I wanted to understand not only the reasons behind the resistance, but also what these protests might mean for the future of Brazil and of Latin America as a whole. I am learning about how participation in the Bolsa Familia Program (a cash transfer to help low income families) has helped shape the socioeconomic status of Brazil’s “new middle class”, and what their civic and political identities are in relation to the state.

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My Capstone Senior Research Project examines how social movements in Mexico have gained autonomy from the state, and have helped communities gain and maintain dignified living conditions, and retained their ancestral lands and cultural practices. I focus on three movements in which I was privileged to participate as an intern while living in Mexico during my semester abroad in Fall 2013. In my essay, I first discuss the history of the EZLN, National Liberation Zapatista Movement, from the mountains of Southeaster Mexico, a revolutionary movement that helped indigenous people gain autonomy over their territories known as “caracoles,” throughout the Southern state of Chiapas. I also discuss the Consejo Nacional Urbano y Campesino (CNUC), an organization in the state of Tlaxcala that has 23 active committees in rural communities that deal with the current agricultural crisis, organic agriculture initiatives, the defense of heritage corn, women’s empowerment, and general health. In addition, I write about the FPFVI, Frente Popular Francisco Villa Independiente, UNOPII, also known as Los Panchos, and the largest independent community housing movement in Mexico, with more than 20 settlements in Mexico City and affiliates in Chiapas. The FPFVI is dedicated to anti-capitalist, independent and autonomous organization. Ultimately, the purpose of this study is to demonstrate how, throughout Latin America, grass roots movements emerged in resistance and protest against neoliberal policies set in place in the 1990s for the benefit of some and the exclusion of the indigenous, rural and urban poor. I argue that precisely because of their focus on grass community organizing and empowerment, these movements have been effective in combating dispossession and commodification of life, and present themselves as a route to an alternative way of life and government.

For my capstone project, I am conducting research about immigration from Mexico and Ecuador to the United States, currently two of the most important sending countries. In my study, I explore the incorporation of these workers into the US labor force, and study the current trend of participation of undocumented workers in labor unions, paying special attention to the case of Texas. In this state, new labor laws allow immigrant workers to become union members and enjoy the protection of labor laws. I aim to explain how Latin American immigrant labor affects the US labor force, to look into areas in which Latin American immigrant workers lack representation in the workplace. During Winter Session ’14, I had the opportunity to do an internship at Unite Here Local 100 in New York City. During my time as a Union Organizer, I was able to correlate my experience to the issues that affect labor reform and union organizing in the United States. It was a privilege to work and relate my experience to the issues that affect labor reform and understand the need for representation in the workplace. I learned a great deal of new information that essentially help me shape my senior capstone, and gave me the necessary tools to do my research. Some of the things that I learned and discuss in my paper derived from my interactions with immigrant workers, who rely on union organizers to advocate for better working conditions and truly benefit from the support provided to them. Upon completion of my internship, I was offered to become a full time paid intern this summer ‘14. This will be a great opportunity to gain further experience to become an official union representative.

Crime and Rebellion course and studied the history of crime in Latin America since the arrival of Europeans all the way to present day. Inspired by Professor Albi’s extensive analysis of the subject, I became interested in learning about crime from a historical perspective and decided to choose this topic for my capstone project.
**NEWS FROM ABROAD**

My experience so far studying abroad here in Ecuador has been absolutely amazing. I have learned about the culture, the history, art, and current issues in the country. I have been to museums, churches, visited indigenous communities, and I have been to some of Ecuador’s most beautiful places. I volunteer at the school José Domingo de Santistevan teaching English as a second language to first and second grade children. The staff and the kids are very welcoming. The kids accepted me as their teacher, and every day they greet me with a good morning song, and are eager to learn. One of the most rewarding experiences is to see the smile on their faces after learning something new in English. This experience has taught me about the educational needs of students in Latin American countries, and I have acquired skills that will be useful for my career. Studying abroad is such an enriching experience. It is something that I believe more students should pursue because it helps you grow, learn, discover things about the world, the culture, and even oneself. My experience studying abroad has not come to an end yet, and I already wish to do it all over again.

I had an amazing time in Rio de Janeiro. I was able to secure an internship at the BRICS Policy Center Rio do Research, and to learn about Brazilian development. If what Brazil plans by way of development for 2016 is complete, the Olympics will be amazing. While I was in Rio, I was able to travel around Brazil and to bordering countries such as Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, and Peru. Study Abroad has changed my life, and I hope more college students study abroad. Currently, I am spending a semester in Madrid, Spain.

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**Angela Pujols**  
Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Spanish  
Guayaquil, Ecuador  
Spring 2014

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Mayet Gebereyohannes  
International Relations Major  
Latin American and Caribbean Studies Minor  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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**Shaun Sayre**  
Anthropology and History Majors  
Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Ancient Studies Minors

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I am studying abroad in Cusco, Peru at the University of San Ignacio de Loyala (USIL). Leaving for a foreign country can be a drastic change in one’s life, but my experience has been incredible. Set on the same beautiful Andean landscape of the Inka, Cusco is an ancient city still largely styled as a colonial Spanish metropolis. It is surrounded by the towering mountains of the Central Andes. The classes include a mandatory Spanish class, History of the Inka Civilization, Inka Architecture, Institutions of Peru, and Quechua, the language of the Inka, and of the immense native population still living in the Andean highlands of Peru today. I am an intern at various clinics in the area, and have had the privilege to teach third and fourth grade English classes, while also running other educational and fun workshops. Volunteering here has been nothing short of an unforgettable experience, and a life lesson in responsibility and the difference one person can make in another’s life. I hope to pursue a MBA program in South or Latin American History. Because of this experience, I plan to continue studying Latin American history to one day teach and use some of the skills I have acquired in my journey across Peru.
The Haggerty English Language Program welcomed 11 new Brazil Scientific Mobility Program (BSMP students) during the spring break at SUNY New Paltz. This program was formerly known as the Science Without Borders Program. The new students join 18 continuing BSMP students at SUNY New Paltz in this special 18-month non-degree program, which combines English language learning, academic courses, and internships in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) fields.

Moreover, the BSMP program is Brazil’s contribution to the “100,000 Strong in the Americas” initiative, promoting international educational exchange and study abroad between North and South America. SUNY New Paltz has been honored to welcome visits to our campus from two educational program officers representing the Consulate of Brazil in New York: Bruno Miranda Zétola, Head of Cultural, Education and Press Services, and Frederico Menino, Dept. of Educational Cooperation, who spoke to BSMP students about the importance of this program to the future of STEM research, studies, and resources in Brazil.

One of the BSMP students said, “This means an opportunity that I’ve never even dreamed about. Studying abroad is a chance that only a few people have, and I’m glad that I’m one of them.”

As stated in its website, the BSMP program has two sponsoring organizations in Brazil: CAPES - Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior is an organization within the Brazilian Ministry of Education. It is primarily concerned with the following activities: the evaluation of programs at Brazilian institutions of higher learning; and the awarding of grants and scholarships related to education.

CNPq - Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico is an organization within the Brazilian Ministry of Science and Technology. It is primarily concerned with the advancement of scientific research and technology.

CAPES/CNPq program goals are:
1. To promote scientific research;
2. To invest in educational resources, allocated both within Brazil, and internationally;
3. To increase international cooperation within science and technology;
4. To initiate and engage students in global dialogue.

In the United States, the BSMP program is administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE).
The Center for International Programs at SUNY New Paltz has long-standing relationships with the following institutions in Latin America through which New Paltz students have the opportunity to study abroad and Latin American students come to study at New Paltz:

- Pontificia Universidad Católica, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro - PUC-Rio, Brazil
- Universidad de Especialidades Espíritu Santo, Guayaquil, Ecuador
- Tecnológico de Monterrey, Monterrey, México

Through these partnerships, New Paltz students can enrich their studies of Latin America and improve their Spanish and Portuguese language skills through direct immersion in the local culture. Students can also study French in Paris and Besançon, France. The presence of students from these universities at New Paltz enhances campus diversity and opportunities for cultural exchange for students, faculty, and staff. For more information, please contact:

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- Christopher Albi (History)
- Ligia Aldana (Languages, Literatures & Cultures)
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- La Tasha Brown (Black Studies)
- Devon Duhaney (Secondary Education)
- Laura Ebert (Economics)
- Paul Fenouillet (Languages, Literatures & Cultures)
- Patricia Fitzpatrick (Languages, Literatures & Cultures)
- Linda Greenow (Geography)

- Benjamin Junge (Anthropology)
- Joel Lefkowitz (Political Science and International Relations)
- Francisco Martínez-Hernández (Economics)
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- Ilgu Ozler (Political Science and International Relations)
- Jerry Persaud (Co-Chair, Communication and Media)
- Deyanira Rojas-Sosa (Languages, Literatures & Cultures)
- Luz Porras (Languages, Literatures & Cultures)
- Roberto Vélez-Vélez (Sociology)

PARTNER STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

LASU Latin American Student Union, LCC Latino Cultural Center, Latino Week, Spanish Club.
Hello to all fellow Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program members! I hope you find yourselves loving the major and its content as much as I did during my years at SUNY New Paltz! I am still hard at it in Lawrence, Massachusetts. I teach Second Grade at a Turn-Around Charter Public School. This community is the poorest in the entire state of Massachusetts and listed with a 99% population of Latino immigrants, most of which are primarily from Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. My Latin American Studies background has allowed me to truly understand my community and develop deep ties with students' families here because I can communicate both cross-culturally and orally with them. This has allowed me to be the head of various Parent-Teacher Board meetings, host a variety of fundraisers, and also become my academy's representative at the Lawrence's Community Circles, a space where families are brought together to discuss what education is, and how they can be a part of their children's future, even if they are not fluent English speakers. Furthermore, I am currently working towards a Master Degree in Elementary Education at Boston University, and will be the head of my school's Summer School Program this year. My Latin American Studies and Spanish Liberal Arts Majors have helped me immensely in my current field, providing me with crucial cultural and political understanding that helps me communicate with my families and develop insight into their beliefs and concerns as immigrant parents, who hope to brighten the future of their children.

Lana Solomon  LACS ‘12  Boston, MA

Dear LACS graduates, we want to hear from you! Drop us a line! Share your accomplishments and network with other graduates. Join our LinkedIn site

LACS SUNY New Paltz
Scenes from our 2013-14 events

Fall Reception 2014
Capoeira Performance

Día de los muertos 2013

Talk by Chilean Photographer Raúl Cuevas

Talk by Liliana Porter

End of the Semester Party—Spanish Table

Speaker Series—Latin American Economics
The following twelve students attended and presented papers at the FWD II Undergraduate Conference held this year at SUNY Geneseo. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Abril Trigo (Ohio State U.):

- Mike Conn (English)
- Luana Horry (English, Black Studies)
- Shane Fallon (English)
- Laury Veudna (Black Studies)
- Brittany Mathias (Spanish)
- Molly Thurston-Chase (Anthropology, LACS, Spanish)
- Maritza Sánchez (LACS)
- Marielayne Baez (LACS, Black Studies)
- Megan Vargas (Black Studies, International Studies, LACS)
- Joseph Saffioti (Spanish)
- Jasmine Gonzalez (LACS)
- Mary Nagy (LACS, Spanish)
- Vanessa Bryant (Elementary Ed/Spanish, LACS)

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A course on ethnomathematics, which focuses on the development of mathematical thought in non-Western (non-European) cultures, primarily in ancient times. Emphasis will be placed on number and counting systems (such as the Mayan numeration system and the Inca quipus), reasons for doing mathematics (including astronomical, architectural, and calendar purposes), and basic mathematical problems. Designed for non-mathematics majors. Not to be taken for major credit by students in any of the Math majors. Prerequisites: MPL 3.
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