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Director's Note by Prof. Karin Rosemblatt

Immigration is the theme of our fall 2011 newsletter. The artwork on the cover is by Aurora Cólon, a student in our LASC Certificate Program who is majoring in graphic design. If you've noticed that LASC has a more professional "look" these days, it's thanks to Aurora who is working with us this year as she builds her portfolio.

To celebrate Latino/a History Month, LASC and the Center for the History of the New America sponsored a forum on the Maryland Dream Act. You can read about the Dream Act and our forum in this issue's article by LASC Newsletter editor Enrique Rivera. The forum was exceptionally well-attended. This is an issue our community cares a lot about.

Many people asked me why the forum did not include speakers who oppose giving educational opportunities to undocumented high school graduates. Those questions came from people who wanted a vigorous debate. I shared that desire. But I was wary of giving over the podium to representatives of groups that veer at times toward one-sided, racist depictions of immigrants and Latino/as. Providing a platform for those views would have been doubly inappropriate during Latino/a History Month, which is after all a time to celebrate the contributions of all Latino/as—immigrant and non-immigrant, citizen and non-citizen, documented and undocumented. I fully support the right of groups opposing the Dream Act to express themselves, and I expect there will be other fora on our campus in which they will do so. I do not feel obliged to provide that forum through LASC. The vast majority of LASC faculty and students support the Dream Act. Many wish legislators would go further in providing educational opportunities for all. They see education as valuable to individuals and society as a whole, and feel that access to education should not depend on citizenship or immigration status.

The speakers invited gave us the perspectives of the legislator, the community activist, the policy expert, and the student. By inviting different constituencies supporting immigrant rights, we were able to have a frank discussion about the roots of anti-immigrant politics and the strategies for rebuffing them. Are anti-immigrant politics homegrown or are they being used instrumentally by right-wing groups with other agendas? What role do fear and economic insecurity play? What about ignorance of laws like the Dream Act or of how our immigration system functions? How does lack of exposure to immigrants influence popular opinion?

For me personally, it was refreshing to hear these issues being honestly discussed. It reminded me of what is lost in discussions organized only around "pros" and "cons." Having to defend a position in such a context can lead to staid talking points and impoverished debate. I walked away from the LASC forum greatly satisfied that I had heard something new rather than recycled rhetoric. We are quite pleased with this issue of our newsletter and hope you enjoy it.



LASC Panel Brings the Immigration Debate to Campus

Amidst chaos, jubilation, and outrage in Alabama over that state's controversial anti-immigration law, immigration experts gathered at UMD to discuss what many think is a pro-immigration law—the Maryland Dream Act. This measure allows undocumented students access—with some provisions—to pay in-state tuition at any public university in the state of Maryland.

"I have to represent the people of the State of Maryland. And these high school students graduate from the state of Maryland," said Maryland State Senator Victor Ramirez, author of the Maryland Dream Act.

Senator Ramirez was one of four panelists who, on October 4, expressed their views in the Prince George's Room at the Stamp Student Union, in front of an audience of over 150 students, staff, faculty, and community members. The panel was part of UMD and LASC's celebration of Latino Heritage Month and co-sponsored by The Center for the History of the New America. In addition to Senator Ramirez, the panel featured Kim Propeack, Political Director of CASA de Maryland, one of Maryland's largest organizations that service the Latino community; Roberto Juárez of the Maryland Dream Youth Committee, an organization dedicated to creating space for undocumented youth to advocate on their own behalf for education reform; and Mary Giovagnoli, Director of the Immigration Policy Center at the American Immigration Council, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank that works on immigration related issues.

College of Arts and Humanities Dean Bonnie Thornton Dill opened the evening's event expressing her concerns that education has been losing its mission and purpose as a critical tool to preserve and promote democracy, "In the same way that the Truman commission raised the issue of equality of access to higher education based on economic discrimination, the Dream Act raises the issue about access to higher education based on citizenship status." LASC Director and History Department Associate Professor Karin Rosemblatt followed the Dean, sharing some intimate words with the audience.

"I am also a Latina and an immigrant. My parents came to the United States to study. My grandparents were also migrants who moved to gain economic opportunity. Their parents were immigrants as well, who left Eastern Europe to escape religious persecution."

In an effort to support undocumented immigrant students, the Maryland Dream Act passed through Maryland's House and Senate and was signed into law by Governor Martin O'Malley in May 2011. The Maryland Dream Act is one of 11 similar measures taken by states across the country to allow in-state tuition to undocumented students. Opponents of the Maryland Dream Act collected enough signatures to force a statewide referendum on the Act scheduled for November 2012, suspending the law until the electorate votes on it next year.

"We're going to win the referendum," said Propeak. "This is important to emphasize because if you look at the newspaper, especially the editorial section of the newspaper you'll be led to believe that we live in a racist country. . . Most people in Maryland are pretty good people," she added.

The Maryland Dream Act states that an undocumented student can receive in-state tuition if she or he has attended high school in Maryland for two years and has a high school degree or equivalent in the state of Maryland, if they attended community college, and if the student or a parent can prove that Maryland income tax was withheld the year before high school graduation or its equivalent, among other qualifiers.

Laws such as the Maryland Dream Act have angered many who argue that they are concessions to people whose very presence in the US makes them criminals. Others who oppose the Dream Act have claimed that these students will be taking the places of residents who are more deserving.

"They do really well in generating fear," said Juárez, who graduated from UMD in 2007 with a B.A. in Government and Politics.

"The anti-immigrant movement continually relies on misinformation," said Giovagnoli.

However, some opponents of the bill say it does not go far enough.

"Putting in the requirement that they have to go to community college first—in the Senate or the legislature, was there a discussion that this was discrimination?" asked UMD History Department Professor Sonya Michel. This stipulation among others, including a high school GPA requirement and perhaps most controversial—that students must register in case of a military draft—has frustrated many who had high hopes for the Maryland Dream Act.

"Unfortunately I'm one of 47 state senators and 141 state representatives. It's not a perfect bill. This was the most reasonable. And I think it's reasonable," said Senator Ramirez.

Despite criticisms of the Maryland Dream Act and others like it around the country, some of which were expressed at this event, the mood in the room was generally optimistic. "I'm always hopeful, it's a tough road ahead," stated Ramirez. If you live in Maryland, do you want to be Maryland or do you want to be Arizona? Or do you want to be Alabama? The vote for women, that's how it happened—each state voted," added Ramirez.

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Panel participants and guests, including staff, faculty, and students expressed gratitude for the occasion.

"I thought it was a good event because it was able to bring out students and people from the UMD community to learn more about the bill that was passed and can be foreseeably implemented," said Camden Lee, a senior majoring in American Studies.



Kim Propeak (left) of Casa de Maryland and Senator Victor Ramirez (right) engage with the audience



UMD student and staff member offers a question to the panel

UMD Faculty Travel to Brazil by Prof. Daryle Williams

In summer 2011, Professors Ira Berlin, Zita Nunes, Karin Rosemblatt, and I traveled to Salvador da Bahia, a vibrant port-city of the Brazilian northeast that once held the titles of capital of colonial Portuguese America and the largest city of Brazilian slave society. With a population in excess of three million, contemporary Salvador (or, as the locals say, Bahia) is known for its colonial architecture, including the Pelourinho district (on the UNESCO World Heritage List), numerous Luso-Baroque churches, and the beloved church, the Igreja do Nosso Senhor do Bomfim. Bahia is also a place that boasts some of the greatest manifestations of Afro-Brazilian culture, notably the powerful terreiros de candomblé; the social action-cultural associations known as blocos afros and afoxé carnival clubs; capoeira and maculelê; and the vending stalls operated by Afro-Brazilian women dressed in petticoats, lace, and bangles [as baianas] who sell acarajé, vatapá, and other culinary staples. Salvador is equally known for its social inequality and underdevelopment, particularly in housing, environmental pollution, access to health care, and public education. With regard to the latter, several state and federal institutions of higher education in the state of Bahia are at the forefront of the national debate on affirmative action in higher education admissions, known in Portuguese as a política das cotas.

In June, Rosemblatt and Nunes spent four days with faculty and graduate students affiliated with the Faculty of Philosophy and Human Sciences at the Centro de Estudos Afro-Orientais (CEAO) of the Universidade Federal da Bahia (UFBA). About two months later, Berlin and I also spent several days at these well-regarded centers of original research and instruction, public advocacy, and archiving.



The Igreja do Nossa Sehnor do Bomfim, Salvador, Bahia



Daryle Williams (left) and Ira Berlin (right) enjoy the sights in Salvador, Bahia

Both visits included public lectures of original research, a workshop to discuss research of common interest, and guided visits to several UFBA-affiliated museums, including the Museu Afro-Brasileiro (Afro-Brazilian Museum) and the Museu de Arqueologia e Etnologia (Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology). The visits also produced a commitment to work collaboratively towards a formal exchange of faculty and students between our two institutions.

As we work towards the completion of the umbrella Memo of Understanding, UFBA's Director of International Programs Livio Sansone and Professor of History João José Reis have committed themselves to working with UMD on some specific areas of exchange. One of the most promising areas of shared interests includes a conference about the intersections of African Diaspora studies and the digital humanities. The work surrounding UFBA's Museu Digital da Memória Afro-Brasileira (Digital Museum of Afro-Brazilian Memory) offers some especially exciting opportunities to explore the theoretical, practical, and technical challenges of the digital turn in Diaspora studies and display. UMD has much to offer in this regard, such as Nunes' work on "The Harlem Renaissance in Second Life," my current book project on a spatial history of freedom in Brazilian slave society, and the ongoing efforts led by Rosemblatt and Berlin to enhance the public programming connections between the LASC, the Center for the History of the New America, and the Smithsonian Institution.

Other areas of near-term collaboration include a virtual workshop on the comparative study of slavery and emancipation, and a Terp presence at the next Fábrica das Idéias, an annual research symposium hosted by CEAO since 2002 that centers upon the promise and problems of critical scholarship concerning race and ethnicity, especially along a South-South axis.

Stay tuned for more details.

"Latinia, UMD"

Salvadoran-Ethiopian, Honduran-Iranian, Mexican-Puerto Rican. They are what Prof. Ana Patricia Rodríguez calls the children of "Latinia."

"We're trying to understand the mixing that occurs here in D.C.... We're trying to understand UMD," says Rodríguez.

In an effort to discern the diverse experiences on UMD's campus, students in Rodríguez's U.S. Latina/o Studies II course worked in teams to construct a common narrative. The theme of this narrative would be their "mixed" conditions, which was to be presented as a form of art. The students used film, multimedia, and live performance to articulate these stories during a live show in front of over one hundred UMD students, staff, faculty, and visitors from across the state of Maryland.

"Latinia, UMD" took place on May 5, 2011 in Tawes Ulrich Recital Hall. "I told the students we want to take back Cinco de Mayo," Rodriguez says with a smile. The program was sponsored by LASC along with the U.S. Latina/o Studies Program, the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Multicultural Involvement and Community Advocacy, and La Unidad Latina Lambda Upsilon Lambda, Fraternity, Inc., Phi Chapter.

The term "Latinia" is the brainchild of Washington, D.C. based poet and activist Quique Avilés. In his play, "The Children of Latinia," Aviles performs the stories of what he calls "mixeados," the Central American/Caribbean/ Middle Eastern/African children who are the products of a globalized world of migrants. One of the epicenters of this global migration, and its biological byproducts, is Washington, D.C.

"Students know there are a lot of [different] Latinos, but they don't know why—but they want to know," affirms Rodríguez. Students' desire to understand how and why Latinos migrate to the U.S. was the foundation from which the Latinia UMD project flourished.

Rodríguez's students broke up into several groups to work on personal projects within the framework of Latinia. Avilés then conducted four workshops in class to help students develop their projects. Students were required to submit first drafts of their ideas, a final draft of their work, and a script for their final project. Students used camcorders and had access to innovative computer design programs.

Dozens of Latina/o elementary school students from Prince George's county, many from low income homes, were on hand on May 5 to witness the product of this collaborative project. Rodríguez says that she hopes this event serves as "a larger outreach program" that shows young Latinas/os that college can be an option.

However, the elementary and college students weren't the only ones to benefit from this project. "I really get to know the students and I learn a lot. I have fun," says Rodriguez.



Local elementary students get involved



Students perform in front of a full house



LASC Certificate Student, Reba Noel, performs her interpretation of Latinia



This fall, Prof. Perla M. Guerrero joined UMD as Assistant Professor in the Department of American Studies and a core faculty member of the U.S. Latina/o Studies Program. Guerrero received her PhD in American Studies and Ethnicity from the University of Southern California in 2010. Her research and teaching interests lie in approaches to the study of race and ethnicity and processes of racialization. As an interdisciplinary scholar, Guerrero's work is informed by historical methods and human geography as they pertain to Latina/o Studies, American Studies, comparative ethnic studies, and the U.S. South. Last year, Guerrero was a Latino Smithsonian Postdoctoral Fellow and a Goldman Sachs Junior Fellow at the National Museum of American History. Guerrero's dissertation traced the arrival and racialization of Vietnamese and Cuban refugees and Latina/o immigrants in Arkansas. She is currently at work on a monograph tentatively titled Race, Labor, and Place: Asians and Latinas/os Remaking Arkansas. The book explores the development of Northwest Arkansas as a particular kind of place, one that in 1990 was overwhelmingly White, in some places up to 99 percent, and where the last twenty years has seen an influx of Asian and Latina/o immigrants. This semester, Guerrero is teaching "Special Topics in American Studies: Citizens, Refugees, and Immigrants." In this course, students look at how those three categories are constructed legally and discursively, how they shape people's lives and have material consequences, and how individuals and communities challenge, negotiate, or contribute to those designations. Next semester Guerrero will be teaching the "U.S. Latina/o Senior Seminar."

Dr. Paola Ricaurte Quijano is a LASC Visiting Researcher on a research fellowship from Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City campus and from Mexico's Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Technología (National Council of Science and Technology). She is Professor-Investigator in the Department of Cultural Studies at the Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City campus and, in association with CASA de Maryland, Ricaurte Quijano is developing an empirical research project on digital competences for social action and the improvement of the quality of life among working-class Latin American immigrants. Ricaurte Quijano received her PhD in Language Sciences in 2009 from the Instituto Nacional de Antropología in Mexico City. Her research interests include the impact of technology on social life through the empirical analysis of media environments and socio-cultural phenomena, such as cybercultures, e-politics, cyberactivism, and digital literacy. Her doctoral dissertation, "Migration, Memory and Signification" analyzes the construction and reconstruction of memory among Latin American immigrants in the United States. Ricaurte Quijano is a member of the Cátedra de la Sociedad de la Información y del Conocimiento (Research Group of the Information and Knowledge Society) at the Tecnológico de Monterrey and she is a member of the seminar Identidades, cambio social e Interculturalidad (Identity, Social Change and Interculturality) at the Centro de Investigaciones sobre América Latina y el Caribe. In 2010, she organized the First International Congress on Social Media, held in Mexico. Ricaurte Quijano also writes a collective blog for El Universal, a leading newspaper in Mexico (http://blogs.eluniversal. com.mx/virtualis/).

_ASC News and Awards

Prof. Jim Maffie will publish "In Huehue Tlamanitiliztli and la Verdad: Nahua and European Philosophies in Fray Bernardino de Sahagún's Colloquios y doctrina Cristiana," in the Inter-American Journal of Philosophy. Shawn Mora was awarded the James R. Scobie Award to conduct two months of pre-prospectus research in Brazil from June to August, 2011.

Daniel Richter received The Fullbright Institute of International Education Fellowship to conduct research in Uruguay for his dissertation titled "All the Atlantic World's a Stage: Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Theatre, and Transnational Mass Culture, 1910-1966."





Brent Edwards

Brent Edwards is a fifth-year doctoral student in the International Education Policy program at the University of Maryland, where he studies the decentralization of education management in Central America, mainly in El Salvador. This year, Edwards is in El Salvador collecting data for his dissertation with the help of a Fulbright Research Scholarship. During his time there, from October 2011 to July 2012, Edwards will be based at the Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas in San Salvador. For his dissertation research, Edwards will focus generally on processes of education reform and specifically on the trajectory of the program Educación con Participación de la Comunidad (EDUCO), an education management decentralization program where communities, rather than the central ministry, have themselves managed their own schools through an elected five member council of parents. The history of this program is particularly important to understand not only because it has been at the center of education policy debates in El Salvador for nearly two decades, but also because it has been extremely influential with international agencies. Institutions like the World Bank have heavily promoted these types of decentralization programs in Central America and advertised the supposed success of EDUCO to promote similar reforms around the world. In studying EDUCO specifically, Edwards will focus both on its initial adoption in 1991, subsequent scaling up in 1996, and recent reform in 2011, as well as the effectiveness of this program at the local level.



Andre Pagliarini

Seven years ago, Brazil was still seen as possessing more potential as a global power than actual influence, but as President Obama remarked in Rio de Janeiro this March, it "is a country of the future no more . . . the future has arrived, it is here now." I spent the past summer in Brazil, a country much changed since I moved away in 2004. As a Brazilian-American with significant personal investment there, I welcome its new prominence on the world stage and invite other students to take a closer look at the largest nation in South America. Indeed, Brazil's ascendancy has impacted me in a number of ways, inspiring me to pursue a PhD in Latin American history next year with a focus on twentieth-century Brazil. I want to study Brazil because I want to understand the historical processes that have led it to where it is today. While I know that the march to economic and political stability has been a long, difficult slog, I am interested in understanding more about exactly how Brazil landed in the fortuitous position it now occupies. In the end I am drawn to studying Brazil because it is an endlessly intriguing place that I hope will be the land of the future—my future—for years to come.

Brandi Townsend received a Fulbright research fellowship from the Institute of International Education to conduct research in Santiago, Chile, from March to December of 2012. This research is for her dissertation, "Public Reckoning, Private Recovery: Gender, Memory, and Human Rights Struggles in Chile, 1973-2012."

Prof. Ruth Enid Zambrana was awarded the 2011 Julian Samora Distinguished Career Award from the American Sociological Association (ASA). Her latest book was published this year, Latinos in American Society: Families and Communities in Transition (Cornell University Press, 2011). Joshua Walker received The Institute of International Education Graduate Fellowship for International Study. He will be doing research in both Mexico City and Oaxaca from January to November 2012 for his dissertation titled "Faucets and Fertilizers: Interpreting Changing Technologies of Production in Oaxaca, Mexico, 1943-1982."

Winter Courses 2012

ENGL362 Caribbean Literature in English

HIST319X Special Topics in History: Cultural History of Latin America: Music, Movies and Revolution SPAN222 Cultural Difference

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Spring Courses 2012

LASC235 Issues in Latin American Studies II 0101(49378) I. Rodriguez-Santana 0201(49379) T. Guzman-Gonzalez

LASC235H Issues in Latin American Studies II 0101(49389) I. Rodriguez-Santana

LASC448l Special Topics in Latin American Studies: Latin American Caribbean Thought 0101(49399) J. Maffie

LASC448L Special Topics in Latin American Studies: Conservation and Indigenous People in Latin America; also offered as ANTH468L. 0101(49409) J. Chernela

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ENGL448A Literature by Women of Color: Caribbean Literature by Women

GEOG413 Migration: Latin America and the United States

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HIST208B Historical Research and Methods Seminar: Women and Gender in Twentieth Century Latin America

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Study Abroad Winter 2011-2012

Chile: Chilean Literature, Democracy and Social Change -ARHU 319C, CMLT498, GVPT309F, HIST329N, or HONR349C for three (3) credits 1/2/2012 – 1/22/2012

Ecuador: Andean Spaces - Traversing the Colonial City and the Natural World -SPAN 448E: Special Topics in Latin American Cultures -Andean Spaces: Traversing the Colonial City and the Natural World for three (3) credits. 1/5/2012 – 1/22/2012

Mexico: Sexual and Gender Diversity Movements in Mexico City -LGBT 398M Sexual and Gender Diversity Movements in Mexico City for three (3) credits.

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Southern Caribbean: The Geography of the Southern Caribbean -GEOG 328B Geography of the Southern Caribbean for three (3) credits. 1/11/2012 - 1/21/2012

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HIST471 History of Brazil HIST473 History of the Caribbean

HONR289D Honors Seminar: Bodies, Borders and Citizenship: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on American Immigration

PORT221 Introduction to Brazilian Literature

PORT399B Independent Study in Portuguese: Colloquium: Brazilian Cinema

SPAN362 Latin American Literatures and Cultures II: From Independence to Nation Formation

SPAN363 Latin American Literatures and Cultures III:

From Modernism to Neo-Liberalism USLT202 US Latina/o Studies II: A Contemporary Overview 1960's to present

USLT498| US Latina/o Studies: Special Topics: Citizens, Refugees, and Immigrants

Graduate Courses 2012

ANTH688L Current Developments in Anthropology: Conservation and Indigenous People in Latin America ARTH768 Seminar in Latin American Art and Archaeology

GEOG788M Selected Topics in Geography: Migration: Latin America and the United States HIST608J General Seminar: 20th Century Latin America

SPAN798W Open Seminar: Latin American Poetics from Romanticism to Modernity

Events Fall '11

September 21

- Café Break Series: "International Networks, Nuclear Energy and Nonproliferation in Latin America", Isabella Alcañiz, Dept Government and Politics Location: Francis Scott Key 2120 (Merrill Room) Time: 3:00-5:00 pm
- LASC Faculty and Graduate Students Welcome Reception Location: 3107 Taliaferro Hall Time: 3:00-7:00 pm

October 4

 Hispanic Heritage Month: Forum on the DREAM Act and Education Panelists: State Senator Victor Ramirez; Kim Propeack, Political Director, Casa de Maryland; Roberto Juarez, Member, Maryland Dream Youth Committee, and Mary Giovagnoli, Director of the Immigration Policy Center at the American Immigration Council. Location: Prince George's Room of the Stamp Student Union Time: 4:00-6:00 pm

October 14

• Conference: Washington Area Symposium on the History of Latin America (WASHLA) Location: 2110 Taliaferro Hall Time: 12:00-6:00 pm

October 19

• Café Break Series: "Searching for a Cure for Diseases of the Rubber Tree: Adventures in the Amazon", Priscila Chaverri, Dept. of Plant Sciences and Landscape Architecture Location: Francis Scott Key 2120 (Merrill Room) Time: 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

October 26

• Undergraduate Open House Location: 3107 Taliaferro Hall Time: 5:00-7:00pm

October 31

 "The founding of the Inter-American Commission of Women: Havana, February 1928" Marysa Navarro, Charles Collis Professor of History Emeritus, Darmouth College and Ana Lau Jaiven, Research Professor, Dept. of Politics and Culture, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Xochimilco, Mexico.
Location: Francis Scott Key 2120 (Merrill Room) Time: 3:30 pm-5:00 pm

November 3-4

• Graduate Student Conference on Latin America and the Caribbean: Imagining Culture, Past and Present

Location: Mckeldin Library, Special Events Room Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

November 9

• Café Break Series: "Indigenous or Mestizo?: A Comparison of the Trajectories and Local Meanings of Two Andean Musical Genres in Bolivia and Peru." Fernando Rios, Visiting Assistant Professor in Ethnomusicology Location: Francis Scott Key Hall 2120 (Merrill Room) Time: 3:30 pm– 5:00 pm

November 16

 "Contested Inclusion: Status, Movements, and Transformations of Nationalism"
Matthias vom Hau, Assistant Professor, Institut Barcelona D'Estudis Internacionals, Barcelona, Spain Location: Francis Scott Key Hall 2120 (Merrill Room) Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm





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