

# CLACS

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

2015-2016



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The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at Brown University promotes knowledge, teaching, and research on all aspects of Latin America and the Caribbean. As this Annual Report vividly shows, CLACS has an exciting and diverse program of undergraduate courses, lectures, seminars, conferences, films, concerts, and other events that aim to foster greater engagement by faculty, students, and the broader community with Latin America and the Caribbean.

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CLACS at Brown University!

# A letter from the DIRECTOR

I am pleased to present the 2015-2016 Annual Report for the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at Brown University. Based at the Watson Institute, CLACS aligns much of its activity with the mission of the Institute to promote a peaceful and just world through research, teaching, and public engagement about development, security, and governance.

The 2015-2016 academic year brought a wide array of cultural and academic events, notably the Latin Jazz and Pop Festival, which welcomed dozens of world-class performers to campus and venues throughout Providence and was attended by hundreds of members of both the Brown and greater Providence communities. The forthcoming PBS documentary film *Ivy League Rumba* vividly captured this exciting experience and will be screened here in Providence during the Fall 2016 semester. The Center also continued to organize talks, conferences, and events on timely topics related to the region. For example, the CLACS conference, *Unequal Security in the Americas*, convened academics from the U.S. and Latin America to present cutting-edge research on the sharp inequalities of public safety facing the region.

This year CLACS continued to sponsor several faculty-led lecture series, including the Andean Lecture Series organized by CLACS Concentration Advisor Jeremy Mumford and the Cuba Transitions series, which culminated in a conference at the Watson Institute in May organized by Professors Jennifer Lambe, Daniel Rodriguez and Esther Whitfield of the History and Comparative Literature Departments.

In addition to this busy schedule of programming, CLACS hosted visiting professors and scholars from Argentina, Chile, and Venezuela, offered undergraduate courses on contemporary Latin American politics and society, and celebrated the graduation of a cohort of 8 concentrators in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. We also launched a new CLACS Fellows Program, an innovative initiative for Brown undergraduates with a strong interest in the region.



CLACS Fellows are offered exclusive programming as well as special opportunities to engage with CLACS faculty, visitors, and guest speakers. In December, the Center was awarded a prestigious Tinker Field Research Grant, which will help support graduate student fieldwork in Latin America over the next three years. I would like to thank the faculty and administration, staff, and students who helped make last year a great success for CLACS.

Finally, this year marks the end of my second and last three-year term as Director of CLACS. I am pleased to welcome Professor Jessaca Leinaweaver, of the Anthropology Department, as the new Director starting July 1, 2016. Please join me in wishing Jessaca, the CLACS staff, our faculty affiliates, and our students a very successful 2016-2017!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Snyder". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Richard Snyder, Director (2010-2016)**

# CLACS FACULTY AFFILIATES





# Our Faculty

The CLACS faculty community is composed of both Brown faculty and visitors from around the region. In addition to our Director, Concentration Advisor, Cogut Visiting Professors, and Sarmiento Fellows, we work regularly with faculty across the campus to organize special series and events around a theme. Some of these include:

Andean Project Lecture Series

History, Memory, and Social Justice: Recent Latin American Cinema Series

Cuba Transitions Lecture Series

140+

AFFILIATED  
FACULTY

FROM

35

DEPARTMENTS



## **RICHARD SNYDER**

**Director**

Richard Snyder is a Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies. His research focuses on the comparative politics of development, comparative political economy, and Latin American politics.

## **JEREMY MUMFORD**

**Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
Concentration Advisor**

Jeremy Mumford is a Lecturer in the Department of History and Director of the Andean Project at Brown University, and has served as the LACA Concentration Advisor since 2014. He is a historian of the colonial Andes.



# Faculty Affiliates

**Almeida, Onesimo** Portuguese and Brazilian Studies  
**Alvarado, Leticia** American Studies  
**Amor y Vázquez, José** Emeritus, Hispanic Studies  
**AnderBois, Scott** Linguistics  
**Andreas, Peter** Political Science / Watson Institute  
**Augusto, Geri** Africana Studies  
**Bass, Laura** Hispanic Studies  
**Bates, Robert** Watson Institute  
**Bauer, Beth** Hispanic Studies  
**Becker, Bruce** Emergency Medicine / Behavioral and Social Sciences  
**Bensmaïä, Réda** French Studies  
**Bertness, Mark** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Bianchi, Cesario** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Bisaccio, Daniel** Education  
**Blackadar, Andrew** Watson Institute  
**Blair, Robert** Political Science / International and Public Affairs  
**Bliss, Joseph** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Bloomfield, Steve** Watson Institute  
**Bogues, Anthony B.** Africana Studies  
**Borkan, Jeffrey** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Cherry, John** Archeology and the Ancient World, Classics  
**Clayton, Michelle** Hispanic Studies  
**Colgan, Jeff** Political Science / International and Public Affairs  
**Cope, R. Douglas** History  
**Dal Bo, Pedro** Economics  
**Deegan, Linda** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Diaz, Joseph** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Dzidzienyo, Anani** Africana Studies  
**Edwards, Erika** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Egilman, David** Community Health / Biology & Medicine  
**Elliott, Claudia** International Relations  
**Empkie, Timothy** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Escudero, Kevin** American Studies  
**Evans, Peter** Watson Institute  
**Fagan, Mark** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Faudree, Paja** Anthropology  
**Feigenbaum, Sonia** Office of Global Engagement  
**Ferreira, Roquinaldo** History and Portuguese & Brazilian Studies  
**Fiering, Norman** Emeritus, John Carter Brown Library  
**Figueroa, Patricia** University Library  
**Fischer, Karen** Geological Sciences  
**Flanigan, Timothy** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Foster, Andrew** Economics / PSTC  
**Fuchs, Beth** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Galarraga, Omar** Health Economics  
**Gallagher, Janice** Watson Institute  
**Gander, Forrest** English / Literary Arts  
**Goldman, Roberta** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Granai, Skip** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Green, James N.** History  
**Gutmann, Matthew** Anthropology  
**Harrison, Emily** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Hastings, Justine** Economics  
**Heath, Dwight** Emeritus, Anthropology  
**Heller, Patrick** Sociology / International and Public Affairs  
**Henderson, John V.** Emeritus, Economics  
**Henry, Paget** Sociology  
**Houston, Stephen** Anthropology  
**Hu-DeHart, Evelyn** History  
**Itzigsohn, José** Sociology  
**Jackson, Fred** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Jamieson, Amanda** Molecular Microbiology and Immunology  
**Jaquette, Jane** Watson Institute  
**Kantor, Rami** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**King, Dawn** Center for Environmental Studies  
**Krueger, Joachim** Cognitive, Linguistic and Psychological Sciences  
**Kuhnheim, Jill** Hispanic Studies  
**Lamba-Nieves, Deepak** Watson Institute  
**Lambe, Jennifer** History  
**Leinawever, Jessaca** Anthropology  
**Lepore, Michael** Health Services, Policy and Practice  
**Lestor, Barry** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Lewis, Patsy** Africana Studies  
**Lewis, Thomas** Religious Studies  
**Lindstrom, David** Sociology  
**Liu, Simin** Epidemiology / Medicine  
**Locke, Richard** Watson Institute  
**Logan, John** Sociology  
**Lowenthal, Abraham** Watson Institute  
**Maroja, Camila** International Humanities  
**Martínez-Pinzón, Felipe** Hispanic Studies  
**Matos, Yalidy** Watson Institute  
**Mazzucchelli, Aldo** Hispanic Studies  
**McGarrell, Matthew** Music  
**McGarvey, Stephen** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Meeks, Brian** Africana Studies  
**Merrim, Stephanie** Hispanic Studies / Comparative Literature  
**Miles, William** Political Science  
**Miller, Kiri** Music  
**Mimiaga, Matthew** Epidemiology / Behavioral and Social Sciences  
**Montero, Iris** Cogut Center for the Humanities  
**Mumford, Jeremy** History  
**Mustard, Jack** Geological Sciences  
**Nagavarapu, Sriniketh** Economics  
**Narain, Meenakshi** Physics  
**Neil, Christopher** Marine Biology Laboratory  
**Nunn, Amy** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Operario, Don** Public Health / Behavioral and Social Sciences  
**Ortega, Julio** Hispanic Studies  
**Pacheco, Maria** Portuguese & Brazilian Studies / Education Alliance  
**Perry, Keisha-Khan** Africana Studies / Anthropology  
**Peti, Wolfgang** Chemistry  
**Porder, Stephen** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Remensnyder, Amy** History  
**Rich, Jeremy** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Riva, Massimo** Italian Studies  
**Roberts, Timmons** Sociology  
**Rodríguez, Besenia** Associate Dean of the College  
**Rodríguez, Daniel** History  
**Rodríguez, Pablo** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Rodríguez, Ralph** American Studies  
**Saal, Alberto** Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences  
**Safer, Neil** John Carter Brown Library  
**Saint-Amand, Pierre** French Studies  
**Scherer, Andrew** Anthropology  
**Schrank, Andrew** Sociology / Watson Institute  
**Schuhmacher, Nidia** Hispanic Studies  
**Shih, Elena** American Studies  
**Simas-Almeida, Leonor** Portuguese & Brazilian Studies  
**Simon, Peter** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Smith, Victoria** Hispanic Studies  
**Snyder, Holly** University Librarian  
**Snyder, Richard** Political Science, Director of CLACS  
**Sobral, Patricia** Portuguese & Brazilian Studies  
**Sobral, Silvia** Hispanic Studies  
**Stallings, Barbara** Watson Institute  
**Stonestreet, Barbara** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Targan, David** Physics  
**Taub, Joshua** International Advancement  
**Taubin, Gabriel** Computer Science / Engineering  
**Thomas, Sarah** Hispanic Studies  
**Tucker, C. Joshua** Music  
**Valente, Luiz** Portuguese & Brazilian Studies  
**VanWey, Leah** Sociology / Institute at Brown for Environment and Society (IBES)  
**Vaquero, Mercedes** Hispanic Studies / Medieval Studies  
**Vieira, Nelson** Portuguese & Brazilian Studies  
**Vivier, Patrick** Warren Alpert Medical School  
**Ward, Kenneth** John Carter Brown Library  
**Warren, Kay** Anthropology  
**Weitz-Shapiro, Rebecca** Political Science and Public Policy  
**Wessel, Gary** Biology  
**Whitfield, Esther** Comparative Literature  
**Winkes, Rudolf M.** Emeritus, Archeology / History of Art and Architecture  
**Witman, Jon** Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB)  
**Ybarra, Patricia** Theatre and Performance Studies  
**Zerner, Catherine** Emerita, History of Art & Architecture

# Visiting Scholars



RICARDO LAGOS  
ESCOBAR

Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor

Widely regarded as one of Latin America's most important political leaders, Lagos served as President of Chile from 2000 to 2006. During his term, Lagos was known for aggressively pursuing free trade agreements, improving health care and education legislation, and addressing the crimes of Augusto Pinochet's military regime. Since leaving office, Lagos founded the Fundación Democracia y Desarrollo (Foundation for Democracy and Development) in 2006 and currently serves as its President.



MARCELO LEIRAS

Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor

Marcelo Leiras is an Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Social Sciences, as well as Director of the Master's Program in Public Administration and Policy at Universidad de San Andrés (Buenos Aires, Argentina). He is also an Adjunct Researcher at the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (Conicet-Argentina). His current work explores effects of institutionalized political competition on the stability of governments and the political involvement of social elites. His work has appeared in the *Journal of Politics* and *World Development*.



VERÓNICA ZUBILLAGA

Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professor

Verónica Zubillaga is an Associate Professor in the Social Sciences Department at the Universidad Simón Bolívar in Caracas, Venezuela. Her research interests include urban violence and drug trafficking in Latin America and the intersections of structural violence and social subjectivities. In recent years, Zubillaga has combined research with public engagement concerning social violence, specifically promoting an arms control and disarmament public policy in Venezuela.

## CRAIG M. COGUT VISITING PROFESSORSHIP

The Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professorship in Latin American and Caribbean Studies brings leading scholars from Latin America and the Caribbean to teach and conduct research at Brown University. Visiting Professors are based at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and teach one undergraduate course on Latin America per semester, advise undergraduate and graduate student theses, and give presentations in Center or affiliated departmental colloquia. The Craig M. Cogut Visiting Professorship provides a stipend, an optional medical insurance package, financial assistance with round-trip travel from the home country, and administrative assistance. Appointments are possible for one or two semesters.

# SHORT-TERM VISITING SCHOLARS



## JUAN PABLO LUNA

Sarmiento Research Fellow

Juan Pablo Luna is a Professor of Political Science at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile. Professor Luna has completed residencies at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Center, Universidad de Salamanca, Brown University, and Harvard University. He is currently the coordinator of the Chile Latin American Public Opinion Project Survey at Vanderbilt University. His research interests include political party systems, political representation, and the political effects of inequality and status.

*Established through the generous support of Alfredo C. Cassiet, M.D. and María-Elena Cassiet, the Sarmiento Fellowship enables scholars from South America to visit Brown and collaborate closely with Brown scholars from a wide array of disciplines.*



## JACQUELINE BEHREND

UNSAM Exchange Program Scholar

Jacqueline Behrend is a Professor of Political Science at Universidad Nacional de San Martín in Argentina and a tenured researcher at the National Council for Scientific and Technical Research (CONICET). She received her Ph.D. in Politics at the University of Oxford in 2008. She is the co-editor with Laurence Whitehead of the book *Illiberal Practices: Territorial Variance within Large Federal Democracies*, forthcoming with Johns Hopkins University Press in May 2016.



## LUCAS CHRISTEL

UNSAM Exchange Program Scholar

Lucas Gabriel Christel holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Universidad Nacional de San Martín (UNSAM) in Argentina where he is currently a postdoctoral fellow and political science instructor. His research interests focus on political incidences of social resistance in environmental conflicts, primarily revolving around issues of mining. Christel also focuses on the relation between collective action and sub-national politics and conflicts related to environmental governance.

*Brown University and Universidad Nacional de General San Martín (UNSAM) in Buenos Aires, Argentina launched a program of faculty and graduate student exchange in February 2016. Scholars may visit the partner institution for short periods of time in order to conduct research, meet scholars in their fields, and present their work. The program is open to graduate students and faculty.*

# LACA STUDENTS



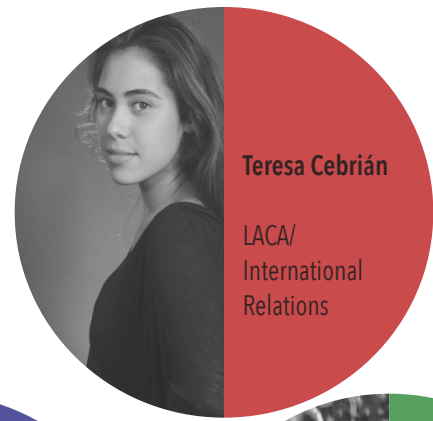
# CLASS OF 2016

Each year, CLACS hosts undergraduate concentrators with a diverse array of interests. The concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is designed to help students develop a deep interdisciplinary understanding of culture, history, and contemporary issues in Latin America and the Caribbean. Students explore how social, political, economic, literary, and cultural factors combine to explain the Latin American and Caribbean societies of today. The concentration in Latin American and Caribbean Studies offers students the opportunity to use the methods of various disciplines and integrate different ways of knowing.



**Charlotte Biren**

LACA/  
Development  
Studies



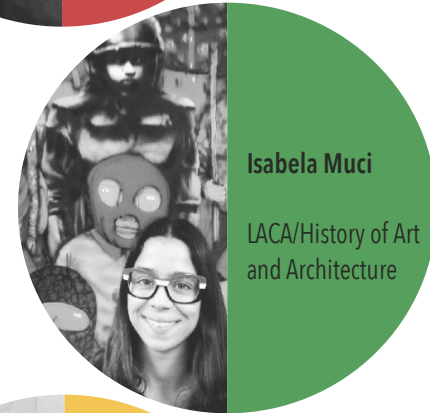
**Teresa Cebrián**

LACA/  
International  
Relations



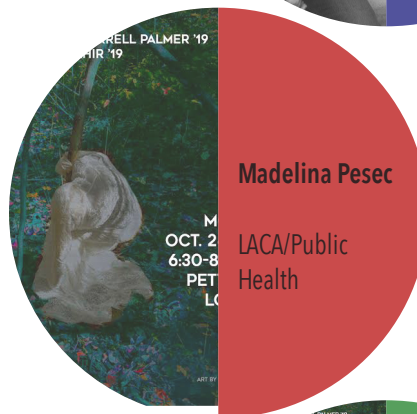
**Dylan Moses**

LACA/History



**Isabela Muci**

LACA/History of Art  
and Architecture



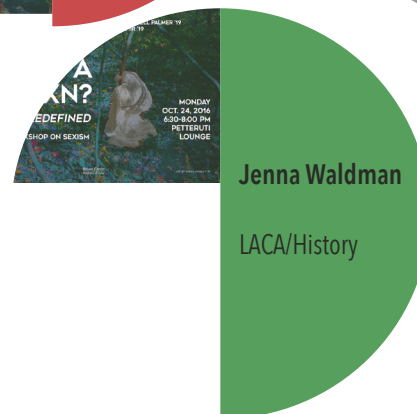
**Madelina Pesec**

LACA/Public  
Health



**Winnie Shao**

LACA/Economics



**Jenna Waldman**

LACA/History



**Daniel Wilhite**

LACA/Urban  
Studies/History

# CLACS Undergraduate Fellows Program



Ricardo Lagos



Roberta Jacobson

Beginning this year, the CLACS Undergraduate Fellowship Program has allowed students who have demonstrated an interest in Latin America and the Caribbean to explore what it means to work in/on the region. Fellows attend exclusive events featuring a range of public and private sector leaders throughout the year.

The 20 undergraduates in the inaugural CLACS Fellows cohort have spent significant time in 12 countries in the region, represent 16 concentrations, and come from all class years at Brown. Their events series included meetings with Secretary of State for Rhode Island Nellie Gorbea, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Roberta Jacobson, former President of Chile Ricardo Lagos, and Representative of the Ecuadorian Amazon Cofán People in the U.S. Hugo Lucitante.

# CLACS Alumni

Brown University graduated 311 Latin American and Caribbean Studies concentrators between 1975 and 2015.



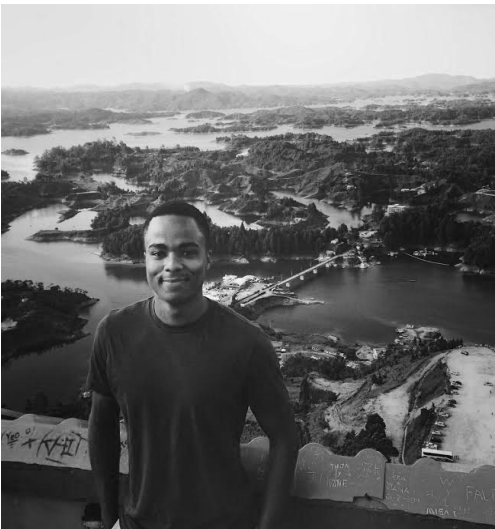
Lily Axelrod '09

These alumni now live across the country in 38 states and Puerto Rico, and abroad in Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Mexico, the Bahamas, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. They are engaged in groundbreaking work on the region in many disciplines. Among them are a criminal defense and immigration lawyer, a Fulbright Research Scholar focusing on micro-business, a sexual and reproductive health policymaker with Planned Parenthood, a Columbia University law student studying minority voting rights and campaign finance reform, a design specialist at Harvard's Center on the Developing Child, a manager of the Chiquita company in Switzerland, a University of Vermont Professor of Latin American History, and an economist at Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. For more information, visit [watson.brown.edu/clacs](http://watson.brown.edu/clacs) and browse the first issue of our

Alumni Newsletter!



Shane Grannum '15



Austin Cole '15



Jessica Mason, '05

# CLACS Graduate Programs

CLACS contributes to graduate education and training at Brown by supporting students through courses and events, providing funding for summer fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean, and offering dissertation writing fellowships. The Center also sponsors interdisciplinary graduate colloquia where students are given an opportunity to present and receive feedback on their research from peers and faculty members.

*Graduate students in 9 departments are affiliated with CLACS.*

## Cogut Dissertation Fellows

CLACS offers dissertation fellowships for graduate students at Brown who are in the writing stage of their dissertation. The fellowships are open to students in any department whose research is directly relevant to Latin America and/or the Caribbean.

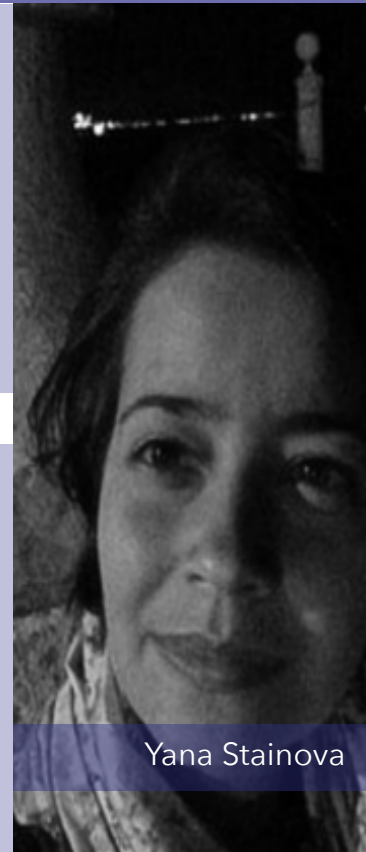
Carla Alberti



Carla Alberti is a seventh year Political Science Ph.D. candidate from Chile specializing in comparative politics and international relations, with a regional focus in Latin America. Her research interests lie at the intersection of ethnicity, democracy, development, and civil society. Her dissertation, entitled "Projecting Hegemony: Parties, Organizations, and Indigenous Forms of Governance in Bolivia," explores the interactions between political parties and indigenous groups in Latin America.

## Cogut Fellows '15-'16

Yana Stainova is a Ph.D. student in anthropology. She has a BA in International Relations and Spanish from Mount Holyoke College and an MA in anthropology from Brown University. Her research is positioned at the intersection of ethics, aesthetics, and violence and explores the role of artistic production in political change. For her dissertation, Yana studies how participants perceive and use the potential of music to nurture ethical sensibilities and build political imaginations.



Yana Stainova



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## CLACS Awarded Tinker Foundation Grant

In February, CLACS was one of six Latin American Studies centers and programs across the country awarded a multi-year Field Research Grant by the Tinker Foundation. The mission of the Tinker Foundation is to promote the development of an equitable, sustainable, and productive society in Latin America, while enhancing an understanding of Latin America and of how U.S policies may impact the region.

The grant provides \$10,000 annually over three years to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Latin America and the Caribbean by Brown doctoral students from all disciplines. The funds from the Tinker Foundation will be matched each year by the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and the Graduate School, bringing the total amount available to \$20,000 per year. The grant will allow CLACS to help send 10-20 graduate students annually to Latin America and the Caribbean for summer fieldwork, giving them a valuable opportunity to acquire comprehensive knowledge of language and culture, familiarize themselves with sources relevant to their studies, conduct preliminary research, and develop contacts in their fields.





## Botín@Brown

October 2015 marked the sixth consecutive year that students participating in the Botín Foundation Program for Strengthening Public Service in Latin America convened at Brown University's Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs for the U.S. portion of the program. This year's cohort was comprised of 32 undergraduate students from 14 Latin American countries with a vocation for public service. While at Brown, the scholars took part in activities focused on public service engagement and leadership, including workshops, trainings, and lectures by Brown faculty, former President of Chile Ricardo Lagos, and other experts on Latin America. The scholars also had the opportunity to participate in various cultural activities in Providence and speak with Rhode Island Secretary of State Nellie Gorbea and Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza.

*"The Botín Program extends Brown's global reach by bringing to campus talented Latin American students with a passion for public service. With more than 200 alumni across Latin America and the Caribbean, the network of Botín scholars forms an important part of the international Brown community. The Botín scholars' enthusiasm for advancing the public good is infectious, and they engage our students and faculty with their keen insights about the pressing challenges facing Latin America and the world today." - Richard Snyder*



# 2015-2016 EVENTS

# The Latin Jazz and Pop Festival

From October 1-7, 2015, CLACS hosted the first Brown University Latin Jazz and Pop Festival. A celebration of Latin music and cultures, the week featured live performances by Latin Grammy-winning and Grammy nominated musicians as well as panels and lectures about contemporary Latin music. Brown students, staff, and faculty attended many of the events, as did members of the Providence community.

Throughout the festival, Miami-based director Joe Cardona led a crew that filmed the performances and interactions behind-the-scenes. They also interviewed musicians, public figures in Providence, Brown faculty, and CLACS Director Richard Snyder. The footage has been compiled into a documentary called *Ivy League Rumba*, co-directed by Joe Cardona and Ralf Gonzalez, that will be presented by WPBT2, South Florida's PBS affiliate, and distributed nationally.



Ed Calle



Pedrito Martinez



Raymer Olalde



Román Díaz and Ed Calle



Jesús Andújar



Edgar Pantoja

During the festival, some of the visiting musicians came together at the recording studio in the Granoff Center for the Creative Arts. Building on Steve Roitstein's ideas for a song, the artists added material and proceeded to record in the studio. Over the course of the day, the group edited the song, improvised, and developed a more natural flow. By the end of the recording session, they had created "Agua Pa' Los Santos." The song was performed live for the first time three days later in the Martinos Auditorium at the Granoff Center.



Leslie Cartaya



# More CLACS Events

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
presents

## Zika Virus

February **CRATING FACT FROM FICTION**



with

**Brenna L. Hughes, M.D., M.Sc.** | The Warren Alpert Medical School

**Mark Lurie, Ph.D.** | Associate Professor of Epidemiology,  
Brown University School of Public Health

**Maria D. Mileno, M.D.** | The Warren Alpert Medical School

**Rebecca Reece, M.D.** | Medical Consultant, Rhode Island  
Department of Health's Division of Preparedness, Response,  
Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medical Services

Wednesday, February 10, 2016  
12:30 PM

Joukowsky Forum, Watson Institute

111 Thayer Street

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March

# THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND THE HISPANIC VOTE

Tuesday, March 15, 2016

12:00 p.m.

Joukowsky Forum  
Watson Institute  
111 Thayer Street

## Neoliberal Multiculturalism and Indigenous Movements:

April **axaca** in a Hemispheric Context



April

# BROKEN WINDOWS: Graffiti / Violent Crime Correlation in Providence

## Stefano Bloch

Presidential Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow  
Urban Studies  
Brown University

### HISTORY, MEMORY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE:

### RECENT LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA

JOUKOWSKY FORUM, WATSON INSTITUTE, 111 THAYER STREET



Monday, October 19 - 7:00 PM

TAMBIÉN LA LLUVIA (EVEN THE RAIN)

Iciar Bollain / Spain / 104 min / 2010 / Spanish with English subtitles

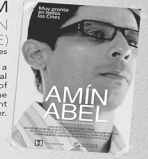
Filmmaker Sebastián and his cynical producer Costa arrive in Cochabamba, Bolivia to make a film about Columbus's voyage to the New World and the subjugation of the indigenous population. Just as filming begins, the indigenous population faces a crisis when the government privatizes the water company and prices skyrocket. Daily protests erupt and the local man cast as a rebellious sixteenth century Taino chief also becomes a leader in the water like protests.

Monday, October 26 - 7:00 PM

399 AMIN ABEL HASBUN. MEMORIA DE UN CRIMEN (399 AMIN ABEL HASBUN. MEMORY OF A CRIME)

Estel Blaz / Dominican Republic / 99 min / 2014 / In Spanish with English subtitles

Based on a true story, the film is an intriguing account of the murder of Amin Abel Hasbun, a brilliant student leader in the Dominican Republic accused of kidnapping U.S. Embassy official J. Crowley; Hasbun was one of many young leftists fighting against the repressive regime of Dr. Joaquín Balaguer, and his death shocked the sensibility of the Dominican people to the point that Balaguer had to orchestrate an investigation despite the fact that his government was responsible for Hasbun's cold-blooded murder.



Monday, November 2 - 7:00 PM

POST MORTEM

Pablo Larraín / Chile / 99 min / 2010 / Spanish with English subtitles

Mario Cornejo is going about his daily business of writing autopsy reports at the military hospital in Santiago when the Pinochet coup d'état shakes his heretofore apolitical character out of his state of apathy. This passionately executed film by Pablo Larraín has met with brilliant reviews, competing at the Venice Film Festival and nabbing second place at the Havana Film Festival's Coral Awards.



Monday, November 9 - 7:00 PM

INFANCIA CLANDESTINA (CLANDESTINE CHILDHOOD)

Benjamin Ávila / Argentina, Spain, Brazil / 110 min / 2011 / Spanish with English subtitles

Argentina, 1979. After years of exile, 12-year-old Juan and his family come back to Argentina under fake identities. Juan's parents and his uncle Beto are members of the Montoneros Organization, which is fighting against the ruling military Junta's dictatorship. Because of their political activities they are being relentlessly tracked, and the threat of capture and even death is constant. However, Juan's daily life is also full of warmth and humor, and he quickly and easily integrates into his new environment. His friends at school and the girl he has a crush on, María, know him as Ernesto, a name he must not forget, since his family's survival is at stake.



Monday, November 16 - 7:00 PM

PELO MALO (BAD HAIR)

Mariana Rondón / Venezuela / 93 min / 2013 / Spanish with English subtitles

A nine-year-old boy's preening obsession with straightening his hair elevates a tidal wave of homophobic panic in his hard-working mother, in this tender but clear-eyed coming-of-age tale. Junior is a beautiful boy, with big brown eyes, a delicate frame, and a head of luxurious dark curls. But Junior aches to straighten those curls to acquire a whole new look befitting his emerging fantasy image of himself as a long-haired singer. Junior's mother, Marta, is barely hanging on. Junior doesn't even know yet what it means to be gay, but the very notion prompts Marta to set out to "correct" Junior's condition before it fully takes hold.



### Violence, Justice, and Civil Society in

# MEXICO

April



**Atala Chavez**

Psychologist, Asociación Popular de Familias de Migrantes

**Janice Gallagher**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Watson Institute

**Francisco Romero**

Human rights lawyer, Centro Fray Bartolomé de la Casas

**Paula Martinez Gutierrez**

Brown University Class of '17

**Camila Ruiz Segovia**

Brown University Class of '18

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies,  
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Cogut  
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# Cuban Transitions: What's Left Out?







April 29-30

***Unequal Security in the Americas***

The two-day conference Unequal Security in the Americas brought together leading scholars from North and South America to discuss security disparities between communities in Latin America.



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CLACS has increased the reach of its talks, conferences, and other events through webcasts, which are broadcast live and then posted on our website and YouTube channel. These webcasts can be accessed at any time and viewed months later for research and reference. This year, two of our events on climate action in Latin America were viewed over 700 times online, and our first panel on the Zika Virus surpassed 600 views.

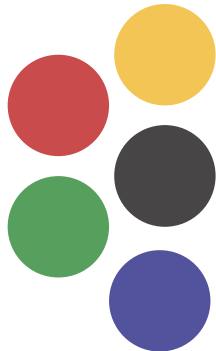
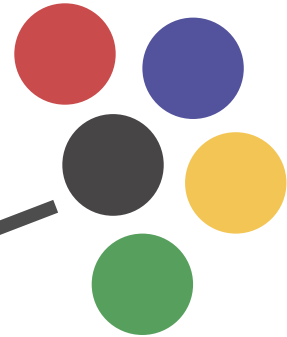


# Upcoming Events: Fall 2016

## *"Fronteras de cristal en las Américas"* *(Glass Borders in the Americas)*

**October 21**

Symposium on the cultural history of migration, identities, and diversity between the USA, Mexico, and Cuba



## *"Cumbia Universal: Gregorio Uribe Band at Brown"*

**November 12**

A trio show of Colombian Cumbia musicians, led by musician, director and composer, Gregorio Uribe

## *CLACS Back from the Field Graduate Student Presentations*

Reception and Poster Session  
by Tinker Field Research Grant Recipients  
**November 14**



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