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## CLAG Bogotá May 2010

The Center for Development Studies (CIDER) and the Department of History at Universidad de los Andes will be hosting the 2010 Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG) meeting in Bogotá from May 26th to May 28th 2010. Our colleague Andrés Guhl, along with his associates in Bogotá, is moving ahead rapidly with the organization of the event. They are in the process of setting up a webpage with information regarding the meeting, the University and the city.

<http://cider.uniandes.edu.co/CLAG/index.asp>



Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, site of CLAG Bogotá May 2010

## CLAG DUES

A gentle reminder to all those who have not yet paid their 2009 subscription for CLAG. Texas Press will not be able to mail you copies of the new issue of JLAG until they receive payment. <http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/journals/jlag.html>

## CLAG Board Elections

The newest members of the CLAG Board, who will serve for a three-year term (2009-12), were elected in April. Many thanks to David Robinson for handling the ballot and election counts.

New Board Members:

Joby Bass (University of Southern Mississippi)  
Kristen Conway-Gómez (California State Polytechnic University, Pomona)  
Andrés Guhl (Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá)  
Craig Revels (Central Washington University)

# Letter from the CLAG Chair

As spring finally arrives to the Front Range, I'm reminded of how much our members and Board members drive CLAG as an organization. On that note, I want to extend a hearty thanks to Ines Miyares (CUNY - Hunter), our out-going Treasurer for CLAG. She has worked diligently for and with CLAG members, as both our past Executive Director and as Treasurer, and we're on solid financial ground. The new incoming Treasurer is Daniel Klooster (Latin American Studies, University of Redlands, CA), already a presence at our meetings and in the larger Latin Americanist geography literature, and I hope you'll welcome him just as you thank Ines for her years of service to CLAG.

This latest newsletter assembles and announces the latest crop of awards given out by the organization for distinguished scholarship, celebrating eminent careers, and recognizing student field and paper awards. The range of work being performed by Latin Americanist geographers is truly impressive, and we are now in a position to recognize the latest generation in a real, substantive way. In short, we hope to offer continued and generous funding for the excellent proposals we are receiving from a new generation of graduate students.

Andrés Guhl (Universidad de los Andes) has announced the dates of the next CLAG meeting, May 26-28 2010, to be held in Bogota, Colombia. We enter 2009 on the heels of a recent and successful conference in Granada, Nicaragua. All is seemingly well. Some recent discussion on the CLAGnete-mail list-serve, however, has highlighted areas where we have to be vigilant: Our CLAG Board members and officers should, in theory and ideally, reflect the general composition of our membership. Or, as the agent provocateur in this case put it, "where are all the women?" While David has done an admirable job of diversifying the editorial board of the Journal of Latin American Geography, the same cannot always be said of our general Board Members. We have some work to do, some connections to make or re-establish, before the active and leading members of our organization reflect that full diversity.

I look forward to working with a new batch of Board Members starting this July 1, 2009, and continuing with the overall development of our organization. I hope to see most of you in D.C. during the next AAG meetings.

Eric Perramond, CLAG Chair 2008-10  
Associate Professor, on sabbatical 2009-10  
Southwest Studies & Environmental Programs  
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# Letter from the LASG Chair

## **SALUDOS: FROM THE LASG CHAIR—Margaret Wilder, University of Arizona**

The Latin America Specialty Group (LASG) had an excellent presence at the 2009 AAG Meeting in Las Vegas. Special activities at the meeting included a wine and cheese reception following our joint business meeting with CLAG, attended by about 50 people.

Thanks to everyone who turned out for what proved to be an enjoyable evening.

Special thanks to Eric Perramond, CLAG Chair and Taylor Mack, CLAG Vice-Chair, for co-sponsoring the reception with LASG.

As Chair, I want to again thank Taylor Mack for his many years of service as an LASG officer, one of many hats he has worn (including also CLAG Vice-Chair and LASG/CLAG Newsletter Editor). Taylor requested to step down a year early from his post as Secretary/Treasurer of LASG, given his multiple other commitments to our organization, and was duly recognized with some lovely Las Vegas memorabilia (lollipops that look like dice, anyone?).

Claudia Radel was elected to the Secretary/Treasurer position for 2009-2011.

*Mil gracias*, Claudia, for taking on this position.

The LASG Best Student Paper Awards were presented to the graduate student recipients at the joint business meeting. At the Ph.D. level (\$500), the recipient was Anne-Marie Hanson, University of Arizona and at the Master's level (\$250), Emma Mullaney, University of Miami (Ohio). Congratulations to both award winners for their outstanding achievement!

I can also report that the LASG Field Study Travel Awards have been awarded, subsequent to the April 15 application deadline. The Ph. D. level recipient (\$600) is Brittany Davis, University of Arizona and the Master's level (\$300) is Zoe Pearson, The Ohio State University. Congratulations to these two students and best of luck in your fieldwork this summer.

Thanks to Dan Klooster (Chair), Ellen Hansen, and Curt Holder for serving on the LASG Best Paper Committee. Thanks also to Claudia Radel (Chair), Sarah Blue, Kristen Conway-Gomez, and Alexandra Ponette-González for their service on the LASG Field Study Travel Award Committee. These committees require a great deal of time and commitment, and it is only through this service that we are able to make awards to talented students in our field.

Final thanks to Joe Scarpaci, LASG Vice-Chair, who reported on efforts to recruit new members to LASG.

# Dr. Lydia Mihelic Pulsipher

## Preston E. James Eminent Latin Americanist Career Award, 2008

Dr. Pulsipher's accomplishments have been primarily in the field of Caribbean scholarship. Her most notable work, for our purposes as a Latin Americanist organization, has been the excellent Montserrat scholarship - delving into both livelihoods and natural hazards. She has also been one of the few "public scholars" in Caribbean geography circles: she contributed as an editor to the special volume "Seeds of Change" and to the exhibit of the same name at the Smithsonian Institution.

What is just as impressive is the variety of both thematic approach (feminist, field-based, geo-archaeological) and substantive topics (Slovenia, Montserrat, feminist geography and education) that Dr. Pulsipher has addressed, so far, in her career. She has also contributed to the larger discipline of geography as a board member for several journals, as an author of a prominent world regional textbook, and as a commentator on the difficulty of life-long professional development during a career in our discipline. Her record of excellence started early, as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and has continued throughout, as she was recently named "mentor of the year" by the National Council on Geographic Education in November of 2005.

Her contributions to human ecology, biogeography, and landscape archaeology have been significant. She is also one of the few I know who has combined all three successfully as a scholar of the Caribbean and its multiple, complex, and island cultures. From 1973 until 1995 she was involved in yearly fieldwork at the Galways Estate until a volcano erupted above the site. Her work has been funded by the Wenner Gren Foundation, Smithsonian Institution, National Endowment of the Humanities, Earthwatch, and the John Carter Brown Library. In addition to her research in human ecology and cultural geography she is also the author of a successful world geography textbook. Co-authored with her son, Alex Pulsipher, the book *World Regional Geography: Global Patterns, Local Lives* is in its 4<sup>th</sup> edition and is used in 200 universities.

It is our pleasure to recognize her excellent work and career with the Preston James Award.

Eric Perramond, CLAG Chair

# Dr. Sarah A. Radcliffe

## Carl O. Saur Distinguished Scholarship Award, 2008

I am honored to present for the Carl Sauer Award of the Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers to Dr. Sarah A. Radcliffe. The Sauer Award is "[g]iven in recognition for a corpus of important published work or other significant contribution towards Latin American geography. Recipients will be scholars who are leading authorities in specific research topics and geographic areas of Latin America. Recipients could also be scholars whose research has made significant advancements towards fostering understanding of Latin America to a broader audience." By any measure one chooses to use, Sarah Radcliffe's career captures the spirit and intent of the Sauer Award. Her contributions to Latin American Geography over the past two decades have been -- and continue to be -- remarkable, vital and influential.

Currently, Sarah Radcliffe is a Senior Lecturer in Latin American Geography at the University of Cambridge, where she has taught since 1995, and a Fellow at New Hall, Cambridge. She has been a visiting scholar at FLACSO in Quito and IEP in Lima, and is/has been the principal investigator for major grants investigating Andean indigenous and/or transnational communities. In these various capacities, she has mentored promising young scholars and promoted cross-disciplinary and transnational dialogues among scholars of, and in, Latin America. In addition to some sixty articles, reviews and chapters in leading outlets, Sarah has published four books on important aspects of Latin American development, one of which (not included in this count) she insisted be published in Spanish in Latin America. In the best academic spirit, she is a mentor and collaborator; co-editing and/or co-authoring three of the aforementioned books. In the most recent book, Sarah shares authorship with two junior scholars whom she has mentored. She is currently working on a single-authored book manuscript addressing the fractured nature of Andean development especially with regard to indigenous women. This book promises to have lasting impact on the way scholars view and analyze processes of nationalism and development in Latin America and possibly beyond.

Although not a member of CLAG (the membership of which is heavily Americas-based), Sarah Radcliffe has served on the editorial board of CLAG's *Journal of Latin American Geography* and the boards of CLAG's counterparts in the UK -- that is, the Institute of Latin American Studies and the Society of Latin American Studies. Her editorial service to the Latin American scholarly community is significant. She has held editorial appointments, in addition to *JLAG*, with the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, *Latin American Research Review*, and the *Journal of Latin American Studies*. Dr. Radcliffe's additional editorial service at such high-ranking journals as *Progress in Human Geography*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Nations and Nationalism*, and *Environment and Planning A* has advanced understandings of Latin American geography for broader scholarly audiences both within and beyond the discipline of geography.

Notwithstanding, the importance of Dr. Radcliffe's scholarly contributions to Latin American development studies cannot be overstated. Many would argue that she has set a new standard for the integration of empirical research and theoretical analysis in Latin American human geography. The powerful theorizing that characterizes Sarah Radcliffe's work is soundly grounded in the empirical reality of contemporary Latin America -- the Andean countries of Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia in particular. Sarah's fieldwork is rigorous and built on relationships nurtured over many years of collaboration with Latin American scholars, development practitioners, and indigenous peoples. As a result, her meticulous case studies of nationalism, identity, gender, disenfranchisement, and indigenous politics not only inform but advance the rich heritage of development theory in Latin America. Sarah's ground-level case studies in Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, for example, throw into sharp relief the importance of women's agency in indigenous politics and national development. Heretofore, the role of Andean women and indigenous peoples in general tended to be essentialized, if not ignored. This work -- a melding of sophisticated social theory and fine-grained cultural analysis -- has inspired and enriched the contributions of researchers in Europe, the US, Canada and Latin America (myself included) to the scholarship of Andean America. In these ways, she has made a lasting contribution to the way Latin Americanist scholars approach the study of nationalism and devel-

## **Dr. Sarah A. Radcliffe**

### **Carl O. Saur Distinguished Scholarship Award, 2008, continued**

opment. The combination of powerful theorizing and rigorous empiricism that is the hallmark of Sarah Radcliffe's scholarship promises to shape key debates in human geography and development studies in Latin America for years to come.

To conclude, Sarah Radcliffe is held in the highest regard not only by fellow Latin Americanist geographers, but Latin Americanist scholars in diverse disciplines. She is a creative thinker whose work identifies, challenges and advances the most salient development issues in the region. She is a Latin Americanist geographer who feels strongly that her work positively impact the lives of the individuals whose life experiences inform her work. Indeed, she is a Latin Americanist geographer in the truest and finest sense.

Sincerely,

Maureen Hays-Mitchell

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## **Jaime Incer Barquero**

### **Private Sector and Government Award, 2008**

Pensando bien el asunto, creo que la única palabra que puedo usar para describir al ganador de nuestro Premio del Sector Privado y Gubernamental de este año es "polifacético"!; Es decir, que ha tenido muchísimos roles en el desarrollo de la

conservación, geografía y desarrollo institucional en su país natal. Tan ecuménico es en sus labores que no es sorprendente que sea conocido como "el Von Humboldt de Nicaragua." Este señor se graduó especializándose en farmacia y química en la Universidad Autónoma de León, luego complete su estudios de graduado en la Universidad de Michigan, obteniendo una maestría en Ciencias Biológicas en 1963.

Como académico ha servido como profesor visitante en la Universidad Estatal de Louisiana y también en Berkeley, California, apoyado por la Fundación Fulbright. Fue decano de Humanidades y Ciencias en la Universidad Centro

Americano de Managua y trabajó como Director de la nueva Escuela de Recursos Naturales que él estableció en la misma universidad en 1974. Con apoyo financiero del Banco Central de Nicaragua y asistencia técnica de la FAO, estableció el Parque Volcán Masaya—el primer parque nacional de Nicaragua.

Durante la presidencia de Violeta Chamorro —el Gobierno de Reconciliación—sirvió entre 1990 y 1994 como Ministro de Medio Ambiente, estableciendo las reservas naturales en Bosawás e Indio Maíz, dos de las zonas selváticas más grandes de su país. Su trabajo sobre la Estrategia Nacional para el Desarrollo Sostenible de Nicaragua, aprobado por el Consejo Nacional de Desarrollo, conllevó a la aprobación de la ley 217 —la Ley General del Medio Ambiente y de los Recursos Naturales de Nicaragua. Gracias a sus esfuerzos persistentes, algo más del 18 por ciento del territorio nicaraguense ya está protegido dentro de una red de reservas que forman un enlace clave en la evolución del Corredor Biológico Mesoamericano. Es decir que su impacto está inscrito en el mismo paisaje nacional. Más aún, su asistencia intelectual y operacional y su estímulo a una multitud de ONGs destinadas al buen manejo de las áreas protegidas, ha proveído modelos no solamente para Centro América, sino para América Latina en general. Pocas son las personas que han llegado al nivel ministerial y pueden relacionarse con tanta humildad con los cam-

## Jaime Incer Barquero

### Private Sector and Government Award, 2008, continued

pesinos en sus reuniones de campo sobre el desarrollo local y regional, sutilmente enseñándolos sobre las perspectivas ecológicas y métodos de análisis, favoreciendo siempre el intercambio de conocimientos—es decir, aprendiendo en su turno de las experiencias autóctonas.

El sirve actualmente como Presidente de la Academia Nicaraguense de Geografía e Historia, y Presidente de la Fundación Nicaraguense para el Desarrollo Sustentable y Vice-Presidente de la Fundación Nicaraguense para la Conservación de la Naturaleza. Ha sido nombrado por el Presidente Ortega Asesor Principal de Asuntos Ambientales para el Canal Interoceánico, y también ha iniciado, con un modesto manual de 600 paginas, una reforma nacional de la educación científica a nivel de secundaria. Por esto y mucho mas, es que nuestro amigo es tan bien conocido en Nicaragua con su multitud de publicaciones—textos escolares y estudios científicos—y su programa de televisión cada viernes, impartiendo sus experiencias y esperanzas para el desarrollo ecológico-balanceado de su país.

Como es de esperar, el maestro ha recibido no solamente el premio Packard de la Unión Mundial de Conservación en 2004 y el prestigioso Premio Buffet de la Nacional Geographic en el año 2006, sino también la Medalla de Honor en Oro de la Asamblea Nacional de Nicaragua en 2007.

Entonces, es un privilegio, en nombre de todos los miembros de la Conferencia de Geógrafos Latinoamericanistas, conceder al "sabio de Nicaragua" -- nuestro Premio del Sector Privado y Gubernamental.

David J. Robinson  
Dellplain Professor of Latin American Geography, Syracuse University  
Executive Director, CLAG

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## 2009 LASG Student Field Study Awards

Masters level: **Zoe Pearson**, The Ohio State University, "Oil, Conflict and Territory in Yasuní National Park, Ecuador."

PhD level: **Brittany Davis**, University of Arizona, "Unintended Ecologies of Marine Protection: Exploring Livelihood Adaptations and Ecological Outcomes in Útila, Honduras."

Thank you to the selection committee:

**Sarah Blue**, Northern Illinois University

**Kristen Conway-Gomez**, California State Polytechnic University

**Alexandra Ponette-González**, University of Texas at Austin (effective 1 September 2009)

Chair: **Claudia Radel**, Utah State University

Thank you as well to all others who also volunteered to serve on the selection committee if needed.

**Claudia Radel**, Utah State University, [claudia.radel@usu.edu](mailto:claudia.radel@usu.edu)

## CLAG Field Study Awards 2009

PhD Level - \$1000 each

**Andrew M. Hilburn**, University of Kansas, Mapping the Subjectivities of Waste management and Agrarian Reform in the Tehuacán Valley, Puebla, Mexico. Coxcatlán, Puebla, México.

**David Tecklin**, University of Arizona, Private Environmental Governance in Chile: conflict and adaptive institution building for fish, forests and water. Santiago, Valdivia, Puerto Montt, Chile.

Master's Level - \$500

**Tammy Elwell**, University of California at Santa Bárbara, The Chilean State's Response to Mapuche Territorial Demands. Temuko, Chile.

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## CLAG Student Travel Awards to CLAG NICA 2009, Granada, Nicaragua.

**Jason Davis**, University of California Santa Barbara. *How does migration to the U.S. and the resultant remittances influence fertility in migrant-sending Central American households?* Advisor: **David Carr**

**Richard Hunter**, Louisiana State University. *Positionality, Perception, and Possibility in Mexico's Valle de Mezquital.* Advisor: **Andrew Sluyter**

Awards Committee, **John Harner** (University of Colorado at Colorado Springs), **Chris Brown** (University of Kansas), and **Margaret Wilder** (University of AZ).

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## 50th Anniversary, Instituto de Geografía y Conservación de Recursos Naturales of the Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela

On March 10th, 2009, the Instituto de Geografía y Conservación de Recursos Naturales of the Universidad de los Andes, Mérida, Venezuela, celebrated its 50th anniversary. The Institute is the oldest of its type in Latin America, founded by Antonio Cárdenas in 1959.

CLAG sent a congratulatory message on March 11th.

# Donald D. Brand Papers

**Donald D. Brand**, the founder of the Department of Geography and the Environment at the University of Texas at Austin died in 1984. With the encouragement of his wife and son, **William Doolittle** (UT-Austin) rounded up all of Don's materials and deposited them at the Benson Latin American Collection. After two decades of cataloging, relocating, etc., they are pleased to inform you that the Donald D. Brand Papers are intact and properly archived at the Dolph Brisco Center for American History on the UT campus.

The website for requesting materials is [http://cah.utexas.edu/services/reference\\_weboffsite.php](http://cah.utexas.edu/services/reference_weboffsite.php) , and the phone number of the Center is 512.495.4166

The email address is [cah.reference@austin.utexas.edu](mailto:cah.reference@austin.utexas.edu)

All the people involved trust this information will prove useful to those interested in Brand's life and work in Latin America.

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## Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) United States National Section: Geography

National Representative: **David J. Robinson** (Syracuse)  
Alternate **Robert B. Kent** (Cal-State Northridge)

### Working Committees

#### 1. Geography and Regional Development

Principal **Andrew Sluyter** (LSU)  
Alternate **James Biles** (Indiana)

#### 2. Geographical Education

Principal **Betty Smith** (East Illinois)  
Alternate **Edward Jackiewicz** (Northridge)

#### 3. Techniques, Methods and GIS

Principal **Peter Herlihy** (Kansas)  
Alternate **Marcellus Caldas** (Kansas State)

#### 4. Land Use and Environmental Management

Principal **David Keeling** (Western Kentucky)  
Alternate **David Salisbury** (University of Richmond)

David Robinson has recently set up new websites for both the US National Section  
<http://sites.maxwell.syr.edu/PAIGH/>

# CLAG 2008 Field Study Award Report

As the Master's winner of the 2008 CLAG Field Study Award, I am to provide you with a quick end-of-summer update on my thesis fieldwork on Korean immigrants in Guatemala City. I'm happy to report my research went very well, and I can tell you I have no dearth of data to analyze now that I have returned to San Diego! The following is a general list of fieldwork results:

1. PARTICIPANT OBSERVATION – For eight weeks, I resided with a Korean family in Zona 7 of Guatemala City, where there is a high concentration of Korean residents and businesses that cater to the ethnic population (i.e. Korean restaurants, video stores, bars, convenience stores, supermarkets, etc.). Frankly, in terms of access to the community, I doubt my living situation could have been better.
2. INTERVIEWS – I have information from approximately eleven (11) hours of transcribed interviews with immigrants who vary in age, occupation, and amount of time in Guatemala. Participants included five university-age students, the president of the Korean Association of Guatemala (KAG), the owner of one of two Korean-language newspapers, several owners of textile distribution or import/export companies, and others. In addition to formal/recorded interviews, I also conducted short/informal interviews with approximately 35 residents, including the Korean Consul to Guatemala, members of a Korean church I attended three times a week, local Guatemalans, and many others with insight into the situation.
3. SURVEYS – I also distributed short surveys in order to gain general demographic data of the community, and to acquire interview participants.
4. FIELD LOG - Throughout the eight weeks of fieldwork, I made sure to maintain a detailed field log of my observations and impressions, which resulted in approximately 50 single-space pages of typed notes.
5. PHOTOS – Of course, I also took photos of Korean businesses and a few community events I attended, including a KAG volcano hike, the donation of a computer center from the Korean government to a local university, church youth group functions, etc.
6. SECONDARY RESOURCES:
  - a. Newspapers - I had articles and ad content of one edition of both Korean-language periodicals translated, and possess other editions to compare/contrast.
  - b. Korean Embassy Publication on Safety – I also had a 'safety manual' provided to recent immigrants by the Embassy translated (safety/security is a recurring theme).
  - c. Press Kit – Internet Center Inauguration – from Korean Embassy function of computer center donated to a local university – good perspective on 'official' perspective and state-scale diplomacy.
7. MAP – I also created a rough map of the Korean businesses (and some residences) around my field site in Colonia Toledo and Colonia Utatlán (about 5 square blocks) where I conducted 95% of my research.

I hope this general list provides an idea about the work I was able to conduct, made possible by the 2008 CLAG Field Study award. I thank the selection committee again for their confidence in me and my study.

**Will Anderson**, San Diego State University

# CLAG 2008 Field Study Award Report

I wish to thank you for the student field award that I received last summer for my preliminary dissertation fieldwork. With this award I went to Mexico for 12 days last September in order to organize contacts and sponsors for my dissertation fieldwork as well as conduct some preliminary interviews. My dissertation focuses on peri-urbanization in the Toluca Valley, on the outskirts of Mexico City, and the implications of urban and industrial growth on rural household livelihoods, land-use, and maize production. I will be embarking to initiate my data collection in three days and the field award was extremely important for setting up my research.

The bulk of the award, unfortunately, was used for an airline flight which was fairly expensive at the time (prices have fortunately come down significantly since last summer). While in Mexico, I met with several contacts that have agreed to sponsor me at their institutions (Dr. Adrian Guillermo Aguilar at the Instituto de Geografia, UNAM, Dr. Kirsten Appendini at the Colegio de Mexico, and Jose Antonio Alvarez, General Secretary of the Toluca Valley UN-Sponsored Urban Observatory at the Colegio Mexiquense). In these meetings I discussed the potential of my research, possible affiliations, and letters of support for my project.

While in Mexico I also conducted several interviews at the urban development office in the State of Mexico, which gave me background information on urban growth in the Toluca Valley, and provided me with maps, planning guidelines for the region, and further contacts for future community visits. I was able to record these interviews with a digital recorder that I purchased with the CLAG award and I will continue to use the recorder for my dissertation fieldwork.

Below is a summary of the expenses from my Mexico trip. I apologize that I was unable to make it to the Granada meeting because I was teaching a course this past quarter, but I plan to attend the next conference in Colombia. I also was hoping to attend the CLAG meeting in Las Vegas but I had to prepare for my move to Mexico. I hope to meet you all in the future to thank you in person and also to get to know you and your work.

Sincerely,

**Amy M. Lerner**

PhD Candidate, Department of Geography

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## Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

While crisis scenarios prevail at Queen's University in Canada – moves are afoot, inexplicably in the age of NAFTA, to eliminate programs offering Spanish and Latin American Studies – at least five members of the Department of Geography are engaged in keeping Latin America and the Caribbean at the forefront of their research activities.

**Victoria L. Henderson** defended her Master's thesis (*Sound as a Dollar? The Propertization of Spectrum Resources and Implications for Non-Profit Community Radio in Guatemala*) in Fall 2008, after which she cashed out her air miles and set off for Brazil, stopping in Rio, São Paulo, Curitiba and one of her new 'favorite places on Earth': Bonito (Mato Grosso do Sul), where she temporarily conquered her fear of heights by rappelling into the heart of the Abismo Anhumas (<http://www.abismoanhumas.com.br>). Post-Brazil, PhD studies have brought Victoria back to academic terrain. She has been working on a number of research streams of late, including protective accompaniment and transnational solidarity, libertarian networks in Latin America, and a critical investigation of homicide in Guatemala. Victoria recently published an article in *Emotion, Space and Society* 1 (2009) ([www.elsevier.com/locate/emospa](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/emospa)). 'Is There Hope for Anger? The Politics of Spatializing and (Re)Producing An Emotion' considers the political implications of emotional (mis)management, with reference to the interplay of hope and anger in representa

tions of the 2006 conflict between AMLO and Felipe Calderón in Mexico. Victoria's anger is currently mounting over the pending suspension of Spanish and Latin American Studies (SLAS) and various Spanish-language degree concentrations at Queen's. If similar actions are being taken at your institution and you would like to discuss, please email Victoria at, [victoria.henderson@queensu.ca](mailto:victoria.henderson@queensu.ca).

**Leah A. Huff** has survived the whirlwind of developing and teaching five courses in her new faculty position at Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick. Her colleagues in the department of Geography and Environment have offered a warm welcome and encouragement to explore her passion for teaching, which has included an area studies offering entitled "Geographies of social and cultural activism in Latin America". This upper-year seminar course included several weeks of in-depth engagement with Guatemala, and though a field trip to Latin America was impossible at this stage, the class did attend the AGM of Breaking the Silence (BTS)—the

## Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada, continued

Maritimes-Guatemala Solidarity Network. In this way students were able to bring academics and activism together, and learn about the power of working in solidarity. Two of these students are inspired to begin a Mount Allison BTS group, for which Leah will happily provide faculty support. Leah is in the final stretch of preparing her dissertation, which will be an

ethnogeographical look at sacred specialties in San Pedro La Laguna, Sololá, Guatemala. With an anticipated graduation in the fall of 2009, Leah's formal membership with the department of Geography at Queen's will be complete, but she anticipates many happy reunions at future CLAG events.

**W. George Lovell** has spent a fruitful winter term in Seville, where he is Visiting Professor in Latin American history at Universidad Pablo de Olavide ([www.upo.es](http://www.upo.es)). The graduate program in which George teaches draws students to Spain from all over Latin America; the 2009 cohort includes citizens of Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Venezuela as well as Greece, Italy, and Spain. George also taught classes at the Universidad de Sevilla and helped organize a conference held April 14-17 at the Escuela de Estudios Hispano-Americanos ([www.eeha.csic.es](http://www.eeha.csic.es)) called "Poblar la inmensidad: Sociedades, conflictos y representaciones en los márgenes del imperio hispánico (Siglos XV-XIX)." He will be in Mexico in July to attend and present papers at the International Conference of Americanists. After ICA George travels to Guatemala to participate in the launch of an English-language edition of Severo Martínez Peláez's classic study, *La Patria del Criollo: An Interpretation of Colonial Guatemala* (Duke University Press, 2009, [www.dukeupress.edu](http://www.dukeupress.edu)), in which he was involved as translator, editor, and presenter. Then it's off to Japan, where the International Conference of Historical Geographers convenes in Kyoto August 24-28. There George will deliver the paper he was to have presented at CLAG in Granada, "Between the Two Seas: Antonio de Herrera and the Mapping of the Audiencia de Guatemala," part of the ambitious Mapping Latin America project coordinated by Jordana Dym and Karl H. Offen. His ten-year spell as co-editor of *Mesoamérica* now over, he nonetheless urges all *CLAGistas* to support the journal by submitting work to it, and by taking out subscription to it or arranging for their institution to do so (<http://www.mesoamericarevista.org/2009rates-Mesoamerica.pdf>). An article that George co-authored with a former graduate student, Robert L. Huish, now Assistant Professor of Development Studies at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been published in *Cuban Studies* 39 (2008). "Under the Volcanoes: The Influence of Guatemala on José Martí" offers an alternative look at the formative years of a key player in Cuba's search for nationhood. A new (revised and expanded) edition of *A Beauty That Hurts: Life and Death in Guatemala* will be published next year by the University of Texas Press. George's memoir of the rock group Procol Harum, *The Waiter Brought a Tray*, which reveals how his passion for Latin America really began, is also available in a new (revised and expanded) edition ([www.procolharum.com](http://www.procolharum.com)).

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## *El Noticiero Centroamericanista* now Online

The email newsletter *El Noticiero Centroamericanista*, had been run monthly by Stephen Webre, Chair, History Department, Louisiana Tech University. In the Fall of 2009, Webre put the email newsletter on hiatus, because of too many time commitments.

Webre has recently restarted *El Noticiero Centroamericanista*, but as an online blog. The newsletter continues as one of the most comprehensive newsletters covering Central America history and geography, as well as many other academic disciplines.

LASG and CLAG members working in Central America will find *El Noticiero Centroamericanista* extremely useful for announcements about interdisciplinary academic events throughout the Isthmus

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# University of Northern British Columbia

## Prince George, British Columbia

### Awards/Recognition:

Dr. **Catherine Nolin** is the recipient of the J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence awarded by the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers) in March 2009

Dr. **Catherine Nolin** received tenure and promotion to Associate Professor of Geography in July 2008.

**Fredy Peccerelli** (Executive Director, Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation -FAFG) was appointed as Adjunct Professor in both the Geography and Anthropology Programs. See: [http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats\\_new/faculty\\_member\\_news.html](http://www.unbc.ca/geography/whats_new/faculty_member_news.html)

### Activities:

**Catherine Nolin** and **Grahame Russell** of Rights Action co-facilitated their 3rd Geography field school to Guatemala in May 2008. The participants' developed a public presentation upon return - Violent development: Canada's connection to mining, human rights and social justice in Guatemala. [http://www.unbc.ca/assets/geography/faculty/nolin/2008\\_unbc\\_presentation\\_october.pdf](http://www.unbc.ca/assets/geography/faculty/nolin/2008_unbc_presentation_october.pdf) Guatemala 2008 Field School/Delegation Public Presentation, UNBC's Canfor Theatre, Prince George, BC, 8 October 2008

UNBC & the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG) have developed a formal partnership which will facilitated the exchange of students, faculty members, and staff members. UNBC is hosting the first two FAFG members - Ms. **Shirley Chacón** and Ms. **Alma Vásquez Almazán** - for the month of March 2009 and the FAFG will host several UNBC students this summer in an exceptional opportunity to participate in the work of the FAFG with unprecedented access and training opportunities.

**Catherine Nolin**, graduate student **Cristian Silva** co-organized another two Speakers' Series on Contemporary Guatemala, (2007-2008; 2008-2009) including the following presentations:

Fall 2007: **Coffee & the Solidarity Economy: Fair Trade vs. Free Trade** - In collaboration with the BC CASA (Central America Student Alliance) and Amnesty International, we co-organized the speaking tour of Leocadio Juracán (Guatemala - National President of the Campesino Committee of the Highlands (CCDA) - an indigenous farmers' organization working on fair trade and organic coffee production)

Spring 2007: **Femicide in Guatemala: The New Face of Violence Against Women** - In collaboration with the British Columbia Law Courts Education Society we co-organized the speaking tour of Ana Moraga, Executive Director of MuJER (Women for Justice, Education and Awareness) to travel from Guatemala City to Prince George and Vancouver, BC

Fall 2008: **When the Bones Speak: Two of the World's Leading Forensic Experts Present their Work at UNBC: Fredy Peccerelli** (Executive Director, FAFG) and the world's pre-eminent forensic anthropologist Dr. **Clyde Snow**, a founding member of the Argentinean Forensic Anthropology Team as well as the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG), participated in a series of talks at UNBC [see photo]

Winter 2009: **Femicide, Impunity & Forensic Investigations:** Dr. Victoria Sanford (Lehman College & Graduate Centre at the City University of New York, CUNY) and Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney (Justice Studies, Florida Gulf Coast University), both presented their work to packed lecture theatres in March 2009.

Grad Students (supervised by Catherine Nolin):

**Nathan Einbinder** (MA Natural Resources and Environmental Studies (NRES) Geography) just completed 3 months of fieldwork in Guatemala in the Rabinal/Río Negro region. His thesis is tentatively titled: Dams, displacement, and perceptions of development: A case study from Rio Negro, Guatemala. Nate has published two articles; one related to the Geography field school's focus on Canadian mining companies in Guatemala in Upside Down World <<http://upsidedownworld.org/main/content/view/1421/1/>> (August '08), and one on dams and development in Environmental News Service <<http://www.ens-newswire.com/ens/mar2009/2009-03-05-02.asp>> (March '09)

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**Cristian Silva** (MA Interdisciplinary Studies) completed several fieldwork trips to Guatemala in the summers of 2006, 2007 & 2008 to work with the Guatemalan Forensic Anthropology Foundation (FAFG) and affiliated NGOs on the issue of gendered violence and femicide. Cristian's training with Physicians for Human Rights (Oct 2008) is highlighted in the UNBC <[http://www.unbc.ca/bulletin/2008/12\\_december\\_5](http://www.unbc.ca/bulletin/2008/12_december_5).

**Claudette Bois** (PhD NRES Geography) completed a photos essay of the 2008 Geography Field School to Guatemala which is posted at: <http://web.unbc.ca/~nolin/>. Claudette is working on the proposal for her dissertation tentatively titled: Resource extraction impacts on indigenous-land spiritual values in rural Guatemala and northern British Columbia.

**Kathy Carlson** (MA NRES Geography) joined the program in January 2009 and will work on the issues of Central American migration.

## Centro de Investigaciones en Geografía Ambiental UNAM—Morelia, México

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Yan Gao. "Comparación de distintos métodos de clasificación digital de imágenes de satélite". Programa de Doctorado en Geografía, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras de la UNAM. 12/9/2008. Tutor Dr. J.F. Mas.

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## LASG & CLAG Member News

Joe Scarpaci is delighted to announce that he becomes Professor Emeritus of Geography at Virginia Tech on May 15, 2009. Retirement, though, is a long way off. In the summer 2008 he completed an 8-week intensive course, called the "business bridge" program (<http://www.aacsb.edu/bridgetobusiness/default.asp>). The program certifies him by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business to teach in b-schools.

He is even more pleased about his new position as a Professor of Marketing in the Department of Economics & Business, Virginia Military Institute (VMI), in Lexington, VA. His new e-mail as of August 1 will be [scarpacij@vmi.edu](mailto:scarpacij@vmi.edu). Scarpaci notes that similarities between cultural and economic geography --especially heritage tourism promotion-- are very similar to marketing paradigms. New courses he will be teaching include international marketing, social marketing and marketing and the public interest. Folks passing through the Shenandoah Valley are encouraged to stop by, though he will continue to claim Blacksburg as his main residence (just 75 minutes away). Joe plans to remain active with CLAG, LASG and the AAG, as well as continuing as Book Review Editor for JLAG.

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# LASG & CLAG Member News

**J. Christopher Brown**, University of Kansas, is now the Director of the Environmental Studies at Kansas. Summer plans include travel to Brazil to present a paper at the Latin American Studies Conference in Rio entitled, "Geography, technology, people, and the environment in Brazil: A way to a better world?". After the conference, Chris will spend some time in workshops at EMBRAPA-Monitoramento por Satélite in Campinas, and later he'll travel with his EMBRAPA collaborator, Alexandre Coutinho, to Mato Grosso to kick off the fieldwork of an EMBRAPA-funded project on monitoring the dynamics of intensification of agriculture and deforestation in the Amazon. Chris was also given the John C. Wright Graduate Mentor Award, 2008, University of Kansas.

**Carol Harden** (U. of Tennessee) and **Kathleen Farley** (San Diego State University) were awarded a grant from NSF for research entitled "Collaborative Research: The Effects of Land-use Change on the Production of Ecosystem Services on Paramo Grasslands." It is a 2.5 year project and we will begin research in Ecuador in June of this year.

**Leah Bremer** (Ph.D. student in the San Diego State University-U.C. Santa Barbara Joint Doctoral Program) was awarded a Fulbright scholarship for dissertation research in Ecuador. Her focus will be on land-use change in paramo grasslands in Azuay province.

**Cynthia Pope** has received one grant from the Connecticut State University System and one grant from Central Connecticut State University for the 2009-2010 project 'Living with HIV/AIDS in Belize: An Ethnography of Personal Experiences with National AIDS Policy.'

**Karl Offen**, University of Oklahoma, received a John Carter Brown Library Research Fellowship for 2009-2010 for his project titled "The Mosquito Kingdom: Environment, History, and the Geographical Imagination." He plans to be in residence in Providence, R.I., during the first half of 2010. Look him up if you're in the neighborhood.

**Taylor E. Mack** (Geography – Dept. of Social Sciences) and **Stephen Webre** (History) of Louisiana Tech University, are receiving funding from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support fund for their proposal, "The Maya and the World: Interdisciplinary Inquiry in the Liberal Arts," scheduled for the Fall 2009 Quarter. Mack and Webre's proposal received the top score in the Interdisciplinary category and was recommended for full funding. The planned activities include guest expert speakers on various aspects of Mayan culture, geography, and history coming to the Louisiana Tech campus in Ruston, Louisiana, including **W. George Lovell**, Queen's University. Guest speakers will give lectures in various courses, including Geography, History, and Spanish, as well as the Lincoln Parish Library.

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# Graduates & Jobs

**David Lansing** is finishing his dissertation titled "Farming Carbon: the development of carbon forestry offsets in Costa Rican indigenous communities" and will graduate in Summer 2009 from the Ohio State University Department of Geography. David's advisor is **Kendra McSweeney**. David Lansing has accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Department of Geography and Environmental Systems, and will start in August 2009.

**Barnes, Jeffrey**, 2008. Cacao: A Cultural Keystone Species Among the Kuna of Three Communities in San Blas, Panama. MA thesis, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University. Ottawa, Canada.

**Copland, Lindsay**, 2009. Local Ecological Knowledge of Coral Reef Ecosystems: A Case Study of Bequia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. MA thesis, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University. Ottawa, Canada.

**Audrey Fusco**, M.A. 2008. Local food, sustainability, and Cuba's National Food Program, Advisor: **J. Christopher Brown**

**Mauricio Herrera Rodriguez**, Ph.D. 2008. Sustainable Development in Costa Rica: A Moral Geography, Advisor: **J. Christopher Brown**

**Brian W. Conz** finished his dissertation and PhD in the Department of Geosciences at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst this past September of 2008. His dissertation was titled '(Re)-Territorializing the Maya Commons: Conservation Complexities in Highland Guatemala.' Stan Stevens was Brian's advisor. Brian was also hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography and Regional Planning at Westfield State College in Westfield, Massachusetts.

**Sarah K. Wright**, The Ohio State University, "Melting Marvel: Tourist Responses to Climate Change and Glacial Melt in the Peruvian Andes." Advisors: **Kendra McSweeney** and **Bryan Mark**. June of 2009.

**Monica Zappa**, Northern Illinois University, thesis title "Assessing Human Vulnerability To Hurricanes: A Case Study Of Bluefields, Nicaragua." She also won NIU's Outstanding Women Student Award for 2009. Monica will be pursuing her PhD in geography at the University of Oklahoma in the fall.

**Stephen Aldrich**, "Largeholder Deforestation and Land Conflict in the Eastern Brazilian Amazon" advised by **Robert Walker**, Michigan State University, May 15, 2009. Stephen will be starting a tenure-track position at Indiana State University in the fall in the Department of Geography, Geology, and Anthropology.

**Richard Hunter**, Louisiana State University, PhD "People, Sheep, and Landscape Change in Colonial Mexico: The Sixteenth-Century Transformation of the Valle del Mezquital." Advisor: **Andrew Sluyter**

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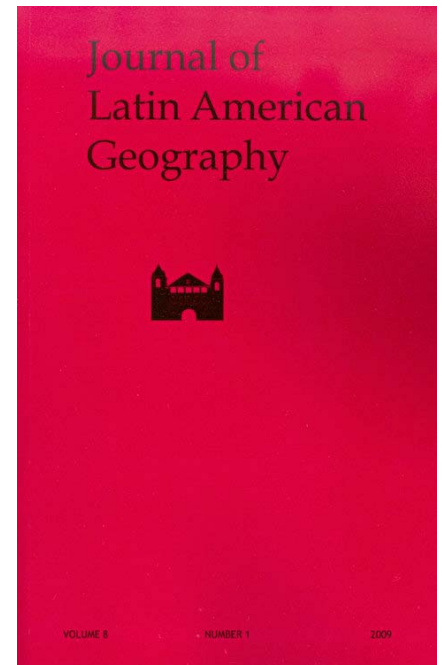
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Christie, Maria Elisa. 2008.

## Kitchenspace: Women, Fiestas and Everyday Life in Central Mexico.

Austin: University of Texas Press.

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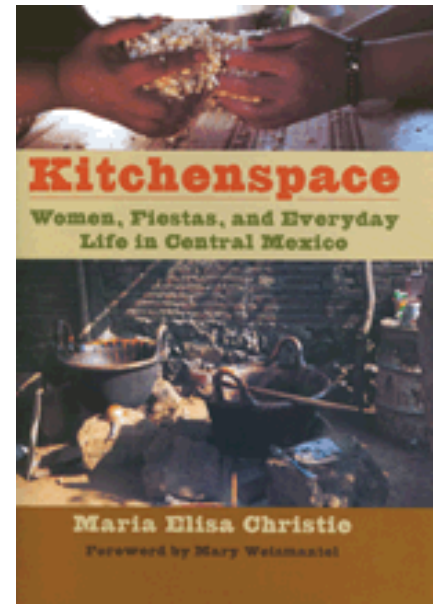
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Throughout the world, the kitchen is the heart of family and community life. Yet, while everyone has a story to tell about their grandmother's kitchen, the myriad activities that go on in this usually female world are often devalued, and little scholarly attention has been paid to this crucial space in which family, gender, and community relations are forged and maintained. To give the kitchen the prominence and respect it merits, Maria Elisa Christie here offers a pioneering ethnography of kitchenspace in three central Mexican communities, Xochimilco, Ocotepéc, and Tetecala.

Christie coined the term "kitchenspace" to encompass both the inside kitchen area in which everyday meals for the family are made and the larger outside cooking area in which elaborate meals for community fiestas are prepared by many women working together. She explores how both kinds of meal preparation create bonds among family and community members. In particular, she shows how women's work in preparing food for fiestas gives women status in their communities and creates social networks of reciprocal obligation. In a culture rigidly stratified by gender, Christie concludes, kitchenspace gives women a source of power and a place in which to transmit the traditions and beliefs of older generations through quasi-sacramental food rites.

# Recent Publications

William M. Denevan and Kent Mathewson, editors

## Carl Sauer on Culture and Landscape: Readings and Commentaries.

Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge.

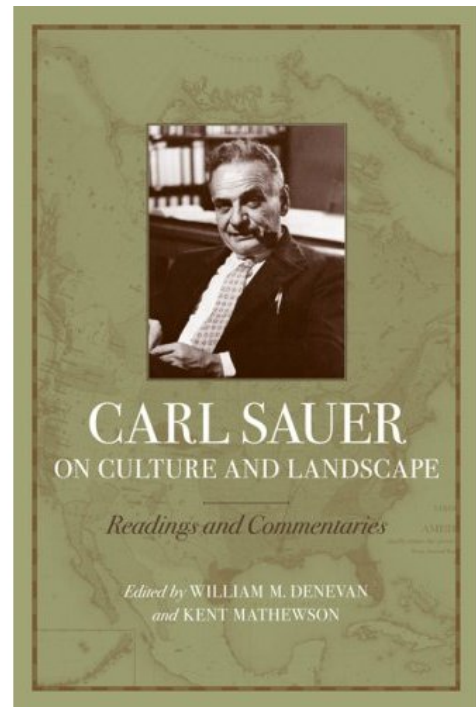
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Perhaps one of the most distinctive and studied geographers of the twentieth century, Carl O. Sauer (1889–1975) had influence that extends well beyond the confines of any one discipline. With a focus on historical and cultural geography, Sauer's essays have garnered praise from poets, natural historians, and social scientists alike who continue to explore Sauer's work. In *Carl Sauer on Culture and Landscape*, editors William M. Denevan and Kent Mathewson have compiled thirty-seven of Sauer's original works, including rare early writings, articles in now largely inaccessible publications, and transcriptions of key oral presentations that remain little known.

A student of the relationships between land and life, people and places, Sauer helped establish landscape studies in cultural geography and paved the way for paradigmatic shifts in the scholarly assessment of Native American history. By strongly advocating a land ethic, "a responsible stewardship of the sustaining earth," for his own and for future generations, Carl Sauer supplied an esthetic rationale and a historical perspective to the environmental movement.

The volume opens with two extended essays on Sauer's critics and his works. Essays by prominent geographers and other authorities on Sauer introduce each section of the book, adding a contemporary element to the presentation and interpretation of Sauer's life and scholarship in areas such as soil conservation, man in nature, and cultivated plants. A complete bibliography of his publications and an extensive compilation of commentaries on his life and work make this an indispensable reference.

*Carl Sauer on Culture and Landscape* sheds new light on Sauer's contributions to the history of geographic thought, sustainable land use, and the importance of biological and cultural diversity—all of which remain key issues today

# Recent Publications

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## Empowering Women: Community Development in Rural Guatemala.

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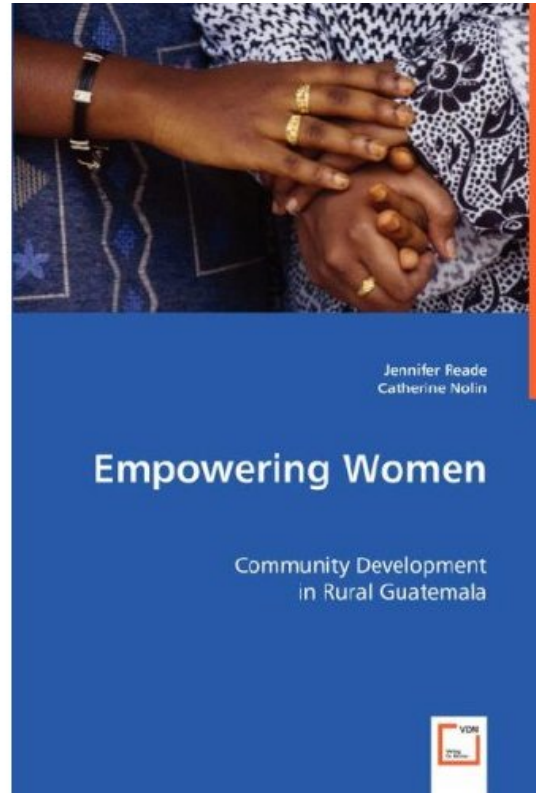
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Gender is central to the organization and functioning of Guatemalan society. In many Guatemalan communities, men work within the public and political domain while indigenous women's participation in rural highland communities is usually identified in the context of community development. Spanish-language illiteracy, family power relations, and a machismo culture have limited or EXCLUDED the public and political participation of women. At the extreme, Guatemalan women are targeted for murder and mutilation in rural and urban areas -- a phenomenon called femicide/feminicide -- simply for being women 'out of place'. In the mainly rural department of Huehuetenango, something else is going on. The organization Asociación de Desarrollo Integral de las Mujeres Huehuetecas (ADIMH) is working towards the INCLUSION of women into the public domain for the betterment of their communities through literacy, education, health, and production projects. In this book, we document the struggles and successes of Huehuetenango women, Huehuetecas, as they work towards community rebuilding after the 36-year internal armed conflict. Based upon our observations we agree with the participants that women's empowerment, as a form of community development, is integral for the future of their communities.



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## World Trade and Biological Exchanges Before 1492

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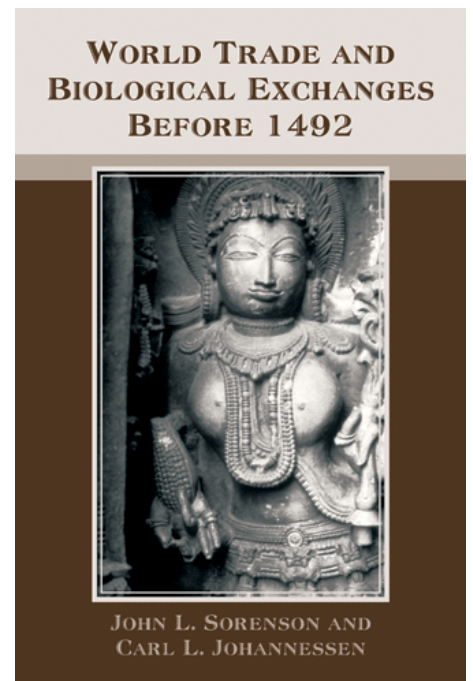
People moved into America very early across the Bering Strait. By the fifth millennia B.C.E. tropical sailors brought diseases to America and took plants and animals in both directions.

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## Letter From the Editor

My apologies for taking so long with this getting this issue out. I have been quite a bit busier than usual, plus a little travel to help complicate things, and I did not get to the Newsletter in a timely manner.\

### Thank You for Supporting CLAG NICA 2009

I wanted to thank everybody who helped support the CLAG Conference in Granada, Nicaragua last January. Many people helped out and volunteered before and during the meeting, and that was a tremendous help to the Organizing Committee. And a special thank you to everybody who attended and presented during the meeting. CLAG Conferences have truly been my most favorite academic conferences because of the people.

### Last Year Coming Up

Because of various commitments, this next academic year will be my last year as the LASG & CLAG Newsletter Editor. I cannot remember the exact year that I took over as Newsletter Editor, but it has been an interesting and fun ride. Thank you for letting me serve CLAG.

*Taylor*

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