Spotlight!

The Metropolitan Question: Governance and Decentralization in the Americas

Thurs., March 31, 1:15–4:45 P.M.
Thompson Conference Center Auditorium 1.110

Fri., April 1, 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M.
LBJ School of Public Affairs, SRH 3.102

An international conference workshop sponsored by the LBJ School of Public Affairs, LLILAS, Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship Program in Latin American Sociology, International Research Network Fund, and George Macatee III Centennial Lectureship. Free and open to the public. For more info., contact the Mexican Center at 232-2423.

Late Entries

➔ Wednesday, March 23—Espinas y Esperanzas, a reception introducing an exhibit of works from the Ricardo and Harriett Romo Collection of Mexican American art prints. 5:00–7:00 P.M., Benson Latin American Collection, SRH Unit 1. For more info., call 495-4520.

➔ Thursday, March 24—Historias hechizadas: Caribbean Counterpoint of Historians and Literary Scholars, an interdisciplinary conference on recent trends in Caribbean studies. 9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M., Quadrangle Room, Texas Union 3.304. Sponsored by LLILAS, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese, and Center for African and African American Studies. For more info., e-mail <cslgd@mail.utexas.edu> or <jarroyo@mail.utexas.edu>.

➔ Thursday, March 24—A Musical Homage to Romero, a fundraiser to benefit the Romero Memorial Tree Project. 8:00 P.M.–12:30 A.M., Ruta Maya Coffee Co., 3601 S. Congress Ave. Music by DJ Orion, Gustavo Rodríguez Band, Mauricio Callejas, and others. $5 suggested donation. For more info., contact Sean Hale at 388-7957 or <Sean@fssca.net>.
**Late Entries (cont.)**

→ **Friday, March 25**—*Islas que se repiten: Imágenes del Caribe en el National Geographic*, a lecture by Laura Muñoz Mata. 11:00 A.M., BEN 2.104. Sponsored by LLILAS, Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese, and Center for African and African American Studies. For more info., e-mail <cslgd@mail.utexas.edu> or <jarroyo@mail.utexas.edu>.

**Thursday, March 31**

→ **African Feminisms and the Research Imagination**, a conversation with Obioma Nnaemeka, Indiana University. 9:30–11:00 A.M., WIN 2.112. Sponsored by the Center for African and African American Studies as part of the African Seminar Series. Required reading available online at www.utexas.edu/cola/dept/ccaas. For more info., call 471-1784.

**Saturday, April 2**

→ **15th Colloquium on Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Literatures and Romance Linguistics**, a conference organized to give graduate students the opportunity to present current research. 8:45 A.M.–6:30 P.M., BEN, 1st floor. Hosted by the Graduate Student Organization of the Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese. For more info., call 471-4936.

→ **Reflection and Tribute to Romero**, a celebration of Archbishop Oscar Romero featuring speakers, music, and free food. 12:00 NOON, Pan Am Hillside Stage, 2100 E. 3rd St. For more info., contact Amanda Jack at 474-2399 or <amandajack@gmail.com>.

**Conferences and Calls for Papers**

→ **Call for Papers—Rural Tourism Conference Online, April and May 2005**, Planeta.com opens a call for original articles and recommended web links for its upcoming online conference to examine lessons learned around the world. For more info., visit www.planeta.com/ecotravel/tour/rural.html.

→ **Transnational Exchanges in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands, April 7–8, 2005, Chicano Culture Room, Texas Union 4.206**, Participants will trace the mutual influence of Mexicans and Mexican-Americans in the Southwestern U.S. and of estadounidenses in Northern Mexico. Sponsored by UT-Austin and the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Nuevo León. For more info., e-mail Jonathan Brown at <jcbrown@mail.utexas.edu>.
EMPLOYMENT AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

 ➔ Grassroots Organizer, Mexico Solidarity Network, Chicago, San Francisco, or Washington, D.C. Duties include office management, fundraising, and organizing speaking tours, delegations, and national campaigns focusing on U.S.-Mexico relations, indigenous rights, and labor issues. Qualifications include familiarity with U.S.-Mexico relations, fluency in English and Spanish, experience in public translations from Spanish to English, three years’ experience in national grassroots organization, and willingness to travel. Starting salary in the mid-20s increases to $30,000 after six months. To apply, e-mail a résumé, writing sample, and three references to <msn@mexicosolidarity.org>. Deadline: Until filled.

 ➔ Full-Time Immigration Paralegal, Austin, TX. Two positions open in June/July to applicants with a bachelor’s degree and excellent computer skills. One position requires written and spoken Spanish fluency. To apply, fax résumé and writing sample in English to 323-9351 or e-mail <info@hines-leigh.com>. Deadline: Open until filled.

FELLOWSHIPS

 ➔ LARR Graduate Editorial Fellowship, Fall 2005 through Summer 2006. Applicants must be enrolled in a UT-Austin master’s or doctoral program, available to work 20 hours per week, and fluent in Spanish. Knowledge of Portuguese and experience with Dreamweaver and Adobe PageMaker are desirable. Duties include preparing manuscripts for production, maintaining databases, web design, corresponding with reviewers and authors, and some translating. Award includes $14,000 stipend for 12 months plus tuition support and benefits. To apply, send a letter of application, a résumé, and two letters of recommendation to: Dr. Peter Ward, Executive Editor, Latin American Research Review, Editorial Office, SRH 1.327, 1 University Station D0800, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712-0331. For more info., call the LARR offices at 471-8770. Deadline: April 15.

 ➔ Ford International Fellowship Program. IFP seeks students from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Brazil, and Chile interested in pursuing graduate studies at UT-Austin. Full scholarships to pursue master’s or doctoral degrees in disciplines related to the Ford Foundation grant-making areas will be awarded. When needed, scholarships to complete language training before enrollment will be available. For more info. in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, visit www.utexas.edu/cola/lilas/programs/ifp/eng/HOME.htm or call Paloma Diaz at 471-8593.
STUDY ABROAD

➔ Study Spanish Language and Mexican Culture in Guadalajara, Mexico, June 9–July 15 and July 12–Aug. 21, 2005, UT-Austin. Courses taught by UT-Austin's Dept. of Spanish and Portuguese and University of Guadalajara's Centro de Estudios para Estudiantes Extranjeros. Live with host families, take excursions to Guanajuato and other sites, and perfect your Spanish speaking skills while earning in-residence credit. Participants must compete first year college-level Spanish prior to trip. To apply, visit www.utexas.edu/student/abroad/. For more info., contact Erika Payán at <epayan@austin.utexas.edu>. Deadline: April 1.

➔ Study Art in Guanajuato, Mexico, May 16–31, 2005, UT–Pan American. Art courses taught by UTPA faculty for credit transferable within the UT System, including visits to museums, churches, and other colonial locales. $1299 for 1 course, 3 credits; $1499 for 2 courses, 6 credits. Bus transportation, hotel, and breakfast included. Must bring an additional $300 or more to cover meals, museum admissions, and incidentals. For more info., contact Leticia Chávez at <leticiach@utpa.edu> or Eva Munoz at <emunoz@utpa.edu>.

Please e-mail submissions by 3:00 P.M. each Friday to <jmailloux@mail.utexas.edu> and <vhagerty@mail.utexas.edu>.