Spotlight!

Transnational Exchanges in the Texas-Mexico Borderlands
Thurs., April 7, 2005
8:30 A.M.–4:45 P.M.
Fri., April 8, 2005
9:00 A.M.–4:30 P.M.
Chicano Culture Room, Texas Union 4.206
A conference in which 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>.

Late Entries

Friday, April 1—What Is the Color of the Sacred?, a presentation by Michael Taussig, Columbia University. 12:00 NOON, EPS 1.128. Sponsored by the Américo Paredes Center for Cultural Studies and LLILAS. For more info., call 471-5689.

Saturday, April 2—The Austin Project Jam Sessions: Performance/Poetry/Movement, directed by Laurie Carlos. 8:00 P.M., Lab Theatre, 23rd and San Jacinto Streets. Free admission. Sponsored by the Center for African and African American Studies and ALLGO. For more info., call 471-1784.

Monday, April 4

Interview Workshop, a presentation by Lana Morris, LBJ Career Development Office. 5:30 P.M., Hackett Room, SKH 1.313. Sponsored by ILASSA. For more info., call 232-2400.
FRIDAY, APRIL 8

Conducting Field Research in Latin America, a workshop examining quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. 8:15 A.M.–1:30 P.M., Hackett Room, SRH 1.313. Sponsored by CLASPO, LLILAS, LBJ School, and others. For more info. and to register, e-mail Paloma Diaz at <diazlobos@mail.utexas.edu> by April 5.

College Persistence of Mexican Americans, a presentation by Diana Pino. 12:00–1:00 P.M., Eastwoods Room, Texas Union 2.102. Part of the Mexican American Studies’ Doctoral Portfolio Plática Series. For more info., call 471-4557 or visit www.utexas.edu/depts/cmas.

EMPLOYMENT 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.

Full-Time Research Analyst, Austin, TX. CIMA Strategies, Ltd. invites applications from individuals with a minimum of one year professional experience in general business, Latin America/Mexico, government, public policy, or research; proficiency in English and Spanish; knowledge of government, private sector, media, and NGO sources; strong writing skills; and experience with Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and web-search applications. For more info. and to apply, e-mail résumé and cover letter stating interest and qualifications to <jobs@cimastrategies.com>. Deadline: Open until filled.
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (CONT.)

Redevelopment Specialist, Harlingen, TX. Assist the Downtown Manager with organization, promotion, design, and redevelopment activities; recruit new tenants and buyers, provide technical assistance in establishing new business ventures or alternative business plans; develop and maintain data systems; assist with major events. Qualifications include experience with Word and Excel, bachelor's degree in marketing/finance, business administration, or public administration; bilingual preferred. To apply, call the City of Harlingen's Human Resources Department at 956/430-8107. Deadline: Open until filled.

EXHIBITS

Mujeres Por La Raza Unida/The Women of La Raza Unida, an exhibit highlighting the breadth of contributions Mexican American women have made to Texas politics and the struggle for equal right for Mexican Americans. Through June 30, Benson Latin American Collection. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Center for Mexican American Studies and BLAC. For more info., call 495-4520.

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/llilas/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.**

Ecuador Summer Field School, June 6–July 27, 2005, Arizona State University. Earn 4–7 credits per session while living in Amazonian and Andean communities in the Napo River, Otavalo, and Salasaca areas. Graduate and undergraduate courses are offered in ethographical field study and research methods, Amazon and Andean culture and religion, tropical plant biology, and more. For more info., visit www.asu.edu/clas/latin/ecuador/. **Deadline: April 15.**