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All events are located in the Texas Union, except where otherwise noted. The Hospitality Room is in the Sinclair Suite (3.128). Here you can relax, get beverages, and ask the Conference Coordinators questions.

**DAY ONE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

1:00–7:00 p.m.  REGISTRATION IN SINCLAIR SUITE, UNB 3.128

7:00 p.m.  OPENING PLENARY (in Spanish), QUADRANGLE ROOM, UNB 3.304

Pablo Marimán, Mapuche Historian

Presenters are invited to a dinner hosted by ILASSA at São Paulo Restaurante (2809 San Jacinto Boulevard) immediately following the opening plenary.

**DAY TWO: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.  Sinclair Suite open for continuing registration and information

9:00–10:20 a.m.  SESSION 1

Race and Ethnicity; Art and Photography; Health in Central America

10:30–11:50 a.m.  SESSION 2

Migration; Latin America and the World; Brazilian Music and Dance

12:00–1:15 p.m.  LUNCH BREAK

1:30–2:50 p.m.  SESSION 3

Human Rights; Gender; Education
3:00–5:00 P.M.  
SESSION 4
Development and Inequality; Literature; Social Movements

5:30 P.M.  
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DAY THREE: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30 A.M.–2:30 P.M. Sinclair Suite open for continuing registration and information

10:30–11:50 A.M.  SESSION 5
Political Participation; Social Movements in Brazil; Communities and the Environment in the Dominican Republic

12:00–1:15 P.M.  LUNCH BREAK

1:30–3:30 P.M.  SESSION 6
Latin America and the United States; Violence, Fear, and Victimization; Contentious Politics in Argentina

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PANEL 1: RACE AND ETHNICITY, TEXAS GOVERNORS’ ROOM, UNB 3.116

Race, Immigration, and Income: The Brazilian Case—Economic Outcomes for Afro-Brazilians in the United States
Mateo Clarke, University of Texas at Austin

“It Happened at the Na Ho Chan (First Five Sky)”: New Ideas on the Chronology of Classic Maya Creation
David Schaefer, University of Texas at Austin

Indigenous Governance as Gendered: How the Civic Division of Labor Promotes Gender (In)equality in a Mexican Village
Christine Wheatley, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 2: ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY, LONE STAR ROOM, UNB 3.208

Ciudad Abierta and the Travesías: Traces of Poetry, Art, and Architecture within the School of Valparaiso
Doris Bravo, University of Texas at Austin

Murales Zapatistas: An Iconography from Below and to the Left
Carina Souflée, University of Texas at Austin

Picturing the Miniskirt: Challenging the Concept of the Traditional Mexican Woman through Photojournalism in the Summer of 1968
Malsi Zambrano, Indiana University at Bloomington

PANEL 3: HEALTH IN CENTRAL AMERICA, AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE ROOM, UNB 4.110

The Comadrona and Response to Obstetrical Emergencies: Maternal Mortality in Rural Guatemala
Margaret Copeland, University of California, San Diego

The Politics of Disability in Post-Conflict Nicaragua
Elizabeth Lewis, University of Texas at Austin

The Recent Socialist Shift in El Salvador and Its Effect on Health Care
Naul Paz, California State University, Fullerton

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - CONTINUED

10:30–11:50 A.M.   SESSION 2

PANEL 1: MIGRATION, TEXAS GOVERNORS’ ROOM, UNB 3.116

Maria in a New Land: Brazilian Women in the United States
Luana Bessa, University of Texas at Austin

Conscientización: Framing Processes and Mobilization in the Migrant Solidarity Movement
Leif Johnson, Macalester College

A Migrants’ City: Exploring Latino Migrants’ Perception of Their Cities of Origin
Vanessa Martinez, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 2: LATIN AMERICA AND THE WORLD, LONE STAR ROOM, UNB 3.208

U.S.-China-Brazil Relations
Lilian Cléa Rodrigues Alves, Mount Holyoke College

Carlos Timo Brito, University of Texas at Austin

Failing the Poto Mitan? International Aid Organizations and Structural Violence in Haiti
Susie DeLapp, Tulane University

The Role Latin American Countries Play in Global Governance: A Collection of Interviews with Latin American Diplomats
Luis Limon, University of California, Los Angeles

PANEL 3: BRAZILIAN MUSIC AND DANCE, AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE ROOM, UNB 4.110

Dancing Afro-Brazil: Race, In/Visibility and Cannibalization in Bahia
Meredith Ahlberg, University of California, San Diego

Different Lenses of Blackness? Maracatu, Afoxé, Musical Affordance, and the MNU in Recife, Brazil
Cory LaFevers, University of Texas at Austin

I Samba: Gender, Race, and Class in Afro-Brazilian Dance
Corey Souza, University of Florida

A Foreign Sound: Brazilian Identity and Representation through Music
Marly Tooge, Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4 - CONTINUED

12:00–1:15 p.m.         LUNCH BREAK

1:30–2:50 p.m.          SESSION 3

**PANEL 1: HUMAN RIGHTS, TEXAS GOVERNORS’ ROOM, UNB 3.116**

*Human Rights Violations in Colombia after the Constitution of 1991: Policy versus Institutional Capability*
  Elizabeth Kersjes, Florida International University

*Suelen Callar: The Public Institutional Treatment of People Experiencing Intellectual and Psychological Disabilities in Guatemala*
  Samantha Serrano, University of Texas at Austin

*Public Reckoning, Private Recovery: Gender, Mental Health, and Human Rights Struggles under Pinochet*
  Brandi Townsend, University of Maryland at College Park

**PANEL 2: GENDER, LONE STAR ROOM, UNB 3.208**

*Gender and Urban Planning: Intersections of Feminism and Transportation in Mexico City*
  Amy Dunckel-Graglia, State University of New York at Stony Brook

*Latinas in Pornography: U.S. and Latin American Perspectives*
  Elisa Medina-Rivera, Florida International University

*Ethnographic Analysis of Latino Men Who Have Sex with Men (Basis: Life Is Hard by Roger N. Lancaster)*
  Ryan Timken, University of Texas at Austin

**PANEL 3: EDUCATION, AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE ROOM, UNB 4.110**

*Cutting Class: Educator Perspectives on Teacher Absenteeism in Brazil*
  Katrina Deely, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

*Los discursos y la formación de (auto)identidad en personas con discapacidad en Bogotá*
  Wilson Lara Bernal, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

*Hacia una mediatización de la educación superior: Educación a distancia en la patagonia argentina*
  Lucrecia Agustina Sotelo, Universidad Nacional de la Plata, Argentina

*Situación Gravisima: The Essential Role of Education in the Microfinance Strategy*
  Julia Smith, Macalester College

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3:00–5:00 p.m.         SESSION 4

**PANEL 1: DEVELOPMENT AND INEQUALITY, TEXAS GOVERNORS’ ROOM, UNB 3.116**

*Declining Inequality and Political Change in Brazil and Mexico*
  Tristin Beckman, San Diego State University

*Transportation and Urban Poverty in Santo Domingo*
  Gina Casey, University of Texas at Austin

*The Viability of Capitalism with a Human Face: The Campaign for a Tourist Code of Ethic and Child Sex Tourism in Mexico*
  Brandon Hunter, University of Texas at Austin

*Moving the Masses: An Analysis of Transportation Access and Equity for São Paulo’s Zona Sul*
  Colleen McGue, University of Texas at Austin

*Hablar mucho sin decir nada: Environmental and Rights Discourse in Abra Pampa, Argentina*
  Emily Spangenberg, University of Texas at Austin

*Unconditional Cash Transfers in Bolivia: Will Redistribution Work?*
  Andrés Vaughan, University of Texas at Austin

**PANEL 2: LITERATURE, LONE STAR ROOM, UNB 3.208**

*La modernidad latinoamericana: Un studio del “yo” fotográfico en la poesía de Oliverio Girondo*
  Benjamin Galina, Grinnell College

*El personaje Aleluya en Harlem todos los días: Lector, poliglota, socialista, mito Rubén González-Jiménez, State University of New York at Stony Brook

*Fernando Ortiz: Entre el positivismo, el espiritismo, y la transculturación Santiago Mora Mesa, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

*“There’s No Place Like Home”: Migration and Movements in Irene Vilar’s Impossible Motherhood*
  Sarah Paruolo, State University of New York at Stony Brook

*La dinámica entre tres polos en “La Muerte y la Doncella” de Ariel Dorfman Anna Shilova, State University of New York at Stony Brook*
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:30 A.M.—2:30 P.M. Sinclair Suite open for continuing registration and information

10:30–11:50 A.M. SESSION 5

PANEL 1: POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, TEXAS GOVERNORS’ ROOM, UNB 3.116

Estudio Social: Narrating the Social World of Los Malvivientes
Shari Orisich, University of Maryland at College Park

¿Cómo votar por alguien que no debe ser electo y reelegir a quién no puede ser votado? El dilema de la reelección en México
Guillermo Recio Guajardo, Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León, Mexico

Retrospectiva estética de las campañas presidenciales en Chile (1925–2010)
Francisca Valdebenito

PANEL 2: SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN BRAZIL, LONE STAR ROOM, UNB 3.208

Lixo Humano? The Social Transformation of Brazilian Waste-Pickers
Eva Canan, Tulane University

Children of the Revolution: Afro-Brazilian Youth Movements in the 21st Century
Rebecca Pike, Tulane University

Revisiting the Rubber Tappers: The Transnational Dimension of Amazonian Extractive Populations
John-Ben Soileau, Tulane University

PANEL 3: COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE ROOM, UNB 4.110

Gina Casey, Lindsey Carte, Omar Diaz, Lindsey Engleman, Eva Hershaw, Vanessa Martinez, George McQueen, Laura Muraida, and Christeen Pusch, University of Texas at Austin Latin American Planning Studio 2010

12:00–1:15 P.M. LUNCH BREAK
Saturdays, February 5 - Continued

1:30–3:20 P.M.  SESSION 6

**PANEL 1: LATIN AMERICA AND THE UNITED STATES, TEXAS GOVERNORS’ ROOM, UNB 3.116**

**Empire and Utopia: Reverse Migration and the Other Origins of Sugar in Sinaloa, 1870–1900**
Elizabeth Chavez, Georgetown University

**Acculturation and Attitudes toward SB 1070: A Study of Mexican-American College Students**
Amparo Kristel Diaz, Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi

**Maintaining Neutrality through Consular Diplomacy: U.S.-Mexican Relations in Matamoros, Mexico, 1826–1842**
Melissa Galván, University of California, Berkeley

**The Peace Corps’ Negotiation in Latin America from 1961 to 2001**
Kawachi Kumiko, University of Texas at Austin

**Media Cold Warriors: How the Operation Pedro Panaes Reinforces Cold War Policies toward Cuba**
Meghan Vail, University of Texas at Austin

**PANEL 2: VIOLENCE, FEAR, AND VICTIMIZATION, LONE STAR ROOM, UNB 3.208**

**Narrativas sobre la guerra: Análisis histórico-genético de la concepción de pasado, sus discrepancias y su repercusión en la reparación de las víctimas en Colombia**
Ana María Cristancho Amaya, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

**The Drug War in the State of Nuevo León, Mexico**
Marcela Gámez, Florida International University

**“Me gustaría saber más. Me gustaría saber todo.”: The Duality of Memorializing the Argentine Dirty War**
Emily Gatehouse, Tulane University

**Hacia la construcción de un mecanismo eficaz de rendición de cuentas en México: ¿Podría fungir como una alternativa para el combate al crimen organizado?**
Alejandra Medina, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico

**Determinants of Fear in Chávez’s Venezuela**
Angela O’Malley, University of Florida

**PANEL 3: CONTENTIOUS POLITICS IN ARGENTINA, AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE ROOM, UNB 4.110**

**Scientific Activism: Political Conflict and Cognitive Controversy in the Adoption of GM Soy in Argentina**
Florence Arancibia, State University of New York at Stony Brook

**Roadblocks against the Pulp-Mills: Transnational Activism and Border Conflict**
Diana Baldermann, State University of New York at Stony Brook

**The Power of Disruption: Contentious Politics in the Educational Field**
Gabriela Gonzalez, Pablo Lapegna, and Fernanda Page, State University of New York at Stony Brook

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