

Visiting Professors for 2010–2011 at LLILAS

Bringing new perspectives and regional insights to the study of Latin America is the goal of LLILAS's Visiting Professors programs. Distinguished Latin American scholars are brought to UT to teach courses or a set of classes, sharing their expertise and facilitating the exchange of ideas.

The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Annual Visiting Professorship was established as part of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Endowment and supports visiting scholars to teach at UT for one semester. Maria Aparecida da Silva Bento was our Lozano Long Visiting Professor for fall 2010. She is a research professor and executive director of the Centro de Estudos das Relações de Trabalho e Desigualdades in São Paulo, Brazil. Dr. Bento holds a PhD in educational psychology and human development from the Universidade de São Paulo, an MS from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, and a BA from the Farias Brito School of Philosophy, Science, and Letters.

The Tinker Visiting Professor program dates back to 1973 when it was endowed by the Edward Larocque Tinker Foundation. The goal of the program has been to bring pre-eminent thinkers from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula to provide an opportunity for U.S. scholars, students, and the general public to discover the contributions made by Latin American and Iberian scholars in a broad range of disciplines. Jacinto Rodríguez was the spring 2011 Tinker Visiting Professor. He has an MA in Spanish American literature from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). A journalist who has gained a national reputation for his writing on Mexican politics and the press, he currently works as coordinator of the program Prensa y Democracia at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City, where he lectures on journalist rights, the press and politics in Mexico, and the role of Mexican intelligence in Mexico's dirty war of the 1960s and 1970s.

In 2010, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and the Fulbright Commission of Brazil signed an agreement to create a Fulbright Visiting Professorship in Environmental Sciences and Policy. It will bring an eminent Brazilian scholar to UT for one semester per academic year from 2011 through 2015 to teach a graduate course and conduct research. Oswaldo dos Santos Lucon

of the Universidade de São Paulo (USP) was the first UT-Fulbright Visiting Professor in Environmental Sciences and Policy, teaching at UT during the spring semester of 2011. Dr. Lucon is a technical adviser to the São Paulo State Environmental Secretariat and currently serves as the executive secretary of the São Paulo State Climate Change Council. He received his PhD in energy from USP and also holds an MS in clean technology from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, Scotland. Dr. Lucon is currently a member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which received the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. (See related story p. 22.)

LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors

The LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors (VRP) program allows for scholars to come to UT for shorter periods. Visiting Resource Professors are invited by UT Latin Americanist faculty members to lecture for one to two weeks in either undergraduate or graduate classes. The VRP program addresses three academic goals: to enhance the international community of scholars working on Latin American topics; to establish and strengthen contacts between Latin American institutions of higher learning and the University of Texas; and to allow Latin American scholars access to UT library collections and archives. For the 2010–2011 academic year, LLILAS welcomed the following Visiting Resource Professors.

FALL 2010

Paola Bergallo

Paola Bergallo is a professor at the Universidad de San Andrés in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her research interests center on feminist critiques of the law, sociolegal theory, and constitutional and human rights issues. Professor Bergallo has held fellowships at the Hewlett Foundation and Stanford and has been Professor of Law at the University of Palermo and the Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Demetrio Cojtí

Demetrio Cojtí is one of the most prominent Mayan intellectuals in Guatemala and currently serves as an educational expert for the European Youth Commission. He has worked as a consultant on the construction of programs for the benefit of indigenous groups for the

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Organization for American States (OAS), and the European Union, and was appointed Vice Minister of Education in 2000.

Fernando García Serrano

Fernando García Serrano is a professor and investigator for the Anthropology Department at FLACSO (Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales) in Quito, Ecuador. His work focuses on ethnic diversity and inequality in Latin America, and the development of cultural processes and symbols that exclude indigenous groups from the rest of society. He has worked as a consultant for international organizations that focus on development and indigenous rights and conducted research for various government agencies and nonprofit organizations.

SPRING 2011

Claudia Briones

Claudia Briones is professor and director of the Graduate and Postgraduate Program in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at the National University of Rio Negro (UNRN) in Argentina. She is a coordinator of the Anthropological Science degree program and is a senior researcher at the National Council for Scientific Research. Briones has researched and written widely on the Mapuche Indians in Chile and Argentina.

Carlos Antonio Costa-Ribeiro

Carlos Costa-Ribeiro is Professor of Sociology at the University Research Institute of Rio de Janeiro (IUPERJ), where he is also director of the Center for the Study of Wealth and Social Stratification. Professor Costa-Ribeiro's research focuses on social mobility and stratification, with an emphasis on class, race, and inequality in Latin America, particularly in Brazil.

Lucio R. Renno

Lucio R. Renno is director and associate professor in the Research Center and Graduate Program on the Americas at the University of Brasília. His research focuses on politics and governance in Latin America, particularly Brazil. Most recently his studies have focused on political crises in Latin America and the effects these have on citizens' views of democracy and democratic institutions. ✨