

LLILAS Visiting Academics Programs, 2013–2014

The LLILAS Visiting Academics programs bring new perspectives and regional insights to the study of Latin America. Distinguished Latin American scholars are brought to The University of Texas at Austin 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 one-semester teaching visits by scholars. In spring 2014, **Raquel Padilla Ramos** held this visiting professorship. She is a research professor at the National Institute of Anthropology and History in Sonora, Mexico. A leader in the field of diasporic indigenous studies, Padilla Ramos is one of the foremost Mexican experts on Yaqui culture and history, having taught and published extensively on the deportation of the Yaquis. She taught a LLILAS graduate seminar in spring 2014 titled Yaqui History and Culture.

The Tinker Visiting Professor program, endowed since 1973 by the Edward Larocque Tinker Foundation, brings pre-eminent thinkers from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula to the United States to encourage contact and collaboration among scholars. Two Mexican scholars visited LLILAS Benson during fall 2013 under this program—Pablo de Larrañaga and Magdalena Villarreal.

Pablo de Larrañaga is professor of law at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City and director of the Program in Regulation, Infrastructure, and Development, and of the LLM in administrative law and regulation at ITAM. His research expertise includes Mexican public law, constitutional law, regulation, globalization, and economic law. He taught two courses in fall 2013—a LLILAS graduate seminar, Latin American Market Systems, and a Law School seminar, Mexican Public Law.

Magdalena Villarreal is senior researcher and professor at the Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS) Occidente in Guadalajara, Mexico, and a member of the Academia Mexicana de Ciencias. She is currently co-director

of two research projects: one on poverty and aging in collaboration with the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores Occidente (ITESO) at the Universidad Jesuita de Guadalajara, and one on financial practices in Mexican and Indian rural communities with the University of California, Irvine. Her research expertise includes poverty, indigenous issues, finance and development issues, migration and human rights, social policy, and gender issues. She taught the graduate seminar Poverty in the Age of Financialization during fall 2013.

The Matías Romero Visiting Chair in Mexican Studies was created in 2003 through an educational and research cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Mexico and UT Austin. Its purpose is to foster greater understanding of Mexican culture and society through the presence and participation of distinguished Mexicans from the public and private sectors, as well as from academia. Fall 2013 Matías Romero visitor **Guadalupe González** is a professor in the Division of International Studies at the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City. She is an expert in foreign policy and international relations, with specific research interests in Mexico–U.S. relations, Latin American–Mexican relations, comparative foreign policy in Latin America, national security, drug trafficking, and organized crime. She was a founding member of the Mexican Council of International Affairs and has been a member of the Academic Council of the School of Intelligence for National Security. During fall 2013, she taught the LLILAS graduate seminar Public Opinion, Political Culture, and International Relations in Latin America.

In 2010, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and the Fulbright Commission of Brazil signed an agreement creating the UT-Fulbright Visiting Professorship in Environmental Sciences and Policy, which brings an eminent Brazilian scholar to UT Austin to teach a graduate course and conduct research for one semester each academic year, from 2011 through 2015. This program is testimony to the strong cross-university interest in environmental and Brazilian studies and

to LLILAS Benson's leading role in bringing these diverse constituencies together, while attracting prominent Latin American scholars to the UT campus. It is supported by five different units of the university, including the Office of the President, the Jackson School of Geosciences, the LBJ School of Public Affairs, the McCombs School of Business, and the School of Law. The spring 2014 UT-Fulbright Visiting Professor was **Celio Bermann**, associate professor and vice-coordinator of the Graduate Program on Energy at the Institute of Energy and Environment at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. Professor Bermann teaches courses on environmental energy systems fundamentals, resources and energy supply, and policy analysis of energy and environmental issues. He taught a LLILAS graduate seminar titled Biofuels Production and Consumption: The International Context and the Brazilian Experience in Replacing Fossil Fuels.

Visiting resource professors are invited by UT Latin Americanist faculty to lecture for one or two weeks in graduate or undergraduate classes, or to present symposia. Visitors for the 2013–2014 academic year were: Pablo Ceriani Cernadas, PhD, coordinator of the Migration and Asylum Program (UNLA), Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Argentina; Andreia Beatriz Silva dos Santos, PhD, and Hamilton Borges dos Santos, community organizers at Quilombo X Ação Cultural Comunitária, Salvador da Bahia, Brazil, an organization that combats state violence against Afro-Brazilians; Silvia Rivera Cusicanqui, PhD, Aymara sociologist from Bolivia and renowned indigenous scholar, past president and longtime member of the Andean Oral History Workshop; and Alfredo Wagner Berno de Almeida, PhD, anthropologist, director of Projecto Nova Cartografia, Universidade Federal do Amazonas, Manaus, Amazonas, Brazil. ✨

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