

LLILAS Benson News

VISITING ACADEMICS

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.

During the 2014–2015 academic year, LLILAS Benson welcomed two visiting scholars. **Claudia Cardoso-Martins** is professor of psychology at the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil, and taught a course in the Department of Psychology through the UT International Office. **Margarita Huayhua** of Peru came to campus through the post-doctoral Mellon Sawyer Research Fellowship, co-sponsored by the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS) and the Native American and Indigenous Studies Program (NAIS). A native Quechua speaker, Huayhua participated in Mellon Sawyer symposia and presented the public lecture “Home Birth, Home Invasions: Encroaching on the Household’s Sovereignty in the Andes.”

BENSON LATIN AMERICAN COLLECTION

In December 2014, **Dr. Julianne Gilland** was named Associate Director for Scholarly Resources at LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections. As associate director, Gilland will fill the chief leadership role at the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection. Dr. Gilland joined LLILAS Benson as Special Collections Curator in January 2013 after serving as Deputy Director of the Robbins Collection, a rare books and manuscripts collection at UC Berkeley. Her work as curator has been fundamental to the Benson’s collaboration with LLILAS in various ways. In researching and mounting exhibitions that showcase the Benson’s holdings, she has brought both well-known and lesser-known library treasures into public view. Collaborations with Latin Americanist faculty have led to exhibitions whose content complements scholarly programming, such as the annual Lozano Long Conference. Gilland’s programming work with campus and local cultural institutions and community organizations, including the Austin Public Library and Austin Independent School District, has raised public awareness not only of the Benson, but of Latin American arts, culture, and politics throughout Austin and beyond the Forty Acres.

Gilland received her BA from the University of Notre Dame and her PhD in history from the University of California, Berkeley, where she specialized in early modern Spain and Spanish America.

NEW AFFILIATED FACULTY

Six faculty members have announced their affiliation with the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies. We are proud to serve as the main intellectual space for interdisciplinary collaboration among UT Latin Americanists on campus. LLILAS has 160 affiliated faculty across UT departments and colleges, including deans and chairs. Our affiliated faculty help us enrich our research and programmatic initiatives and expand the diverse catalogue of undergraduate and graduate classes on Latin American issues. The newest affiliated faculty are: **Rajeev Patel**, research professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs; **Erin Rodriguez**, assistant professor, Department of Educational Psychology; **Roxanne Schroeder-Arce**, assistant professor, Department of Theatre and Dance; **Juan J. Colomina-Alimaña**, assistant professor of sociolinguistics through the Center for Mexican American Studies; **Tim Beach**, professor, Department of Geography and the Environment; and **Michael Rivera**, assistant professor, Departments of Government and Mexican American and Latina/o Studies. ✨

UPCOMING LLILAS BENSON EVENTS

FALL 2015

September

Exhibition of Brazilian *Cordel* Literature, Benson Latin American Collection

Student Photography Exhibition, Benson Latin American Collection

Foro Urgente on Venezuela

Coral Reefs at Risk in the Circum-Caribbean Region

October

Lozano Long Workshop: Race in Brazil

Gabriel García Márquez: His Life and Legacy, 12th biennial Flair Symposium with the Harry Ransom Center

November

Colloquium: Brazil 1995–2015: Twenty Years of Change

SPRING 2016

February

ILASSA36 Student Conference on Latin America

2016 Lozano Long Conference: Migrant Detention, Forced Migration, and Neoliberalism in the Americas

April

Fourteenth Annual iA Viva Voz! Celebration of Latina/o Arts and Culture

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