This past year has provided a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know the University in ways that, as an art historian studying the art and culture of Latin America, I might never have experienced. As Acting Director of the David Rockefeller Center, I have come to learn about and deeply appreciate the work of colleagues in fields as disparate as the Department of Social Medicine at the Harvard Medical School and the Program on Negotiation at the Harvard Law School, and their important work on topics like tuberculosis treatment and conflict resolution in Latin America. The list could go on to include biology, anthropology, romance languages, astronomy and business.

In May, the Center welcomed a new Executive Director, David Kupferschmidt, who brings to Harvard nearly a decade of professional experience in Latin America, including work with international organizations, NGOs, government agencies, and the private sector. An attorney by training, David knows the region well and assumed his new position in the Center’s leadership with great energy and enthusiasm.

The convening power of the David Rockefeller Center makes it possible to bring together leading scholars and experts from various disciplines to focus on the region’s most compelling challenges, as this report attests. The Center also has become a model for the University. Harvard President Lawrence Summers praised the Center’s efforts to encourage students and scholars to engage with the world outside of Cambridge. By sending over 200 students to Latin America each year to do research or work in internships, the Center supports President Summers’ goal of ensuring that every Harvard College student has a significant experience abroad before graduating from the University.

In my own area of expertise, we have enjoyed another successful series of lectures featuring experts on the art and art history of Latin America, organized in collaboration with the Harvard University Art Museums. The future bodes well for the strength of Latin American art, as we welcome Guy Brett, a widely recognized independent curator, and one of the most influential writers and thinkers on contemporary art, as the Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar for the coming year.

It truly has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as the Acting Director of the David Rockefeller Center. I come away from the experience with a sense of pride in all the Center has accomplished this year, a deeper appreciation for the staff who make it happen and, most especially, the masterful leadership of John Coatsworth, who returns to the role of Director for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Sincerely,

Thomas B. F. Cummins
Dumbarton Oaks Professor of Pre-Columbian and Colonial Art History
As the Center approaches its 10th anniversary celebration in December 2004, there is much good news to report. Lawrence Summers made his first official visit to Latin America as Harvard President in late March and early April to address members of the academic, public policy and business communities, as well as Harvard alumni and students, in Santiago and São Paulo. Summers was enthusiastic about the DRCLAS Regional Office in Santiago, Harvard’s first overseas office serving the entire University. “The David Rockefeller Center is a remarkable and vibrant institution that is making a great contribution to Harvard University,” Summers said. “It has provided wonderful support for Harvard faculty who are involved in myriad research and outreach activities. It has also given our students an opportunity to live and learn outside of the United States.”

The Center’s ten-year milestone provides an opportunity for reflection. The success of Brazil’s new Labor Party government, the promising signs of recovery in Argentina, and the continuing efforts to foster equitable economic integration bode well for the region. Yet troubling instability, armed conflict, and human suffering throughout the region are sobering reminders of the difficult road ahead. The Center’s mission now, as when it began, is to energize and assist Harvard faculty and students to learn more about the region and the challenges it faces. Many of today’s research-based solutions and the leaders who will implement them will emerge from the Center’s efforts of today.

To prepare for its second decade, the Center launched a planning process that will culminate in the coming year with the publication of a strategic plan for the next five years. The new plan will almost certainly incorporate the University’s heightened attention to global education. The success of the Center’s Regional Office in Santiago and President Summers’ interest in strengthening Harvard’s presence in Latin America with similar offices in Mexico and Brazil will figure prominently in the Center’s future.

Research, Education, and Training

In promoting teaching and research of the highest quality on Latin America at Harvard, the Center has identified support for faculty and student research, faculty-led field trips to Latin American research sites, and the introduction of courses with Latin American content as key priorities. The DRCLAS internship program, which matches student volunteers with non-governmental, cultural, public and private sector entities in Latin America, remains the largest program of its kind at the University. Harvard faculty received 12 conference grants, 9 research grants, two curriculum-development grants for new courses with Latin American content, two grants for course-based field trips to the region (Puerto Rico and Mexico), and one translation grant. Once again this year, over 200 grants and fellowships were awarded to students, including 50 grants to Harvard student organizations for events and co-curricular travel grants to facilitate the completion of individual dissertations or thesis research during intersession, and 58 research grants and 10 internship grants for summer travel to Latin America.

Convening Meetings

The international profile of Harvard allows DRCLAS to focus the attention of academics, policymakers, journalists, business and NGO leaders, and the general public on current critical issues in Latin America. The Center also gives priority to supporting basic research by scholars addressing the key intellectual and social issues that will shape future understanding of the region’s culture, history, society and environment.

During 2003-2004, the Center convened 13 major international conferences, as well as dozens of workshops and meetings between Latin American scholars and practitioners and Harvard faculty. These events, held both in Cambridge and Santiago, included Social Enterprise Knowledge Network: Partnering for Progress in the Americas; Moving Beyond (A)Racial Acts: The Challenges for Civil Society in Colombia; and, Scaling Up Responses to the AIDS Pandemic: Building Coalitions of Direct Action. These conferences are profiled in the text of this report.

DRCLAS Programs and Initiatives

Two distinguished Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professors of Latin American Studies were in residence: Domingo Cavallo, former Minister of Economy of Argentina (1991-92, 2003), taught the Economics course The Latin American Economy and co-taught a popular new interdisciplinary course, Latin America and the Washington Consensus, with Harvard Law School Professor Roberto Mangabeira Unger. Simon Schwartzman, a leading Brazilian sociologist and President of the Institute for Studies on Labor and Society (IETS) in Rio de Janeiro, taught two courses on social issues in Brazil at the Harvard Sociology Department: Poverty, Exclusion and Modernization and Social Policies in Latin America: Issues, Stakeholders, Outcomes.

Since 2002, the Regional Office in Santiago has organized several international conferences and public events in the region, hosting Harvard faculty members and staff working on existing projects or exploring new ones. More than 50 Harvard students participated in academic programs, internship or research opportunities organized by the Regional Office, which serves Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Uruguay. Harvard faculty members currently participate in over 25 collaborative initiatives in the five countries on topics ranging from innovative designs in low-cost housing to anthropological investigations on the INCA.


The Corporate Partners Program featured timely seminars on Doing Business with Cape and Free Trade in the Americas, which provided participants with ample opportunities to exchange ideas with leading scholars and key policymakers. Three Corporate Partners joined the Program this year: Mexican companies Grupo Altex through Roberto Servite; MRA ‘99, and Vitro Corporation through Álvaro Rodríguez Arellano MRA’s; and, Fidelity Management and Research Company, through Matthew Torrey MRA’s.

Faculty-led Programs on the Andean Region, Brazil, Cuba, Latino Studies and Mexico proved vital catalysts for the generation of original research, discussion of ideas and exploration of innovative public policies throughout the hemisphere. These and other Center initiatives, such as the Art Forum, Outreach and Visiting Scholars Program, continue to thrive and buttress an informed understanding of Latin America both at Harvard and in the region.

Looking Ahead: The Next Ten Years

In December 2004, the Center will celebrate its 10th anniversary. The 10th anniversary Steering Committee, chaired by Advisory Committee member Lorenzo Weisman, has contributed to the development of the Center’s strategic plan and is working to ensure an even brighter future through prudent financial planning and development efforts. The Center’s first decade was so full of good news that it may be hard to top, but the vastly interesting, contradictory, engaging and dynamic region we learn more about every day never ceases to inspire us.

by the numbers 2003–04

DRCLAS Activities

Events Sponsored by the Center

Lectures and Seminars 157
Research Conferences and Workshops 18
Art Exhibitions 7
Film Series 7
Outreach Programs for Local Schools 17
Total Attendance at DRCLAS events 4,927

Center Publications

DRCLAS Book Series (new titles) 2
Issues of Revista 2
Working Papers 5
Service Publications and Brochures 7
Anna Stahl Pape Hills per Month 8,200
Number of Countries Accessing Site 65

Engaging Harvard Students

Student Involvement

Certificates in Latin American Studies* 20
Graduate Students specializing in Latin America -250
Diploma and Diplomats** 14
Students in Study Abroad Programs in Chile and in Brazil 25

Grants, Internships and Support

Undergraduate Research Travel Grants 25
Graduate Research Travel Grants 57
Graduate Conference Travel Grants 60
DRCLAS Summer Internship Grants 59
Students in Field Trips/Courses in Region 84
Graduate Research Fellowships 17
Summer Foreign Language and Area Study (FLAS) Grants 7

Total DRCLAS-Aided Students 286

* Harvard College Class of 2004
** Doctoral Dissertations presented during 2003-2004 academic year on or about issues related to Latin America, the Iberian Peninsula, or Latino populations in the United States.

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programs and initiatives

The five-faculty-led Committees on Andean, Brazilian, Cuban, Latino and Mexican Studies allow the Center to highlight current research and scholarship on countries and regions on which Harvard has particular faculty expertise.

The Center’s core programs for Visiting Professors, Scholars and Fellows, Outreach and Publications are evidence of the Center’s sustained commitment to the teaching mission of the University, as are the Art Forum and the DRCLAS Regional Office in Santiago.

During the past two years, the arrival of new Andean region faculty specialists, the formation of a university-wide Committee on Andean Studies, and the development of greater links to the region have energized Andean studies at Harvard.

Seeking to make Andean resources at Harvard more accessible, the Committee worked closely with the DRCLAS Regional Office in Chile to highlight various Harvard initiatives in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. Attention was focused on Harvard’s extensive institutional resources such as the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, which houses Andean textiles, metalwork and pottery, and the Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection in Washington, D.C., which has a long-standing commitment to Andean studies through its collections and programs on Pre-Columbian Studies.

DRCLAS hosted more than ten conferences and events on the Andes. In November 2003, Harvard hosted the 22nd Northeastern Conference on Andean Archaeology and Ethnography, bringing together specialists from around the globe to discuss Andean archaeology and history. In December 2003, Peruvian Prime Minister Bertaéz Merino visited the Center and delivered a public lecture. The Committee organized the first Andean Region Symposium to highlight Harvard faculty members’ diverse initiatives, ranging from tuberculosis control in Peru to research on ethnics, Incan knotted recording devices. In June 2004, Professor José Antonio Mazzotti of the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures provided overview of the monthly International Association of Peruvianists.

In July 2004, Professors Mazzotti and Commans taught two related courses, The Art of Cuzco and Latin American Literature in Context, as part of the Harvard Summer School program in Cuzco, Peru.

Brazilian Studies

The joint efforts of Harvard University faculty members from diverse disciplines, Harvard students, Brazilian institutions, and the local Brazilian community continue to strengthen Brazilian Studies at Harvard. The Brazilian Studies Committee, composed of twelve Harvard faculty members, has provided leadership and coordination for the Center’s activities related to the country. Support from an endowment established by Jorge Paulo Lemann enabled the Brazilian Studies Committee to convene experts from the United States and abroad to expand and diversify research and teaching on Brazil at the University. During 2003-2004, the Center hosted the visits of Donna Hinak, U.S. Ambassador to Brazil, and prominent Brazilians including Fernando Henrique Cardoso, former President (1999-2002), Dilma Rousseff, Minister of Mines and Energy; Arminio Fraga, former Governor of the Central Bank; and Paulo Renato Souza, former Minister of Education.

A yearlong Harvard Forum on Human Rights in Brazil focused on important questions concerning the rights of Brazilians. The series, developed by faculty advisor James Cavallaro (BLS), promoted insightful discussions on pressing social questions. Among the issues addressed were urban police violence in the context of rising criminality, women’s rights, the rights of indigenous peoples, as well as socio-economic rights. Panel featured leading scholars and human rights activists such as Odél Grajew, former Advisor to President Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva, Peter Houtzager, of the University of Sussex, Ignacio Cano, of the Universidad del Estado del Río de Janeiro, as well as Edward Telles, from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Building on the consortium funded by the U.S. Department of Education and Brazil’s Ministry of Education, the Center welcomed four Brazilian students to Harvard for an exchange program, administered in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame, Universidad de São Paulo (USP) and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Rio de Janeiro (PUC).

The Center welcomes Kenneth Maxwell, former Director of Latin American Studies, and Tomás Amorim, former Director of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the Council on Foreign Relations, to the DRCLAS community for the new academic year, ensuring the continued growth of Brazilian Studies at the Center.

Cuban Studies and Exchange Program

During 2003-2004, the Center’s Cuban Studies and Exchange Program remained steadfast in its promotion of endeavors that examine pressing economic, social, cultural and political issues for Cuba. The guidance of the Cuban Studies Committee and the financial support from the Ford Foundation and Christopher Reynolds Foundation enabled increased development of the study of Cuba and U.S.-Cuban relations across a wide spectrum of disciplines at Harvard. This year, the Committee launched its first yearlong Cuba Seminar Series, fora presented by faculty, students and Cuban visiting scholars to discuss topics ranging from patent and trademark policies to student thesis projects. The Fall 2003 Corporate Partners Program, Doing Business with Cuba: Today and Tomorrow, examined future endeavors between the two countries. In addition, the Center hosted three Cuban Visiting Scholars in the fields of law, health economics, and biology.

"Harvard’s decision to establish a formal presence in the region has had an incredible energizing impact on the local Harvard alumni.”

Andrés Rodriguez, President, Harvard Club of Chile

In collaboration with the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and the Centro de Investigaciones Psicologicas y Sociologicas, the Center organized a two-part comparative forum with senior Cuban and American scholars on Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change. With a focus on public policy, the forum, held in April 2003 in Cambridge and in January 2004 in Havana, engaged academics in a discussion of data-based papers on economic and social policy making, poverty and inequality in particular, and key service delivery challenges in the core of the Cuban welfare state — education, housing, public health and social services. A new volume examining the strengths and weaknesses in Cuba’s economy and overall development trajectory, The Cuban Economy at the Start of the Twenty-First Century (edited by Jorge I. Dominguez, Omar Everley Pérez Villanueva and Lorena Barberia) will be launched at the Latin American Studies Association’s International Congress in October 2004.

In public health and medicine, the Cuban Studies and Exchange Program is actively collaborating with Cuba’s Pedo Konout Institute of Tropical Medicine (IPK) on projects concerning AIDS, tuberculosis, and dengue. HMS faculty members Aracchu Castro, Paul Farmer, and Michael Starnbach, and HSPH Professor John David are working with the IPK on joint research projects and teaching activities. Aracchu Castro also is organizing the workshop Resource Allocation Practices in the Prevention and Treatment of HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean, with support from the Ford Foundation and the Pan American Health Organization. This workshop seeks to engage policymakers and scholars in narrowing the existing financial gap for AIDS programs in the Caribbean, the region outside sub-Saharan Africa most affected by this pandemic.

Cuban Short-Term Visiting Scholars

Dánico de la C. Vázquez De Alarán, Universidad de la Habana
Research Topic: Herpes Virus in Cuba
Research Topic: GeneTransfer of Kaposi’s Sarcoma associated Herpes Virus in Cuba
New England Primate Research Center, Harvard Medical School

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Voices: Latino Studies and Pedagogies for Building Community in Los Angeles.

Perspectives on Latino Health by David Carrasco

Chair, Inter-Faculty Committee on Latino Studies

Michael G. Grinstein
Chair, Mexican Studies Committee

Edward S. Mason Professor of International Development (IGS)

Inter-Faculty Committee on Latino Studies

The Center established the Inter-Faculty Committee on Latino Studies (IFCLAS) in 1999 to bring together faculty engaged in the study of Latin American immigration and communities of Latin American descent in the United States. For the past few years, IFCLAS has worked to develop the research of development, economics, and politics, to culture, literature, and art. The Program fosters greater awareness of Harvard faculty and student research and provides support for new Harvard projects on Mexico. This year the Mexican Studies Committee organized two symposia to highlight Harvard faculty research on Mexico. The 2003 Symposium, William Fish shared the surprising results of recent excavations at the Xalla Compound of Teotihuacán, Fernando Reimers explored how teaching quality matters even more to students who are the first in their families to attend school, and John Coatsworth examined why the Mexican economy is still highly influenced by the ideas of nationalism, despite the fact that the PRI political party lost the 2000 presidential elections. The Spring 2004 Symposium featured presentations by Michelle Jody Heymann on working families in Mexico, anthropologist David Carrasco on the reading and interpretation of a 16th-century Aztec Codex, and biologist James Hanken on the unique amphibians in Mexico.

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“Thank you so much for putting together such an amazing retreat for my students! The speakers, visual presentations, language exercises, lunch, and overall spirit of the day all surpassed my expectations.”

Cara Alba, Teacher, Boston Arts Academy

Outreach

With the generous support of the U.S. Department of Education, the Center has developed an active program of public outreach to ensure the dissemination of research and public understanding of Latin America beyond the University. As a Title VI National Resource Center, DRCLAS provides expert information on Latin America to the community. It answers questions, prepares documents, provides speakers and connects people. The Center is a place of education and interaction, an exchange for anyone interested in Latin American issues. All events are free and open to the public.

Outreach programs enable knowledge created in the academic domain to be presented to and discussed by students, academics, educators, politicians, the media, business people and the general public. K-12 teachers are invited to all DRCLAS events, and receive announcements about distinguished DRCLAS visitors — such as Latin American artists, politicians and scholars — who are available for classroom lectures in their schools. This year, presenters at local schools included Eduardo Rapimán, Chilean Mapuche painter; Jorge Mario Múnera, noted Colombian photographer; and the Youth Orchestra of the Americas. DRCLAS also helps organize film series and training workshops for high school teachers of Spanish, History and Latin American Studies. This year, DRCLAS organized an orientation day in Mexican culture for Oaxaca-bound students from the Boston Arts Academy. The Title VI grant also helps underserved students with transportation to events on Latin America.

As part of the Outreach Initiative, the Center funded part of Harvard’s 10,000 books, documents and journals on Latin America, and supported the indexing and conservation of special Latin American collections such as the Escoto collection of 19th-century Cuban manuscripts. DRCLAS hosts scholars from other institutions whose research projects would benefit from Harvard’s extensive Latin American collections. In addition, a large network of non-Harvard academics benefits from affiliation with the Center and is able to conduct research at Harvard libraries.

The Center also funded three courses in the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures: Spanish in the Community and Portugalis in the Community, both service-based, and Introduction to Quechua.

Library Scholars Program

The Center’s Library Scholars Program, supported under Title VI of the U.S. Department of Education, provides competitively selected scholars access to the extensive Latin American collections of the Harvard University Library System. Scholars from non-research institutions whose projects can best be served by Harvard libraries benefit from the special collections, as well as office space at DRCLAS. In the summer of 2005, the Center hosted four Library Scholars.

Jennifer French
Assistant Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literature, Williams College
The War of the Triple Alliance in Paraguayan Literature
Todd Hartch
Assistant Professor of History, East Kentucky University
Mexican Athens: Ivan Illich in Cuernavaca, 1960 to 1976
Iván A. Jaklic
Professor of History, University of Notre Dame
Follow Me to Distant Spain: American Intellectuals and the Hispanic World, 1820-1880
Teresa Miriam Van Hoy
Assistant Professor of Latin American History, University of Houston-Clear Lake
One Century of Guano History

Publications

DRCLAS publications include Latin Americans with Latin Americanists in the United States, Europe and Asia. ReVista Harvard Review of Latin America, is used by scholars and students from Havana, Cuba to Hanover, New Hampshire, as are the twelve books in the David Rockefeller Series on Latin American Studies.

DRCLAS Book Series

The Center published two books in 2003-2004: Social Partnering in Latin America, edited by James Austin (HBS), Enrique Reffo (HBS), and members of the Social Enterprise Knowledge Network Research Team, presents 24 case studies drawn from Latin America, focusing on the development of institutional collaborations between the public and private sectors.

F A A and Beyond: Prospects for Integration in the Americas was produced jointly by DRCLAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and was edited by Antón Estrada-Bod (IDB), Dani Rodrik (KSG), Alan M. Taylor (University of California, Davis), and Andrés Velasco (KSG). The volume offers an in-depth analysis of issues raised by the prospects of a Free Trade Area of the Americas.

ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America
ReVista features articles by academics, students and community members, as well as essays by well-known photographers. This year ReVista covered three diverse themes: Human Rights (Fall), Children (Winter) and Chile (Spring). For current and past issues of ReVista, please visit the Center’s web site.

Harvard Working Papers on Latin America
The Working Papers series this year placed a new emphasis on complementing conferences held at DRCLAS, in addition to scholarly monographs. To date, DRCLAS has published 31 working papers and conference papers. Two new working papers in 2003-2004 are: Historia y respuestas a su retiro (in Spanish), edited by Ana Julia Jatari (DRCLAS), Alejso Rodriguez (KSG), and Reinier Schriester (KSG); and, Boletín de Harmonía: Caring A Stronger Role for Civil Society in Colombia, edited by Theodore Macdonald (FAS).

ReVista Latino, the Center’s calendar, lists events at Harvard and in the New England area related to Latin America, Latinos and the Iberian Peninsula. It also provides information on fellowships and job opportunities.
The Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professorship
The Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professorship in Latin American Studies was created at Harvard University in 1986 through a generous gift from the late Edmond Safra and the Republic New York Corporation. DRCLAS administers the Professorship program, which enables Harvard to invite eminent Latin Americans from various fields to teach at the University for a semester or an academic year. In 2003-2004, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences hosted two distinguished Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professors.

Domingo F. Cavallo, Argentina
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Economics Department
Domingo F. Cavallo is former Minister of Economy (1991-1996 and 2010) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (1989-1990) of Argentina. In 1997, he founded the political party Acción por la República and was elected National Congressman, a post that he held through 2001. Dr. Cavallo is the author of several books, including Economía en Tiempos de Crisis, La Argentina Que Pudo Ser, El Desafío Federal, and many articles. He holds doctoral degrees from Harvard University and the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba. While at Harvard, he co-taught Latin America and the Washington Consensus (Economics 153) and taught The Latin American Economy (Economics 101). In addition to teaching responsibilities, he gave a public lecture on Argentina and the International Monetary Fund during the Bush Administrations as part of the KFF Lecture Series.

Simon Schwartzman, Brazil
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department
Simon Schwartzman is a Brazilian academic with extensive scholarship in the areas of Sociology, Political Science and Public Administration. Currently, he is the President of the Institute for Studies on Labor and Society (IEST) in Rio de Janeiro. His research addresses questions of political and social change from historical and comparative perspectives with special emphasis on Brazil. His publications include The New Production of Knowledge (ed. with Jorge I. Domínguez, Director of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and Steven Levitsky, Assistant Professor of Government. This year DRCLAS hosted 21 seminars on political, economic and social themes that covered topics such as: U.S. Latinas and U.S. Foreign Policy toward Latin America; Women’s Extra Domestic Work and Gender Relations in Urban Areas; Poverty, Exclusion, and Modernization; Conference Series (Sociology 187) and Social Policies in Latin America: Issues, Stakeholders, and Outcomes (Sociology 187). As part of the RFF Lecture Series, he gave a public lecture on Globalization, Poverty, and Social Inequality in Brazil.

Latin American Tuesday Seminar
The Tuesday Seminar on Latin American Affairs allows faculty, visiting scholars, graduate students and invited guests to present their research on contemporary issues in Latin America. The seminar series is open to the public and regularly attracts a diverse audience of academics, students and members of the community. Co-chairs for the series in 2003-2004 were Jorge I. Domínguez, Director of the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and Steven Levitsky, Assistant Professor of Government. This year DRCLAS hosted 21 seminars on political, economic and social themes that covered topics such as: U.S. Latinas and U.S. Foreign Policy toward Latin America; Women’s Extra Domestic Work and Gender Relations in Urban Areas; Poverty, Exclusion, and Modernization; Conference Series (Sociology 187) and Social Policies in Latin America: Issues, Stakeholders, and Outcomes (Sociology 187). As part of the RFF Lecture Series, he gave a public lecture on Globalization, Poverty, and Social Inequality in Brazil.

History Workshop
The Boston Area Workshop for Latin American History provides faculty and graduate students engaged in Latin American history with a forum to share their work. In 2003-2004, the Center sponsored 10 workshops on topics ranging from Sentencing the Social Question: Workers and the Courts in Argentina, 1900-1915 to Looking Out, Looking In: Mexico Peasantary Before the Revolution. The series is made possible by the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. For a complete listing of 2003-2004 History Workshops and all other Center events, please visit the Center’s web site.
2003-04 highlights

- **August 21-23, 2003**
  [Santiago, Chile]
  Conference: Encuentro sobre Género, Sexualidad y Cultura: Un Diálogo desde el Sur
  Brad Epps, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures

- **November 5, 2003**
  RFK Lecture: Argentina and the IMF during the Bush Administrations
  Domingo Cavallo, Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor of Latin American Studies

- **December 5-12, 2003**
  Workshop with Augusto Boal, Brazilian dramatist and founder of Theatre of the Oppressed

- **December 2, 2003**
  Visit of Fernando Henrique Cardoso, President of Brazil (1995 - 2003)

- **February 20-21, 2004**
  Conference: Moving Beyond Armed Actors: The Challenges for Civil Society in Colombia
  Antanas Mockus, former Mayor of Bogotá

- **February 18, 2004 through June 30, 2004**
  Art Forum Spring 2004
  Portraits of an Invisible Country
  Photographs of Jorge Mario Múnera, Colombia

- **April 12-16, 2004**
  Brazil Week at DRCLAS
  A week of panels, films, photo exhibit and multimedia fair

- **February 24, 2004**
  Tresidder Seminar Series: U.S. Latinos and U.S. Foreign Policy Toward Latin America
  Jorge I. Domínguez

- **April 19, 2004**
  Book Launch at the Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, D.C.
  FTAA and Beyond: Prospects for Integration in the Americas, edited by Anton Estevadeordal, Dani Rodrik, Alan M. Taylor and Andrés Velasco

- **March 30 - April 1, 2004**
  Visit of Harvard University President Lawrence Summers to Chile and Brazil

- **September 25, 2003 through January 15, 2004**
  Art Forum Fall 2003
  Code-Switcher
  An installation by Rosalía Bermúdez, New York-based Uruguayan artist

- **September 26-29, 2003**
  Conference: Bolivia, Chile, Peru: Exploring Opportunities for Mutual Gain

- **October 28, 2003**
  Film Scripting Workshop with Argentine Filmmaker Fernando Birri

- **November 5, 2003**
  RFK Lecture: Argentina and the IMF during the Bush Administrations
  Domingo Cavallo, Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor of Latin American Studies

- **January 27, 2004**
  [Havana, Cuba]
  Conference: Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change

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A Reassessment of the Place of Archaeoastronomy in Latin American Studies

October 10-12, 2003 Colgate University

This conference gathered an international team of scholars exploring the role of archaeoastronomy in Mesoamerica and South America at Colgate University as part of a revitalized initiative to deepen the study of Latin American indigenous cultures. New dialogues were initiated among scholars on a variety of problems in understanding the relationship between cosmology, archaeoastronomy, imperial ceremonial centers and ritual practices, with special attention to South American patterns.

Homaje al Professor Eduardo Matos Montúfar

October 20-24, 2003 Museo Nacional de Antropología, México

Co-sponsored by the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, Museo Nacional de Antropología and Harvard’s Museo Mexicano Archive, this conference engaged archaeologists, anthropologists, historians of religion, historians, epigraphers and archaeoastronomers from the United States, Mexico and Europe. Lectures and seminars focused on two general themes reflected in the distinguished career of Eduardo Matos Montúfar: the nature and character of Prehispanic societies in Central Mexico and the history of archaeoastronomy in Central Mexico.

Workshop: Film Scripting with Fernando Birri

October 28, 2003 Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University

As part of the course Advanced Topics in Latin American Film (LAS 161), this script-writing workshop taught students to compose their own scripts for a 5- to 10-minute fiction or non-fiction video and featured the participation of renowned Argentine director Fernando Birri, one of the founders of New Latin American Cinema.

22nd Annual Northeast Conference on Andean Archaeology & Ethnography (NCAAE)

November 1-2, 2003 Geology Department, Harvard University

With support from DRCLAS, the NCAAE’s annual meeting was hosted by Harvard University this year, attracting participants from all over the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe. Thirty specialists in Andean archaeology or ethnography gave presentations before an audience of 250-300 scholars and other guests.

Workshop: Philosophical Inquiries from Latin America

November 20, 2003 Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Harvard University

In an effort to promote a process of learning from and conversing with Latin America, this ongoing workshop series focuses on how the issues of value and judgment are developed and problematized in ethical, aesthetic and economic-philosophical terms. The questions and problems posed by location relevant to philosophical production from Latin America and to the “universality” of continental philosophy are also examined. This first event in the workshop series was led by Bolívar Echeverría of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Poverty and Social Policy in Cuba: Addressing the Challenges of Social and Economic Change

January 27, 2004 Havana, Cuba

Aiming to advance high-quality applied social research, policy advice and policy-focused debate through scholarly exchanges that integrate a diverse set of academic disciplines and actors in the policy sphere, Xavier de Souza Briggs (KSG) and the Centro de Investigaciones Psicológicas y Sociológicas organized a two- to three-day research workshop on Poverty, Inequality and Applied Social Research. The conference was co-sponsored by DRCLAS, the Ford Foundation, University of Massachusetts, Boston and Oxlam America. A publication of the outcome of the conference is forthcoming.

Moving Beyond Armed Actors

February 19-21, 2004 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

In February 2004, Harvard faculty members convened the conference Moving Beyond Armed Actors: The Challenges for Civil Society in Colombia to build upon the success of the November 2002 workshop. The event was designed to engage actors from civil society organizations, universities and municipal governments in Colombia. Participants included Michael Shifter, Vice President of the Inter-American Dialogue in Washington, D.C., and Harvard professors Meritxell Brintle (KSG), Dorn Sommer (FAS) and Harvey Cox (HDS).

Scaling Up Responses to the AIDS Pandemic: Building Coalitions of Direct Action

May 8, 2004 Harvard Medical School

This conference reported on a project that grew out of the 2000 conference Extending AIDS Treatment to Poor Communities: Lessons from Brazil. Sponsored by DRCLAS, the Program in Infectious Disease and Social Change (PIDSIC) and the Institute for Health and Social Justice (IHISJ) of Partners in Health, the yearlong project developed evidence-based models for scaling up responses to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Incorporating the latest data with experiences from comprehensive HIV/AIDS programs in Brazil, Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua and Peru, the project identifies and analyzes factors that have contributed to the successes of these programs. This conference highlighted the major findings of the project and proposed policy options to incorporate coalitions of direct action in treatment protocols.

Conference on Latin Health Paradoxes

June 24, 2004 Harvard School of Public Health

The unexpected health patterns, or “paradoxes,” describe how some Latin American groups in the United States have some positive health outcomes despite their lower socioeconomic position. Bringing together leading health experts who have worked on Latin American physical and mental health paradoxes, as well as experts from other disciplines (Economic, Political Science and Sociology), the conference focused on the state of empirical evidence providing insights into the possible causes of these health paradoxes from a cross-disciplinary perspective.

Student Grants

DRCLAS Latin American Internship Program

During the past five years, the DRCLAS Internship Program has grown to become the largest on campus. Students can take advantage of the Center’s intramural and institutional contracts to find a summer internship that best meets their interests. DRCLAS has ties with both independent organizations such as the Buenos Aires think-tank CIPPEC and the Rio de Janeiro volunteer organization Viva Rio, as well as with major international organizations such as WorldTeach and the Organization of American States. Upon securing an internship through DRCLAS or on their own, Harvard students are welcomed to apply for a DRCLAS Summer Internship Grant to aid in funding students’ travel to Latin America. This year, the Center awarded 39 internship grants to undergraduate and graduate students.

DRCLAS Term-Time Research Travel Grants

The Center’s Term-Time Research Travel Grants are awarded each year to support research conducted during the academic year as part of a regular Harvard degree program. In 2003-2004, DRCLAS awarded 26 term-time research grants.

For a complete listing of 2003-2004 Summer Research and Internship Grant recipients, please visit the Center’s web site.
Mellon Summer Field Research Grants
Established through a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Mellon Summer Field Research Grants allow grad students to study in the field of Latin American History to pursue fieldwork related to preliminary dissertation research and, in some cases, supplement a DRCLAS Summer Research Travel Grant. The Center awarded nine Mellon Summer Field Research Grants in 2003-2004.

Mellon Academic Year Fellowships in Latin American History
The fellowship was established through a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and provides a stipend of $25,000 for graduate students in the field of Latin American History at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. During the Academic Year 2003-2004, there were six Mellon Fellows: Isaac Campos-Castro. Amílcar Chávez Carrión. DelBERT Jones Allison Adams Kidwell. Mónica Ricketts.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program
The Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program, established by the Department of Education grant, enables Harvard to support graduate and professional school students seeking advanced training in modern foreign languages and area studies related to Latin America during the summer or the academic year.

Academic Year FLAS Fellowship Recipients

Student Organization Grant Recipients
Each year, DRCLAS invites submissions from the approximately thirty Latin American or Latino student organizations throughout the University to participate in a Student Leaders Meeting where organizations learn about each other’s planned activities and Center resources. In 2003-2004, DRCLAS awarded 20 grants to 23 different student organizations to assist in the execution of their events. Student organization initiatives ranged from a conference on the future of the Argentine economy to an Aztec dance performance and the creation of the La Vida at Harvard, a guide to Latin and Latino American resources in the Boston area for undergraduate students. Harvard Argentine Society (HAS). Bridge Builders. Capoeira Regional. Caricom. Cuban-American Undergraduate Student Association (CAUSA). Chilean Caucus. Club Latinoamericano. Colombian Columbium.

Concilio Latino
Danza Azteca
Disparates and Distinction
Harvard Divinity School EQUITAS
Fuerza Latina
Harvard Graduate Conference on International History
Harvard Association Cultivating Inter-American (HACIA)
Harvard Organization of Latin American Students (HOLA)
Harvard University Mexican Association (HUMA)
Harvard International Development Conference Latinas Unidas
Mariachi Veritas
Presencia Latina Cultural Show
Harvard-Radcliffe Raza
Zalacain.

Graduate Student Associates
Harvard’s graduate students are an integral part of the Center’s rich academic and cultural community. The DRCLAS Graduate Student Associate program facilitates this connection and continues to financially support doctoral students’ independent work in Latin American Studies by providing a DRCLAS affiliation and financial resources to approximately 10-12 graduate students each year, with several receiving office space at 61 Kirkland. Graduate Student Associates are selected through a competitive process that includes all professional schools and academic departments.

Jason Alcorn
Social Studies
URUCAÑA: A Discourse for Autonomy on the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua

Anthony Arnold
Social Studies
Inequality and the Quality of Democracy in Mexico

Rachel Bloomekatz
Social Studies
De Mexico to Morrowston: a study of local health organizations mediating immigrany incorporation in Morrowston, Tennessee

Blake Boisrue
Linguistics
Mendoga Theory and the Atlantic Creoles: Evidence of an Afroportuguese Substrate in Palaquemao Creole Spanish

Rebecca Cantu
Government
Meet the New Boss, Same as the Old Boss: Legislative Representation in Post-Transition Mexico

Cheryl Carandang
History & Literature
Public Opinion in the Face of an Official Cold War Consensus: Patterns of an Independent, yet Complimentary, Imperial Discourse During the Guatemalan Crisis, 1950-1954

Felime-Leonor Cobas
History & Literature
Underlying Meaning: Masculine and Feminine Economies as Allegorical Keys to the Latin American American Plot of Development and Underdevelopment

Roderick Donald
Government
The U.S. War on Drugs in Latin America: Explaining Why Washington Escalated a Failed Policy for Two Decades

Joy Fuller
Romance Languages and Literatures
Virgin, Mother, and Warrior: The Virgin of Guadalupe as an Icon of the Anti-Abortion Movement

Jennifer Immuna ‘07

“Thank you so much to the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies for making our trip to the Galapagos possible! Every aspiring evolutionary biologist reads about the islands and how Darwin was inspired by what he saw there. To be able to go to the islands ourselves, to see what Darwin saw, gave a new inspiration to this new generation of biologists.”

Jane Kim
History
The California Missions: Myth, Romance, and History (1787-1929)

José Masini
History
Nationalism, Communism, Puerto Rico, and Political Relations between the U.S. and Puerto Rico, 1940-1966

Camilo Mejía
History
Domestic Turmoil, Inter-American Leadership: Colombia and the Organization of American States, 1945-1962

Sarah Mercer
Social Studies
The Unique Politics of Andrés Manuel López Obrador: Why the Mayor of Mexico City is So Popular and How He is Helping to Consolidate Democracy in Mexico

María Luisa Romero
Government
Democratization by Force? Panama’s Democratic Transition after the U.S. Invasion of 1989

Benjamin Wells
History & Literature
Panché Villa and the American Left: A House Divided

http://drclas.fas.harvard.edu
This year, DRCLAS awarded eight Faculty Research Grants, two Curriculum Development Grants, one Translation Grant, and two Course-Based Field Trip Grants to support Harvard faculty research and travel in Latin America as well as to develop courses related to the region. DRCLAS also awarded 12 Conference Grants to 15 faculty members. These grants were made possible with the generous support of the following endowments: the Estrella Blanca Brooksky Fund, the Guantaro and Patricia Cueros Fund, the Philip Lehner Fund, the Jorge Pablo Lemaund Fund, the Andronico Lucski Fund, the Antonio Madero Fund, the Wilbur Marvin Fund and the Reiss Family Funds.

Faculty Research Grant Recipients

Erika Field, Robert Wood Johnson Scholar in Health Policy Research, Center for Basic Research in the Social Sciences, FAS

Fall 2003

Monica Ponce de Leon, Associate Professor of Architecture Graduate School of Design Seminar: Ecotourism in the Ecuadorian Amazon Forest, Ecuadorian Amazon Basin Through a joint studio between Harvard and the Universidad San Francisco de Quito, 12 students from the GSD traveled to the Ecuadorian Amazon to work with the Guanari Indian tribe in Tiptinui. The Guanari are one of the few tribes left in the region that do not have a center for ecotourism. This GSD design studio focused on developing a prototype for the eco-tourism industry in Ecuador that acknowledges existing urbanization patterns in the Amazon and seeks to prevent or channel future development. Several tribes in the Amazon basin of Ecuador have developed facilities in their communities for welcoming tourists as part of a movement to allow funds from tourism to be directed to the tourism.

Spring 2004

Kathleen Donohue, Assistant Professor Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology Freshman Seminar 23g Darwin’s Finches, Galapagos Islands As part of a Freshman Seminar course offered through the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, Darwini Finch, 12 students traveled to the Galapagos Islands of Plata, Ecuador, Santa Cristobal, Genovesa and Santa Cruz. The course examined the changing attitudes of people toward the Galapagos Islands and the organisms that inhabit them and how fundamentally evolutionary and ecological theory changed as research shifted from brief collecting missions to longer term behavioral observations.

Course-Based Field Trip Grant Recipients

Marc Hauser, Professor of Psychology, FAS

Field Research on Primate Behavior in Puerto Rico

Carl Steinle, Alexander and Victoria Wiley Professor of Landscape Architecture and Planning, GSD

A Study of Alternative Futures of Tegucigalpa, Mexico: Collaboration with Universidad Autonoma Metropolitana

Translation Grant Recipients

Gary Urton, Dunbarton Oaks Professor of Pre-Columbian Studies

Preparation of Translation for At the Crossroads of the Earth & Sky

A Collaborative Research Project on Social-Emotional Development Between the Universidad de Buenos Aires and Harvard Medical School

Conference Grant Recipients

Jaimie Bayona, Lecturer on Social Medicine, HMS

Elements of Successful National Tuberculosis Control Strategy: Lessons for the Region

Marc Cárdenas-Huerta, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS

Cultural Patterns and Politics in the Crossroads of the Earth & Sky: An Interdisciplinary, Comparative Analysis of the Latin American Experience of Affirmative Action

Brad Epps, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS, and Luis Cárdenas-Huerta, Assistant Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS

Gender & Sexualities in the Southern Cone of Latin America: Continuing a North/South Conversation

Clémence Jouïl-Pastré, Senior Preceptor in Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS

National Conference on Brazilian Immigration to the United States

David Kennedy, Manley Hudson Professor of Law, HLS

Thinking of Law In/and Latin America

David Maybury-Lewis, Edward C. Henderson Professor of Anthropology, FAS

Manifest Destinies and the Elimination of Indigenous Peoples

Gary Orfield, Professor of Education and Social Policy, GSE, and Fernando Reimers, Associate Professor of Education, GSE

Mexico-U.S. Immigration: Educational Challenges

Jorge Sotelo, Nicolas Robinson, Jr. Professor of Architecture, GSD

Housing Innovation for Latin America: From Elemental Design to Effective Policies

Henry Steiner, Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Lecturer on Law, HLS, and James Cavallaro, Jeremiah Smith, Jr. Lecturer on Law, HLS

Race, Class, and Remedial Measures: An Interdisciplinary, Comparative Analysis of the Latin American Experience of Affirmative Action

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Faculty
The Center's Advisory Committee meeting in Mexico, the first such meeting to be held in Latin America, was convened with a series of faculty seminars featuring members of the Harvard faculty and Visiting Professors. In a discussion on Latin America and the Washington Consensus: Visiting Professor Domingos Cavalcanti and Professor Roberto Mangabeira Unger (Harvard) addressed the economic stagnation and persistent inequality that grip Latin America, which are commonly perceived as consequences of the failure of the Washington Consensus. Entrepreneurs young Latin American architects and public policy specialists presented the seminar Innovations in Social Housing in Latin America, in which they described the ELEMENTAL project to construct low-cost housing in Santiago, Chile. The seminar, The U.S. Presidential Election: Implications for Latin America, featured a lively discussion among Colburn, KSG professor David Gregen, Mexican Visiting Scholar Soledad Louzada and Americas Society President Susan Segal. Finally, Harvard biologists Brian Farrell and Edward O. Wilson discussed Biodiversity in Latin America: The Case of the Caribbean, which featured their documentary of plant and animal species in the region.

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Major Gifts
New contributions to the Center this year included a major gift of $5 million from Advisory Committee member Jorge Paulo Lemons to establish a permanent endowment for the Harvard Studies Program. Developed in 1999, the program has enabled the Center to bring to scholar and professors to Harvard and invite leading public policy makers and business and philanthropists to lead discussion on contemporary issues. The program also supports a wide range of Brazil-related activities, including student and faculty research, student travel grants and internships, and Center publications. This generous commitment shows that the long-time friend of the Center assures the growth and development of Brazilian Studies at the University for generations to come.

A number of Advisory Committee members have made significant new commitments this year in honor of the Center’s 10th anniversary in December 2004. We are deeply grateful to Arturo and Hilda Ochoa-Brilliehn, Brilliengard, Litoral, Philip Lehren, Ricardo Poma, Orlando Sacasa, Francisco Soler and Lorenzo Weisman for strengthening the Center’s core endowment for the new decade. It is with great sadness that we commemorate this year the death of Federico Blob MBA ’79, a Corporate Partner and true friend of the Center. Through his generous gifts of resources and time, he consistently affirmed his love for Harvard and his fervent belief in the future of Central America.

Foundations
Christopher Reynolds Foundation
In May, the Center received a $140,000 gift from the Christopher Reynolds Foundation. The award will help underwrite the publication of a new volume in the DRCLAS Book Series, The Cuban Economy at the Start of the Twenty-First Century. Edited by Jorge L. Dominguez, Omar Everley Pérez Villanueva and Lorena Barberia, in addition, the Ford Foundation grant underwrites an ongoing project on HIV/AIDS Resource Allocation at the Instituto de Medicina Tropical Pedro Kouri, Harvard Medical School’s Department of Social Medicine and the Pan-American Health Organization on HIV/AIDS Resource Allocation in the Caribbean.

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has enabled DRCLAS to collaborate with Latin American institutions on an ongoing project on HIV/AIDS resource allocation in areas such as equitable economic growth and democratic governance, as well as the creation of new spaces for dialogue about important societal challenges. The Hewlett Foundation support also assisted in the development of an entirely new institutional model for Harvard University: the DRCLAS Regional Office in Santiago.

The Hewlett Foundation contributed to numerous initiatives that have built partnerships with local institutions. The ELEMENTAL project, for example, is a collaboration of the Harvard Graduate School of Design, the Catholic University of Chile and Instituto de la Reforma, and is a vehicle for building stronger civil society organizations in Chile to promote innovative designs in low-cost social housing that will result in the construction of housing for more than 1,500 families. The Hewlett Foundation also helped develop a new series of film titles for HBS Professor Andrés Velloso and his colleagues publish and disseminate new economic theories

William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has enabled DRCLAS to collaborate with Latin American institutions on important real-world problems and the promotion of viable policy options in areas such as equitable economic growth and democratic governance, as well as the creation of new spaces for dialogue about important societal challenges. The Hewlett Foundation support also assisted in the development of an entirely new institutional model for Harvard University: the DRCLAS Regional Office in Santiago.

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and techniques applied to policy questions through Economía, the journal of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA).

Finally, Hewlett Foundation support helped the Center create new spaces for dialogue and collaboration, with scholars and writers exploring issues of gender, sexuality and culture at a conference in Santiago, Chile, as well as a meeting in Cambridge of influential actors from business, government, military and civil society from Bolivia, Chile and Peru to discuss opportunities for mutual gain.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

The Program for Latin American Libraries and Archives (PLALA) assists libraries and archives throughout Latin America to preserve scarce and endangered documents, printed works and non-print materials, and to make these resources more accessible for research. Adherence to international standards and best practices is required, ensuring projects of lasting utility that will underwrite more access to the region, not least as other funding agencies have retreated.

PLALA’s activities focus on Latin America’s often endangered recorded heritage. To date, small grants averaging about $10,000 have supported nearly 350 specific projects. A new category of larger “development” grants, which will average approximately $60,000 apiece, will underwrite more ambitious projects by cooperating institutions. The Program’s substantial impact has become ever more apparent throughout the region, not least as other funding agencies have retreated from this arena.

In addition, the Mellon Foundation has awarded the Center a challenge grant of $200,000 for graduate fellowships in Latin American history, art and history related fields. This generous award will allow the University to attract the most talented scholars to doctoral programs in Latin American Studies, strengthening the pool of professors in the field for future generations of students. The Mellon Foundation grant requires the Center to match its gift with $1 million in new funds. To date, the Center has raised over half the required sum.

This year, the Program welcomed new Corporate Partners for their generous and critical support, which enables the Center to fund the research of Harvard faculty members on vital topics to guide informed business decisions in the region.

Corporate Partners

The Center’s Corporate Partners Program is designed to provide companies interested in Latin America with access to Harvard’s extensive resources. The program also connects Harvard’s scholars, government officials and business leaders from Latin America for two executive-level seminars at Harvard University each year.

The seventh year of the Center’s Corporate Partners Program featured timely seminars on topics gaining increasing currency in Latin America. The Fall 2003 seminar, entitled Doing Business with Cuba: Today and Tomorrow, featured international- ly renowned policy makers and corporate executives who shared their views on Cuba’s current political, financial and regulatory situation, and explored the underlying assumptions of its globally unique international standing. Experts from the economic and legal sectors provided a framework for Cuba’s economic environment and its significance for U.S. trade relations, as well as regulations affecting banking and financial transactions, and potential investment opportunities in key sectors of the country’s economy.

Participants included U.S. Congressman William Delahunt; Michael Small, former Canadian Ambassador to Cuba; and Jay Brickman, Vice-President of Crowley Liner Services.

The Spring 2004 seminar, Free Trade in the Americas: Lessons and Prospects, featured policy makers and corporate executives who shared their views and experience on the current free trade debate. A decade since the launching of NAFTA, and in the context of current FTAA negotiations, this seminar examined opportunities and obstacles in the efforts to achieve free trade in the Western Hemisphere.

Speakers included Advisory Committee Member Antonio Madero, President of San Luis Corporación in Mexico; Susan Segal, President and CEO of the Council of the Americas — Americas Society; Robert Lawrence, Professor of International Trade and Investment (KSG); and Jaime Serra Puche, former Secretary of Trade and former Secretary of Finance of Mexico.

This year, the Program welcomed the addition of three new members to its prestigious partner roster: Grupo Alsea, an agribusiness powerhouse in Mexico, Fidelity Management & Research Company, the acting investment advisor to Fidelity Investments, and Viro S.A. de C.V., Mexico’s largest glassmaker.

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Faculty Committees

All of the Center’s activities depend on Harvard faculty interest, participation and governance. Permanent oversight and decision-making are carried out by the Center’s standing Faculty Committees.

Executive Committee

Ten senior faculty members who serve three-year renewable terms meet with the Director and Executive Director each month to advise on Center policies and operations.

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Policy Committee

Faculty from eight professional schools and FAS meet each term to guide the Center’s development and to recommend candidates for the Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professorship of Latin American Studies to the President of the University. Seventy-seven members of the Faculty serve on the Center’s Policy Committee. Twenty-eight of them are also members of the Committee on Latin American and Iberian Studies (CLALIS), which coordinates the Center’s research and curricular programs that operate within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, including Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.

For a complete listing of 2003-2004 Policy Committee and CLALIS members, please visit the Center’s web site.
FISCAL YEAR 2004
July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2004

Income
Beginning Balance $ 672,440
Endowments and Gifts Sponsored Grants $ 410,130
Income from Endowments 1,689,963
Harvard University President’s Fund 258,050
Chile International Programmatic Exchange 115,895
Miscellaneous 15,500

Grants
Foundations 1,491,364
U.S. Department of Education 526,845
Current Use Gifts 851,913
Corporate Partners Program 165,444
Publications 42,785

Total Income $6,360,531

Expenses
Administration $ 629,966
Publications 368,440
Events, Programs and Committees 1,834,794
Student Fellowships and Research Travel Grants 507,979
Faculty Research and Curriculum Grants 186,442
Visiting Fellows, Scholars, Professors 541,065
Restricted Grant Income Carried Forward 2,055,951*

Total Expenses $6,174,216

Balance $ 186,315

* This item includes the balance of funds from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for grants to Latin American Libraries and Archives and fellowships in Latin American history, the five-year Lemann Fund for Brazilian Studies, the stipend fund for the Casasfrancesca index project, endowed income for the Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professorship, and several smaller funds already committed to future expenses.

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