The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University works to increase the knowledge of the cultures, economies, histories, environment and contemporary affairs of Latin America; foster cooperation and understanding among the peoples of the Americas; and contribute to democracy, social progress and sustainable development throughout the hemisphere.

**OBJECTIVES**

**EXPAND RESEARCH AND TEACHING** on Latin America at Harvard

**STRENGTHEN TIES** between Harvard University and institutions throughout Latin America

**ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING** of Latin America in the United States and abroad

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**ABBREVIATION KEY**

**DRCLAS**: David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

**FAS**: Faculty of Arts and Sciences

**GSAS**: Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

**HBS**: Harvard Business School

**HDS**: Harvard Divinity School

**HGD**: Harvard Graduate School of Design

**HGES**: Harvard Graduate School of Education

**HKS**: Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government

**HLS**: Harvard Law School

**HMS**: Harvard Medical School

**HSPH**: Harvard School of Public Health
As these pages recount, 2007 – 08 was a busy and productive year at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, both in Cambridge and through our Offices and activities in Latin America. Amongst the accomplishments we take most pride in are the record-number of Harvard students who went abroad for internships, study and research; the new seminar series on current affairs in Mexico; the large audiences drawn to the two newly-launched film series about immigration and Brazil; the celebration of four Art Forum events; and the plethora of weekly and monthly seminars and events for students, faculty, friends of the Center and the public at large.

In Cambridge, we hosted an extraordinary group of visiting scholars and Robert F. Kennedy visiting professors from different countries and with diverse research interests. They are part of an expanding scholarly network that makes a difference — to Harvard students and faculty, and to our ability to interact with universities and research centers throughout Latin America. A highlight of fall activities was the Tango! conference, co-hosted with the Harvard Humanities Center and the Radcliffe Institute. We are convinced that, taken together, these events have made a difference by disseminating knowledge and understanding of Latin America across the University, and by bringing Harvard’s resources to the region.

The activities of the Regional Office in Santiago, Chile, and the Brazil Office in São Paulo have been of unique importance in providing enhanced opportunities for Harvard students and faculty traveling to Latin America. The Offices also made significant contributions to strengthening ties to institutions in the region and reaffirming Harvard’s commitment to its alumni from Latin America. Chile’s Un Buen Comienzo project and the Brazil Symposia are just two examples of how Harvard’s presence abroad can contribute to the ongoing development of Latin American countries. The Center made major progress toward opening an Office for Mexico and Central America, through which it will complete its vision for a regional network of offices to support faculty research and teaching, provide services to students, strengthen collaborations across scholarly institutions and encourage the further engagement of alumni in Latin America.

Thus, we celebrate a year that has enriched understanding of the cultures, histories, and contemporary realities of a truly unique and important region of the world. Personally, the most rewarding highlights of 2007 – 08 were opportunities to work with wonderful and engaged colleagues across the University, to maintain contact with so many friends of the Center who support its activities, and to be engaged daily with a staff that is deeply committed to the University and to the Center’s mission. I am very much looking forward to 2008 – 09.

On behalf of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, I thank you for your interest in and support of our activities. We are eager to continue to create value at Harvard and in Latin America.

MERILEE GRINDLE
Edward S. Mason Professor of International Development
Regional Office

SANTIAGO, CHILE

During its sixth year of operation, the Regional Office based in Santiago, Chile continued to serve faculty, students, staff and alumni on a wide range of academic, policy and research initiatives in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru.

Among the initiatives undertaken by the Regional Office in 2007–08 bearing the greatest impact is Un Buen Comienzo (UBC), an interdisciplinary, collaborative project designed to improve the quality of early childhood programs in Chile. UBC uses a multi-faceted approach to enhance the development, education, health and growth of underserved children through teacher training and active family involvement. Through continual, generous funding and leadership from Andrónico Luksic’s Fundación Educativa Oportunidad, the project seeks to place Chile at the vanguard of early childhood education, and has brought together national and international actors from the public and private sectors. Among them are Harvard’s Graduate School of Education (HGSE) and Medical School (HMS), DRCLAS, Chile’s Ministries of Education and Health, Fundación Educativa Oportunidad, Universidad Diego Portales, the Junta Nacional de Jardines Infantiles (JUNJI). Fundación Integra, Hogar de Cristo, Municipalidad de Peñalolén, The World Bank and UNICEF.

During 2007–08, five faculty from HGSE and HMS visited Santiago frequently to contribute to the project’s development.

During the year, the Regional Office hosted a number of events including the Chile-launch of Americas Quarterly: The Policy Journal for Our Hemisphere, a new policy journal of the Americas Society and Council of the Americas, and the first DRCLAS Corporate Partners Program held abroad, Checking Latin America’s Vital Signs. The Regional Office also co-hosted the Harvard Business School Centennial celebration as part of the HBS Global Outreach Program with the Harvard Club of Chile, during which HBS Professor Forest Reinhardt and Gustavo Herrero, director of the HBS Latin America Research Center, delivered presentations.

The Office was also host to a number of students from the College and the professional schools. The Summer Internship Program (SIP) has grown to be the University’s largest of this kind, placing College students at carefully selected internship sites in Buenos Aires, La Paz, Lima and Santiago. During summer 2008, 59 students were matched with an organization and internship supervisor in a specific country of interest. Over half of the students received financial grants from DRCLAS and the Office of Career Services.

The perennially popular School of Public Health Winter Term Course on Health Reform and Community Medicine, directed by Professor Thomas Bossert, continued in January 2008. Fifteen students visited Santiago with Professor Bossert for a three-week program. They engaged in daily lectures and visited Chilean health care system representatives. A highlight was a private meeting with former President Ricardo Lagos, at his Fundación Democracia y Desarrollo.

The semester-length, for-credit Study Abroad Program in Argentina and Chile, developed in collaboration with the Office of International Programs, received 11 students during 2007–08. In Chile, the Program offers a public health focus for students with an academic interest in medical and public health matters. Students also received support in identifying internship opportunities aligned with their academic areas of concentration.

In order to enhance student experiences, the Regional Office and DRCLAS created the Diálogo Latinoamericano in November 2007. This forum is organized by College students upon their return to Cambridge to reflect on and learn from their experiences studying, working and researching in Latin America. In May 2008, the first meeting of a new Faculty Committee for the Regional Office was held in Cambridge. Composed of eight faculty members from different disciplines, the Committee reviews the Regional Office activities, provides guidance and helps assess activities from the University’s perspective.

This page: Harvard College students Carlos Becerril ’10, Elizabeth Ryznar ’10, Diane de Gramont ’10, Nadia Mohamedi ’08, and Walter Howell ’09, on the 2007 DRCLAS Summer Internship Program, in Ica, Peru. Right page: Harvard faculty members and their counterparts from Brazilian universities crossing the Jequitinhonha River, during a trip to plan the First Collaborative Course on Infectious Diseases organized by the DRCLAS Brazil Office and affiliated institutions.
The Brazil Office, based in São Paulo, works hand-in-hand with the Brazil Studies Program in Cambridge to enhance research, teaching and learning among Harvard faculty and students and their Brazilian counterparts. Over a dozen distinguished Brazilians and Americans from across disciplines and sectors comprise a dedicated and active Brazil Office Advisory Group, which sadly lost one of its founding members, Dr. Ruth Cardoso, in June 2008. In the two years since the Office’s creation, its staff has assisted more than 60 Harvard faculty members and 90 students studying and doing research in the country.

A key initiative of the Brazil Office was the creation of an annual Harvard-Brazil Symposium. The symposia are frank, off-the-record discussions in which Harvard faculty, distinguished Brazilian scholars in the selected subject area and Lemann Fellows — Brazilians awarded fellowships at Harvard’s Kennedy School (HKS), School of Public Health (HSPH) and Graduate School of Education (HGSE) — gather in Brazil to explore potential collaborations that can be undertaken in the near-term. Organized and executed by the Brazil Office, the inaugural 2007 Symposium focused on health and medicine and included eight Harvard faculty members, four graduate students, two Harvard alumni and 15 leading Brazilian academics and practitioners. More than 10 Harvard faculty members from across disciplines and schools participated in the second Harvard-Brazil Symposium on the Environment & the Sciences in Salvador, Bahia in August 2008.

The 2007 Symposium generated a range of concrete, positive outcomes for both students and faculty. One important initiative was the first HSPH collaborative field course in Brazil. Focused on several infectious diseases that are present in developing countries, including Brazil, such as schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, malaria, dengue, Chagas disease and yellow fever, the course was offered in collaboration with the Santa Casa de Misericórdia de São Paulo Medical School (FCMSCSP). The Brazil Office worked closely with HSPH and HMS Professors Mary E. Wilson and Felipe Fregni and their Brazilian counterparts in planning and executing the course, held in January 2008. The multi-disciplinary course was unique in that it included an equal number of local graduate students.

The Brazil Office continued to provide individualized support and advice to the University’s undergraduate and graduate students. Building on the success of its 2007 Internship Program, the Office welcomed a second class of interns in June 2008. Internships in São Paulo are developed in collaboration with some of Brazil’s most innovative and dynamic organizations and are based on each student’s concentration and professional objectives. In order to foster interaction with some of Brazil’s leading academic, policy, artistic and social leaders, the program completed the first week of orientation with a group trip to Brasília that included visits to the Brazilian Congress and the Ministry of Education.

The Brazil Office has dedicated significant time and energy to developing, implementing and refining information management systems. The Center’s new website, created by the Brazil Office, has improved external communications and insured adequate infrastructure for the future. The Office also developed an online database, used by U.S. and Brazil-based staff; the database has enabled the regular distribution of the Program’s Informativo, an electronic newsletter that highlights Harvard-Brazil activities, to over 1,300 people worldwide.
Brazil Studies Program

The Brazil Studies Program, directed by Professor Kenneth Maxwell, seeks to enhance collaborative research among Harvard faculty and their Brazilian counterparts, encourage faculty engagement with Brazil and student participation in language programs, internships and research projects, and provide a hospitable environment for Brazilians at Harvard and for Harvard scholars in Brazil. Over the past year, the Program organized and executed a rich set of programmatic activities to foster Brazil-related research in Cambridge and Brazil.

Over 25 events attracted strong student and faculty interest and attendance. Eight Conversas — lunchtime seminars — featured academics, journalists and policymakers from Brazil, the United States and Europe. Topics ranged from challenges of urban violence, human rights, politics, economics, the history of slavery and abolition, to film and music. The Program also hosted the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States, Antonio Patriota, who visited the University to participate in a special event on U.S.-Brazil relations, the new role of Brazil in the global economy and President Lula’s foreign policy. The Program organized two Brazil Studies workshops jointly with the DRCLAS History Workshop series, and launched a new Brazilian film series co-sponsored by the student-run, Harvard Brazilian Organization.

The film series featured both contemporary and classic Brazilian films depicting the country’s rich cinematic tradition and complex socio-economic and cultural realities. In conjunction with the Harvard Film Archive and the Harvard Kennedy School’s Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, the Program co-sponsored the Boston premiere of Elite Squad (Trope de Elite), by Brazilian director José Padilha; the director participated in a panel discussion after the screening.

The Program also co-sponsored the sixth annual Brazil Week in April with Harvard’s Edwin O. Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies and the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures; it was entitled Brazil and Japan: A Century of Journeys Across Borders and Generations. In collaboration with the Brazil Institute of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and O Estado de São Paulo newspaper, it also hosted a major summer photographic exhibition called Amazônia Photography. A record number of students submitted theses to the Kenneth Maxwell Thesis Prize in Brazilian Studies; Gregory Scruggs was the 2008 award recipient for his thesis, Reading Space and Place between Morro and Asfalto: An Itinerary through the Contemporary Zona Sul of Rio de Janeiro.

A University-wide Faculty Advisory Committee, chaired by Professor Kenneth Maxwell, comprised of more than 50 Harvard faculty and ex-officio members, along with the newly created Brazil Studies Program’s Student Advisory Committee, co-chaired in 2007 – 08 by Bruno Carvalho (GSAS) and Gabriel Rocha (AB ’08), provided the Program with critical visibility across schools and disciplines. Their active engagement and recommendation helped shape the Program’s agenda.

In the fall 2007 semester, the Brazil Studies Program welcomed the second class of Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellows to the Harvard Kennedy School, the Graduate School of Education, the University’s Department of Music and the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The Program also hosted Lemann Visiting Scholar, Professor Robert Gay from Connecticut College.

Planning is underway for an annual South Atlantic Seminar; a collaborative project with Columbia University on the Cold War during the détente period; a new series of Conversas and films; and the inauguration of a seminar series of graduate students writing dissertations on Brazil-related topics.

Professor Kenneth Maxwell (right) with Antonio Patriota, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States at an event entitled, Brazil-US Relations: The Bilateral, Regional and Global Agendas.
President Calderón’s predecessor, President Vicente Fox, also delivered an address at the JFK Jr. Forum on Democracy, Good Government and Development.

¡Mexico Hoy!, co-chaired by Professors Merilee Grindle, Jack Womack, and Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor Rafael Fernández de Castro, was conceived to offer the Harvard community different views of the panorama of contemporary Mexican society. Over the academic year, ¡Mexico Hoy! hosted 10 eminent journalists and academics from Mexico and across the United States, all of whom addressed the complexity of modern-day Mexico. During the fall 2007 semester, lecture topics focused on the media’s diverse presentations of Mexico, both within Mexico and as seen from the United States. In spring 2008, ¡Mexico Hoy! featured topics of pressing concern for modern Mexico — from the debates surrounding energy reform and political transition, to the realities of urban reform and the cultural reaction to the drug wars.

The Coyote’s Trail initiative consisted of a series of films on the Latin American immigration experience. Chaired by RFK Visiting Professor Rafael Fernández de Castro and co-sponsored by the Department of International Relations at Mexico’s Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) and HUMA, The Coyote’s Trail brought 12 feature films and documentaries to the University. The screenings were free and open to the public and often featured discussions with local immigration scholars.

In addition, the Mexican Studies Program redesigned its section on the DRCLAS website to serve as a clearinghouse for events, news articles, publications, and other information related to the interaction between Mexico and the University. Since its launch in September, the site has received close to 7,000 unique and 10,800 total page views. While these visitors come from all over the world, more than 1,300 of the hits were from 85 different cities throughout Mexico.
Cuban Studies Program

The Cuban Studies Program has persisted in strengthening and extending its ties to individuals and institutions engaged in scientific, scholarly and policy research in Cuba despite continued policies that seek to halt visits by Cuban academics to Harvard University and to impede important bilateral meetings. The past year was important for the Program as it consolidated its work with the publication of a number of significant works that are fruits of long-term, sustained engagement between Harvard faculty and Cuban scholars. Aracuha Castro, co-Director of the Cuban Studies Program and Assistant Professor at the Medical School recently published an article on the quality of life of people living with HIV. The piece was co-authored with Ida González of the Pedro Kouri Institute of Tropical Medicine (IPK) and Yasmin Khawja, in AIDS, a leading publication at the forefront of research on HIV disease, and focuses on the impact of antiretroviral therapy on elective pregnancies in Cuba based on the collection of life histories of patients living with HIV and AIDS throughout Cuba.

The Program also began publishing a series of working papers on applied social policy research on equity and social mobility as part of the DRCALAS Working Paper Series. The five papers feature research at the forefront of applied sociological and economic research in Cuba on gainful income and consumption decisions, housing, rural development, ethnic segmentation and the impact of social policies on social mobility trends in Cuba. The papers emerged from a 2007 joint research seminar, Equity and Social Mobility: Theory and Methodology, sponsored by DRCALAS and the United Nations International Poverty Center (UNDP-IPC), a renowned institute with expertise in advancing research on the poverty concerns of developing countries, held in Brasilia, Brazil. The Spanish translation of The Cuban Economy at the Start of the Twenty-first Century co-edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Omar Everlenny Pérez Villanueva and Lorena Barbería was published in Mexico City jointly by DRCALAS and El Colegio de México in 2007. The launch of the translated edition was celebrated during the XXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association in Montréal, Canada in a ceremony that included all of the Cuban authors.

The Cuban Studies Program also continued to support the study and research of Cuba at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The second class of College students completed a semester-long program of study at the University of Havana in the fall 2007 semester. The 16-week program, which was inaugurated in January 2007 when a historic agreement was signed between both institutions, allows undergraduates to enroll in courses for credit at Cuba’s most prestigious university. Harvard students attend classes alongside Cuban students and work with former DRCALAS Cuban visiting scholars for mentoring and guidance. In this and in every other endeavor, the Program complied with the regulations of both the U.S. and Cuban governments. Co-Directors of the Cuban Studies Program, Professors Domínguez and Castro, presided over an interdisciplinary Cuba Study Group for graduate students with Cuba-related master’s theses and dissertations. Activities of the Cuban Studies Program are underwritten by the generous support of the Ford Foundation, Christopher Reynolds Foundation and the members of the Cuban Studies Fund, whose contributions are acknowledged later in this report.

Puerto Rico Winter Institute

The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, jointly with the University of Puerto Rico, sponsored a two-week Winter Institute in San Juan, Puerto Rico in January 2008. The Institute’s goal is to stimulate research, collaboration and intellectual exchange between Harvard and key institutions of higher learning in Puerto Rico. In its fourth year, the Institute’s theme was Beyond Babel: The Art and Science of Empathic Translations. Each week, eight professors, four from the University of Puerto Rico, three from Harvard and one from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), co-taught a seminar on a topic related to this major theme.

The Institute was led by Alice Flaherty, Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School and Director of the Movement Disorders Fellowship at Massachusetts General Hospital. Her objective was to give a comprehensive overview of non-verbal communication, bilingualism and translation. Neuroscience can reveal generative things about natural language, verbal and nonverbal, that have possible implications for how best to teach communication skills, make art and respond to suffering, whether personal or political, and how these lessons may be applied to cross-cultural communications and artistic expression. Seminar participants included a total of eight faculty, an independent scholar and 24 students from Harvard and the University of Puerto Rico.

Puerto Rico Winter Institute Seminars

PARTICIPATING FACULTY
Alice Flaherty, Harvard Medical School;
Massachusetts General Hospital, faculty lead
Margarita Alegria, Harvard Medical School;
Center for Multicultural Health Research
Marco Abarca, University of Puerto Rico,
Law School
Alan del Castillo, Psychiatrist; musician
Melissa Gerald, University of Puerto Rico;
Caribbean Primate Research Center
Antonio Martorell, DRCALAS Visiting Scholar
Spring 2008; artist, University of Puerto Rico
Alicia Pousada, University of Puerto Rico,
Department of English
Graham Ramsay, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; photographer
Doris Sommer, Harvard University,
Department of Romance Languages and Literatures
In addition to the seminars, Professor Flaherty gave two public lectures titled Human Deep Brain Stimulation for Treatment of Movement and Mood and The Midnight Disease: Hypergraphia, Writer’s Block, and the Brain. Site visits included a private tour of Antonio Martorell’s art studio in Ponce, a walk-through of his nationally renowned exhibit, Martorell D.F., in the Museo de las Américas, Cuartel de Ballajá, in old San Juan, and a visit to Museo de Ramon Frade at UPR Cayey campus. The collaborating institutions — the Universidad de Puerto Rico, the Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe, and the Escuela de Artes Plásticas — were key in assuring the Institute’s success and in providing a memorable experience to all participants. The Puerto Rico Winter Institute is made possible by the generous support of the Wilbur Marvin Foundation.

Art Forum

The 2007–08 academic year was one of the strongest years of expansion for the Art Forum. In addition to featuring a major show of juried competition winners each semester, the Art Forum also organized two site-specific shows and a robust speakers’ series aimed at fostering debate about Latin American art.

The past year was a “Venezuelan year,” featuring three of four shows by natives of Caracas. During the fall semester, renowned photographer and video-artist Alexander Apóstel presented In Lieu of Modernity, a show that explored the fragility of the modernization process in Venezuela by interrogating and

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revealing the insufficiency of some of Caracas’ most iconic architectural projects. In an effort to make the exhibition available to a larger audience, the Art Forum presented the show at Space Other Gallery, in Boston’s South End; the show gathered the public’s attention and that of the specialized press, which hailed it as one of 2007’s most important shows. In the spring, conceptual artist Alessandro Balteo presented Pedacito de Cielo at the Sert Gallery in Harvard’s Carpenter Center. Conceived as an “intimate museum,” in which the artist acted as a curator, the show displayed original pieces by Alejandro Otero, Gego, Eugenio Espinosa and Miguel Arroyo that had never before been exhibited at Harvard. This show also received a record number of visitors and continues to receive critical acclaim from the specialized press. Following Pedacito de Cielo, Ana Blohm’s photographic show Awkward Intimacies/ Vague Boundaries opened in the Center’s office space. A medical doctor who photographs her patients in an unusually intimate light, Blohm’s show received the attention not only of the medical community but also of those interested in the thorny relation between ethics and aesthetics. Completing the year’s special on-site projects at the Center was Capital Architectures, by legendary photographer Jim Dow. The exhibit featured a photographic comparison between Mexico City and Buenos Aires, and debuted at the DRCLAS Open House event in September, 2007.

Complementing these exhibits, and opening a space for academic discussion in the field of Latin American art, the Art Forum organized an unprecedented number of symposia and monthly lectures during the academic year, featuring some of the most important historians and art practitioners of Latin America. These informal meetings have been a space for academic discussion in the field of Latin American art.

The Center sponsored school field trips to the University’s museums. In fall 2007, 60 middle and high school students participated in the commemoration of Day of the Dead at the Peabody Museum for insight on the day’s cultural significance. In spring 2008, 90 middle school students visited the Peabody to tour its Storied Walls exhibit. Harvard College students who received DRCLAS-sponsored travel grants also participated in outreach activities, speaking about their experiences in Central and South America to area high school and community college audiences.

DRCLAS and the Harvard Summer School collaborated for a second year in offering a Latin America-related course specifically for teachers. Tuition provided by the Center allowed 13 teachers from across the country to attend.

### Outreach

As a U.S. Department of Education-designated National Resource Center on Latin America, DRCLAS serves the University community by promoting awareness of and teaching on Latin America across a variety of disciplines. The government’s funding provides support to University faculty for interdisciplinary projects related to Latin America, including research conferences and assistance with curriculum development. It also sponsors less-commonly-taught-language learning — Nahua in the

### Social Policy Committee

In spring 2007, DRCLAS Director Merilee Grindle convened a group of professors from across the University who created a working group on social policy in Latin America. The group’s mandate is to foster interdisciplinary collaboration on evidence-based social policy reform. During the 2007–08 academic year, under the leadership of professors Arachu Castro, Assistant Professor of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Professor Fernando Reimers, Director of the Office of Global Education and of the International Education Policy Program at the Graduate School of Education, the DRCLAS Social Policy Committee held regular seminars, bringing together faculty and graduate students interested in discussing key social development challenges in Latin America that lend themselves to inter-disciplinary collaboration.

During the fall semester the Committee met to discuss four topics: “Children’s Rights and Development in Latin America,” led by co-chairs Professors Castro and Reimers; “Criminal Violence, State Responses and Human Rights in Latin America,” led by Jim Cavallaro, Clinical Professor of Law at Harvard Law School; “Women and Power in Latin America,” co-led by Gratzia Villarroel, DRCLAS Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar and Brad Epps, Professor of Romance Languages and Literatures; and “Biational Health Initiatives between the United States and Mexico,” hosted by Xóchitl Castañeda, Director of the Health Institute for the Americas at UC Berkeley.

In the spring, the Committee explored the topics of “Children’s Health and Nutrition in Latin America,” led by Eduardo Villamor, Assistant Professor of International Nutrition at the Harvard School of Public Health; and “Children, Civic Participation, and Citizenship,” led by Mona Serageldin, Adjunct Professor of Urban Planning at the Harvard Graduate School of Design.

### Program for Latin American Libraries & Archives

The Program for Latin American Libraries and Archives (PLALA) continued to provide resources to libraries and archives throughout Latin America whose research collections are either in acute danger of irreversible losses or simply stagnating due to lack of support. Between July 2007 and June 2008, the Program awarded 16 grants to projects ranging from improving storage conditions for special collection preservation to digitizing photo negatives. For the past 11 years, PLALA has enabled the preservation of many different works through specific project grants, between $10,000 and $20,000 each, as well as larger development grants that offer up to $70,000 for more extensive and complex projects. Eligibility is limited to repositories in Latin America and the Caribbean; PLALA’s operations are made possible by generous support of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.
In 2007–08, Harvard faculty members received 16 individual and collaborative research grants, two grants for language study or translation, five research conference grants, five grants for course-based field trips to Latin America, three grants for workshops, working groups, and Harvard courses on Latin America, and one grant to invite a short-term associate from Latin America to the University.

Support for faculty research and teaching related to Latin America was provided by the Jorge Paulo Lemann Fund, the Antonio Madero Fund, the Julio Santo Domingo Fund, the Jaime and Raquel Gilinski Fund, the Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat Fund, the Lorenzo Weisman Fund, the Fundación Mexico Endowment, the Mark Fuller Endowment, the Gustavo Cisneros Fund, the Andrónico Luksic Fund, and the Francisco DeSola Fund. Grants are awarded in an open competition judged by DRCLAS faculty committees.

**FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**Mercedes Becerra, HMS**
Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis in At-risk Households, Peru.

**Thomas Bossert, HSPH**
Analysis of Current Chilean Health System Reform.

**Luis Cárcamo-Huechante, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS**
New Poetics, New Politics: From Pablo Neruda to the Mapuche Canto.

**Arachu Castro, HMS**
Prenatal Testing for HIV and Other STI: A Situation Analysis in Latin America and the Caribbean.

**Brian Farrell, Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, FAS**
Initiating Acoustic Studies in Biodiversity in the Dominican Republic.

**Hamish Fraser, HMS**
Impact of a National Tuberculosis Laboratory Network, Peru.

**Jeff Frieden, Government, FAS**
Political Economy of Exchange Rate Policy in Latin America.

**Sofía Gruskin, HSPH**
Enhanced Collaboration between Faculty of the PIHHR at HSPH and the Brazilian Nucleus for AIDS Prevention Studies at USP.

**Donald Pfister, Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, FAS**
Fungal Diversity in the Southern Beech Forest: Truffle-like Fungi in Southern Chile.

**Fernando Reimers, HGSE**
Assessing the Effectiveness of a Teacher Professional Program to Enhance Literacy Instruction, Mexico.

**Peter Rowe/Mark Mulligan, HGSD**

**Sonya Shin, HMS**
Psychosocial Determinants of Antiretroviral Non-adherence and HIV Outcomes in Lima, Peru.

**Mariano Siskind, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS**
Paul Groussac’s Archives.

**Kimberly Theidon, Anthropology, FAS**
Commissioning Truth, Constructing Silences: The Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Sendero Luminoso.

**Gary Urton, Anthropology, FAS**
Development of Andean Art and Archeology.

**Kim Williams, HKS**

**CONFERENCE GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**David Carrasco, Anthropology, FAS**
From Coyolxauhqui to Tlaltecuhtli: 30 Years of Archaeology at the Templo Mayor, (Mexico).

**Brad Epps, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS**
Ibero-American Cinema: Entertainment, Experimentation and Politics in a Globalized Age.

**Steven Levitsky, Government, FAS**
Latin America’s Left Turn: Causes and Implications.

**Aldo Musacchio, HBS**
New Frontiers in Latin American Economic History.

**Thomas Ponniah, Social Studies, FAS**
The Politics of Regime Change, Continuity and Stability in Venezuela.

**COURSE-BASED FIELD TRIP GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**Cheryl Giles, HDS**
Latin American Women’s Stories of Trauma and Healing: A Multicultural and Multidisciplinary Approach to Ministry, Healing and Scholarship, Ecuador.

**Charles Langmuir, Earth and Planetary Sciences, FAS**
Ore Deposits and Volcanism in the Chilean Southern Volcanic Zone.

**Jonathan Losos/James Hanken, Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, FAS**
Biology of Amphibians and Reptiles, Costa Rica.

**Jorge Silvetti, HGSD**
Proposals for new sports and recreational facilities for the Sector Sur de Buenos Aires.

**Mary Wilson/Felipe Fregni, HSPH**
Field Trip to Brazil: Biosocial, Environmental, and Economic Contributors to Endemic Infectious Diseases.

**WORKSHOP, WORKING GROUP AND HARVARD COURSES ON LATIN AMERICA GRANT RECIPIENTS**

**Brad Epps/Luis Cárcamo-Huechante, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS**
A Latin American and Iberian Studies Course on Gender, Sexuality, and Literature.

**Kit Parker, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, FAS**
Working Group on the Role of Air Pollutants and Vasospasm, Chile.

**Gary Urton, Anthropology, FAS**
Sucrude Summer Program – Logistical Support.

**SHORT-TERM ASSOCIATE GRANT RECIPIENT**

**Mariano Siskind, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS**
Proposal to invite Dr. Martín Kohan as Short-Term Associate.
### Events & Conferences

#### 2007–08 HIGHLIGHTS

#### September

**September 24**
**Development and Democracy in Latin America: The Dominican Example**
Lecture by President of the Dominican Republic, Leonel Fernandez Reyna.

**September 25**
**DRCLAS Open House**
This annual, semester-opening event featured the Latin American and Latino Art Forum’s opening of “Capital Architectures,” with a gallery talk by artist, Jim Dow, and live music by Sol y Canto.

#### October

**October 5**
**¿Puedo hablar? May I Speak?**
Documentary film on Hugo Chávez and Venezuela’s political conditions. Presentation by film’s director and co-producer, Christopher Moore, moderated by Dan Levy, Harvard Kennedy School.

#### November

**November 27**
**Haiti 2004: Coup de Grace or Coup d’Etat?**
Peter Hallward, Professor of Philosophy, Middlesex University, London, discussed his book, Damming the Flood.

#### December

**December 10**
**Una Gringa en Bogotá**
Book presentation by DRCLAS Publications Director, June Erlick.

**December 14**
**Crude Matters: The 2002 Coup against Hugo Chávez and its Aftermath**
Fernando Coronil, Associate Professor of Anthropology and History, University of Michigan; 2004 Cisneros Visiting Scholar, DRCLAS.

**December 13**
**Learning a New Land: Immigrant Students in American Society**

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**February 13**
**Brazil-U.S. Relations: The Bilateral, Regional and Global Agendas**
Antonio Patriota, Brazilian Ambassador to the United States.
March

**March 31**
Art Forum: Vague Boundaries/Awkward Intimacies
Photo exhibit and gallery talk by artist Ana Blohm.

April

**April 1**
Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor Lecture
Policy, Politics and the Impact of Illegal Immigration from Latin America

**April 4**
The Left in Power in Latin America: Does it Make a Difference?
Panel examining the issue of the left in Latin America with a focus on Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Venezuela.

**April 8**
The Perception Gap: Real and Perceived Conflict Between Latinos and African Americans in the United States
Kim Williams, Harvard Kennedy School and Edward Schumacher-Matos, RFK Visiting Professor.

**April 22**
New Short Fiction from Cuba
Book presentation with editors Jacqueline Loss and Esther Whitfield. Moderated by Doris Sommer.

**April 29**
Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor Lecture
The 2006 Mexican Election: Lessons and Prospects for the Future
Luis Carlos Ugalde, RFK Visiting Professor, DRCLAS; Former President, Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico.

**April 30**
The Future of Democracy in Latin America: A Conversation with Mario Vargas Llosa
Moderated by Steven Levitsky.

May

**May 7**
Santiago’s Children: What I Learned About Life at an Orphanage in Chile
Book Presentation by DRCLAS Regional Office Director, Steve Reifenberg, with introduction by Paul Farmer, Harvard Medical School.

June

**June 4**
Student Certificate Ceremony
Antonio Martorell, Wilbur Marvin Visiting Scholar, delivered the keynote address at the 2007–08 certificate ceremony hosted by DRCLAS. Twenty three graduating Harvard College seniors and four graduating doctoral students received the Certificate in Latin American Studies.
The Center sponsored or co-sponsored domestic and international conferences, seminars and workshops, offering a wide range of experts an opportunity to address many of the most challenging topics confronting Latin America.

**SEPTEMBER 2007 – MAY 2008**

Ibero-American Cinema: Entertainment, Experimentation, and Politics in a Globalized Age
Cambridge, MA
Brad Epps (coordinator), Luis Cárcamo-Huechante, Clémence Jouét-Pastré, Nicolau Sevcenko, Mariano Siskind, and Doris Sommer, FAS, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures

DRCLAS co-sponsored this endeavor, held throughout the 2007–08 academic year, to bring together a majority of the Latin Americanists and Hispanists working in the Humanities at Harvard. Representatives included members of the Harvard Film Archive, colleagues from the Visual and Environmental Studies Department and the Boston Latino Film Festival. The project convened filmmakers and actors from Latin America and Spain for a series of one- to two-day events (public lectures and closed student-oriented workshops) and culminated in a two-day critical research conference. It fostered inter-departmental collaboration and cultural ties to the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking communities in the Boston metropolitan area. The screenings and lectures highlighted the work of directors such as Víctor Erice, Spain; Fernando Meirelles, Brazil; Lucrecia Martel, Argentina; Arturo Ripstein, Mexico; and Andrés Word, Chile.

**DECEMBER 2007**

The Politics of Regime Change, Continuity, and Stability in Venezuela
Cambridge, MA
Thomas Ponniah, Division of Continuing Education, Social Studies

Jonathan Eastwood, Assistant Professor, Washington and Lee University

This conference explored how scholars evaluate the politics of regime change, continuity and stability in Venezuela. Given the highly polarized debate, both inside and outside of the country, scholars have found it difficult to access reliable, sound and thoughtful analysis on the Venezuelan government’s policies and their effects in terms of political transformation, democracy and order. To remedy this information gap, invited participants were carefully selected from across the political spectrum so as to ensure that the conference included representatives of a diversity of perspectives on the politics of regime change, continuity and stability. They included: Carlos Blanco, former Minister for the Reform of the State in Venezuela; Araceli Castro, Harvard Medical School; Fernando Coronil, University of Michigan; Javier Corrales, Amherst College; Merilee Grindle, Harvard’s Kennedy School; Luis E. Lander, Universidad Central de Venezuela; J. Chappell Lawson, MIT; Steve Levitsky, Department of Government; and Gerver Torres, Venezuela’s former Minister for Privatization.

**APRIL 2008**

Latin America’s “Left Turn”: Causes and Implications
Cambridge, MA
Steven Levitsky, FAS, Department of Government

Leading social scientists from the United States and Latin America gathered for this conference in an attempt to explain the origins, dynamics and consequences of Latin America’s shift to the left. The primary objective was to identify the common pressures that transform discrete national experiences into a larger political trend, as well as the factors that produce such striking variation within overarching patterns of political change. Topics included: Varieties of “Left” in Contemporary Latin America, The Politics of Left Governments, Economic and Social Policy Alternatives and The Southern Cone and Brazil, The Andean Cases. Conference presenters included: Ruth Berins Collier, UC Berkeley; Manuel Antonio Carreton, Universidad de Chile; Sebastian Etchemendy, Torcuato Di Tella University, Argentina; Benjamin Goldfrank, University of New Mexico; Wendy Hunter, University of Texas-Austin; Jorge Lanzaro, Universidad de la Republica, Uruguay; Margarita Lopez-Maya, Universidad Central, Venezuela; Raúl Madrid, University of Texas-Austin; David Samuel, University of Minnesota; and Deborah Yashar, Princeton University.

**Sixth Annual Brazil Week at Harvard: Brazil and Japan: A Century of Journeys Across Borders and Generations**
Cambridge, MA
Claudia Jouët-Pastré, FAS, Department of Romance Languages and Literature

This year’s Brazil week was dedicated to the centennial celebration of Japanese immigration to Brazil. Co-sponsored by the Reischauer Center for Japanese Studies, the week-long program included a keynote speech by Takeyuki (Gaku) Tsuda, Arizona State University entitled, ‘Japanese’ in Brazil but ‘Brazilian’ in Japan: The Transnational Ethnic Experiences of the Japanese Brazilians, and a photo exhibit of Japanese arranged marriages in Brazil from the 1940s to the 1970s. Other topics included: 100 Years of Japanese Immigration in Brazil: From Yellow Peril to Model Citizen; Second-Generation and “First-and-a-half” Generation Brazilian-Japanese Youth in Japan; Haiku in the Coffee Plantations: The Japanese Immigrants in Brazil. There was also a screening of the film Gaijin II and a conversation with its filmmaker, Tizuka Yamasaki. The week culminated with a lecture by famed international cartoonist, Mauricio de Sousa.

**MAY 2008**

New Frontiers in Latin American Economic History
Cambridge, MA
Aldo Musacchio, Harvard Business School

Seeking to continue John Coatsworth’s groundbreaking work on economic history, this conference brought together economic historians of Latin America from Harvard and other U.S. and Latin American institutions. Participants included young scholars as well as experienced academics with the aim of fostering a network of economic historians and creating a publication based on the papers presented. Participants included: John Coatsworth, Columbia University; Alan Dye, Barnard College; Andres Gallo, University of North Florida; Aurora Gomez-Galvarriato, CIDE-Mexico; Stephen Haber, Stanford University;Alejandra Iriogoin, James Robinson and Jeffrey Williamson, Harvard University; Richard Scocetti, University of Vermont; William Summerhill, UCLA; Gail Triner, Rutgers; and Catalina Vizzcarra, University of Vermont.
Tuesday Seminar on Latin American Affairs

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 the community. The 2007–08 series co-chairs were Jorge I. Domínguez and Steve Levitsky.

During the year, DRCLAS hosted 21 seminars on political, economic and social themes such as: The 2007 Argentine Elections: Peronism or Post-Peronism?; The Changing Cuban Diaspora and Its Homeland Impact; De Facto Power: Paramilitaries and Politics in Colombia; On Seeing and Believing: The Politics of Race in Postcolonial Nicaragua; and Indigenous Voters and Populist Politics in the Andes.

Boston Area Workshop for Latin American History

The Boston Area Workshop for Latin American History provides faculty, graduate students and invited scholars engaged in Latin American history with a forum to share their work. The series is made possible by the generous support of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. There were eight History Workshop sessions over the academic year, two of which were co-sponsored with the Brazil Studies Program. Workshop titles included: Bonds and Brands: Some Lessons from the First Latin American Debt Crisis, 1820-1830; Art and Visual Culture Under Chávez; and Why Do Americans Drink Coffee: The Boston Tea Party or Brazilian Slavery? The series also included a screening of La Sierra, a documentary on the Colombian civil war, presented by one of its co-producers.
Robert F. Kennedy Professorship

The Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Visiting Professorship in Latin American Studies was created at the University in 1986 through a generous gift from Edmond Safra and the Republic of New York Corporation. The endowment enables Harvard to invite Latin Americans from any academic field to teach at the University for one semester.

Each year, the Center invites faculty members to nominate eminent scholars or practitioners for the Professorship. RFK Professors are eligible for appointment in any of the University’s departments or schools. In 2007–08, the Center hosted four RFK Visiting Professors: Luis Bértola from Uruguay, Rafael Fernández de Castro from Mexico, Edward Schumacher-Matos from Colombia, and Luis Carlos Ugalde from Mexico.

Luis Bértola, a researcher with Uruguay’s Ministry of Education, was previously research vice-rector at the Universidad de la República, Uruguay, and the Dean of Social Science and professor of economic and social history at the same university. He has worked as advisor for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Uruguayan Budget and Planning Department.

Dr. Bértola is one of the leading economic historians of Latin America. His survey with Jorge Domínguez, The Controversial Pivot: The U.S. Congress and North America with Robert Pastor, and La agenda internacional de México 2006–2012, are two of the most important printed media in Mexico. Dr. Bértola is a Foreign Policy Advisor to Mexican President Felipe Calderón, and is also Chairman of the Advisory Board for Mexico’s National Migration Institute.

Rafael Fernández de Castro, an expert on the bilateral relationship between Mexico and the United States, as well as in Mexican foreign policy. On these issues he has published numerous articles and several books, including United States and Mexico: Between Partnership and Conflict with Jorge I. Domínguez, The Controversial Pivot: The U.S. Congress and North America with Robert Pastor, and La agenda internacional de México 2006–2012. Rafael Fernández de Castro is also the editor of Foreign Affairs en Español, the sister magazine of Foreign Affairs, and has been a columnist for the weekly magazine Proceso and the newspaper Excélsior. Dr. Fernández is a Foreign Policy Advisor to Mexican President Felipe Calderón, and is also Chairman of the Advisory Board for Mexico’s National Migration Institute.

Edward Schumacher-Matos, born in Colombia, has 30 years of newspaper experience. He was part of a team at The Philadelphia Inquirer in 1979 that won a Pulitzer Prize. For nearly a decade afterwards, Mr. Schumacher-Matos worked at The New York Times, mostly in Buenos Aires and Madrid. In 1991, he returned to New York as director of the Spanish Institute, a private cultural and public affairs institute dedicated to U.S.-Spain relations. Two years later, he joined The Wall Street Journal, where he was the founding editor and associate publisher of The Wall Street Journal Americas, insert editions in Spanish and Portuguese published throughout Latin America.

In 2003, Mr. Schumacher-Matos founded Rumbo Newspapers/Meximérica Media, a chain of four Spanish language dailies in Houston, Austin, San Antonio and the Rio Grande Valley. By its second year Rumbo was named one of the three best Hispanic newspapers in the United States and had great impact in Texas, where Mr. Schumacher-Matos was on the front line of Latino issues.

Mr. Schumacher-Matos received a bachelor’s degree in literature and politics from Vanderbilt University and a master’s degree in international economics and politics from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He has been a Fulbright Fellow in Japan and a Bi-National Commission Fellow in Spain. He served in the U.S. Army and was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious service in Vietnam. While at Harvard during the spring semester, Edward Schumacher-Matos taught a course on Latinos and immigration.

Luis Carlos Ugalde received a Ph.D. in political science and a master’s degree in political science and public administration from Columbia University. He also holds a B.A. in economics from the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México.

Mr. Ugalde was a professor of political science and chair of the undergraduate program in political science and international relations with the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico City. He has been a researcher and adjunct professor at various academic institutions, including DRCLAS; Georgetown University; American University; the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM); and the Instituto Tecnológico de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey, ITESM.

In addition to his academic career, he has worked in the Mexican government; he was chief of staff to the Secretary of Energy in 1997 and chief of staff at Mexico’s embassy to the United States of America from 1997 to 2000. He was appointed president of the Federal Electoral Institute by the Congress of Mexico in October 2003 where he served until December 2007. While at Harvard for the spring 2008 semester, Professor Ugalde taught a course in the Department of Government on Latin American politics.
Visiting Scholars & Fellows Program

The Visiting Scholars and Fellows Program strengthens ties between Harvard and other institutions by hosting distinguished academics and professionals who wish to conduct research on a particular topic or region of Latin America. In 2007 – 08, the Center hosted 10 scholars and fellows; their fields of study included art history, journalism, literature, political science, architecture and the visual arts.

Benjamin Fernández Bogado, Paraguay
Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar
Fundación Libre and General Director of Radio Libre in Paraguay
Media and Violence in Paraguay or How the Press Set the Agenda in an Unmature Democratic Society.

Tatiana Flores, USA
Cisneros Visiting Scholar
Rutgers University
Art and Visual Culture Under Chávez.

Robert J. Gay, USA
Jorge Paulo Lemann Visiting Scholar
Connecticut College
Drugs, Corruption and Everyday Violence in Rio de Janeiro: A Soldier’s Story.

Matías Irigoyen Testa, Argentina
DRCLAS Visiting Scholar, and Fellow of the Real Colegio Complutense
Universidad Nacional del Sur
Punitive Damages in the U.S. Legal System.

Flavio Jánches, Argentina
de Fortabat Visiting Scholar
School of Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Buenos Aires
The Significance of Public Space in Marginal Areas.

Antonio Martorell, Puerto Rico
Wilbur Marvin Fellow
University of Puerto Rico
Dancing with Cinderella: A Life in Art.

Víctor Vich, Peru
Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú
War Texts: Literature and Political Violence in Peru.

Jesús Velasco, Mexico
Antonio Madero/Fundación México Visiting Scholar
Center for Teaching and Research in Economics, (CIDIE) Mexico City

Gratzia Villarroel, USA
Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar
St. Norbert College De Pere
In the Footsteps of Bartolina Sisa: Bolivian Indigenous Women, Evo Morales and the Bolivian Indigenous Revolution.

Justin Wolfe, USA
Central America Visiting Fellow
Tulane University
Cosmopolitan Rabble: Race, Empire and Nation in Nicaragua, 1700-1900.

Library Scholars Program

The U.S. Department of Education’s Title VI Program provides support for competitively selected scholars to spend time using the extensive Latin American collections in the University’s library system. Scholars from non-research institutions who lack access to necessary materials for their research benefit from the special collections as well as from DRCLAS office space during short-term stays. In the summer of 2008, the Center hosted three library scholars:

Jake Frederick
Assistant Professor, Lawrence University
Without Impediment: Crossing Ethnicities in Colonial Mexico.

Ana Santos Olmsted
Lecturer in Portuguese, Emory University
Brazilian Texts and Contexts.

Julia L. Sloan
Assistant Professor, Cazenovia College
Crucible of Revolution: 1968 in Mexico.
ReVista, Harvard Review of Latin America began the academic year with a full-color issue, “Dance! Global Transformations of Latin American Culture,” in conjunction with a major conference on tango, organized jointly by the Center for the Humanities, the Radcliffe Institute and DRCLAS. The winter issue, “Violence: A Daily Threat,” took a hard look at such problems as gangs and violence against women and children, as well as positive responses to violence throughout the continent. The spring issue, “Puerto Rico: The Island and Beyond,” featured an original cover illustrated by Wilbur T. Marvin Visiting Fellow, Antonio Martorell.

Working Papers
DRCLAS published several working papers during the year, all of which are available on the Center’s website: Public Research Universities in Latin America and Their Relation to Economic Development, by Juan Carlos Moreno-Brid and Pablo Ruiz Nápoles (Paper No. 07/08–1) and five Cuba-related working papers, including, Política social en Cuba: Equidad y movilidad, by Mayra P. Espina Prieto (Paper No. 07/08–3) and Equidad y movilidad social en el contexto de las transformaciones agrarias de los años noventa en Cuba, by Lucy Martin Posada (Paper No. 07/08–2).

Book Series
The David Rockefeller Series on Latin American Studies, distributed by Harvard University Press, published two books over the past year. The Other Latinos, co-edited by José Luis Falconi and José Antonio Mazzotti, examines immigration trends beyond the traditional groups of Latino immigrants coming to the United States. Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua, by Stephen Kinzer, is a reissue with a new Afterword by the author reflecting on transitions in Nicaragua since the book was originally published in 1991.

In conjunction with the Americas Society, DRCLAS published Beginning with a Bang! From Confrontation to Intimacy: An Exhibition of Argentine Contemporary Artists 1960–2007, edited by independent curator Victorial Noorthoorn, with an introduction by Susan Segal, president and CEO of the Americas Society. The cooperative publishing agreement between DRCLAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Latin American Development Series, produced five new titles in the past year: Outsiders? The Changing Patterns of Exclusion in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1DB 2008 Report; Governing the Metropolis; Policymaking in Latin America: How Politics Shapes Policies; Privatization for the Public Good? Welfare Effects of Private Intervention in Latin America; and Taxation and Latin American Integration.

Publications
http://drclas.harvard.edu

Left: Wilbur Marvin Fellow Antonio Martorell with a group of students from Boston’s La Casa de la Cultura Center for Latino Arts at the Fogg Art Museum
Student Awards & Accomplishments

Doctorates Awarded to Students Specializing in Latin American Studies

**DOCTOR OF DESIGN**

Juan Carlos Vargas Moreno

**DOCTORS OF EDUCATION**

Kristin Huang, Human Development and Psychology
Crooked Trees Growing Straight: The Experiences of Boys Transitioning off the Streets of La Paz, Bolivia.

Paula Louzano, Administration, Planning and Social Policy
Do Schools Matter in Brazil? Excellence and Equity in Brazilian Primary Education.

**DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE**

Álvaro Santos Rivera, International Economic Law and Labor Law
International Economic Law and Domestic Labor Law Regimes: Reconsidering the Case of North American Economic Integration and Mexico.

**DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY**

Jessica C. Callaway, Comparative Literature
Mothers, Orphans and the Law of the Free Womb: The Rhetoric of Brazilian Abolition in the Fiction of Aluisio Azevedo, Machado de Assis and their Contemporaries.

Amilcar Eduardo Challú, History
Grain Markets, Food Supply Policies and Living Standards in Late Colonial Mexico.

Greg Cohen, Romance Languages and Literatures
Cinema, Spatial Thought, and the Ends of Modernity. Argentina and Brazil in the Sixties.

Luisa Laura Heredia, Sociology

Jason Morris Lakin, Government and Social Policy
The Possibilities and Limitations of Insurgent Technocratic Reform: Mexico’s Popular Health Insurance Program, 2001-2006.

Sonia Song-Ha Lee, History

Ernesto Martínez, Anthropology
Border Chinese: Making Space and Forging Identity in Mexicali, Mexico.

Carmen Luisa Oquendo Villar, Romance Languages and Literatures
Chile 1973: el golpe mediático.

Alberto Ribas-Casayas, Comparative Literature
Haunting Contemporary Narrative: Juan Rulfo, Toni Morrison, Carlos Fuentes, Leslie Marmon Silko, Martin Amis.

**DOCTOR OF JURIDICAL SCIENCE, HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AND HEALTH**

Joanna Almeida
The Social Epidemiology of the Latino Health Paradox.
DRCLAS Graduate Student Associates

Harvard’s graduate students are an integral part of the Center’s scholarly community. The DRCLAS Graduate Student Associate Program formalizes this connection and facilitates doctoral students’ research on Latin America by providing affiliation and research support for seven to ten graduate students each year, with several working in shared office space at the Center. Graduate Student Associates are selected through a competitive process that includes all professional schools and academic departments.

The 2007 – 08 graduate student associates were:

- **Leticia J. Braga**, HGSE
- **Robert Karl**, GSAS, History
- **Clara Masnata**, GSAS, Romance Languages and Literatures
- **Erin McCloskey**, HGSE
- **Miles Rodriguez**, GSAS, History
- **Miriam Shakow**, GSAS, Anthropology
- **Sergio Silva-Castañeda**, GSAS, History
- **Lindsay Smith**, GSAS, Anthropology

Certificate in Latin American Studies

The DRCLAS-administered Certificate in Latin American Studies is awarded each year by Harvard’s Committee on Latin American and Iberian Studies to students graduating from Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences who have fulfilled specific course requirements, demonstrated proficiency in Spanish or Portuguese, and presented an honors thesis or dissertation on a topic related to Latin America. This year, 23 graduating College seniors and four graduating GSAS doctoral students received certificates.

- **Stephen Amrock**, Sociology

- **Rosa Evangelina Beltrán**, History and Literature
  Ordem e Progresso: The Dead-Beat Malandro and National Identity in João Antônio’s “Malagueta, Perus, e Bacanaço.”

- **Eleanor H. Broh**, Government
  Domestic Implementation of International Human Rights Norms: Therapeutic Abortion in Nicaragua and Colombia.

- **Olivia Tileston Brown**, History

- **Joseph Forrest Busa**, Social Studies
  Jungle Politics: Shayari in the Quotidian.

- **Nina Maria Catalano**, Government
  “The Pantomime:” United States Military Aid to Colombia and the State Department Human Rights Certification.

- **Denise Linda Delaney**, Anthropology
  Marginality and Violence: The Experience of Being a Displaced in the Colombian Capital.

- **Areli Fernández Valdés**, Romance Languages and Literatures
  Entre Continuidad y Ruptura: Figuraciones de la Mujer Maya y su Cultura en la Poesía de Bricieida Cuevas Cob.

- **Elizabeth Cronin Goodwin**, History and Literature
  Finding a Voice in the Shadows: Silvina Ocampo’s Literary Persona.

- **Jamie Elizabeth Greenman**, Anthropology
  Feministas and Chiquitas: Reproductive and Sexual Rights Activism Among Chilean Women.

- **Erika Helgen**, Romance Languages and Literatures

- **Ariel Huerta**, Government
  The Struggle to Enforce Mano Dura Anti-Gang Legislation in El Salvador: State Weakness and Democratic Strength.

- **Miles Alexander Johnson**, Social Studies
  Color into Race, Romance into Realism: Affirmative Action and Racial Identity in Brazil.

- **Ernesto Martínez**, Ph.D., Anthropology
  Border Chinese: Making Space and Forging Identity in Mexico.

- **Kenneth Walter McKinley**, Anthropology
  Who Decides? The Intersubjectivity of Live Organ Transplant in Argentina and the United States.

- **Danielle Olga Garner Mirabal**, Anthropology
  Interpretation of Faunal Remains from the Contact Site of Magdalena de Cao Viejo: North Coast of Peru.

- **David Robinson Porter**, History
  Making Trade Fair: The Negotiation and Implementation of NAFTA Chapter Twenty.

- **Mónica María Renta**, Romance Languages and Literatures
  “La Fama es una Estupidez:” La Construcción y el Desarrollo del Fenómeno Roberto Bolaño.

- **Gabriel Rocha**, Literature
  “This Inscrutable People:” Hesitancy, Anthology, and Repetition in Elizabeth Bishop.

- **Gregory Scruggs**, Literature
  Reading Space and Place between Morro and Asfalto: An Itinerary through the Contemporary Zona Sul of Rio de Janeiro.

- **Miriam Shakow**, Ph.D., Anthropology

- **Noelle Stout**, Ph.D., Anthropology
  On the Malecón: Revolutionary Desires in Late-Socialist Cuba.

- **Aidan Tait**, Romance Languages and Literatures
  A Pesar de Todos, Nosotros Hicimos el Mundial: The Military, the Argentine Media, and the Enduring Legacy of the 1978 World Cup.

- **Nicola Ulbarri**, Anthropology
  Sense of Place in a Changing World: Identity, Ritual, and Development in Ocongate, Peru.

- **Patricia Vieira**, Ph.D. Romance Languages and Literatures
  Seeing Politics Otherwise: Representations of Vision in Iberian and Latin American Political Fiction.

- **Beatrice Viramontes**, Anthropology
  Journeys to Aztlan: The (Re)creation of Pre-Columbian Forms in the Contemporary Chicano Murals of Los Angeles.

- **Nina Vizcarrondo**, Anthropology
  Cooperativism in Guatemala: Contradictions, Chimeras and Conflict.

Term-Time Travel Grant Recipients

The Center initiated the Term-Time Travel Grant Program in 2001 in response to student requests for academic year research funding. The grants support undergraduate students completing thesis research, graduate students conducting dissertation research, and students from the professional schools executing specific projects, such as the Policy Analysis Exercise at the Harvard Kennedy School. Three undergraduate students and 26 graduate students received grants for research conducted in the winter of 2007 – 08.

DRCLAS Summer Internship Program and Internship Grants

The Center’s Summer Internship Program places students in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru. In each country, students work at organizations aligned with their personal or career interests. The Center's Regional Office and Brazil Office arrange host family stays and weekly seminars, lectures, and excursions. In 2008, a record-high 67 undergraduate students participated in the Summer Internship Program. There were 19 in Chile, 30 in Argentina, one in Bolivia, 10 in Peru, and seven in Brazil. DRCLAS offers funding for students to participate in the Summer Internship Program or to conduct independent summer internship experiences. In 2008, DRCLAS supplied grants to seven undergraduate and nine graduate and professional school students for internships in Latin America.
Conference Travel Grants
The Center’s Conference Travel Grant Program provides financial support for travel expenses to Harvard graduate students presenting papers at conferences outside of the Cambridge area. In 2007–08, DRCLAS awarded 41 Conference Travel Grants to students in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and several of the University’s professional schools.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Prizes
James R. and Isabel D. Hammond Thesis Prize

Joan Morthland Hutchins Thesis Prize in Latino Studies
Originally established in 2003 as the Inter-Faculty Committee on Latino Studies Thesis Prize, the Hutchins Thesis Prize recognizes the College senior who writes the best thesis on a subject concerning Latinos (either recent immigrants or established communities of Latin American descent in the United States). This annual prize is funded by a gift to DRCLAS from Joan Morthland Hutchins. Sabrina Forte received the 2008 Hutchins Thesis Prize for her History and Literature thesis, Representing and Documenting Mexicans and Mexican Americans During the Era of Repatriation, 1931–1939.

Kenneth Maxwell Thesis Prize in Brazilian Studies
The Kenneth Maxwell Thesis Prize in Brazilian Studies was established to recognize the best College senior thesis on a subject related to Brazil. This annual prize is funded by a gift to DRCLAS from Professor Kenneth Maxwell. Gregory Scruggs received the 2008 Maxwell Thesis Prize for his Literature thesis, Reading Space and Place between Morro and Asfalto: An Itinerary through the Contemporary Zona Sul of Rio de Janeiro.

The Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat Fellowship Program
The Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat Fellowship Program was established by Argentine businesswoman and philanthropist Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat in order to provide promising Argentine students financial support to pursue graduate studies at Harvard. Upon completion of their studies, recipients of the de Fortabat Fellowship are expected to return to Argentina. Ten students received de Fortabat fellowships for academic year 2007-08:

- Lucas Emiliano Barreiros, HLS
- Mariano Jorge Buscaglia, HKS
- Elena Ximena Fernández Ordóñez, HKS
- Germán González-Campaña, HLS
- Martín Gramont, HKS
- Andrea Margulis, HSPH
- Nicolás Pavlovsky, HKS
- Shunko Rojas, HLS
- Germán Sturzenegger, HKS
- Santiago Subotovsky, HBS

Coatsworth Academic Year Fellowship in Latin American History
The Coatsworth Fellowship provides a stipend of $18,000 for graduate students in the field of Latin American History in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. In the 2007–08 academic year, there were four Coatsworth Fellows:

- Olga González-Silen
- Robert Karl
- Miles Rodriguez
- Rainer Schultz

Student Organization Grant Recipients
In the past year, DRCLAS awarded grants to 34 Latino and Latin American student organizations at the University to assist in event management and publications. The organizations’ initiatives ranged from a collaborative effort, PeruAid, a concert that raised funds to support survivors from an August, 2007 earthquake in Peru to the Harvard Kennedy School Latino Caucus, which provides social and professional opportunities to all members of the school interested in Latino culture and issues relating to Latinos in the United States. For a complete listing of Latin American and Latino student organizations, please visit the Center’s website.
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Program
The Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program, supported with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, provides financial assistance for graduate and professional school students seeking advanced training in modern foreign languages and area studies related to Latin America, during the summer or academic year.

FLAS Fellowship Recipients
Linda Abarbanell, GSAS, Anthropology
Kathryn Auffinger, GSAS, Romance Languages and Literatures
Sophia Zamudio-Haas, HSPH
Sarah MacCarthy, HSPH
Emily Martin, HSPH
Linda Rodriguez, GSAS, History of Art and Architecture

Summer 2008 FLAS Intensive Language Training Grant Recipients
Laura Connor, GSAS, Romance Languages and Literatures
Bryant Ives, HKS
Raúl Núñez-Negrón, GSAS, Romance Languages and Literatures
Megan Sullivan, GSAS, History of Art and Architecture

Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellowships
To contribute to a stronger, more effective public sector in Brazil, the Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellowships give Brazilians who work or aspire to work as professionals in public health, public policy, or education the opportunity for advanced study and training through a degree program at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government, the Graduate School of Education or the School of Public Health. Lemann Fellowships may also be awarded to students of any nationality at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences whose study and dissertations focus on an aspect of Brazil.

Lemann Fellows
Heloisa Micheletti Alvarez
Master of Education, HGSE
Rosabelli Coelho
Master of Public Administration, HKS
Mark Gidal
Doctoral Candidate, Ethnomusicology
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
Stephanie King
Doctoral Candidate, Environmental Chemistry
School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Danyela Moron
Master of Public Policy, HKS
Teresa Pontual
Master of Education, International Education Policy, HGSE
Carlos Eduardo de Sousa
Master of Education, HGSE
Fabio Tran
Master of Public Administration, HKS

The Lemann Family Endowment also provided generous support to seven undergraduates for research travel, internships, and intensive language study during the summer of 2008.

Faculty Governance

The Center’s Director receives advice from two faculty governing bodies: a small Executive Committee and a larger Policy Committee, most of whom serve on at least one of the Center’s programs or grants committees.

Executive Committee

Eleven senior faculty members who serve three-year renewable terms meet with the Director each month to advise on Center policies and operations. During 2007-08 the following faculty served on the DRCLAS Executive Committee:

- Merilee S. Grindle, Chair, HKS
- David Carrasco, HDS
- Thomas B. F. Cummins, FAS
- Brian Farrell, FAS
- William L. Fash, FAS
- N. Michele Holbrook, FAS
- Kenneth Maxwell, FAS
- Fernando Reimers, HGSE
- Doris Sommer, FAS
- Diana Sorensen, FAS
- Michael Starnbach, HMS
- John Womack, Jr., FAS

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 in Latin American Studies to the President of the University. Seventy-seven faculty members serve on the Center’s Policy Committee. Twenty-eight of them are also members of the Committee on Latin American and Iberian Studies (CLAIÉ), 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.

Advisory Committee

The Center’s Advisory Committee convened for its annual spring meeting in Cambridge on May 9-10. The weekend events served as an opportunity to celebrate the Center’s accomplishments with friends and supporters whose contributions enable the Center to continue to make a difference both at Harvard and in Latin America, while remaining exemplary as a model for regional study centers at the University.

During the weekend, Advisory Committee members and special guests interacted with faculty and students and learned how the Center supported their work on and experiences in Latin America. Guests also attended panel presentations on timely issues, such as Cuba: Today and Tomorrow and The Immigration Conundrum.

At the inaugural dinner, which featured world-class Venezuelan pianist, Gabriela Montero, University Provost Steven Hyman’s remarks underscored the Center’s ability to help so many students and faculty in their pursuit of Latin American studies, both from Cambridge and through the Center’s Offices in the region. President Drew Gilpin Faust also highlighted these accomplishments, citing the number of faculty, students, publications and events, among other activities, that the Center supported and promoted throughout the past year.

A highlight of the weekend was a meeting with Advisory Committee members and friends committed to supporting the establishment of the Mexico and Central America Office. Faculty from Harvard Business School, the Graduate School of Education, and the Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology shared their work in Mexico and Central America and emphasized the many ways in which an office in the region would be helpful in promoting their research, as well as building and strengthening their academic exchanges with institutions and colleagues in Mexico and Central America.

The Center is grateful to Antonio Madero (MBA ’61) and to Alvaro Rodríguez Arregui (MBA ‘95) for their leadership of the Strategic Consultative Committee for the Mexico and Central America Office, as well as to the following Advisory Committee members and friends for their pledges of new gifts to support this effort: Dionisio Garza Medina (MBA ’79), Ricardo Poma (MBA ’70), Alvaro Rodríguez Arregui (MBA ’95), Francisco A. Soler (AB ’67, MBA ’70) and Lorenzo Weissman (AB ’66), as well as to Center friends Joaquín Gómez and Juan Jose Gutiérrez Chapa. The Center is especially grateful to José Antonio, Javier and Lucia Alonso, for their commitment to renew the intention of their mother and long-term friend and benefactor of the Center, Mrs. Ángeles Espinosa Yglesias, to support this effort with a major gift.

Merilee Grindle also expressed the Center’s gratitude to Jorge Paulo Lemann (AB ’61) and Andrónico Luksic for their critical, continued support of the Brazil and Regional Offices through which the Center adds to the presence of Harvard in Latin America, while serving large numbers of students and faculty, and building important relationships with alumni and institutions in the region.

DRCLAS is also grateful to Estrellita Brodsky for her support of the Latino and Latin American Art Forum, to Jane Sacasa (MBA ’80), Orlando Sacasa (AB ’71, MBA ’78), and Maria and Carlos Reynaldo Lacayo for generously hosting the summer 2007 trip to Nicaragua and Honduras, and to the founding members of the Cuban Studies Fund: Jay Brickman, Adolfo Garcia (AB ’71), Consuelo Isaacsion, Roberto Mendoza (MBA ’74) and Roberto Servijte.

DRCLAS benefited from new gifts and endowment funds from a host of Advisory Committee members and friends whose gifts provide continuous support of the Center’s activities and programs. The Center expresses its deep gratitude to its advisors for all the support received during the past year.
Friends of the Center

The 2007 – 08 academic year was eventful for the new Friends of the Center Program. An evolution of the Corporate Partners Program, Friends of the Center aims to further involve sponsors in the Center’s activities as well as provide individuals with an opportunity to contribute toward enhancing the quality and reach of the Center’s work. This year, the Program welcomed two new members: Deutsche Bank Quality of Life Markets and Merrill Lynch. The Center is grateful to all member companies and friends for their generous support, through which it funds faculty and student research in every discipline and professional field.

Friends of the Center, whether corporate or individual, gain access to the unique resources that DRCLAS offers. DRCLAS welcomes members to Cambridge every spring both for the annual Latin American Business Conference, planned in conjunction with the Harvard Business School (HBS) Club Latinoamericano, and for the Center’s Advisory Committee Weekend. In addition, DRCLAS facilitates assessments of our Friends’ particular interests and needs, and assists them with recruiting opportunities across the University’s schools and disciplines.

The Center also continued to build on and enhance its existing seminars. Last year’s fall event was the first-ever held in one of the Center’s offices abroad. In November 2007, the Regional Office hosted Checking Latin America’s Vital Signs. Chile’s Minister of Finance and Harvard Kennedy School Sumitomo-Fasid Professor of International Development, Andrés Velasco, gave the keynote address, highlighting Chile’s economic progress during the last several years relative to other countries in the region. Seminar panelists examined current developments in economics, education and politics. A highlight of the session was a presentation on the Un Buen Comienzo project. Andrea Rolla, director of the initiative, Professor Hiro Yoshikawa of the Graduate School of Education, and Emiliana Vegas of the World Bank stressed the importance of high-quality preschool education in Latin America and provided an overview of the program’s goals and progress.

In April 2008, the Center also co-sponsored the XII Latin American Business Conference, New Horizons for Opportunities, organized by students of the HBS Club Latinoamericano. Over 750 participants attended a series of panels and presentations on various topics ranging from economic policy to competitiveness in Latin America. Keynote speakers included former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, former President of Honduras, Ricardo Maduro Joest, and President of the Inter-American Development Bank, Luis Alberto Moreno, among other prominent figures.

During the Advisory Committee weekend activities in May, the Friends of the Center had an opportunity to interact with faculty, students, Advisory Committee members and DRCLAS staff, as well as to participate in a number of exclusive activities organized for this occasion.

**FRIENDS OF THE CENTER MEMBER ROSTER**

- Alfa Corporativo, Mexico
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- D&S, Chile
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- Fidelity Management & Research Company
- Grupo Periodístico El Mercurio, Chile
- Grupo AlteX, Mexico
- IBS, Inc.
- Integrated Finance Limited, LLP
- International Bank of Miami
- JP Morgan Chase
- Merrill Lynch
- Venevision International, Venezuela
- Vitro, Mexico

**Ford Foundation**

The Ford Foundation awarded a two-year $200,000 grant to strengthen the initiatives of the Cuban Studies Program for research in the areas of applied economic policy, social mobility and equity, and the impact of AIDS treatment. In collaboration with the University of Havana, the grant supports research aimed at exploring the challenges of economic policymaking and the design of development strategies in an era of global uncertainties, resource constraints and significant reform for Cuba. The Program is also deepening its collaboration with the Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas y Psicológicas on social policy and household and individual mobility trajectories and with the Institute of Tropical Medicine Pedro Kouri in the impact of the provision of effective AIDS therapy in Cuba, and on AIDS patients’ experiences. The grant also permitted DRCLAS to support Temas, Cuba’s leading peer-reviewed journal in the humanities and social sciences.

Clockwise from upper left: David Rockefeller with President Drew Faust; Marilee Grindle with Peter Morse and José Avaluas; President Drew Faust with Advisory Committee member John Coastworth and his wife, Patricia; Advisory Committee member Mary Schneider-Enriquez with Tom Cummins, Dumbarton Oaks Professor of the History of Pre-Columbian and Colonial Art; Wilbur Marvin Visiting Fellow Antonio Martorell with Advisory Committee member Orlando Sacasa and Joaquín Gómez; Advisory Committee member George Landau and Peter Johnson; Advisory Committee member Jorge Paulo Lemann with Brazil Advisory Group member Claudio Haddad; Professor Kenneth Maxwell with George Landau and Assistant Professor of Public Policy Filipe Campante
### Fiscal Year 2008
July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

#### Beginning Balance
- Gifts and Endowments: $1,249,477
- Foundations: $316,728

#### Income
- Income from Endowments: $3,651,892
- Harvard University:
  - Program Fees: $239,575
  - Miscellaneous: $30,000
- Grants:
  - Federal Government: $432,227
  - Foundations: $189,967
- Current Use Gifts: $867,995
- Corporate Partners Program: $80,333
- Publications: $66,397

**Total Income**: $7,124,592

#### Expenses
- Administration: $577,310
- Administration: Harvard Fees: $499,778
- Educational Programs*: $2,605,335
- Faculty Conferences, Seminars, Events and Meetings: $468,013
- Faculty Research and Curriculum Grants: $236,603
- Publications: $321,278
- Student Fellowships and Research Travel Grants: $645,764
- Visiting Fellows, Scholars, Professors: $620,184

**Total Expenses**: $5,974,265

#### Balance**
- $1,150,327
- Restricted Balance: $780,981
- Unrestricted Balance: $369,346

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*Includes funding for student and faculty programs and activities of overseas offices, Title VI Program, country and regional studies programs, foundation supported initiatives and other activities.

**Balance does not include long term and short term operating advances equal to $208,700. These advances will be settled in FY09.