MISSION
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

At Harvard’s David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies (DRCLAS), we believe that the most important questions facing the world community must be explored through deep knowledge of particular contexts and lively debate across institutional, disciplinary and cultural boundaries. Thus, our central objective is to bring depth and breadth to the understanding of Latin America and to share in exploring solutions to the social, economic and political challenges it faces.

Indeed, many observers are referring to the 2010s as the decade of Latin America. Increasingly, pessimistic views about the future of the region are giving way to positive expectations about growth, democracy, cultural vitality and significant advances in development. At DRCLAS, we are convinced that this decade of Latin America will provide lessons and insights to societies around the world. In consequence, we are actively encouraging our faculty and students to ask probing questions and to appraise new frontiers of knowledge in the social, cultural and physical spheres of Latin America. We are working equally hard to ensure that Harvard’s diverse student body studies the region more and has extensive opportunities to travel and learn firsthand about its history, culture and future. Harvard’s diverse student body studies the region more and has extensive opportunities to travel and learn firsthand about its history, culture and future. Harvard’s diverse student body studies the region more and has extensive opportunities to travel and learn firsthand about its history, culture and future.

These convictions have guided our accomplishments this year: the knowledge shared by 28 visiting scholars, professors and resident scholars from the region; the capacity to draw over 7,000 participants to our seminars; 24 grants for faculty research and teaching; four international conferences; assistance to more than 400 Harvard students to travel to the region; performances and exhibits sponsored by ARTS@DRCLAS; and the visits by Presidents Sebastián Piñera and Dilma Rousseff. We are pleased to announce new agreements with Sovereign Bank, the Corporación Andina de Fomento and the governments of Brazil and Chile. We are also proud that two faculty members have been decorated by the governments of Peru and Mexico. I am also very pleased to have been elected to the vice-presidency and presidency of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

Our strong certainty about the importance of Latin America for the world have also stimulate our Brazil and Regional Offices to host more than 65 Harvard faculty members in the region; to design path-breaking on-site courses for Harvard students; to increase the number of those aspiring to attend Harvard from the region; to engage with universities, foundations and governments in activities that advance the public good in education, health, environment and other fields; and to work with friends of the Center to make Harvard more present in Latin America. Through our activities in Cambridge and in Latin America, we aim to develop even further Harvard’s significant ties to the region. I hope this report will provide you with a good overview of our activities during the past academic year and an appreciation of our commitment to Latin America. For additional information, I invite you to visit us at drclas.harvard.edu.

MERILEE GRINDLE
Edward S. Mason Professor of International Development
BRAZIL OFFICE

In 2011-12, the number of Harvard students in formal programs or conducting research in Brazil reached 175, an increase of over 100% since the founding of the Brazil Office in June 2006. More than 60 faculty members from across the University traveled to Brazil this year while Brazilian students enrolled at Harvard hit a record 88. Together with Harvard’s Center on the Developing Child [HCDC], the Fundação Maria Cecília Soares Vidigal [FMCSV], the University of São Paulo Medical School and Insper, DRCLAS established an early childhood development initiative that seeks to inform public policies and to improve childhood outcomes in Brazil. New resources from the FIDES are enabling us to intensify faculty and student exchange. Between March and June 2012, the Office supported an executive leadership program for 47 early childhood policy leaders from Brazil that took place at Harvard and in Porto Alegre. It has been an exciting and busy year. Across programs, we adopt a collaborative model that seeks to pair Harvard students and faculty with Brazilian counterparts. A new flatter and Language Acquisition Program brought together 15 Harvard College and 15 Brazilian high school students from underprivileged backgrounds. Since the founding of the Office, the number of Brazilians who have participated in Harvard-Brazil January programs topped 115 and the number of medical school students from Brazil spending a year conducting laboratory research at the Harvard School of Public Health surpassed 50. Harvard faculty traveling to Brazil this year included Marille Girinle, DRCLAS Director, who gave a talk on governance; Jack Shonkoff, HCDC Director, who keynoted at an international symposium on early childhood development; Marcia Lastra, Associate Professor of Demography at the Harvard School of Public Health, who spoke on the decline in infant mortality in Brazil; and Douglas Dockery of the Harvard School of Public Health, who was the keynote speaker in a nationally televised event on air pollution; among others. In March 2012, Michael Olu and Aido Musachio, of Harvard Business School, headed the Brazil and the 21st Century Symposium, a two-day event that brought together 50 business, political and civil society leaders in Mogi das Cruzes, SP, and that built on a similar symposium at Harvard in 2011. We continue to engage the growing network of Leman Fellows from the Harvard Kennedy School, the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the Harvard School of Public Health and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences both in Brazil and Cambridge. The increased energy and resources dedicated to this impressive group by the Leman Foundation is adding to the strength of the network. With 11 Leman Fellows at Harvard in 2011-12, the total number of Fellows since 2008 [not including Leman Fellows at other top universities] is 46. The strength, advice and engagement of our Brazil Office Advisory Group has been and continues to be invaluable. We deeply appreciate the guidance of Leona Forman, Elio Assapari, Lilia Schwarz and Richard Strasser who concluded their terms. In 2011-12, we were delighted to welcome four new distinguished members to the group: Ana Paula Martinez, Flavia Alexandre, Gilberto Dinernstein and Joana Jerseyassiti. For detailed information on the activities of the Brazil Office and Brazil Studies Program, please visit drclas.harvard.edu/brazil

REGIONAL OFFICE

As the Regional Office approaches its 10th anniversary, its record of bringing together the best minds from Harvard with those of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Uruguay to address major issues and develop new knowledge continues unabated. Since its establishment in 2002, the Regional Office has engaged 110 faculty members in advancing research and learning in the fields of anthropology, disaster recovery, economics, education, health, housing, the humanities, public policy and the sciences. In 2012, the Regional Office supported the efforts of 35 faculty members who had significant impact in these fields. For example, En Buen Comienzo will complete a pioneering impact study in Latin America on classroom practices and learning outcomes following preschool health and education interventions. Led by Harvard Graduate School of Education Academic Dean, Hiro Yoshikawa, this study will provide new data for future preschool policy decisions. Mary-Catherine Alarcón, of the Harvard Medical School, is using innovative continuous improvement techniques pioneered in industry in the same program as it expands to new regions of Chile. Recuperar Chile, led by Doug Atliers, of the Harvard Kennedy School, is successfully adapting techniques learned in post-disaster Katrina to economic and mental health recovery in earthquake-devastated areas of Chile. Charlies Alcides, the Director of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, led the March 2012 ceremony to break ground on the Giant Magellan Telescope (GMT). To be completed in 2020, the GMT will be the largest optical telescope in the world. By the end of 2012, 843 Harvard students will have traveled to Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Peru and Uruguay for academic term studies, internships and graduate courses developed and organized by the Regional Office since its inception. In 2011-12 the majority engaged in summer internships in local companies, foundations, ministries and charitable organizations. Five Faculty-led January programs in Argentina, Chile, Peru and Bolivia included undergraduate and graduate students from Harvard College, the Harvard Kennedy School and the Harvard School of Public Health. Seven Harvard undergraduate students engaged in semester-long study in Buenos Aires and Santiago. Three landmark agreements signed in 2011-12 will triple the flow of students, scholars and faculty between Harvard and the region. Chile’s President Sebastián Piñera and Harvard President Drew Faust signed the Harvard-Becas Chile agreement in September 2011 in Cambridge. The agreement will finance up to 60 PhD students over the next five years. HSPH Dean Julio Frenk and Pedro Uribé, the Rector of Universidad Andrés Bello in Chile, signed an agreement establishing a new Institute of Public Health that will support internships and studies at HSPH. As a result of the Chile- Massachusetts agreement signed by Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, DRCLAS and the Ministry of the Economy of Chile signed a memorandum of understanding to establish the Harvard-Chile Innovation Initiative that will finance faculty and student programs in the fields of biotechnology, energy and education. For detailed information on the activities of the Regional Office, please visit drclas.harvard.edu/regional_office
ANDES INITIATIVE

In its second year, the Andes Initiative featured activities related to this diverse region through scholarly seminars, conferences, film screenings and other events across the University and in the region.

In Fall 2011, the Andes Initiative co-sponsored South America Project: Hinterlands Urbanism, a conference organized by the Graduate School of Design (GSD). The Initiative also held a discussion featuring Thomas Panobianco, Mark McIvor and Cathy Rakowski on The Revolution in Venezuela, a book published by DRLAS; a screening of the Ecuadorean film Moscato, with the film director and producer; and the workshop Documentary and Anthropology: Experiments of the Afternoon in Colombia. Other seminars included: The Two Faces of Colombia, The Two Faces of Cartagena: Art and Ethno-history in the Andes, featuring Juan Dasio and Thomas Lunevich; U.S.-China-Latin American Relations: President Hu's Administration: Perspective, with Harold Forsyth; Peru's Ambassador to the United States; Rural Take-Off in Peru with Richard Weber; and Bolivia's Recent Political and Economic Trajectories and Future Development Questions.

During the spring of 2012, the Andes Initiative and the Consulate of Colombia in Boston organized the first Colombia Week at Harvard. The three-day event featured students, faculty and expert practitioners in panel discussions on early childhood education, mining and sustainable development, and the challenges and opportunities in Colombia’s emerging economy. As part of Colombia Week at Harvard, the conference on Drugs, Violence and Drug Policy, organized in collaboration with the Universidad de los Andes, brought together scholars from Colombia, Mexico and the United States, fostering day-long dialogue under the leadership of Harvard professor Philip Heymann. Outstanding keynote addresses were delivered by Mark Kleiman (LCLAS) and the Director of Colombia’s General Police, Oscar Narangao. The conference concluded with the presentation of the English manuscript of the book Antidrug Policy in Colombia.

Events and seminars organized jointly with other DRLAS programs included: Reading the Cuban Revolution from Bogotá, with Robert Katz, Froccia-Andino, with José Ortega and a group of Colombians and Peruvian poets and scholars; and On the Urbanization of the South American Hinterland, which builds on the long-term GSD South America Project. Additionally, the Andes Initiative co-sponsored an Art in Action: Creative Governance for Cities in Crisis, featuring former Bogotá Mayor Áñez Rocks; as well as a talk by Daniel Schydlowsky on Peru’s Economy under President Humala.

In 2011-12, the Center assumed a more direct involvement in the planning and organization of student internship programs in the region. During the summer of 2012, the Center offered summer internship opportunities in Bogotá at the Colombian Center for Social Initiative and took a direct role in the organization of internships for pre-med students at Universidad de los Andes. In addition to the pre-existing programs in Bolivia and Peru managed through the Regional Office in Chile, these new efforts represent more opportunities for Harvard student engagement in the region.

In May 2012, the Universidad de los Andes hosted the two-day conference, Nuevos Perspectivas sobre la Violencia en Colombia, co-sponsored by the Andes Initiative and organized by Harvard professor James Robinson, in collaboration with Felipe Barrios and Miguel Garcia of Universidad de los Andes. For a complete listing of Andes Initiative activities, please visit drlas.harvard.edu/andes.

BRAZIL STUDIES PROGRAM

In 2011-12 the Brazil Studies Program continued to support student and faculty engagement with Brazil, and featured a large variety of seminars and events in Cambridge covering many different fields of study. In close coordination with the Brazil Office in São Paulo, the Brazil Studies Program in Cambridge has provided guidance, support and resources to students across the University traveling to Brazil for study, research and internships. In addition to its own seminars, the Program also has co-sponsored programs and events with other parts of the University, while supporting the development of active Brazilian student organizations on campus. The Brazil Studies Program is led by faculty chair Francisco Higino, Jorge Paulo Lemann Visiting Associate Professor for Brazil Studies in Harvard’s Department of Government.

The 2011-12 Brazil Studies Program Seminar Series included twenty seminars in anthropology, design, history, literature, science and technology, social policy, sociology, urban planning and other fields. The series featured four DRLAS Visiting Scholars including Lucia M. Suárez, Fares el-Dahdah, Donald Sawyer and Florencia Serramillo, as well as Brazilian Senator Kátia Abreu, journalist Gilberto Dinlenen and historian João Reis, who was the spring 2012 Robert F. Kennedy Visiting Professor of Latin American History at Harvard. Also as part of this series, the Lemann Fellow Seminars, established in the fall of 2010 to give current and former Lemann Fellows a public forum for presenting their work and research at Harvard, continued in 2011-12 with four seminars. The Harvard-MIT Workshop on the Political Economy of Development in Brazil, which is a speaker series co-chaired by Harvard Business School professor Aldo Musacchio and MIT professor Ben Ross Schneider, continued throughout the academic year. The tenth annual Brazil Week, entitled Healthcare and Portuguese-Speaking Immigrants in the U.S.: The Case of Massachusetts, was held at DRLAS in April 2012, chaired by Dr. Clémence Jouët-Pastré and co-sponsored by the Brazil Studies Program and the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. In May, the Brazil Studies Program co-sponsored, with ARTS@DRCLAS and the Harvard Film Archive, a two-week retrospective of the films of Nelson Pereira dos Santos, who was present during the final weekend of screenings.

On April 10, 2012, Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff and an official delegation visited Harvard for the signing of two major agreements that will bring a distinguished Visiting Professor from Brazil to Harvard and that will fund students in engineering and the sciences as part of the Brazilian government’s Science without Borders program. President Rousseff also spoke to an audience of 1700 people at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Forum, where she discussed Brazil’s economic and social progress and its place in an ever more globalized world. As President Rousseff stated during her visit, “Brazil needs Harvard very much, and we are the sixth-largest economy in the world, so I also think that for Harvard it will also be good to be close to Brazil.”

For detailed information on the Brazil Studies Program, please visit drlas.harvard.edu/brazil.
CUBAN STUDIES PROGRAM

Since its founding twelve years ago, the Center’s Cuban Studies Program has sought to advance interdisciplinary academic collaborations with Cuba. Towards this end, the Cuban Studies Program advanced initiatives to analyze the economic development challenges facing Cuba, the role of social policy in mitigating inequality and addressing social mobility and equity trends, the potential for change in U.S.-Cuba relations, and the quality of life of Cubans with HIV/AIDS receiving antiretroviral therapy and other infectious diseases. Among the notable accomplishments of these four projects has been success in fostering debate among scholars in Cuba and outside Cuba, and building bridges between Cuban scholars and leading researchers in these fields who do not work solely on Cuba. The multidisciplinary, cross-country research focus of these collaborations has made Harvard’s work in these areas distinctly different from that of other U.S.-Cuba exchanges. Notably, in 2011-12, one edited volume was published related to the initiative on U.S.-Cuban relations, entitled Debating U.S.-Cuban Relations: Shall We Play Ball? ( Routledge, 2011), and co-edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Rafael M. Hernández and Lorena Barberia. Another volume related to the initiative on economic development and social policy was also published, entitled Cuban Economic and Social Development: Policy Reforms and Challenges in the 21st Century (OFLAS and Harvard University Press, 2012) and co-edited by Jorge I. Domínguez, Damar Everllyn Pérez Villegas, Mayra Espina Prieto and Lorena Barbería. In 2011-12, the Center also supported initiatives to advance infectious disease research with two projects between scientists from Cuba and the Harvard Medical School (HMS) and the Harvard School of Public Health. Together with the Pedro Kourí Institute (IPK) of Tropical Medicine, the Program supported a joint research project on histoplasmosis, a fungal disease that is endemic in Cuba and much of the Caribbean along with parts of the American Midwest. An exploratory project was also initiated with the Universidad de la Habana to further research on antimicrobial peptides. An outcome of the collaboration between the IPK and HMS was the publication of a paper on AIDS in Cuba co-authored by scholars from both institutions: Carles Aragón-López, Jorge Pérez-Arévalo, Mary E. Smith, Kauw and Aracelu Castra. “Quality of Life of People with HIV/AIDS Receiving Antiretroviral Therapy in Cuba: A Cross-Sectional Study of the National Population,” American Journal of Public Health 102(5), 2012.

As part of these projects, the Cuban Studies Program sponsored and hosted 12 short-term research visits by Cuban scholars and scientists, one of the highest numbers of Cuban scholars the Center has hosted in an academic year. You may see the detailed list in the Visiting Professors and Scholars section of this report. The Program has continued to develop and innovate in the semester-long Harvard College Program in Cuba at the Universidad de la Habana, now in its sixth year. Cuba was the most popular destination for College students choosing to study in Latin America for a semester. During the 16-week program, Harvard students attend classes alongside Cuban students and work with former OFLAS Cuban visiting scholars for mentoring and guidance. In pursuing these activities, the Cuban Studies Program continues to adhere in every respect to U.S. laws and regulations that govern transactions with Cuba. The accomplishments of the Cuban Studies Program were undertaken by the generous support of Atlantic Philanthropies, the Ford Foundation, the Christopher Reynolds Foundation and the members of the Cuban Studies Fund. For detailed information on these and other related activities, please visit drclas.harvard.edu/cuba.

MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA PROGRAM

In 2011-12, the Mexico and Central America Program remained committed to strengthening engagement with Central America and Mexico through an active program of events, academic and internship opportunities for students, and support for faculty. Plans are underway for ongoing efforts in Cambridge to be hencforth complemented by the efforts of a staff member based in Mexico who will build upon existing relationships and establish new links between Harvard faculty and students, and individuals and institutions in Mexico and Central America.

In December, the Mexico and Central America Program co-organized a working meeting featuring Sergio Silva-Castañeda, lecturer in Harvard’s History Department, and Visiting Scholar Joseph Yalch, at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM). At this meeting, OFLAS and ITAM convened a group of scholars and practitioners from Mexico and Central America to begin work on a book project tentatively titled Mexico and Central America towards 2020.

In Cambridge, the Program’s Seminar Series offered weekly presentations on contemporary issues facing the region and on different eras of its past. Seminars drew more than 420 attendees and included a seminar on the legacy of the Guatemalan coup, featuring Jacob Arribo and Juan José Arribo family members, as well as distinguished speakers John Coatsworth, Stephen Kinzer and Richard Vellos.

The Program also sponsored a working meeting with Alan Bersin, Commissioner of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. In addition, Guatemala’s former Vice President, Eduardo Stein, and former Minister of Education, María del Carmen Acufía, visited the Center to discuss issues of civic violence and organized crime in Latin America.

The Mexico and Central America Program Film Series offered members of the Harvard community the opportunity to enjoy exclusive documentary films and to engage in lively discussion with their directors. Mexico Bureau Chief of the Dallas Morning News, Alfredo Corchado, and Angélica Kotherga, Mexico Border Bureau Chief at Basix Television, visited the Center in October 2011 for a screening and discussion of Luis Estrada’s documentary, El Íñigo.

In an effort to reach out to different Mexican institutions and to the Mexican community in the greater Boston area, OFLAS collaborated with the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) in Mexico and the General Consulate of Mexico in Boston to offer a 16-weeklong, online course (diplomado) on migration and policy to 11 members of the Mexican community in Boston.

The Summer Internship Program in Sustainable Development (SIPSD) was offered for the third time during the summer of 2011, allowing eight Harvard undergraduates to work in community development projects in underprivileged areas of Mexico. The program was launched in cooperation with the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (ITESM). The Center also provided research and travel grants to those carrying out work in the region through an exchange program with El Colegio de México.

In November 2011, the Center signed a memorandum of understanding with Mexico’s Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH) to encourage collaboration between Harvard and INAH in the conservation and study of pre-Columbian art and archeology. Please visit drclas.harvard.edu/central_america and drclas.harvard.edu/students for detailed information on these and other related activities.
The Program also organized two exhibits. Held from October 2011 to March 2012, Latin America through the Eyes of Students featured all Latin American submissions from the Harvard Office of International Education (OIE) photo contest. Held from March to June 2012, Everyday Angles featured the work of five Latin American women artists currently living in Boston and New York. In June 2012, ARTS@DRCLAS held its first regional event: the poetry festival La Retaguardia. The festival convened Argentinean, Chilean and Peruvian contemporary poets from the 1990s in Santiago and featured poetry readings at the Museo de Artes Visuales (MVA), literature workshops at the cultural center Balmaceda Arte Joven and academic workshops led by Harvard professor Sergio Delgado at Universidad Diego Portales. In addition, ARTS@DRCLAS supported the exhibit of Domínico, an installation by the 2009 Art Forum winner Bernardo Syrman, at the Museo de Arte Contemporáneo in Santiago, Chile.

Through these activities organized in conjunction with specific departments and faculty, and aligned with course content at Harvard, ARTS@DRCLAS serves as a resource for students and faculty working in the arts and strives to ensure academic relevance, expand research and contribute to the University’s teaching mission. Please visit drclas.harvard.edu/arts_at_drclas/home for detailed information on these and other related activities.
CONFERENCES

This year, the Center sponsored or co-sponsored five conferences offering a wide range of experts an opportunity to address many of the most challenging topics confronting Latin America.

OCTOBER 7-8
ANDES INITIATIVE, GRADUATE SCHOOL OF DESIGN
South America Project (SAP): Hinterlands Urbanism
The South America Project (SAP) is a trans-continental applied research network that proactively endorses the role of design within rapidly transforming geographies of the South American continent. The conference brought together academic institutions, scholars and designers from diverse fields to create a projective platform that would allow for architecture and the diverse disciplines affiliated to the constructed environment to actively partake in proposing more comprehensive models of urbanization for South America. Featured presenters included founders Ana María Durán and Felipe Correa.

MARCH 23
ANDES INITIATIVE, UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES,
CORPORACIÓN ANODINA DE FOMENTO
Drugs, Violence and Drug Policy in Latin America
The recent reform of the debate on the effectiveness of current prohibitionist policies provided an excellent opportunity for a group of prominent experts in the fields of drug policy and violence in Latin America to discuss, from an academic perspective, the available research on drugs, violence and drug policy in Colombia and Mexico. The conference featured Mark Kleiman of UCLA and General Oscar Naranjo, Director of the Colombian National Police, among others.

APRIL 18-20
TENTH ANNUAL BRAZIL WEEK AT HARVARD
The main objective of this year’s Brazil Week was to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences among students, researchers and healthcare professionals who interact with the Portuguese-speaking community. This was an excellent occasion to create dialogue between and among healthcare professionals and local populations of Brazilian, Cape Verdean and Portuguese immigrants. Featured presenters included: Fernando Barreto, Consul General of Brazil in Boston; Pedro Graciano Carvalho, Consul General of Cape Verde in Boston; Dr. João Lavinha, Representative of the Consul General of Portugal; and Dr. John Auerbach, Emissary of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

APRIL 21
XIV HBS LATIN AMERICAN CONFERENCE: LATIN AMERICA TAKES OFF: SUCCESS IN THE XXI CENTURY
The Harvard Business School’s Latin American Conference brought together leaders from across Latin America to discuss relevant current events, trends and policies that shape the Latin American business environment. Topics included private equity in Latin America, innovation in billion-dollar companies, connectivity in the 21st century, infrastructure, business at the base of the pyramid and China-Latin America relations. Keynote speakers included: Henrique Meirelles, President, Rio de Janeiro 2016 Olympic Games; Arturo Valenzuela, former Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs; and Alejandro Ramirez Magaña, Chief Executive Officer of Mexico’s Cisínolis.

MAY 28-29
ANDES INITIATIVE, UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES,
NUEVAS PERSPECTIVAS SOBRE LA VIOLENCIA EN COLOMBIA
This two-day conference was co-sponsored by the Andes Initiative and organized by Harvard Professor James Robinson, in collaboration with Felipe Bateman and Miguel Garcia of Universidad de los Andes. The seminar focused on five issues that represent, but do not exhaust, the recent transformation of the field of political violence, without ignoring a local academic tradition of more than fifty years. These themes are: historical continuities and discontinuities of political violence; the micro foundations of political violence; the role of government, armed groups and citizens in building institutions; transition and post-conflict; and political violence from a comparative perspective. Featured presenters included: Elisabeth Koidl, Professor of Political Science, Yale University; Ivan Drazic, Professor of Political Science, Universidad de los Andes; Malcolm Deas, History Professor of Oxford University, Honorary PhD, Universidad de los Andes; Erwinus Fellous of El Faro’s College, Jorge Orlando Melo, Historian and Universidad Professors; and Fernán González, researcher at Centro de Investigación para la Educación Popular, Colombia.

EVENTS

The Center continued to sponsor the Tuesday Seminar, a weekly series on current Latin American politics and economics, as well as a number of events sponsored by the successful ARTSMIDLAS Program and the growing Andes Initiative, including an all-day conference entitled Drugs, Violence and Drug Policy in Latin America, which attracted more than 100 participants. The Mexico and Central America Speaker Series and the Brazil Studies Program Seminar Series convened varied audiences at events featuring distinguished panelists presenting their research on a wide range of topics related to those countries. In addition, DRLAS continued to provide meeting and office space for graduate students, encouraging discussion of their dissertations, and supported the activities of several undergraduate and graduate student organizations and clubs related to Latin America. Visiting professors and scholars were also active participants of the Center’s events.

For a complete listing and information on all 2011-12 events, please visit drclas.harvard.edu/events/past.
The Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) Visiting Professorship in Latin American Studies was created in 1996 through a generous gift from Edward 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. Each year, the Center invites faculty members from across the University 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 2011-12, the Center hosted three RFK Visiting Professors: Guillermo Goldstein, Juan Ossio, and João José Reis.

Guillermo Goldstein received his PhD in Ecophysiology and Ecology, from the University of Washington, College of Forest Resources. He is a Professor at the University of Buenos Aires and is a member of the Argentinean Research Council. A leading international scholar in tropical plant ecophysiology, Dr. Goldstein is active in a number of scientific organizations, leading international scholar in tropical plant ecophysiology, as well as the 1996 Clarence H. Haring Prize from the American Historical Association and the 1996 Sababu Prize for nonfiction from the Brazilian Book Council. From 1996 to 2004, he served as editor for the Afro-Ásia journal published by UFBA’s Centro de Estudos Africanos. In 2004, he was awarded the Comenda da Ordem de Foz do Iguaçu from the Brazilian government. During the spring semester he taught a course on Environmental History of the Amazon at the Catholic University of Brasilia and is on the faculty at the Catholic University of Santa Cruz, Brazil: The Course of Memory and Violence in Brazil.

Juan Ossio received his PhD in History from the University of Minnesota and is currently a Professor of History at the Universidad Federal de Bahia (UFBA) in Brazil. He is the author of Slave Rebellion in Brazil: The Muslim Uprising of 1825 in Bahia and Death is a Festival: Funeral Rites and Popular Rebellion in Nineteenth-Century Brazil, which earned him the 1996 Clarence H. Haring Prize from the American Historical Association and the 1996 Sababu Prize for nonfiction from the Brazilian Book Council. From 1996 to 2004, he served as editor for the Afro-Ásia journal published by UFBA’s Centro de Estudos Africanos. In 2004, he was awarded the Comenda da Ordem de Foz do Iguaçu from the Brazilian government. During the spring semester he taught a course on Environmental History of the Amazon at the Catholic University of Brasilia and is on the faculty at the Catholic University of Santa Cruz, Brazil: The Course of Memory and Violence in Brazil.

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BOOK SERIES
The David Rockefeller Center Series on Latin American Studies, published by DRLAS and distributed by Harvard University Press, brought out Cuban Economic and Social Development: Policy Reforms and Challenges in the 21st Century, edited by Jorge J. Dominguez, Dean Everlyon Pérez, Mayra España Prieto and Corina Barberia. This volume, a timely collaboration between scholars at Harvard University and in Cuba, examines the transformations in the Cuban economy. The Spanish-language version of the book is expected to be published shortly by the fondo de Cultura Económica in Mexico.

Under the cooperative publishing agreement between DRLAS and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Latin American Development Series, produced Export Pioneers in Latin America, edited by Charles Sabel, Edouard de Fernandez-Drux, Ricardo Hausmann, Andrés Rodriguez-Clark, Erneste Stein and Michel Srodek.

ReVista
Our flagship periodical ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America focused on three topics over the academic year. The fall issue, Bolivia: Revolutions and Beyond, brought together academics, activists and journalists in a full-color issue to examine the first five years of Bolivia’s President, Evo Morales, the Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” in La Paz hosted the launching of the ReVista issue there with a standing-room only event in October. The winter issue focused on the complicated subject of organized crime. With the lead article by Harvard’s James Barr Ames Professor of Law, Philip B. Heymann, Organized Crime: Beyond Drug Trafficking convoked academics and policy makers to think about solutions for this growing Latin American challenge. The spring/summer issue, Sports! is a multidisciplinary look at sports in Latin America and beyond. Traffic on the recently revamped ReVista website continues to provide greater opportunities for dialogue. You can visit the ReVista online portal at drclas.harvard.edu/publications/revista.html.

In 2011-12 the Center supported faculty research and teaching related to Latin America with nine research grants, two grants for collaborative work in science, technology and medicine, five course-based field trip grants, four research conference grants, one curriculum development grant, and three ongoing program grants. Support was possible through the Barco Santander Fund, the Jorge Paulo Lemann Fund, the Julio Santos Bonfigli Fund, the Anaiza Lacroze de Fortabat Fund, the Amparo Foundation Fund, the Sarra Foundation Fund, the Gomes Fund, the Lacayo Fund, the Pompa Fund, the Ascaraga Fund, the Mark Fuller Endowment, the Mexico and Central America Office Fund, the Liukis Fund, and the Lorenzo Velasmen Fund.

FACULTY RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS
Mercedes Bercera, HMS Improving Detection and Treatment of Tuberculosis in High-Risk Children
Darcy Frey, English, FAS The Influence of Brazil on the Worldwide Climate-Change Debate
Fitz Garip, Sociology, FAS Discovering Diverse Mechanisms of Migration: The Mexico-U.S. Straws from 1870 to 2010
Noel Michelle Halbrook, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS The Contribution of Stem Water Storage to the Water Balance of “Palo Borracho” along a Rainfall Gradient in Northwestern Argentina: Morphological Plasticity and Physiological Performance of Arid Zone Trees
Jonathan Losos, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS Collaborative Research on the Biodiversity of Ecuadorean-Araripe Lizards
Donald Pfister, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS Ancestral and Mycophages of the Southern Beech Fervors
Maria Polinsky, Linguistics, FAS Acquisition of an Endangered Noun Language: A Corpus of Child Data
Kimberly Theidon, Department of Anthropology, FAS Past Import: Working with Former Escobetitos in Colombia
Horen Turos, Human Evolutionary Biology, FAS Investigation of Tomb 7 at Monte Alban

COLLABORATIVE WORK IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE GRANT RECIPIENTS
Brian Farrell, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS Phase II: Focus of the Eugenie Marcano Natural History Collections: Botany
James Hanken, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS Enriching Biodiversity Learning and Education in Central America by Implementing Online Spanish-Language Encyclopedia of Life

RESEARCH CONFERENCE GRANT RECIPIENTS
Scott Edwards, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS 2013 Symposium of the American Genetic Association
Albert Salaburua, HMS Creating Collaborative Networks among the Diverse Scientists Community in the Baskan Area: Step 1—Research Symposium 2012
Diana Sorensen and Mariano Siskind, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS, and Jorge Silvetti, SSD Revisiting Santuarios, 200 Years Later

COURSE-BASED FIELD TRIP GRANT RECIPIENTS
John Brisnice, SEAS and HSPH Water Federalism, including the Sío Francisco Basin in Brazil
Cassandra Estavère, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS 0081: Biology and Evolution of Invertebrate Animals (Panama)
Johanna Landler, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS Persian Culture Through Language, Geography and Community Service
Jonathan Losses, Organismic & Evolutionary Biology, FAS Neoraphy (DIE 181) Class Field Trip to Costa Rica
Jorge Silvetti, SSD The School of 2012 in Rio de Janeiro

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANT RECIPIENT
Clémence M. Joubet-Pastre, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS Mapping the Portuguese-Speaking World via the Arts: An Intermediate Interactive Digital Workbook

ONGOING PROGRAM GRANT RECIPIENTS
Brad Eggs, Romance Languages and Literatures, FAS, and Haden Guest, Harvard Film Archive, FAS Iberoamerican Film Initiative—ARTS@DRLAS
Gary Urban, Anthropology, FAS Andean Art History and Archeology Working Group

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Student Awards and Accomplishments

Doctorates Awarded to Students specializing in Latin American or Latinx Studies

Doctors of Philosophy

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Certificate in Latin American Studies

The DRLAS-administered Certificate in Latin American Studies is awarded each year by Harvard’s Committee on Latin American and Iberian Studies (CLALS) to students graduating from Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences who have fulfilled specific course requirements, demonstrated proficiency in Portuguese and Spanish, and presented an honors thesis or dissertation on a topic related to Latin America. This year, 20 graduating College seniors and four GSAS doctoral students received certificates.

Anita Alada
Romance Languages and Literatures
From the Borro to the Basimine: Re-membering Homossexual Consciousness

Natalis Alcald Moreno
Social Studies
Mexico against Organized Crime: Fear, Security and War

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CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANTS
The Center’s Conference Travel Grant Program is intended to assist with travel expenses for Harvard graduate students presenting at conferences outside of the Boston area. In 2011-12, DRCLAS awarded 17 conference travel grants to students from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS) and Professional Schools throughout Harvard.

DRCLAS SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANTS
The Center awards summer research travel Grants for senior thesis or dissertation research to undergraduates and graduates. This year, a total of 64 grants were awarded. 41 to graduate students and 23 to undergraduate students. These grants were made possible through the generous support of 20 individual endowment funds at the Center.

TERM-TIME TRAVEL GRANTS
The Center initiated a program of term-time travel grants in 2001, in response to student requests for research funding during the academic year. The grants are intended for undergraduate students completing thesis research, for graduate students conducting dissertation research and for students from the professional schools enrolling specific projects, such as the Policy Analysis Exercise at the Harvard Kennedy School. A total of 23 grants were awarded to three undergraduate students and 20 graduate students for research conducted in the winter of 2011-12.

THE JOHN WOJNACK, JR. SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT
The John Wojnack, Jr. Summer Research Travel Grant was established at DRCLAS in 2008 in honor of Professor John Wojnack and his lifelong commitment to the study of Mexican history. The grant is awarded to a graduate or professional school student for thesis or dissertation research related to Latin American or Mexican history, or requiring travel to Mexico. The 2011-12 recipient of the John Wojnack, Jr. Summer Research Travel Grant was Alonso Sanchez (HISE), for his dissertation research entitled, The Casual Impact of Kernels’ Education on Children’s Education Outcome.

THE KENNETH MAXWELL SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT
The Kenneth Maxwell Summer Research Travel Grant was established at DRCLAS in 2008 in honor of Professor Kenneth Maxwell and his lifelong commitment to Brazil and the study of its history. The grant is awarded to a graduate or professional school student for thesis or dissertation research, or for a Master’s degree final project related to Latin American or Brazilian studies, or requiring travel to Brazil. The 2011-12 recipient of the Kenneth Maxwell Summer Research Travel Grant was Bruno Souza de Medeiros (Organismic and Evolutionary Biology) for his dissertation research entitled, Evolution of Dryophthorid Weevils.

DRCLAS INDEPENDENT INTERNSHIP GRANTS
This year, the Center awarded six grants to undergraduate students for independent internships in Latin America or the United States in the summer of 2012. The grants are made possible through the generous support of ten individual endowment funds at the Center.

DRCLAS SUMMER INTERNSHIP AND IMMERSION PROGRAMS
The Center’s Summer Programs place students in various countries in Latin America. In each country, students work in organizations aligned with their personal or career interests. The Center’s Regional and Brazil Offices arrange host family stays and weekly seminars, lectures and excursions. In 2011-12, 75 students participated in Summer Programs. There were 16 in Argentina, 3 in Brazil, 27 in Chile, 3 in Colombia, 2 in Costa Rica, 3 in Ecuador, 8 in Mexico and 13 in Peru. Many of these students take part in specialized programs organized by the Center, such as the Public Policy and Immersion Program in Brazil, the Spanish and Community Service Program in Peru, the Health Spanish Immersion Program in Chile and the Summer Internship Program in Sustainable Development in Mexico.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION GRANTS
In 2011-12, the Center awarded student organization grants to 14 Latin and Latin American organizations throughout Harvard to assist in events, programs and publications.

JANUARY PROGRAMS
This year, DRCLAS organized four new programs for undergraduates in South America in January during winter break: Language, Culture, Diaspora, and Community Service in Lima, Peru; Art, Culture, and Community Service in Córdoba, Argentina; Rural Health and Community Service in Tecunui, Chile; and Mentoring and Language Acquisition in São Paulo, Brazil. In collaboration with the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, DRCLAS also successfully executed its Engineering and the Environment course for the third consecutive year. This collaborative course, which convenes equal numbers of Harvard and Brazilian students, as well as faculty members from Harvard and partner institution Universidade de São Paulo, took place in the United States for the first time. DRCLAS also assisted in the organization and execution of two graduate student modules: Community Recovery and Disaster-Damaged Communities [Harvard Kennedy School] and Wealth Reform and Community Medicine [Harvard School of Public Health]. In January 2012, 83 graduate and undergraduate students participated in 7 different programs in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and the United States.

UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS PRIZES

JAMES R. AND ISABEL D. HAMMOND THESIS PRIZE
Established in 1952 with a gift from James R. Hammond (AB’17), the Hammond Prize is awarded to the best undergraduate senior honors thesis related to Spanish-speaking Latin America. Candidates are nominated by their departments and a faculty committee selects the prize recipient. The 2012 Prize was awarded to Andrés Davies Bribe for his History Thesis, Essay of the Mexico-Cuba Diplomatic Crises, 2000-2003. An honorable mention was also awarded to Meredith Kaffer for her Folklore and Mythology Thesis, Following the Jikyink.

JOAN NORTHLAND HUTCHINS THESIS PRIZE
Originally established in 2003 as the Inter-Faculty Committee on Latin Studies Thesis Prize, the Joan Northland Hutchins Thesis Prize recognizes the College senior who writes the best thesis on a subject concerning Latinos (their recent immigrants or established communities of Latin American descent in the United States). This annual prize is funded by a gift to DRCLAS from Professor Kenneth Maxwell. The 2012 Hutchins Prize was awarded to Adrián Aldcía for his Romance Languages and Literatures thesis, From the Barrio to the Bonniers: Re-membring Homosexuality Consciousness.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT [1] Harvard College student Adrián Aldcía, recipient of the Joan Northland Hutchins Thesis award; and Joan Northland Hutchins, (2) Photograph taken in Brazil by Harvard College student Iris Lopez for the Office of International Programs 2012 Photo Contest; (3) Recipients of the James R. and Isabel D. Hammond Thesis Prize, Meredith Kaffer (honorable mention) and Andrés Davies Bribe (prize winner) with Mr. James Hammond.
**FELLOWSHIPS**

**STEVE REIFENBERG TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP**

The Steve Reifenberg Travel Fellowship is awarded to a graduating senior who will engage in a transformative international experience in the area of social or environmental development for three to six months. The 2012 Steve Reifenberg Travel Fellowship was awarded to Roisin Lynn Duffy-Gideon who spent time volunteering at Yirtrak Pinquinos School in San Cristóbal de las Casas in Chiapas, Mexico.

**THE AMALIA LACROZE DE FORTABAT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

The Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat Fellowship Program was established by Argentine businessman and philanthropist Amalia Lacroze de Fortabat in order to give promising Argentine students financial support to pursue or continue graduate studies at Harvard. The selection process is administered by the Committee on General Scholarships. Awards are need-based and take academic merit into account. Priority is given to degree candidates in fields that will enable them to contribute to: (1) Argentina's social, economic and scientific progress; (2) the formation of public policies that strengthen Argentine democracy; and (3) Argentina’s academic and professional development. Recipients of the de Fortabat Fellowship are expected to: (1) Argentina's social, economic and environmental development for three to six months. The 2012 Steve Reifenberg Travel Fellowship was awarded to Roisin Lynn Duffy-Gideon who spent time volunteering at Yirtrak Pinquinos School in San Cristóbal de las Casas in Chiapas, Mexico.

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**FACTOR GOVERNANCE**

The Center receives advice from two governing faculty committees: 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**

Twelve senior faculty members who serve six-year renewable terms meet with the Director each month to advise on Center policies and operations. During 2011-12 the following faculty serve on the DRCLAS Executive Committee: Noël Michelle Holbrook, FAS Steven Levitsky, FAS Fernando Reimers, HSSN Brian Farrell, FAS (on leave) William L. Fisch, FAS Frances Hoppian, FAS

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Iberian Studies (CLAIS), which coordinates the Center’s research and curricular programs that operate within the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, includes Harvard College and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. For a complete listing of Policy Committee members, please visit drclas.harvard.edu/advisors/policy_committee

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Faculty from eight Professional Schools and the Faculty of Arts and Sciences 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. Nineteen 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 (CLAIS), 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 Policy Committee members, please visit drclas.harvard.edu/advisors/policy_committee
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ADVISORY COMMITTEE
The Advisory Committee continues to be a singularly important source of counsel and support for the Center. Advisory Committee members, as well as members of the Brazil Office Advisory Group and the Regional Office Consultative Group, provide critical advice and support. Lorenzo Weisman (AB ’66) chairs the Advisory Committee. In 2011-12, the Center’s Advisory Committee underwent a renewal process designed to attract new members representing the next generation, as well as additional countries in the region and emerging economic sectors. David Rockefeller’s magnificent initiative in founding the Center, and his leadership in attracting exceptional individuals to the Advisory Committee, posed a natural challenge as time went on: the review and renewal of the Committee’s membership. During the year, numerous meetings and discussions were held within the Center, with friends throughout the region as well as with David Rockefeller and his team, to address this challenge.

Before the renewal process began, there were 51 members on the Advisory Committee. We subsequently lost or thanked 21 members, bringing our numbers down to 30. Pursuant to the review of new invitees, we have received acceptances from 20 new members.

The Advisory Committee Weekend Activities, held in May 2012, were an opportunity to welcome these new members, to celebrate with them the Center’s accomplishments of the past year, and to discuss plans for the future.

The Center is deeply grateful to all members of its Advisory Committee and their efforts to ensure the Center’s relevance and sustainability in the years ahead.

FROM LEFT TO RIGHT [1] Margareta Zemann, John-David Jones, Associate Director for Communications at the DRCLAS; [2] Marnie Pillsbury, Lorenzo Weisman and Peter Morse, Advisory Committee members; [3] Gabi Fernandez, Visiting Scholar, and to work on diverse topics related to the region. Similarly, the new gift will provide crucial funding for the DRCLAS flagship publication, Revista: the Harvard Review of Latin America.

We are grateful to the Corporación Andina de Fomento and the Kellogg-Marvin Foundation for their contributions to the Center’s core endowment; to the Fundación María Cecilia Souto Vidigal, The Braña Foundation and Instituto Arapayú for new support to central activities of our Brazil Office; Banco de Chile, Empresa Periodística El Mercurio and Professors Doug Altieri and Judy Patffey for their gifts to support important projects carried out by our Regional Office. Renewed and new gifts from Jay Brickman and Paul Wallis-Faulk enabled the Center to continue to support its Cuban Studies Program.

We remain thankful to these supporters as well as to the members of the Advisory Committee, who have committed gifts and pledges, thus continuing to enable us to carry out our shared mission.

BRAZIL OFFICE ADVISORY GROUP
The Brazil Office Advisory Group is comprised of senior leaders from across disciplines and sectors, with a demonstrated commitment to education. They are stewards of increasingly strong ties between Harvard and Brazil and provide vision, advice and support of the Office and its initiatives. We are grateful to Leona Forman, Elia Gaspari, Lilía Schwarz and Richard Strasser for their contributions during their tenure as Advisors. In 2011-12, we welcomed four new distinguished members to the group: Ana Paula Martínez, Flavia Almeida, Gilberto Dimenchen and Joanna Jeressati. The Brazil Office Advisory Group members are: Mário de Salles Aguiar (Joana Jeressati), Flavia Almeida, Welford Klabin, Claudio de Moura Castro, Jorge Paulo Leitão, Ana Paula Martínez, Gilberto Dimenchen, David Fleischer, João José Reis, Jorge Guerra Johannepeter, Claudio Haddad, Chair.

FRIENDS OF THE CENTER PROGRAM
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In February 2012, DRCLAS received an important gift from Sovereign/Santander, which established an agreement to continue to sustain and expand core programmatic activities of the Center. As a central contribution to the Banco Santander Fund for Latin American Studies at DRCLAS, the gift underwrites the Student Mobility Fund and the International Mobility Faculty Grants, providing conference, internship, research, student organization and travel grants for students, while enabling the research by Harvard faculty on a wide range of disciplines, including science, technology and medicine. This contribution also allows for the visit of distinguished academics and professionals from Latin America to spend a semester or a year at Harvard as the Santander Visiting Scholar, and to work on diverse topics related to the region. Similarly, the new gift will provide crucial funding for the DRCLAS flagships publication, Revista: the Harvard Review of Latin America.


REGIONS OFFICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP
The DRCLAS Regional Office Consultative Group convenes a select group of alumni and friends from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru, Uruguay and the United States to provide support and advice to the Regional Office on programmatic development related to faculty and student initiatives. The Regional Office Consultative Group members are: Alejandro Aravena, León Larraín, Fernando Campero, Mercedes de Campos, José de Riveira, Tony Custer, Nicolás Gutiérrez, Gustavo Herrera, Victoria Hurtado, Marnie Pillsbury, Lorenzo Weisman, Tony Custer, Peter Morse, Fernando Diris de Rea, José González Quesada, Francisco Ravasia Jones, Lauren Reiss, Andrés Velasco, Faculty Chair.

### Financial Statement

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¹ Includes funding for student and faculty programs and activities of overseas offices, country and regional studies programs, most foundation-supported initiatives and other activities.

² Includes carry forward gifts from the Andrew W. Mellon and other foundations plus restrictions on gifts to be used in multiple years.

#### STAFF 2011-12

- **Yesenia Aquilar**: Regional Office Student Internship Program Coordinator, Regional Office
- **Tomas Amarim**: Program Officer, Brazil Office
- **Ann Bassi**: Associate Director of Finance and Administration (incoming)
- **Patricia Cespedes**: Student Program Coordinator, Peru
- **Kalen Chang**: Financial Assistant
- **Jason Dyett**: Program Director, Brazil Office
- **Kathy Eskroad**: Executive Director
- **June Carolyn Erick**: Publications Director
- **Maria José Ferreyra**: Program Representative, Argentina
- **Erick Goodman**: Senior Project Manager
- **Paula Ibarra**: Program Coordinator, Andean Studies and ARTS@DRCLAS
- **Sophie Jampel**: Events Coordinator
- **Timothy Linden**: Post-Graduation Fellow, Brazil Office
- **Aaron Livin**: Program Manager, Brazil Studies Program
- **Verónica Martini**: Associate Director of Strategy and Development
- **Marta ‘Pita’ Meila**: Student Programs Manager, Regional Office
- **Marina de Moura**: Student Programs Coordinator, Brazil Office
- **Rachel Mullay**: Events and Office Assistant
- **Edwin Ortiz**: Manager of Academic Services
- **Manuel Carlos Pereira Neto**: Program Analyst, Brazil Office
- **Marcela Rams**: Program Manager for Cambridge and Regional Office, ARTS@DRCLAS
- **Marcela Renteria**: Program Officer, Regional Office
- **Yadira Rivera**: Student Services Associate
- **Linda Rodriguez**: Fellow, Cuban Studies Program
- **Ana Pulido Ruíz**: Fellow, Mexico and Central America Program
- **Anita Safran**: Editor, ReVista and Book Series
- **Alina Salgado**: Development and External Relations Coordinator
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