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
During the 2014–15 academic year, the Brazil Office focused on four goals: steward the pipeline of Harvard students engaging with Brazil and of Brazilian students enrolling at Harvard; help improve the well-being and life outcomes for vulnerable children in Brazil; advance the establishment of a multi-year city collaboration; and better use existing visiting scholar opportunities at Harvard.

Record numbers of students traveled to Brazil in 2014–15. Collaborative field courses in public health and engineering, mentorship, summer internships, and other academic and professional opportunities attracted over 240 Harvard students to Brazil. Meanwhile, stronger outreach efforts have increased the number of Brazilians in degree programs at Harvard to 104, up from the low 60s in 2010.

We are focused on building the stream of Brazilian PhD candidates at Harvard, which is critical to enabling future academic collaborations. With only 13 Brazilian PhD students at Harvard and just 11.5% pursuing the degree, much remains to be done. To make progress, we have partnered with the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences in organizing in-depth information sessions and producing a video, Brazil at Harvard: The PhD Experience. We worked with admissions offices across the University in engaging more than 300 Brazilian students in information sessions in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Brasília. The model of collaboration we have developed is thriving Early Childhood Development (ECD) initiative has succeeded in providing meaningful research and learning opportunities for Harvard faculty and students, as well as their Brazilian collaborators, while strengthening mutually beneficial relationships with local academic and not-for-profit partner organizations. Our São Paulo-based staff has played an important role in building research teams and in helping to provide the financial support that has ensured progress and brought about large grant proposals in the ECD arena. The total amount of funding awarded between 2012 and 2015 to 12 Harvard faculty members from across the University and their local collaborators for child development-related research in Brazil exceeds $725,000 USD. Enabled by early-stage funding from the Brazil Office, the majority of this support has come from external sources such as the Spring Brains Program and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. To engage and serve more Harvard faculty and students, we intend to build on our ECD success in other aspects of human development, well-being and productivity throughout the lifespan.

In the area of cities, we organized and co-hosted the International Symposium on Ecological Urbanism and the book launch and exhibition of Urbanismo Ecológico: Mohsen Mostafavi, Dean of the Harvard Graduate School of Design (GSD), and GSD Professors Charles Waldheim, Diane Davis and Gareth Doherty welcomed an audience of over 250 people for the event. We organized and staffed a four-day visit of Ali Malkawi, Founding Director of Harvard’s Center for Green Buildings and Cities. We also spearheaded the sixth edition of an environmental engineering collaborative field course focused on Sustainable Cities.

Over 25 Brazilian scholars and professionals joined the Harvard community as visiting scholars, fellows, and researchers in 2014–15. Our efforts resulted in a threefold increase in the number of applicants from Brazil to the DRCLAS Visiting Scholars Program. In parallel, we stepped up outreach efforts to better map the range of existing opportunities at Harvard and broadened the network of prospective host Centers, labs, and programs we work with across the University. More information at drclas.harvard.edu/brazil.

OUR THANKS
Core funding from the Lemann Family Foundation has been vital to all that we do. We deeply appreciate the generosity and partnership of the Fundação Maria Cecília Salles Volpato and the individual supporters who make our work possible. Harvard’s Center for Public Interest Careers, Government Department, Global Health Institute, John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and T.H. Chan School of Public Health are among our valued internal partners. We would like to acknowledge the members of our Brazil Office Advisory Group for their uncommon contribution of time, knowledge, and guidance. Ana Paula Martinez, Claudio de Moura Castro, Claudia Haddad (Sheri), David Fleischer, Elsa Reis, Patricia Almeida, Gilberto Elmanstein, João José Reis, Jorge Garibal Johnerajy, Jorge Paulo Lemann, Mauro de Salles Agresti, Miguel Grupi, Philip Long and Wolfit Klaber.

Clockwise Above: Local woman from San Juan Chamula, Chiapas, Mexico; Harvard College students during the Semester Abroad Program in Argentina; Harvard College students take a cultural visit to Estancia Santa Susana during the Summer Internship Program in Brazil. Students participating in DRCLAS study abroad and experiential learning.

The Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean Office began the 2014–15 academic year with President Drew Faust’s visit to Mexico City, which attracted a record attendance of nearly 100 guests. The office held the privilege of hosting a private tea with President Faust and local members of the Advisory Board.

We continued to host public health colloquia throughout the year to engage a select group of practitioners, academics, and politicians in open discussions about the challenges facing the Mexican health care system in order to create better policies and initiatives.

Through our efforts to work with local organizations, we collaborated with Ambulante, a documentary film production company that also hosts educational workshops, carrying out a workshop on Sensory Ethnography. Experts J.P. Smajlić, Jeff Silva, and Nicole Pena led the workshop for 12 participants who were chosen from over 100 applicants. We co-sponsored a film screening with Laboratorio para la Ciudad, held in Mexico City’s experimental office for civic innovation and urban creativity between citizens and government, of the documentary H2OMX, an environmental case study on the issue of water shortage, pollution, and waste in the Mexican Valley.

We closed the academic year with an event at Museo Experimental El ECO, with a presentation of the book “Mexico City: Between Geometry and Geography,” which recounts the urban evolution of Mexico City through photography, archival material, and analytical drawings created by Prof. Correa and Prof. García-Vélez from the GSD. A new partnership with the T.H. Chan School of Public Health was created for a research project to measure the health impact on Mexico City’s inhabitants since policies to improve the quality of air were implemented 20 years ago. This project is a three-year collaboration between the School of Public Health, local government organizations, and academic institutions.

The office has also been working with the GSD on the Mexican Cities Initiative, through which students receive a small grant to conduct innovative research during the summer to communicate risk and resilience through the lens of everyday urbanism in Mexico. We have also begun to support studio classes that cover different topics in the region. We hope that creative collaborations and on-the-ground projects will emerge from these classes, to create a positive impact in the local community.

This year, the office received 23 students who participated in our student programs. In addition, we also hosted eight students from different Harvard graduate schools and four Mexican students from various local institutions who participated in the Winter Course: The Mexican Health System: Policy, Implementation and Monitoring/Evaluation led by Professors David Reich and Martin Lajous. Moreover, Professor Diane Davis led 10 students from the GSD to conduct a workshop in Cancún that analyzed a multidimensional study of a semi-abandoned housing community built by the Instituto Nacional de la Vivienda para los Trabajadores (INFONAVIT). As part of the research, students conducted site visits and spoke with community members and leaders, as well as researchers from the observatory of violence at the University of the Caribbean.

For the past two years, the office has supported the Clásica de Cerecín (Science Clubs) in Mexico, an organization consisting of current PhD students from Harvard and other prestigious universities with the mission to increase access to quality science education for young Mexicans. Those students organized free one-week intensive courses granted toward high school and college students in topics of science, technology, engineering, and math.

As the office continues to grow, we are delighted to announce that we will be expanding programmatic activities, student and faculty work, as well as institutional collaborations, to the Caribbean region. In conjunction with the work of the DRCLAS Mexico and Central America Program, our Mexico City office looks forward to further exploring potential collaborations between Harvard and this additional region. More information at mca.drclas.harvard.edu.

The Regional Office continued strengthening existing relationships and building new ones this past year. In its fourth year, Recupera Chile launched the Granjeros del Mar (Sea Farmers) initiative to help artisanal fisherman and women develop their aquaculture production and commercialization in zones affected by the tsunami and nuclear accident in Southern Chile. As part of the recupera chile project, the Harvard Club of Southern Chile organized the observatory of violence at the University of the Caribbean.

On November 2014, working closely with the U.S. Department of State and the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), the Regional Office organized the first annual women’s health care forum. This initiative, sponsored by Chile’s Ministry of Health and the Harvard-UTEC Faculty Grants Program, with the first grants awarded this spring to three Harvard-Uruguayan faculty-developed research projects. In December, DRCLAS, with support from Universidad del Pacífico, launched in Lima the fall 2014 issue of ReVista: The Harvard Review of Latin America, with support from Universidad del Pacífico, launched in Lima the fall 2014 issue of ReVista: The Harvard Review of Latin America, dedicated exclusively to Peru. In addition, with the signing of the Harvard-Uruguay-Mundo Sano agreement, initiatives will commence in Argentina in August 2015, with an international public health forum on forgotten and neglected disease. More information at mca.drclas.harvard.edu.

Endowment in Chile, the Regional Office also organized academic roundtable discussions and public events, featuring Prof. Leo E. Wolff, Secretary of State for Political Affairs and HKS professors Sheila Jasanoff and Thomas Kane. A myriad of new opportunities emerged this past year in Peru. As part of the DRCLAS Visiting Scholars Program and created by the Tony Custer Family Endowment, the Custer Fellowship was launched this fall to support scholars and/or leading practitioners from Peru or dedicated to the study of Peru. Since signing a historic agreement in October 2014, Universidad de Ingeniería y Tecnología (UTEC) and Harvard’s John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SSE) held student exchange programs on air and water quality and launched the Harvard-Uruguay Collaborative Research (HCII), which also supported the Harvard-UTEC initiatives, Drs. Hugo Silva and Silvia Gold for advancing the Harvard-Uruguay-Mundo Sano partnership, and Doug Atherton for his constant support to the Recupera Chile project.

Our deepest gratitude also goes to our outstanding Regional Office Advisory Group, which includes distinguished members of the DRCLAS Advisory Committee who have supported the Regional Office for many years. We would like to acknowledge the new members of the Advisory Group representing the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and the United States: Fernando Campers, Hugo Carranza, Tony Custer, Ellen Dzidzien, Gustavo Herrero, León Larraín, Mauricio López, Paula Macri, Victor Marcopoli, Peter Morsa, Judith Patney (Chair), Francisco Ravizza Jones, and Cynthia Saxborn.

Mexico, Central America & the Caribbean Office

Regional Office

Our Thanks

We are greatly thankful to the generous support of our Central American and Mexican Advisory Committee members, whose contributions have been crucial in the creation of this office and the ability to continue expanding our programming in the region. We are also grateful to the many institutions with whom we have worked these past years.

Children playing in Icaos, Chiapas, Mexico.

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We are deeply grateful to the Luksic family for their great generosity, supporting the office’s core activities and contributing to more than a decade of success. We would like to thank Edsward Huchschmid for his commitment to the Harvard-Uruguay initiatives, Drs. Hugo Silva and Silvia Gold for advancing the Harvard-Uruguay-Mundo Sano partnership, and Doug Atherton for his constant support to the Recupera Chile project.

HMS Professor Judith Patney participates in the Summer School Program for children aged 15 to 16 in the Chinese communities of Shanghai and Colombo as part of the Recupera Chile Initiative.
Anches & Southern Cone Program

Beginning in the fall of 2014, the Andes Initiative incorporated events related to the Southern Cone countries of Argentina, Chile, Peru, and Uruguay and, in the spring of 2015, was renamed the Andes and Southern Cone Program.

During 2014–15, the Program sponsored or co-sponsored a varied and dynamic set of activities, including a visit from Colombian writer Juan Gabriel Vasquez, recipient of the Prix Roger Caillois and the Alfaguara Novel Prize. Additional events included Temporalidades Iberorromances en los Imaginarios Latinoamericanos Contemporáneos, with Álvaro Fernández-Bravo; and a symposium on the book Latin America: New Challenges to Imaginarios Latinoamericanos Contemporáneos, among other seminars, Eurípedes Constantino featured 16 seminars that addressed a variety of topics, including public health, economics, social policy, political science, environmental science, technology, sociology, history, art, literature, and anthropology. Fell speakers included Filipe Campante’s talk entitled “Is the Matter with Brasile: Judicial Capital Cities and Misgovernment,” Andrei Roman, who spoke about the 2013 protests in Brazil; Timothy J. Power and Frances Hagopian’s presentation “Dilma’s Year of Living Dangerously,” The 2014 Election in Brazil, and Gabriel Duarte’s presentation “Breaking Atlantic Urbanization and New Oil Territories in Brazil.” In the spring semester, among other seminars, Felipe Cunha’s presentation “Migração, Tradução da Cultura: Língua e Identidade” and the Program’s annual conference on campus highlighted the work of Brazil’s Minister of Culture for his outsized contributions to Brazilian culture. DRCLAS, students, and colleagues alike will remember him fondly for his inspiring, kind, and generous soul.

Brazil Studies Program

The Brazil Studies Program encourages and supports student and faculty engagement with Brazil. Chaired by Francisco Hagopian, Jorge Paulo Lemann Visiting Associate Professor for Brazil Studies in Harvard’s Department of Romance Languages and Literatures. The 13th annual Brazil Week took place in April, focusing on the theme of “Brazilian Culture.” Other joint initiatives between the RLL Department and the Liberal Studies Program continued to carry out collaborative projects with ARTS@DRCLAS. As part of these endeavors, ARTS@DRCLAS, the RLL Department and the Brazil Studies Program co-sponsored the ARTS@DRCLAS Spring Music Concert: Dance Music from Northeastern Brazil, which took place in April 2015, and the RLL Film Series Beyond Samba: The Musical Others of Brazilian Culture.

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The Brazil Studies Program continues to provide support to a range of student organizations dedicated to promoting and strengthening ties with Brazil. An initiative of the recently formed Harvard-Wide Brazilian Student Association, the Harvard Brazil Conference—Braz Week: The Legacy Of 50 Years Of Democracy and Challenges to Come—took place on April 17 and 18. In its first edition, the Conference, co-sponsored by the Brazil Studies Program, gathered scholars and practitioners from a variety of fields for vibrant discussions about Brazilian political, social, and economic realities in an increasingly globalized world.

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Harvard undergraduates engage in community service during their time in Argentina.

Harvard College students attend a lecture at Insep, one of Brazil’s leading colleges of Business Administration.

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During the fall of 2014, ARTS@DRCLAS co-organized with the GSD and Research for Informal Learning, during spring 2014, the Critical Design project originated in the region at the Science Center Plaza. It featured dance music from Zazumbeca, which took place for the first time in an outdoor setting affiliated music group Forró Davis and Gareth Doherty, among Harvard scholars from the Ephemeral City. A panel featuring Harvard scholars from the Ephemeral City. A panel.

The Ephemeral City: Looking at Latin America in the 1960s, as part of its ongoing collaborations designed to establish long-lasting, in-depth relationships with arts initiatives throughout the University, the program organized and co-sponsored various activities, including the ARTS@DRCLAS Graduate School of Design Series, featuring architecture and design. The series included a discussion on Santiago’s cultural landscape, moderated by Professor Jessica Smith (GSD); the arts@DRCLAS–Graduate School of Design Series, featuring art and design. The series included a discussion on Santiago’s cultural landscape, moderated by Professor Jessica Smith (GSD); the arts@DRCLAS–Graduate School of Design Series, featuring art and design.

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13 Conferences

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- **OCTOBER 11**
  **LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS CONFERENCE AT HARVARD COLLEGE**
  Harvard College Initiative for Latin American Relations (HILAR) is a student-run organization whose main objective is to unite the region’s current and future leaders in business, public service, and academia. Through the conference, student leads had the opportunity to hear premier academic leaders, public figures, and activists speak on the most pressing issues facing Latin America today. Topics spanned through disciplines and exposed students to relevant topics that they may not necessarily study in their courses. The fall conference took place on campus.

- **OCTOBER 27**
  **ESCAPING HOME: THE CRISIS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN CHILD MIGRANTS**
  This multi-panel conference, sponsored by the Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean Program, delved into the underlying causes and solutions for the surge of Central American child migrants at the U.S. border during the crisis in fall of 2014. Jacqueline Bhabha, FXB Director of Research, and Professor of the Practice of Health and Human Rights at the HSPH, chaired a panel of leading experts who discussed the root causes of the accelerated patterns of migration, migrant statistics, immigration policies and procedures, as well as human rights.

- **MARCH 27-28**
  **POLÍTICAS PÚBLICAS EN CHILE**
  Políticas Públicas brought together Chilean students of public policy in the United States. Its main objective was to create a network of interested Chileans to generate ideas and solutions on public policies in Chile. This meeting had an academic and practical approach, offering the opportunity to talk with prominent professors and politicians involved in the formulation of policies that have been conducted successfully in other countries and which can contribute to the development of Chile, along with sharing of studies and analysis of Chile.

- **MARCH 28**
  **OUR OWN WAY: 17TH ANNUAL LATIN AMERICA CONFERENCE AT HARVARD BUSINESS SCHOOL**
  The 17th annual Latin American Conference, a student club conference at HBS, brought together leaders from the public and private sectors who share a deep commitment to fostering social and economic growth in Latin America. The goal of the conference was to inspire and inform students and industry professionals to act on business opportunities in Latin America, as well as to position Latin America as an area of interest in academic, political, and professional communities in the U.S. and abroad. Keynote speakers included Larum Chinchilla, President of Costa Rica 2010-14, 1-Fernando Gonzalez, CEO of CEMEX, and Susan Segal, President and CEO of the Americas Society and the Council of the Americas.

- **APRIL 2-3**
  **PENSANDO ARGENTINA 2030**
  This student-organized seminar was created to analyze and reflect on the regional and international scene that awaits Argentina in the next 15 years and to identify the main opportunities and threats for the national development process and create a strategy outline.

- **APRIL 17**
  **BRAZIL +30: THE LEGACY OF 30 YEARS OF DEMOCRACY AND CHALLENGES TO COME**
  This student-organized conference created a platform to discuss challenges related to the future of Brazil and its impact in the world. The conference gathered key figures from Brazil’s 30-year history of democracy, after two decades under military dictatorship. The Harvard Brazil Conference debated both the legacy of the last three decades and the challenges ahead.

- **APRIL 21-23**
  **THIRTEENTH ANNUAL BRAZIL WEEK & 1ST LUSO WEEK AT HARVARD**
  The main objective of Brazil Week, organized by the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, is to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences among students, researchers, and businesspeople who interact with the Portuguese-speaking community. Presenters from several Lusophone countries and over 250 professionals, students, and researchers gathered at Harvard for three days of panel discussions about linguistics policies in Portuguese-speaking countries and their projections around the world.

- **APRIL 24-25**
  **THIRD COLOMBIAN CONFERENCE AT HARVARD-MIT**
  In its third edition, this student-organized conference convened academic from Harvard, MIT, and Columbia, along with representatives from the Colombian government, to promote visibility of topics of current relevance in Colombia in an academic setting that allows for open dialogue, criticism, and communication.
Visiting Professors & Scholars

The Visiting Scholars and Fellows Program strengthens ties between Harvard and other institutions by hosting distinguished academics and professionals who conduct research on a particular topic or region of Latin America. In 2014-15, the Center hosted 14 scholars and fellows; their fields of study included demography, law, political science and sociology, among others.

Odelie Casamayor-Coons, USA
Wilbur Marvin Visiting Scholar
On Being Blacks: Challenging the Hegemonic Knowledge Through Racial Self-Identification Processes in Post-Soviet Cuban Cultural Products

Jesús Díaz, Canada
Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Scholar
The Politicalization of Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Latin America

Gabriel Duarte, Brazil
Santander Visiting Scholar
Reversing Atlantic Urbanization and New Oil Territories in Brazil

Nina Gerassi-Navarro, USA
Santander Visiting Scholar
Traveling Beyond a Divided Landscape: Women, Science and Politics in Nineteenth-Century Americas

Monica Gordillo, Argentina
De Porath Visiting Scholar
Union Democratization in the Post-Dictatorships of the Southern Cone

Jeffrey Pajou, USA
Santander Visiting Scholar
The Discourse of Indigenous Revolution in the Andes

Martín Paredez, Peru
Gunter Visiting Scholar
Shaping State Capacity: A Comparative Historical Analysis of Mining Dependence in the Andes 1840s–1920s

Pedro Reina Pérez, Puerto Rico
DRCAL Visiting Scholar
El realito instable

Jeffrey Rubin, USA
Casamayor Visiting Scholar
Citizen Subjectivities Reconfigured: Social Movements, Business, and Religion in Latin America’s 21st Century Democracies

Wilbald von Soosten, Mexico
Madero/Fundación México Visiting Scholar
Social Origins of Election Turnout: Between Corporatist Vote Buying and Individual Voter Autonomy in Sub-National Mexico and Central America

Sebastián Soto, Chile
Lukovic Visiting Scholar
The Relation Between the President and the Congress over the Budget: The Case of the United States and Chile

Lester Tomi, USA
DRCAL Visiting Scholar
Cuban Ballet: Cosmopolitan Dancers, Nationalist Genres, A Study in Ballet and Globalization

Beatriz Uruchurtu, Colombia
Santo Domingo Visiting Scholar
Latin American Human Mortality Database Expansion

Luís Valenzuela, Chile
Lukovic Visiting Scholar
Creating Evidence-Based Design: Urban Inequality & Territorial Disaster Risk Spatial Modeling

Luís Visiting Scholar Sebastián Soto and DRCAL special guest from Partners in Health in Mexico Daniel Palacios

Cuban Visiting Scholars and Scientists

Elaine Díaz Rodriguez, Cuba
Nieman Foundation/Nieman Fellow
Social Media and Internet in Cuba

Raúl Díez Rodriguez, Cuba
Harvard Medical School/Atlantic Philanthropies Translational and Clinical Trials in Cuba

Reynaldo Miguel Jiménez Gauchin, Cuba
DRCAL/Ford Foundation
Cooperatives and Their Contribution to Agrarian and Non-Agrarian Development in Cuba and Latin America

Jessica León Mundú, Cuba
DRCAL/Ford Foundation
Monetary Policies in Cuba and their Impact on Economic Growth

Beatriz Marchese-Teruel, Cuba
Hutchins Center/Hutchins Fellow
Reconstructing the history of admixture and the African Genealogy through 2004 studies in Cuba

Elio Rodríguez, Spain
Afro-Latin American Research Institute/Cohen Fellow
Corridas y Venidas

Devin Spencer Benson, USA
Afro-Latin American Research Institute/Shaila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellow
Not Blacks, but Citizens: Race and Revolution in Cuba

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SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies awards Summer Research Travel Grants for senior thesis or dissertation research. This year, a total of 28 grants were awarded: 18 to undergraduate students and nine to graduate students. These grants were made possible through the generous support of 20 individual endowment funds at the Center.

THE JOHN WOMACK, JR. SUMMER RESEARCH TRAVEL GRANT

The John Womack, Jr. Summer Research Travel Grant was established in 2008 in honor of John Womack, Jr., Robert Woods Bliss Professor of Latin American History and Economics, Emeritus, 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 2014–15 recipient of the John Womack, Jr. Summer Research Travel Grant was Erin Kinneaud James, from the T.H. Chan School of Public Health, for her dissertation research entitled Policy Analysis of the Passage of the Soda Tax in Mexico.

The Kenneth Maxwell Summer Research Travel Grant

The Kenneth Maxwell Summer Research Travel Grant was established by DRCLAS in 2008 in honor of Dr. 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 requiring travel to Brazil. The 2014–15 recipient of the Kenneth Maxwell Summer Research Travel Grant was Jonathan Phillips, from the Graduate Department, for his dissertation research entitled Politics Against the Grain: Programmatic Policies and Political Realities in Brazilian Federalism.

SUMMER INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS

A total of three grants were awarded to undergraduate and graduate students for internships in the summer of 2015. The grants are made possible through the generous support of 10 individual endowment funds at the Center.

TERM―TIME TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Term-time Travel-Grants are intended for undergraduate students completing thesis research, for graduate students conducting dissertation research and for students from the professional schools executing specific projects, such as the D.C. Day Experience at the Harvard Kennedy School. A total of 17 grants were awarded to five undergraduates and 12 graduate students for research conducted in the winter of 2014–15.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL GRANT RECIPIENTS

The Center’s Conference Travel Grant Program is intended to allocoordinate expenses for Harvard graduate students participating in conferences outside of the Boston area. In 2014–15, HKS awarded 12 Conference Travel Grants to students from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and nine grants to professional schools throughout Harvard.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2014–15, the Center awarded 15 grants to Latino and Latin American student organizations throughout Harvard. Organizations supported were the Harvard Association for the Cultivation of Inter-American Democracy (HACIA Democracy); the Harvard College Initiative for Latin American Relations; Latinas Unidas de Harvard College; the Harvard Graduate Student Association; the Harvard Kennedy School Latin American Students Association; the Harvard Students for Brazilian Studies; the Harvard Brazilian Student Association; the Harvard Haitian Alliance; Concilio Latino, La Organizacion de Puertorriqueños en Harvard; the Harvard Dominican Student Association; and the Harvard Argentine Tango Society.

COATSWORTH FELLOWSHIP IN LATIN AMERICAN HISTORY

The Kenneth Maxwell Summer Research Travel Grant was established in 2008 in honor of Mr. Donald Phillips, Editor and a challenge grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to underwrite the cost of providing the fellows with training through a degree program at Harvard University, aiming to help build a stronger, more effective public sector in Brazil. The fellowships are administered by the Committee on General Scholarships and are awarded for one academic year, with the possibility of renewal for one additional year, to students who are citizens of Brazil and who will enroll at Harvard College School of Public Health, Harvard Kennedy School, or Harvard Law School. The fellowships also support dissertation research for doctorate students of any nationality at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences whose work primarily focuses on Brazil and who need to conduct dissertation research in Brazil for one academic year. Seven students received Fellows: Guillerme Lichod, Economics and Government Department, HKS/HBS; Luigi Patruno, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, GSAS; Andi Roman, Government, HKS; Juan Torrubiod, Comparative Literature, GSAS; Guillerme Trasvillo Andrade, HKS/HSPH; Katrina Roth, HKS; Filipe Coorssen Nasser Siqueira, HKS; Flavia Nasser Goulart, HKS/HBS; José Frederico Lyra Netto, HKS; Adauto Modesto Junior, HKS; Luciano Ribeiro Sobral, HKS.

Term-time Research Travel Grants (winter)

STEVIE REIFENBERG FELLOWSHIP

The Steve Reifenberg Fund is intended to encourage graduating seniors to engage in a transformative international experience focused on social or environmental development. The Steve Reifenberg Opportunity in Latin American History will contribute not only to the students’ education but also to career, personal and leadership development. Recipients are selected with and inspired by the example of Steve Reifenberg. Steve was a former Program Director of the DRCLAS Regional Office, and his early experience as a volunteer in Latin America informed a lifelong commitment to social, economic and environmental justice that became the hallmark of a career dedicated to these issues. The recipient of the 2014-15 Steve Reifenberg Fellowship is Luciano Ribeiro Sobral, HKS/HBS.

Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellows

The Jorge Paulo Lemann Fellows provide Brazilian students who work or aspire to work as professionals in public health, public policy or education the opportunity to undertake a research and training through a degree program at Harvard University, aiming to help build a stronger, more effective public sector in Brazil. The fellowships are administered by the Committee on General Scholarships and are awarded for one academic year, with the possibility of renewal for one additional year, to students who are citizens of Brazil and who will enroll at Harvard College School of Public Health, Harvard Kennedy School, or Harvard Law School. The fellowships also support dissertation research for doctorate students of any nationality at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences whose work primarily focuses on Brazil and who need to conduct dissertation research in Brazil for one academic year. Seven students received Lemann fellowships: Guillerme Lichod, Economics and Government Department, HKS/HBS; Karina Bulh, HKS; Filipe Coorssen Nasser Siqueira, HKS; Flavia Nasser Goulart, HKS/HBS; José Frederico Lyra Netto, HKS; Adauto Modesto Junior, HKS; Luciano Ribeiro Sobral, HKS.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Prizes

JAMES R. AND ISABEL D. HAMMOND THESIS PRIZE

Established in 1992 with a gift from James R. Hammond (AB ’57), 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 2015 Hammond Prize was awarded to two students: They are Manuel Andreas Melinder Sanchez for his Government thesis, Toward a Theory of Comparative Party Cohesion and Schism: El Salvador’s National Republican Alliance (ARENA) in Comparative Perspective, 1980– 2005; and Nathalie Minora for her History and Literature thesis, ‘The Persistence of Nahua Mythic Motherhood in the Name of Salomé and Salomé: O Carta e uma Ameaça.’

JOAN MORTHLAND HUTCHINS PRIZE

The Joan Mortland Hutchins Thesis Prize was established in 2001 as the Inter-Faculty Committee on Latin Studies Thesis Prize, the Joan Mortland Hutchins 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 prize is awarded by a gift from Joan Mortland Hutchins (AB ’51). The 2015 Hutchins Prize was awarded to two students: Anahi Mendoza for her Social Studies thesis, The Golden Cage: The Impact of Criminalization on the Lives of Immigrants and the Quality of American Democracy; and Maria Isabel Romo for her History and Literature thesis, ‘Pieses de salomé: Mythic Motherhood in the Name of Salomé and Salomé: O Carta e uma Ameaça.’

Student Organization Grants

James Hammond and Joan Hutchins join thesis prize recipients during the 2015 Latin American Studies Certificate Ceremony.

Kenneth Maxwell Thesis Prize

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 from Dr. Kenneth Maxwell. The 2015 Kenneth Maxwell Thesis Prize was awarded to René K. Vazquez Trovi for his History and Literature thesis, Anna Crista Bola: Trauma de Arrocha and Augusto Boal’s Early Theater Works in Dictatorial Brazil, 1955–1977.
Student Programs in Latin America

DRCLAS SUMMER INTERNSHIP AND IMMERSION PROGRAMS

DRCLAS offers structured internship and immersion programs in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru. These eight-week programs allow students to be placed as interns or volunteers with local organizations aligned with their personal or career goals or to participate in structure research, language or pre-med immersion programs with partner universities. The Center’s overseas Offices arrange host family stays and weekly seminars, lectures and excursions. In summer 2015, 48 students participated in eight programs in five countries.

SUMMER 2015 PROGRAMS

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Summer Internship Program in Mexico City
El Colegio de Mexico Study Abroad Program in Mexico
Summer Internship Program in Peru

JANUARY 2015 PROGRAMS

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Healthcare in Rural Settings, in partnership with Universidad Mayor in Chile
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Collaborative SEAS/Poli-USP Environmental Engineering: Field Course in Brazil: Urban Adaptation to Climate Change: Resilient Cities
Mentoring and Language Acquisition Program in Brazil
HSPH Winter Course Program in Brazil
SEAS/Universidad de Tecnología e Ingeniería Field Course in Peru: Air and Water Quality in Emerging Economies

DRCLAS offers 11 distinct programmatic activities for Harvard students in Latin America during the January winter break with opportunities in Brazil, Chile, and Mexico. We are thrilled to have been able to respond once again to the significant student demand for overseas programs, successfully running concurrent cross-disciplinary programs throughout Latin America.

DRCLAS also assisted in the organization and execution of three graduate student modules through the T.H. Chan School of Public Health, in Brazil, Chile, and Mexico, as well as collaborating on three initiatives with the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences in Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Twelve assistant faculty members who serve three-year renewable terms meet with the Director each month to advise on Center policies and operations. During 2014–15 the following Harvard faculty served on the DRCLAS Executive Committee:

Brian D. Farrell, Chair, FAS
David Carrasco, FAS
Michael Chu, HBS
Thomas R. E. Cummins, FAS
Alejandro de la Fuente, FAS
William I. Fish, FAS (on leave Spring 2015)
Frances Hagopian, FAS
Noel Michele Holbrook, FAS
Steven Levitsky, FAS
Ernesto Fernandez Holmann
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Pepa Arriaga and AC member Eugenio Madrazo during Advisory Committee Weekend 2015.

Faculty Governance

POLICY COMMITTEE

Faculty from eight graduate and 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. One hundred and three faculty members serve on the Center’s Policy Committee. More information at drclas.harvard/faculty-governance.
We remain extremely grateful to the Advisory Committee, which continues to be a very important source of counsel and support for the Center. Advisory Committee members, as well as members of the Brazil Office Advisory Group in São Paulo, the Regional Office Advisory Group in Santiago, Chile, and the newly founded Cuban Studies Program Advisory Group, provide critical advice and support for our work. Our continued success would not be possible without the immense commitment of our members and friends.

The Center is also grateful to Banco Santander, which, in academic year 2014-15, renewed its support to the Banco Santander Fund for Research and Conservation of Maya Sculpture to ensure continuity of important work in archaeology in Central America, led by William Fash, Bowditch Professor of Central American and Mexican Archaeology and Ethnology, and Barbara Fash, Director of the Corpus of Maya Hieroglyphic Inscriptions Program at the Peabody Museum.

During the Advisory Committee Weekend Activities, held in May 2015, we were delighted to announce the creation of the Dissertation Award in Latin American Politics in honor of Professor Jorge L. Domínguez. This annual prize will serve to recognize outstanding original research in the study of politics in Latin America and the Caribbean. This gift has been created through the contributions of Professor Domínguez’s former students through the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), as well as the great generosity of our Advisory Committee member Antonio Madrazo.

On the same occasion, through the committed support and initiative of Advisory Committee Chair Tony Custer, DRCLAS established a fund in honor of our former Director, Merilee Grindle. The Merilee Grindle Making a Difference Prize will be awarded to an undergraduate or graduate student conducting scholarly work to make a positive difference in Latin America, a legacy initiated by Merilee and one we will strive to further sustain.

Core funding for the Brazil Office from the Lemann Family and Lemann Foundation has been vital to our work in Brazil, as has been the generosity and partnership of the Fundación Maria Cecilia Souto Valdés. We cherish the commitment of our most valued internal partners at the University, including Harvard’s Center for Public Interest Careers, Government Department, Global Health Institute, John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences and the T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

We are sincerely grateful to all Advisory Committee members from Mexico and Central America whose contributions have been crucial in the establishment of our office in Mexico City. Over the next couple of years, the office will embark on the expansion of its reach to serve not only Mexico and Central America, but the countries of the Caribbean. This expansion represents a unique opportunity for DRCLAS to continue to develop its emergent work in the region.

The Regional Office in Santiago, Chile, is deeply grateful to the Luksic family for their great generosity, supporting the office’s core activities and contributing to more than a decade of success. We also thank Eduardo Hochschild for his commitment to the Harvard-UTTC initiatives, Drs. Hugo Sigman and Silvia Gold for advancing the Harvard-Mundo Sano partnership, and Doug Ables for his consistent support to the Recupera Chile project. Our heartfelt thanks also go to the Regional Office Advisory Group and its new members.

DRCLAS remains deeply grateful to all members of its Advisory Committee and regional Advisory Groups, close collaborators and friends for their efforts to ensure the Center’s relevance and sustainability in the years ahead.

Brazil Office Advisory Group

The Brazil Office Advisory Group is composed of senior leaders from across disciplines and sectors with a demonstrated commitment to education. We are grateful to the following members for their uncommon contribution of time, knowledge and guidance during academic year 2014-15:

- Mano de Salles Aguiar
- Flavia Almeida
- Claudio de Moura Castro
- Gilberto Dimenstein
- David Fleischer
- Jorge Godin Johannpeter
- Claudio Holck, Chair
- Wolf Lichtenstein
- Jorge Paulo Lemann
- Ana Paula Martinez
- Elisa Reis
- João José Reis
- Miguel Struppi
- Philip Yang

Cuban Studies Program Advisory Group

The Cuban Studies Program established a new Advisory Group to provide support for the program’s goals and activities and to advise the program’s faculty co-directors on issues central to its mission. The group currently consists of nine members, including alumni and friends deeply committed to the study of Cuba in a new era of U.S.-Cuban relations. Members are:

- Teresita Alvarez-Bjelland
- Mario Baeza
- Jay Brinkman
- José Alvarez-Guzmán
- María Elena Lagomarsino
- David Perez
- Cristina Rubio Suarez
- Carlos Saldivar
- Rachel Weingast

Regional Office Advisory Group

The Regional Office Advisory Group includes distinguished members of the DRCLAS Advisory Committee and a selected group of alumni and friends who have supported the Regional Office for many years. Shaping its course for the future, the Regional Office recently renewed the leadership and membership of its Advisory Group. The new members represent the countries of Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Chile, Peru, Uruguay and the United States.

- Fernando Campero
- Hugo Carannara*
- Tony Custer
- Ellen Guadagni
- Gustavo Herrero*
- León Larraín
- Mauricio López*
- Paula Luksic*
- Victor Marronqui*
- Peter Morse
- Judah Palley, Chair*
- Francisco Ravecca Jones
- Cynthia Sanborn*

* Indicates new members

This page, clockwise from top: Brazil Office Advisory Group Chair Claudio Holck; Cuba Studies Program Advisory Group member Mario Baeza; AC member Divid Lorentzen during the Executive Session of the 2015 Advisory Committee Weekend; AC member Gabriel Peter Traynor; member Gabriela Poma Traynor.

This page, clockwise from top: Brazil Office Advisory Group Chair Claudio Holck; Cuba Studies Program Advisory Group member Mario Baeza; AC member Divid Lorentzen during the Executive Session of the 2015 Advisory Committee Weekend; AC member Gabriel Peter Traynor; member Gabriela Poma Traynor.
## Financial Statement

**FISCAL YEAR 2015**  
**JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015**

### BEGINNING BALANCE

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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 grants from foundations plus restricted gifts to be used in multiple years.

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- Sylvia Percovich  
- Carlos Schmidt-Padilla  
- Reitmay She  
- John Tesoriero