

## *CHSS Annual Report– 2007-08 for Latin American and Latino Studies*

### **I. Staffing**

- A. While the program does not hire faculty, we were fortunate enough to have new faculty members join MSU with interest in Latin America and Latino Studies. They include Fran Rothstein of Anthropology and Debbie Saivetz of Theatre and Dance. We also hired three work-study students.

Established a 23-person Advisory Board consisting of university faculty, staff and students. The members were:

Mabel Almonte (LASO), Marina Cunningham (Global Education Center), Domingo Estrada (Educational Opportunity Programs), Raul Gallope (Spanish and Italian Department), Lisette Garcia (Sociology Department), Eduardo Gil (Sprague Library), Diana Guemarez-Cruz (Spanish and Italian), Ruth Kunstadter (Spanish and Italian Department), Katherine McCaffrey (Anthropology Department), Kara A. Morillo (Women's Center), Bryan Murdock (Center for Community-Based Learning), Caroline Murray (Center of Pedagogy), Carlos Ortiz (College of Humanities and Social Sciences), Luis San Vincente Portes (International Business), Maria F. Reyes (Student Representative), Frances Rothstein (Anthropology Department), William Rosa (College of Humanities and Social Sciences), Debbie Saivetz (Theatre and Dance), Patricia B. Salzman (Classics and General Humanities), Pamela Smorkaloff (Spanish and Italian Department), Tony Spanakos (Political Science and Law), Peter Siegel (Anthropology), James Woodard (History)

### **II. Curriculum Development:**

**Added the courses below as program electives to the Minor in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)**

INBS 352: Economic Relations in Latin America.

EUGS 441: Village to Metropolis: Urbanization in Latin America.

HIST 339: Seminar in Latin American History.

**Created a list of collateral electives to the Minor in LALS. They included:**

POLS432: U.S. Immigration: Law & Politics. Prerequisites:

SOCI 202: Ethnic Politics in America.

POLS 201: Comparative Politics.

FCST 418: Working with Diverse Families and Children.

CHAD 202: Cultural Competencies in Child Welfare.

ANTH 180: Health and Healing in Cross Cultural Perspective.

SOCI 202: Racial and Ethnic Relations.

SOCI 220: Sociology of Rich and Poor Nations.

SOCI 315: Social Inequality.

ARHS 457: Pre-Columbian, Oceanic and African Art.

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### **Updated curriculum guide to reflect recent changes in course names**

ANTH 150 Native Latin America to ANTH 150 Cultures of Latin America

HIST 114 Early Latin American Civilizations to HIST 114 Early Latin America

HIST 116 Modern Latin American Civilizations to HIST 116 Modern Latin America

SPAN 376 Spanish American Cultural History to SPAN 376 Cultural Studies: Latin America and the Caribbean

SPAN 363 Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature I to SPAN 363 Voices of the Past and Present: Latin America

Deleted SPAN 364 Masterpieces of Spanish American Literature , as the course will no longer be offered.

### **III. Programs, Projects, Special Events:**

Screening of Real Women have Curves with Kara Morillo (cosponsor)

LPANJ Annual Conference (co-sponsor)

“Consuming Interest: Water, Rum and Coca-Cola” by June Nash, Distinguished Professor Emerita, City University of New York (co-sponsor)

“Literatura y precariedad” with Dimelia Eltit (cosponsor)

“Coming out Narratives and Latinidad: The Pleasures of Silence” with Ben Sifuentes-Jauregui, PhD (co-sponsor)

The Real Super Heroes, Artist Talk with Dulce Pinzon (Sponsor)

Diversity Week (co-sponsor)

A lecture with Karim Ainouz (Sponsored by The MSU's Film Forum and the Latin American and Latino Studies)

“Is Venezuela's Hugo Chavez Leading Latin America towards Twenty-first Century Socialism?” A lecture with Tony Spanakos (Sponsor)

### **IV. Other Department/Program Achievements and Endeavors:**

Continued major marketing campaign and increased enrollment significantly. At the end of this year, there were 31 students enrolled in the minor. We have the highest enrollment than the other ethnic studies minors.

### **V. Activities of Administrative Units within Departments [if applicable]: N/A**

### **VI. Faculty Achievements:**

Also see the annual reports provided by the home departments of the advisory board members and the faculty teaching LALS courses.

#### **A. Scholarship**

##### **For Fuentes:**

Cantor, D. W., & Fuentes, M. A. (in press). Psychology's Response to Managed Care. *Journal of Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*.

Yankouski, B., Kurtovic, T., Trent, J., Tursi, J., & Fuentes, M. (in press). Voices of hope: Children's messages of peace. *Peace Psychology Newsletter*.

Herrera, M. B., Adekoye, T., Yankouski, B., & Fuentes, M. A. (2007, Summer). Peace Camp: Promoting Peace, Building Skills, and Reducing Stress. *Mental Health News*, 9 (3), 31.

- Tursi, J., Spottle, K., Fuentes, M. A., & Deevakonda, P. (2007, October). *A trip down mentoring lane: ethnic minorities success with a pre-collegiate mentoring conference*. A paper presented at the Fall Conference of the New Jersey Psychological Association, Iselin, NJ.
- Fuentes, M.A., Adames, H, & Iliá, N. (2007, August). *Building the pipeline for Latino psychologists: a promising training model*. In L. Ramos-Sanchez (Chair), Latino Training Models---New Directions in Cultural Competency Training. Symposium conducted at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Fuentes, M. A. (2007, August). *Sowing seeds of diversity: reflections from the garden state*. In M. Fuentes, Tracking Diversity Efforts in State Associations---Stories Told, Lessons Learned. Symposium conducted at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Arrieta, S., Sanguanchart, K., Smith, S., & Fuentes, M.A. (2008, April). *Latina adolescent suicide: Prevalence, causes and recommendations*. Poster session presented at the Third Annual National Child Advocacy Conference, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- Solano, V. Y, Andrade, M. A., & Fuentes, M. A. (2008, April). *School truancy: Causes, implications and solutions*. Poster session presented at the Third Annual National Child Advocacy Conference, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- Trent, J., Leone, K., Fuentes, M. A., & Yankouski, B. (2008, February). *Care to Talk: Sociability at Different Levels of Familiarity*. Poster session presented at the 9th Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Albuquerque, NM.
- Trent, J., Kurtovic, J., Yankouski, B., Gaskins, J., & Fuentes, M.A. (2007, August). Beyond the Acquisition of Knowledge: Key Lessons Learned in Psyc 101. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- St. Onge, S., Fuentes, M.A., White, K., & Deevakonda, P. (2007, August). The five “whats” of a personal statement. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Yankouski, B., Kurtovic, T., Trent, J., Tursi, J., & Fuentes, M.A. (2007, August). *Voices of hope: children’s messages of peace*. Poster session presented at the 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA
- Tursi, J., Gaskins, J., Yankouski, B., & Fuentes (2007, June). *The Dos and Don’ts of Mentoring: Evaluating a Mentoring Conference*. Poster session presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Society for Community and Research Action Conference, Pasadena, California.

**For Morillo:**

“Immaculate (Mis)conception: How the Film *Quinceañera* Reinforces *Marianismo*” . paper presented at Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey, Eighth Annual Conference on Latino Psychology, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ, 16 November 2007

**For Rothstein:**

- 2007a Globalization in Rural Mexico: Three Decades of Change. Austin: Texas. University of Texas Press.
- 2007b "Oportunidades Decrecientes: Parentesco, Empleo Femenino y la Economica Politica en el Mexico Rural." In D. Robichaux, Ed. Familias en Transicion: Unas Miradas Antropologicas. Mexico City: Universidad Iberoamericana.
- 2007c “Nuevos Migrantes en una Nueva Era: Globalización, Redes, y Génaro en el México Rural,” Paper presented at the Conference of Latin American Social Sciences (CLACSO) (Family Work Group), Mexico City, September 26-28.

Professional Distinctions (Offices in professional organizations, etc.)

**For Smorkaloff**

I presented papers at both the Latin American Studies Conference in Montreal and the International Congress on Caribbean Literature in St. Lucia.

Was invited to contribute a chapter for an anthology of critical essays on print media to be published by the University of Guelph, Canada.

Was invited by the North American Congress on Latin America to be their writer on Cuba in the US media for a new online journal they are publishing. I accepted the invitation.

Was a finalist for a Guggenheim fellowship.

I completed writing "Ajiaco and Sancocho", a book-length study of culture, cuisine, food, crops, literary and film narratives in the Spanish Antilles.

**For Siegel:**

Siegel, Peter E.

Submitted Competitive Politics and Territorial Expansion in the Caribbean. In *Islands in the Stream: Interisland and Continental Interaction in the Caribbean*, edited by L. Antonio Curet. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.

Siegel, Peter E., Christophe Descantes, Jeffrey R. Ferguson, and Michael D. Glascock  
In press Pre-Columbian Pottery in the West Indies: Compositional Change in Context. *Journal of Caribbean Archaeology*

Siegel, Peter E.

2008 Contested Places and Places of Contest: The Evolution of Social Power and Ceremonial Space in Prehistoric Puerto Rico. In *An Archaeological Perspective on Ritual, Religion, and Ideology from American Antiquity and Latin American Antiquity*, anthology compiled by Gordon F.M. Rakita and Jane E. Buikstra, pp. 187-216. Society for American Archaeology. The SAA Press, Washington, D.C.

Siegel, Peter E.

2007 Dynamic Dualism: A Structural Analysis of Circular Communities. *Proceedings of the International Congress for Caribbean Archaeology* 21(2):525-536. University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago.

Roosevelt, Anna C., and Peter E. Siegel

2007 Irving Rouse (1913-2006). *American Anthropologist* 109:235-237.

Toner, Mike

2008 Ghosts of the Taíno. *Archaeology* (published by the Archaeological Institute of America). 61 (2):50-53.

2007 Before and After Columbus. *American Archaeology* (published by The Archaeological Conservancy). 11(2):31-36.

2007 Principal Archeologist/Project Manager, JMA  
Espenshade, C, **PE Siegel**, J Loubser, and HB Matternes  
*Detailed Phase II Archaeological Testing and Data Recovery Planning, Site PO-29, Portugues Dam and Pool, Puerto Rico*. Contract No. W912EP-04-D-0030. New South Associates, Stone Mountain, Georgia. Submitted to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, Jacksonville, Florida.

2008 What do We Mean by an Archaeological Culture? The Concept of "Taíno" in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean. Paper presented in the symposium "The Taínos: Myth, Invention,

or Reality?” organized by L. Antonio Curet, Daniel Torres-Etayo, and John G. Crock. 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia.

2007 Dual Organization, Circular Communities, and the Evolution of Caribbean Chiefdoms. Paper presented at the Ben Rouse’s Legacy Memorial Conference. Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University, New Haven. April 20 - 21, 2007. Sponsored by the Yale Department of Anthropology, the Council on Archaeological Studies at Yale, the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, and the Yale Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies.

Casile, Charlotte A., John G. Jones, and Peter E. Siegel

2008 Human Environmental Interaction in the Caribbean: Pollen as Key to Identifying Population Movements, Settlement and Agriculture. Poster presented at the Northwest Anthropological Conference, Victoria, British Columbia. April 23 - 26, 2008.

Jones, John G., Nicholas P. Dunning, and Peter E. Siegel

2008 A Palynological Perspective on Pre-Columbian Activities on Trinidad. Paper presented at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia. March 26 – 30, 2008.

Casile, Charlotte A., John G. Jones, Nicholas P. Dunning, and Peter E. Siegel

2008 Pre-Columbian Human/Environmental Interactions on Antigua, West Indies: Palynological Implications from a Sediment Core. Paper presented at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Vancouver, British Columbia. March 26 – 30, 2008.

2007 Dual Organization and Circular Communities: Evidence from the Caribbean and North America. Paper presented at the meeting of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, Monmouth University, West Long Branch. May 19, 2007.

Invited discussant for “Mobility and Exchange from a Pan-Caribbean Perspective,” held at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, March 26 – 30, 2008, Vancouver, British Columbia. Organized by Corinne L. Hofman and Alistair J. Bright.

Invited discussant for “Recent Caribbean Collections Research at the Peabody Museum of Natural History, Yale University,” held at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, April 25 – April 29, 2007, Austin, Texas. Organized by Roger H. Colten.

- National Geographic Society, Committee for Research & Exploration: 2 proposals in Caribbean archaeology (1 Cuba, 1 in Grenadines)
- National Science Foundation: 1 proposal in Caribbean archaeology (Puerto Rico)

## **B. Grants/Contracts/Awards**

For Fuentes:

4/08 Puerto Rican Family Institute. Peace Camp 2008. (\$4,000)

12/07 American Psychological Association. ACT Parents Raising Safe Kids Program. (\$1,000)

- For Siegel:  
 2008-2010 National Science Foundation, Archaeology Program. Senior Research Grant (BCS-0718819 renewal). Contacted by the NSF program director that the proposal was highly rated and an award will be made by this summer. *Historical Ecology in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. (\$116,426.00).
- 2008-2009 National Geographic Society, Committee for Research and Exploration. Grant #8438-08. *Historical Ecology in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. (\$27,100.00).
- 2007-2009 National Science Foundation, Archaeology and Geography and Regional Science Programs. Senior Research Grant (BCS-0718819). *Historical Ecology in the Pre-Columbian Caribbean*. (\$90,726.00).

### C. Professional Distinctions (Offices in professional organizations, etc.)

#### For Fuentes

- 1/07-12/07 MEMBER. Executive Committee, New Jersey Psychological Association.
- 1/06-12/07 CO-CHAIR. Diversity Committee of the Executive Board. New Jersey Psychological Association.
- 5/05-4/08 SECRETARY. National Latino Psychological Association.
- 1/05-12/07 MEMBER-AT-LARGE. New Jersey Psychological Association.
- 5/04-present CO-CHAIR. Chapter Formation/Membership Committee, National Latino Psychological Association.

#### For Rothstein:

Co-Chair, American Anthropological Association Commission on World Anthropologies, 2007-2010.  
 Secretary, American Ethnological Association, 2004-2007.

### D. Pro-bono Work, Community Outreach, Service to MSU

#### For Fuentes

- 12/07-4/07 CHAIR. Child-Clinical Psychology Search Committee, Psychology Department, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/06-present MEMBER. Personnel Advisory Committee, Psychology Department, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 1/07-4/07 MEMBER. Service Learning Coordinator Search Committee, Center for Community-Based Learning and Career Services, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/05-present MEMBER. Leadership Council, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/05-present MEMBER. College Curriculum Committee, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- 9/02-5/07 ADVISOR OF THE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB. Psychology Department, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.

#### For Guemarez-Cruz

2008: Member of the Distinguished Scholar Committee, CHSS

2006-2008: Faculty Director of Montclair in Madrid Program

2005-2008: Member of the Latin American and Latino Studies Program Advisory Committee

2004-2008: Graduate Program Coordinator of the Master in Arts Program in Spanish, as such represent the department at the Graduate Council Committee