

I. Staffing

- A. While the program does not hire faculty, we are fortunate enough to draw on the expertise of a spectrum of faculty members from MSU. We also hired three work-study students.

Our 2008-2009 advisory board, consisting of university faculty, staff and students, included the following members:

Steve Arrieta, Darius Echeverria, Rosa Espinal-Pérez, Raul Gallope (Spanish and Italian Department), Eduardo Gil (Sprague Library), E Jacobson, Kevin James Keogan, Ruth Kunstadter (Spanish and Italian Department), Katherine McCaffrey (Anthropology Department), 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), Debbie Saivetz (Theatre and Dance), Patricia B. Salzman (Classics and General Humanities), Tony Spanakos (Political Science and Law), Peter Siegel (Anthropology), Peter Vietze (Psychology), James Woodard (History).

II. Curriculum Development:

We have been working closely with Cooperative Education to ensure students secure sound capstone experiences.

We have also successfully implemented our assessment plan.

III. Programs, Projects, Special Events:

LALS organized and/or cosponsored the following events:

•September 16

Film Screening of *Muneca*
Christina Sota, Writer/Producer

Christina Sota will be screening her film *Muneca* a Latino-based romantic comedy that also involves a life-sized doll. She will also talk about self-distribution and life as a Hispanic woman director.

•October 13

“A Time for Change: Revolution, Activism, and Feminism in Mozambique and Nicaragua”

Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney, Associate Professor of Political Science, Winthrop University

Dr. Jennifer Leigh Disney completed her Ph.D. with distinction at The Graduate School and University Center of The City University of New York (CUNY) in 2002. Her dissertation, *The Theories and Practices of Women's Organizing: Marxism, Feminism, Democratization, and Civil Society in Mozambique and Nicaragua* was awarded the American Political Science Association (APSA) Women and Politics Best Dissertation Award in 2003. A paper based on two chapters of her dissertation was awarded the Christian Bay Award for the Best New Political Science Paper presented at the APSA that same year. Dr. Disney's first book, *Women's Activism and Feminist Agency in Mozambique and Nicaragua*, (Temple 2008) is based on her award-winning dissertation as well as on follow-up research conducted in both countries.

Co-sponsored by The Global Education Center, Women and Gender Studies, and Political Science and Law.

•**October 13**

“Public Policy Matters”

Diana Salas, Associate Director of the Women of Color Policy Network at NYU

Diana Salas will discuss how public policy is relevant to women and men in the upcoming election. Ms. Salas will also discuss women of color advocacy through feminist public policy.

Co-sponsored by the Women's and Gender Studies Program.

•**October 21**

Poetry Reading

Roberto Sosa with Jo Anne Engelbert, Translator and MSU Professor Emeritus

Roberto Sosa, Poet-in-Residence at Montclair State University October 18-25, was born in Yoro, Honduras in 1930 into a poor family. His childhood coincides with the dictatorship of Tiburcio Carías Andino, a period of severe political repression. He spent his early life “working to earn honorably my frijoles, tortillas, books, and music.” His work is characterized by clarity and richness of language combined with an attack on privilege and oppression. After Sosa’s *Los pobres* (1969) won the Adonais Prize in Spain and *Un mundo para todos dividido* (1971) won the Casa de las Américas Prize in Cuba, Latin America began to recognize Sosa as a major poetic talent. Four collections of his poetry have been translated into English-*The Difficult Days, Poems, The Common Grief* (translated by Jo Anne Engelbert, Curbstone, 1994), and *The Return of the River* (translated by Jo Anne Engelbert, Curbstone, 2002). Sosa is currently the editor of a review of Central American arts, and teaches literature at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. His poetry has been translated into French, German, Russian and English.

Co-Sponsored by the Global Education Center, the Spanish & Italian Department,

the Graduate Program in Spanish & the Translating Program in the Spanish & Italian Department.

•**February 18**

“Nuestra America: Re-Approaching the Americas from a European Perspective.” Ulla Kriebeneegg, Center for the Study of the Americas, Karl-Franzens University of Graz, Austria

Over a century after Cuban poet José Martí called for solidarity among the fledgling nations of Latin America in the face of colonialism and imperialism of Europe and the United States, there is still a tendency to equate America with the U.S. The practice in Latin American, Canadian, and Caribbean Studies is to view these disciplines in national and regional vacuums, which can be parochial when viewed from a European perspective. There is a need to shift the American dialogue from nation and region to hemisphere, from America to Americas.

Global Education Center Visiting Scholar Ulla Kriebeneegg is based at the Center of the Study of the Americas at Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria. She studied English and American Studies and German Philology at Karl-Franzens University Graz, Austria and at University College Dublin, Ireland. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Boston College Center for International Higher Education and is a Salzburg Seminar alumna. She is currently preparing a PhD thesis on: "Transatlantic Relationships in Higher Education: An Analysis of Cultural Narratives". She teaches Cultural Studies at the Department of American Studies at the University of Graz, and her research interests focus on North American literary and cultural studies, intercultural studies, inter-American studies, and the transatlantic dialogue on higher education.

Co-sponsored by the Global Education Center

•**April 6**

“Sociability, Secrets and Identities: Key Issues in Sexual Politics in Latin America”
Mario Pecheny, Professor at the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), Visiting Scholar at Monmouth University

In Latin America, as elsewhere, gays and lesbians have pursued political strategies to redefine their subordinate status. This presentation discusses the political claims of gays and lesbians, which are formulated in the name of rights. These rights are tools of the struggle to make issues of sexual and intimate relationships part of a broader demand for full and equal citizenship. After exploring the situation in cities such as Buenos Aires and other urban centers in Latin America, the presentation will focus on recent social changes in sexuality and intimate relationships in the region.

Mario Pecheny, Professor at the University of Buenos Aires (Argentina), Visiting Scholar at Monmouth University, former Tinker Visiting Professor at ILAS. He works on human

rights, health and sexuality issues in Argentina and other Latin American countries and coordinates two global projects on sexual rights funded by the Ford Foundation.

Co-sponsored by Women's and Gender Studies

•**April 14**

“The Extraordinary Art and Grace of Aztec Poetry”
Provost Willard Gingerich

Co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology

•**April 15**

Poetry Reading and Discussion
Luis Montesinos; Vincenzo Bollettino; Marta Lopez-Luaces; Carlos Ortiz.
The reading is in Spanish and in English.

Co-sponsored by LASO, The Spanish Club, and the Spanish-Italian Dept.

•**April 24**

“Collective Memory, Ongoing Resistance: Testimony from Guatemala” Domingo Tum Mejía

Historical Memory ("Memoria Histórica"), a grassroots organization from Nebaj, Quiché in Guatemala's central highlands works to achieve justice for crimes committed during Guatemala's 36-year civil war. Historical Memory, emphasizes how the past influences current community struggles in the region. They recognize that the same motives that fueled military offensives of the 1980s – the push to control communities, their lands and resources – are propelling the economic and political powers of today to impose mega-development projects on indigenous peoples' lands.

Domingo Tum Mejía was born in a small village near Sacapulas, Quiché in the northwestern highlands of Guatemala. The Quiché area was particularly hard-hit by the civil war that ravaged Guatemala for 36 years; over half of the 629 wartime massacres committed by the Army took place in that one region.

Today, at the age of 35, Tum has reconstructed his memories as a child, as well as the history of his family, his community, his region, and his country. He is currently fighting nationally and internationally to achieve justice for the genocide that took the lives of his parents and wiped out entire Maya communities.

•**April 27**

“The Once and Future President? Hugo Chávez and the Future of Venezuela”
Tony Spanakos, Department of Political Science

On 15 Feb 2009, the Venezuelan electorate passed a constitutional referendum removing term limits from government positions. Members of the opposition claimed that this was part of a more general power grab by President Hugo Chávez who, they claim, seeks to be president for life. Chavez has said that his ten years in office is not enough to correct all of the evils of the previous elite-led regime and that voter choice should not be constrained by term limits.

Tony Spanakos, Department of Political Science, received a Fulbright Scholar grant to work at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Administration (IESA) in Caracas, Venezuela from January to August, 2008. He will analyze what the referendum means for democracy, Venezuela, and Latin America more generally.

- **June 18-21, 2009**

Primary cosponsor of the 12th Biennial Conference, Society for Community and Research Action.

IV. Other Department/Program Achievements and Endeavors:

Continued major marketing campaign and increased enrollment significantly. At the end of this year, there were 38 students enrolled in the minor. We have the highest enrollment of all 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.

For Milton A. Fuentes

Scholarship

Adamés, H.Y., & Fuentes, M.A. (2009, in press). Having a voice and being heard: Exploring the impact of multiple social identities on the self. In M. Pope, J. Pangelinan, & A. Coker (Eds.), *Experiential activities for teaching multicultural counseling classes and infusing cultural diversity into core classes*. Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association Press.

Cantor, D. W., & Fuentes, M. A. (2008). Psychology's Response to Managed Care. *Journal of Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 39, 638-645.

Yankouski, B., Kurtovic, T., Trent, J., Tursi, J., & Fuentes, M. A. (2008, Spring/Summer).

Voices of hope: Children's messages of peace. *Peace Psychology Newsletter*, 17(1), 14-15.

Fuentes, M. A., Jaegly, J, Bonilla, L., & Arrieta, S. (2009, April). *Using motivational*

- interviewing to reduce domestic violence*. Paper presented at the National Child Advocacy Conference, Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ.
- Boyd-Franklin, N. & Fuentes, M. A. (2009, February). Pathways to practice. An invited presentation at the 26th Annual Teacher's College Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education, New York City, NY.
- Fuentes, M. A., Adames, H., & Andrade Velasquez, V. (2008, November). *Teaching Latino Psychology: An interactive syllabus exchange roundtable*. A roundtable facilitated at the Biennial Meeting of the National Latino Psychological Association, Costa Mesa, CA.
- Fuentes, M.A. (2009, March). Using motivational interviewing to reduce the use of corporal punishment with Latino children. Workshop conducted for the Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey, Hoboken, NJ.
- Fuentes, M. A. (2009, March). Becoming a psychologist. An invited workshop at the Queen of Peace High School Career Orientation Day, North Arlington, NJ.
- Fuentes, M. A., Cruz, D., O'Connor, C., & Acosta, V. (2008, November). Examining race-related stress and skin color amongst Latinos. Poster session presented at the Biennial Meeting of the National Latino Psychological Association, Costa Mesa, CA.
- Gastulo, M., Sanguanchart, K., Bustamante, J., Bacallao, C., Yankouski, B., & Fuentes, M.A.(2008,October). *MSU's Peace Camp: Utilizing higher education to engage, educate, and promote peace in our communities*. Poster session presented at the Montclair State University Engaged Campus Conference: The Public Purposes of Higher Education, Montclair, NJ.
- Fuentes, M.A., Acosta, V., O'Connor, C., & Cruz, D. (2008, August). *Self-perceived discrimination as a function of skin color*. Poster session presented at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- Gaskins, J., Yankouski, B., Fuentes, M., & Dickinson, J. (2008, August). *Gang activity in school: Comparing urban and suburban teachers' perceptions*. Poster session presented at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- McGurr, S., Solano, V., Trent, J., & Fuentes, M.A. (2008, August). *Peace Camp: Teaching children problem solving skills*. Poster session presented at the 116th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Boston, MA.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

5/08-present CO-CHAIR. 2009 Biennial Local Planning Committee. Society for Community and Research Action, Division 27 of the American Psychological Association.

5/08-present CO-CHAIR. 2009 Biennial National Planning Committee. Society for Community and Research Action, Division 27 of the American Psychological Association.

1/07-present MEMBER. Editorial Board, Behavioral Psychology, International Journal of Clinical and Health Psychology (Psicologia Conductual).

7/02-present MEMBER. Board of Advisors. New Day Community, Catholic Community Services. Newark, NJ.

2/02-present CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST. Bronx Child Placement Prevention Center, Puerto Rican Family Institute, New York City, New York

For Katherine McCaffrey

Articles and Book Chapters

- 2009 “Environmental Struggle After the Cold War: New Forms of Resistance to the U.S. Military in Vieques, Puerto Rico.” In Catherine Lutz, editor. *The Bases of Empire: The Struggle against US Military Posts*. London: Pluto Press.
- 2008a “Because Vieques is Our Home: Defend it! Women Resisting Militarization in Vieques, Puerto Rico.” In Bárbara Sutton, Sandra Morgen and Julie Novkov, editors. *Security Disarmed: Critical Perspectives on Gender, Race and Militarization*. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.
- 2008b “Social Struggle against the US Navy in Vieques, Puerto Rico: Two Movements in History” (reprint). In Kal and Olga Wagenheim, editors. *The Puerto Ricans: A Documentary History*. Princeton, NJ: Markus Wiener Publishers.
- 2008c “The Struggle for Environmental Justice in Vieques, Puerto Rico.” In David Carruthers, editor. *Environmental Justice in Latin America: Problems, Promise and Practice*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.
- 2008d “*Usmaíl*: Pedro Juan Soto’s Classic Vieques Novel: an Interview with Charlie Connelly and Myrna Pagán.” *Centro Journal* 20 (2): 148-157.

Invited Lectures and Addresses

- 2009 “Playas Para Todos: The Struggle for Puerto Rico’s Coast.” Latin American Studies Association Congress. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 11-14.
- 2009 “Militarism, Environmental Justice, and Sustainability.” Security Without Empire. National Organizing Conference on Foreign Military Bases. American University, Washington, D.C. February 27- March 2.

e. Professional Panels Organized (*panels also chaired)

- *2009 “Research Priorities for Latin American Environmentalism.” Invited Workshop. Latin American Studies Association Congress. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 11-14 2009.
- 2009 “Sociocultural Responses to the Environment.” Invited Panel. Latin American Studies Association Congress. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 11-14 2009.

g. Grants, Fellowships and Honors

2009 Dean's Recognition Award for Teaching

Professional Service

a. Editorship

2007- General Editor. *Anthropology Now: A Journal of Culture in Contemporary Life*. Paradigm Publishers. <http://anthronow.com>

b. Chair

2007- Environmental Section, Latin American Studies Association (with Sherrie Bayer).

2008- Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Montclair State University (with Milton Fuentes).

c. Referee

Caribbean Studies

Centro Journal

GeoJournal

H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Journal of Anthropological Research

Journal of Latin American Anthropology

PSC-CUNY Awards

Routledge Press

University of Florida Press

d. Manuscripts Reviewed

2009 George Baca. *Conjuring Crisis: Struggling for Civil Rights in a Southern Military Town*. New Brunswick, New Jersey. Rutgers University Press. Forthcoming.

2009 Matthew Gutmann and Catherine Lutz. *Breaking Ranks: Iraq Veterans Speak Out Against the War*. Berkeley: University of California Press. Forthcoming.

2008 Cesar Ayala, José Bolívar and Bonnie Donohue. *The Navy in Vieques: Land Tenure and Military Expropriations in Puerto Rico, 1940-1953*. Gainesville, Florida. University Press of Florida. Forthcoming.

University Service

a. University/College Activities

- 2008 Lecture: “Student Initiatives for the Public Good.” The Public Purposes of Higher Education. MSU Engaged Campus Conference. October 10, 2008.
- 2008 Organized and Chaired Panel “Economic Meltdown 101.” Sponsored by the Department of Anthropology, the Center for Community Based Learning, and Student Leadership.
- 2008 Curated Photo Exhibit “Ruin and Recovery: New Orleans in Photographs.” Gallery One. November 15-December 15.

Public Service

- 2008 Lecture. “Environmental Justice in Vieques, Puerto Rico.” Montclair Adult School, October 27.

For Peter Siegel

PUBLICATIONS

- Submitted *Protecting Heritage in the Caribbean*. University of Alabama Press, Tuscaloosa.
- 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.
- 2009 Curating the Past: Caribbean Archaeology at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. *Bulletin of the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History* 50(1):209-215.
- 2008 Pre-Columbian Pottery in the West Indies: Compositional Change in Context. *Journal of Caribbean Archaeology Special Publication* 2:25-44.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2008 Review of *Taíno Indian Myth and Practice: The Arrival of the Stranger King* by William F. Keegan (University Press of Florida, Gainesville, 2007). *Journal of Island & Coastal Archaeology* 3:291-293.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2009 Site PO-29 in Context: Past and Present. Paper presented in the symposium “Recent Research in South-Central Puerto Rico,” organized by Joshua M. Torres and Christopher T. Espenshade. 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Atlanta, Georgia. April 22 – 26, 2009.

- 2009 The Structure of House and House as Structure: Spatial Symbolism in Lowland South America and the West Indies. Presentation in the series “Houses and Concepts of Home: Place and Belonging in a Global World.” Sponsored by the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey. February 2, 2009.
- 2008 The Evolution of Chiefly Society in the Caribbean. Lecture presented to the Department of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro. November 11, 2008.
- 2008 Pre-Columbian History of the Caribbean. Lecture presented to the Montclair Adult School Program, Montclair, New Jersey. October 20, 2008.
- 2008 Ball Courts and Ceremonial Plazas in Pre-Columbian, Puerto Rico: Site PO-29 in Context. Paper presented at the meeting of the Archaeological Society of New Jersey, New Jersey Department of Transportation, Trenton. May 17, 2008.

GRANTS

- 2008-2010 National Science Foundation, Archaeology and Geography and Regional Sciences Programs. Senior Research Grant (BCS-0818372). *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).

FIELDWORK

- January 2009 Paleoecological coring research on Curaçao. Invited by team of Dutch archaeologists from University of Leiden to collaborate.
- Summer 2008 Paleoecological coring research on Trinidad, Grenada, Barbados, Martinique, and Marie-Galante (Guadeloupe). One MSU anthropology major participated.

SOLICITED REVIEWS

- National Science Foundation: 2 proposals in Caribbean archaeology (Puerto Rico, Barbuda)
- Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History: 1 series of edited papers on Caribbean and Amazonian archaeology
- Journal of Anthropological Archaeology: 1 review article (Greater Antilles complex society)

- Oxford University Press. Review of *This Land was Theirs: A Study of Native North Americans* by Wendell H. Oswalt for ninth edition of book.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2009 **Board Member.** Archaeological Society of New Jersey.
- 2006-present **Advisory Board Member.** Latin American and Latino Studies program, Montclair State University.
- 2006-present **Steering Committee Member.** Center for Heritage and Archaeological Studies, Montclair State University.

For James Woodard

Book

A Place in Politics: São Paulo, Brazil, from Seigneurial Republicanism to Regionalist Revolt (Durham, N.C.: Duke University Press, 2009).

Conference Presentations

“Empire by Emulation: Local Business Elites, U.S. Consumer Culture, and Brazil’s Short American Century,” Conference of the American Historical Association, January 2, 2009.

“Dueling Developmentalisms in Brazil’s Short American Century,” Conference of the New England Council of Latin American Studies, Brown University, October 4, 2008.

Colloquia (2) and Invited Lecture (1)

“Retail Revolutions: U.S. Business and the Transnational Origins of Brazilian Consumer Culture,” History Department Workshop, University of Delaware, April 7, 2009.

“North Atlantic Models of Consumption and the Global South (Reflections by a Historian of Brazil),” German History Institute Workshop on “Decoding Modern Consumer Societies: Preliminary Results, Ongoing Research, and Future Agendas,” Washington, D.C., November 7, 2008.

“O consumo do consumismo: publicitários, empresários, e outros aliados para o progresso,” Quarto Simpósio Internacional de Estudos Brasileiros, Centro de Pesquisa e Documentação da História Contemporânea do Brasil, Rio de Janeiro, June 13, 2008.

Related Activities, Experience, and Service

Panel Organizer, “International Histories of the Country of the Future: Brazil and the Twentieth-Century World,” Conference of the American Historical Association, January 2, 2009.