

First Annual Student Conference in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

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Whitten University Center, Ballroom A
University of Miami**

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Florida International University**



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Dear conference attendees,

Welcome to the First Annual Florida Student Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Studies! We are pleased to be part of an exciting and dynamic group of students from across Florida who study the region. This conference offers an opportunity for students from various disciplines to interact in a forum specifically designed to address their interests. The papers presented reflect the growing interest in a region of vital importance. On a personal note, we would like to thank Edmé Pernía, Gayle Lasater, Darren Nicholas, Cathy Marsicek, Liesl Picard, Dr. Elena Sabogal, and Dr. Michael Collier for all their help and input. In conclusion, thank you for your participation and interest, and good luck!

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The Latin American and Caribbean Information Center at FIU Libraries is proud to be a co-sponsor of this First Annual Student Conference in Latin American and Caribbean Studies. LACiC supports the research and teaching at the University by serving as a gateway for Latin American and Caribbean Studies library services and resources. The development of a good paper relies upon access to research materials; and the FIU Libraries have made significant progress over the last few years in developing an excellent collection in Colombian Studies. For those of you participating in the Colombian Paper Competition, LACiC hopes that you have had access to ample resources to develop your ideas into high quality research papers.

**Thursday, April 10, 2003
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI
Whitten University Center, Ballroom A**

8:00 – 9:00	Arrival and Welcome: Dr. Steve Stein, UM & Dr. Rebecca Biron, UM
9:00 – 10:00	Panel One: Security and Corruption
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:30	Panel Two: Panel Two: Historical Processes in Latin America
11:30 – 12:30	Lunch
12:45 – 2:15	Panel Three: Development, Economics, and Civil Society
2:15 – 3:00	Conclusion and Reception

**Panel One: Security and Corruption
Chair: Andrew Greenlee, UM**

- ◆ *“Money Laundering and Drug Trafficking in the Americas”* by Jessica Covell, FIU
- ◆ *“Latin American Economic and Security Options”* by Manuel J. Garcia, FIU
- ◆ *“Crime and Tourism”* by Maribel San Juan, FIU
- ◆ *“Illegal Animal Trade in the Americas”* by Cathy Varela, FIU

**Panel Two: Historical Processes in Latin America
Chair: Dr. Steve Stein, UM**

- ◆ *“Straightening the Record: A Second Look at the Dummy Nazi Photos of the Battle Between the Blimp and the Sub”* by Anthony Atwood, FIU
- ◆ *“Private Legal Assistance to the Andean Ethnic Lords, 1552-1570”* by Renzo Honores, FIU
- ◆ *“Family Life Histories: The Brazilians in South Florida”* by Valeria Barbosa de Magalhaes, UM
- ◆ *“Cien Anos de Soledad: Viaje al re-descubrimiento de Latinoamerica”* by Adelia Ruiz, FIU
- ◆ *“The US Role in the Brazilian Military Coup of 1964”* by Lucianna Spencer, FIU
- ◆ *“Cuba Trade in 18th-19th Centuries”* by Marc Stuart, FIU

Panel Three: Development, Economics, and Civil Society

Chair: Dr. Elena Sabogal, UM

- ♦ *"Fertility Decline in Developing Countries"* by Robert Goggin, FIU
- ♦ *"Remittances as a Mechanism for Development in the Caribbean"* by Terry-Ann Jones, UM
- ♦ *"Lessons Learned: Proceed with Caution: Latin American Experiences in Regional Trade"* by Jill Lammers, FIU
- ♦ *"Reasons Behind Fertility Decision: The Latin American Case"* by Mariana Martinez, FIU
- ♦ *"Understanding the Political Economy of Human Rights in Brazil"* by Manuela Picq, UM

**Friday, April 11, 2003
FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY
Graham Center, Room 280**

7:45 – 8:00	Registration and Welcome: Dr. Michael Collier and Jordan McDuff
8:00 – 10:00	Panel One: Focus On Colombia
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee Break
10:15 – 12:30	Panel Two: Socio-Political Trends in the Americas
12:30 – 1:30	Keynote Speaker: Dr. Anthony Maingot, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, FIU
1:30 – 3:00	Lunch Break and Brown Bag Session "Corruption in the Americas" by Dr. Michael Collier, FIU "Public Opinion and Foreign Policy" by Dr. Astrid Arraras, FIU
3:00 – 4:00	Panel Three: Rites, Rituals, and Religion in the Americas
4:15 – 4:30	Coffee Break
4:30 – 6:00	Panel Four: Society and Culture in the Americas
6:00 – 6:30	Awards Ceremony

Panel One: Focus On Colombia

Chair: Jordan McDuff, FIU

- ◆ *"Measuring Development in Colombia: 30 Years"* by David N. Castrillon, FIU
- ◆ *"The Dynamics of Executive-Legislative Relations in Colombia Examined in the Context of Electoral Reform"* by Patricia Micolta, FIU
- ◆ *"The Presence of the FARC in Ecuador: A Case Study of 'Live and Let Live' on the Ecuadorian Border with Colombia"* by Mario Miranda, FIU
- ◆ *"Gender Differences in Media Coverage: The 2002 Colombian Election"* by Deborah O'Neil, FIU
- ◆ *"The War Against Drugs"* by Alma Osorio, FIU
- ◆ *"Women's Political Participation in Latin America: Colombian Women as Individual Actors"* by Edmé Pernía, FIU
- ◆ *"Colombian Folkloric Dances and their Origins"* by Monica Sleeter, FIU
- ◆ *"Soledad Acosta and the Construction of Colombian Female Identity"* by Lina del Castillo, UM
- ◆ *"Brazil's Amazon Surveillance System and Cooperation Between Brazil, Colombia, and the United States"* by Pete Wittcoff
- ◆ *"Drugs: Can We Determine What Makes a Country Become Involved?"* by Sally Zamudia, FIU

Panel Two: Socio-Political Trends in the Americas

Chair: Darren Nicholas, FIU

- ◆ *"A Political Philosophical Approach to the Guatemalan Debate on Indigenous Rights"* by Hugo Amador, FIU
- ◆ *"Civil Military Relations in Chavez's Venezuela"* by Barbra Bastidas, FIU
- ◆ *"Cuba's Malleable Home-Grown Hybrid Ideology and Its Legitimizing Role"* by Isabel Del Pino, FIU
- ◆ *"Legislative Process Timing, Constraining Methods, and the Relative Power of the Brazilian Legislature. A Case Study on the Social Security System Amendment"* by Etienne Franca, FIU
- ◆ *"Women's Political Participation in Nicaragua: The Effects of the Sandinista Revolution"* by Jessica Getz, FIU
- ◆ *"From Outsiders to Insiders: Personalism and Political Parties in the 2002 Ecuadorian Elections"* by Rachel Hammond, FIU
- ◆ *"Increasing Civic Participation of Working Class Caribbean Women"* by Candida Iglesias, FIU
- ◆ *"Beyond the Military Dictatorship: Argentina and its Democratic Consolidation since 1983"* by Aniuska M. Luna, FIU

♦ *"Oil, Foreign Policy, and Latin America"* by Marisa Montes, FIU

♦ *"US Military Aid"* by Elena Bell, FIU

Panel Three: Rites, Rituals, and Religion in the Americas

Chair: Yola Menard, FIU

♦ *"Rosa de Lima: The First Saint of the Americas in the Context of the Counter Reformation"* by Jennifer Cordova, FIU

♦ *"Images of St. Philomena"* by Michelle Peake and Deborah O'Neil, FIU

♦ *"Individual Religious Beliefs in Four Latin American Countries"* by Meagan Mattingly, FIU

Panel Four: Society and Culture in the Americas

Chair: Edmé Pernía, FIU

♦ *"Migration in America"* by Viviana Bovo, FIU

♦ *"The (Unhealable?) Wounds of Exile: The Feasibility of Reconciliation in Miami-Dade County's Cuban Community"* by Alma DeRojas, FIU

♦ *"Cien Anos de Soledad de Gabriel Garcia Marquez: Un acercamiento a la ironia"* by Omaira Hernandez, FIU

♦ *"Sociopolitical Issues that Allow for a Leader to Effectively Mobilize an Ethnic Group Toward Political Action"* by Yuri Orellana, FIU

♦ *"Mexican and Cuban Immigrants in South Florida"* by Laura Rico

♦ *"The Vision of the Indian World in The Chronicles of Colon, Nunez Cabeza de Vaca, Bernal Diaz del Castillo, Hernan Cortes, and el Inca Garcilaso"* by Adelia Ruiz, FIU

♦ *"The Role of Folkloric Dance and Folkloric-Inspired Theatrical Dance in Venezuelan Cultural Identity"* by Marielly Ramirez, FIU

♦ *"Poverty Amongst Immigrants"* by Nadine Wedderburn, FIU

♦ *"El Lazarillo de Siegos Caminantes and Construction of Cultural Identity in Peru"* by Joe Zavala, UM