

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES ANNUAL REPORT - 2009/2010

Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) is an interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary international program housed in the School of Languages, Cultures and World Affairs (LCWA). LACS offers a minor and major - there are no faculty specifically assigned to LACS, the faculty who teach Latin American, Caribbean and related courses are housed in departments and schools throughout the College (list attached). This faculty has joined together in supporting and managing the LACS programs. While LACS has a director, it has no physical presence (office) or dedicated administrative support.

LACS offers few courses itself. The lion's share of the courses in its curriculum are courses offered by other departments on campus. In 2009/2010, the twenty-nine courses in the LACS curriculum were taught by twenty faculty representing eight departments and three schools (list attached). LACS regularly offers three sections of LACS 101 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies each semester which are normally filled to capacity. In Fall 2009, three sections of LACS 101 were offered enrolling 100 students. In addition, one section of LACS 200 ST: Introduction to the Caribbean was offered with an enrollment of 35. In Spring 2010, three sections of LACS 101 were offered with an enrollment of 105 students. (List attached) The above does not include LACS course taught in our three study abroad programs in Chile, Argentina and Cuba.

LACS makes a major contribution to interdisciplinarity, internationalization, personalized education and high impact student experience in a number of ways. First, and most obviously, through its interdisciplinary courses given on campus and in its study abroad programs. LACS, along with Hispanic Studies, operates three semester study abroad programs in Latin America - Chile, Argentina and Cuba. The LACS focus foreign study and language (LACS now requires study abroad and three years of foreign language) supports and further internationalization efforts of the College and LCWA. LACS supports student participation in the Washington Model OAS (WMOAS) - a student simulation of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States in which over 300 university students - at least one third of them from Latin American universities interact for a week at OAS headquarters in Washington DC. LACS is particularly active in this program as its director is a co-coordinator of the WMOAS.

LACS internationalization efforts this year included sponsorship or co-sponsorship of co-curricular programs including:

- Presentation of the film "Crude" - which documents the ecological devastation of the Ecuadorian Amazon by Texaco Oil Company - Nov 16, 2009
- Women in the Ibero-American Atlantic Conference - Feb. 18-20, 2010
- Latin American Art history Lecture Series Feb. 25, March 18, April 8, 2010

- Lecture by Dr. Ken Boodhoo, “Amid the Ruble: Haiti and the Caribbean Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”, March 23, 2010
- Premier of the CofC student filmed and produced documentary “Pulsera” April 22, 2010

The Semester Study Abroad in Cuba program celebrated its 10th anniversary in Spring 2010 at an event held in Havana, Cuba and attended by Dean David Cohen, Assistant Provost Andrew Sobiesuo, LACS Director Douglas Friedman and Provost George Hynd. At that celebration, LACS Director Douglas Friedman was awarded the Instituto de Filosofia’s 25th Anniversary Medal for his work in promoting academic exchange between Cuba and the United States.

After two years of work developing a revised program and curriculum, a new LACS major was approved by the Faculty Senate (attached). The new LACS major requirements go in to effect in Fall 2010 and substantially strengthen the major as now a “stand alone” major - an LCWA planning goal - which emphasizes study abroad and language as well as traditional humanities and social sciences.

In addition to the service they engage in College wide and in their respective departments, LACS faculty meet 3-4 time a year formally to manage the program. They develop curriculum, discuss staffing of LACS courses and study abroad programs, and engage in significant program review. In 2009/2010, LACS faculty worked on the development of a title VI grant proposal to strengthen study abroad, develop international internships and enhance the program’s focus on the Anglophone Caribbean.

LACS Students and Graduates

LACS students are generally well above the average. In 2009/2010 there were 20 LACS majors and 24 LACS minors. Five students graduated in 2009/2010 with an average GPA of 3.726. LACS majors averaged a 3.525 GPA this year.

Rebecca Kyle and Anne Marie Quinn were given the LACS Outstanding Student Award in Spring 2010. Rebecca graduated summa cum laude in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Anthropology, with a minor in Spanish; Anne Marie graduated summa cum laude in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Political Science, with a minor in French.

Current LACS majors Tom Laffay and Chris Howell filmed and produced a documentary entitled “PULSERA” which premiered at the College in Spring 2010

Andrew Dunham (2008) was accepted to the Graduate Latin American Studies program at New York University

Collin Lavery (2006) - after working at the Center for Democracy in Washington DC on Cuba issues for four years, was accepted to the Graduate program in Latin American Studies at the University of San Diego

Nakashia Dunner (2007) graduated with a MA in Latin American Studies from the Elliot School at George Washington University

Kimberly Cozart (2006) received her MA from the London School of Economics and Political Science

Fall 2009 COURSES

	Enrolled	Cap	
ARTH 205.001 Pr-Columbian Art and Culture	22	25	KOWAL
ANTH 362.001 Social and Cultural Change	34	30	RASHFORD
ENGL 234.001 Survey of Third World Masterpieces	30	30	LEWIS
FREN 320.001 A Survey of Francophone Literature	25	27	WALSH
LACS 101.001 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	36	35	FRIEDMAN
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LACS 200.001 st: Introduction to the Caribbean	35	35	SAMUEL
LTPO 270.001 Studies in Brazilian Film	32	30	MOREIRA
POLS 328.001 Modernization, Dependency & Pol. Development	26	35	FRIEDMAN
SPAN 326.001 Latin American Civilization and Culture I	23	23	COLOMINA-GARRIGOS
SPAN 326.002 Latin American Civilization and Culture I	23	23	VASQUEZ
SPAN 327.001 Latin American Civilization and Culture II	23	23	AVENDANO
SPAN 372.001 Survey of Spanish American Literature II	11	18	COLOMINA-GARRIGOS
SPAN 447.001 Spanish Dialectology	11	18	MARTINEZ-GIBSON
SPAN 458.001 Contemporary Hispanic-Caribbean Theater	12	18	LINARES-OCANTO

Total # of students = 407

Average Class size = 25.4

LACS average class size =34

SPRING 2010 COURSES

	Enrolled	Cap	
ANTH 309.001 Indestructible Maya: Ancient, Colonial, and Modern	20	30	BORG
ARTH 255.001 Latin American Colonial Art	22	25	KOWAL
ENGL 233.001 Survey of Non-Western 20 th Century Literature	21	30	LEWIS
FREN 326.001 A Survey of Francophone Civilization	24	27	BEKROU
HIST 366.001 Comparative Slavery in the Americas	14	30	POWERS
HONS 391.002 ST: Postcards from Mexico	19		WEYERS
LACS 101.001 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	34	35	OWENS
LACS 101.002 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	34	35	FRANCE
LACS 101.003 Introduction to Latin American and Caribbean Studies	37	35	SAMUEL
LTPO 270.001 Studies in Brazilian Film	35	35	MOREIRA
LTSP 450.001 Women Writers of Latin America: A New Perspective	8	18	OWENS
POLS 333.001 Politics of Contemporary Brazil	22	35	FRIEDMAN
POLS 366.090 Model OAS	10	10	FRIEDMAN
SPAN 326.001 Latin American Civilization and Culture I	23	23	VASQUEZ
SPAN 327.001 Latin American Civilization and Culture II	22	23	ESPINOZA
SPAN 327.002 Latin American Civilization and Culture II	23	23	LINARES-OCANTO
SPAN 372.001 Survey of Spanish American Literature II	15	19	AVENDANO
SPAN 454.001 Contemporary Spanish-American Poetry	17	18	CARRILLO-ARCINIEGA
SPAN 455.001 Contemporary Spanish-American Fiction	10	18	ESPINOZA
SPAN 491.001 ST: Chicano Sociolinguistics	19	19	BREIDENBACH

Total # of students = 437

Average Class size = 21.9

LACS average class size =35

FALL 2009 Study Abroad

CHILE - 14 Students

SPRING 2010 Study Abroad

ARGENTINA - 10 Students

CUBA - 6 Students

SUMMER 2010 Study Abroad

BRAZIL - 11 Students

LACS FACULTY

Nadia Avendano	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Barbara Borg	Anthropology	HSS
Tim Coates	History	HSS
Maria Colomina-Garrigos	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Herbert Espinoza	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Hollis France	Political Science	HSS
Douglas Friedman	Political Science	HSS
David Kowal	Art History	SOTA
Simon Lewis	English	HSS
Luis Linares-Ocanto	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Luci Moreira	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Sarah Owens	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
John Rashford	Anthropology	HSS
Raul Carrillo-Arciniega	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Lisa Samuel	International Studies	LCWA
Andrew Sobiesuo	CIE/Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Felix Vasquez	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Marianne Verlinden	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Jose Moreira	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Elizabeth Martinez-Gibson	Hispanic Studies	LCWA
Jose Gavidia	Man. & Marketing	SOB