

THE TENTH ANNUAL LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES SYMPOSIUM

APRIL 5-6, 2002

A Welcome Message

from

Barbara Domcekova
Conference Director

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Tenth Annual Latin American Studies Symposium. This event, which originally started as a small gathering of students and faculty interested in Latin America, has grown to become a national undergraduate research conference. We are delighted to see the growing participation of presenters from our sister institutions from the Associated Colleges of the South, and we are glad to welcome the students from Birmingham area schools as well as from institutions beyond the Southeastern region of the country. This year the number of colleges and universities represented at the Symposium has grown to 20, making it clearly a national academic event.

One of the original goals of the symposium was to create an opportunity for the interchange of ideas and collaboration among faculty in Latin American Studies for networking and possible cooperation. I am pleased to say that this year this cooperation is manifest in two ways. We are pleased to bring to the Symposium 5 high school principals from Colombia and Ecuador. We hope they will enjoy the Symposium and the interest of our undergraduate students in Latin American issues. On another level, Latin American Studies directors from the Associated Colleges of the South will hold their second annual meeting, part of the process of creating a virtual ACS LAS program. This project, which promises exciting opportunities for all ACS students, is funded by a grant recently awarded to the ACS by the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation.

A few words of appreciation are in order to all who contributed to the success of this event since its establishment: Dr. Gama Perruci, who created the LAS Symposium in 1993; Dr. Berte, President of the College, and the Provost, Dr. Penfield who have supported the Latin American Studies Program since its inception; and ultimately, to Vulcan Materials for the financial contribution which has been essential to the continuation of this event. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Daniel F. Sansone, president of the Southern Division and Gulf Coast Division of Vulcan Materials Company, and give special thanks to Mr. Dave Carder, retired President of Vulcan Lands, Inc., a subsidiary of Vulcan Materials Company, who has been a key supporter of both the program and the Symposium since its early beginnings. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the help of student volunteers who dedicated many hours of their time to the preparation of the conference.

I hope that all the participants will enjoy the conference and their time here at Birmingham-Southern College. I invite you to come and join us next year, April 4-5, 2003, when the BSC Latin American Studies Symposium enters its second decade.

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10:35 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Session III

(Auditorium)

Central America: Examples of Conflict and Stability

Chair: Michael LaRosa, Rhodes College, TN.

- *Miskito and Mayan Indians: The Roles of Indigenous People in the Nicaraguan Counterrevolutionary War and the Guatemalan Civil War*, Amy Johnson, The University of the South, TN.
- *Historical and Political Conditions Surrounding the Massacres at El Mozote and Contiguous Pueblos*, Lauren Harrington, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.
- *Continuity in Costa Rican Foreign Policy: Neutrality Since the Revolution of 1948*, Jill Reifsteck, Rhodes College, TN.
- *The Evolution of Stability in Costa Rica: from Colonization to Globalization*, Derek Arnold, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

12:05 - 1:45 p.m. **Luncheon. Keynote Speaker: Cristina García**
"Dreaming in Cuban"

(Great Hall, Norton)

2:00 - 5:00 p.m. **ACS Planning Group Meeting**

(Owenton Room, Norton)

1:50 - 3:45 p.m.

Session IV

(SCC-A)

Literatura latinoamericana en toda su riqueza

Chair: June Laval, Kennesaw State University, GA.

- *¿Entrará la muerte en palacio?: Un estudio de la obra de René Marqués*, Amy Harold, Samford University, AL
- *Máscara: La búsqueda de identidad en "El Perseguidor"*. Emily Leverone, Furman University, SC.
- *La participación colectiva en El cartero de Neruda*, Shyam Patil, Furman University, SC.
- *Amaranta: ¿sinónimo de amar o de amaragura?*, Izabel L. Blankenship, Kennesaw State University, GA.

Session V (Auditorium)

Environmental and Health Care Issues in Latin America: Perspectives, Conflicts and Solutions

Chair: Doug Waits, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

- *Rough Waters: North -- South Tensions and Environmental Education of the Galapagos Fishing Sector*, Katherine Soucy, Denison University, OH.
- *La lucha entre el pueblo Guaraní y las petroleras*, Bjorn Jensen, Earlham College, IN.
- *Reforming environmental policies in Latin America*, Ryan Saunders, Furman University, SC.
- *Healthcare in Latin America*, Leah Hollingsworth, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

3:50 - 5:15 p.m.

Session VI (SCC-A)

Women's Issues Across the Americas

Chair: Janie Spencer, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

- *Behind the Seams: The Reality of the Women in Sébaco Free Trade Zone*, Hannah Mermelstein, Goucher College, MD.
- *Delmira Agustini y Sylvia Plath: Dos mujeres apasionadas*, Madeline Clark, Furman University, SC.
- *La moda, la identidad y el "look" Evita*, Molly Markarian, Davidson College, NC.

Session VII (Auditorium)

Latin American Music: From Classical to Salsa

Chair: Rafael E. Saumell, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

- *Latin American Composers and Their Place in the World of Classical Art Music*, Robert Neumeyer, Centenary College of Louisiana, LA
- *Evolution of a Genre: La música de Cuba*, Cheryl Bryzgornia, Kennesaw State University, GA.
- *La evolución de la salsa en los Estados Unidos*, Charla Griffin, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.
- *Transnacionalización de música "pop" entre los Estados Unidos y América Latina*, Whitney Boykin, Davidson College, NC.

5:30 p.m. **Reception** (Great Hall A, Norton)

7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. **Southern Comfort Music Festival** (Dorm Quad)

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2002

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. **Coffee** (Harbert Lobby Area)

9:00 - 10:25 a.m.

Session VIII (SCC-A)

Brazilian Society Today

Chair: Barbara Domcekova, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

- *Brazilian Internet Portal as Society Dichotomies: An Analysis of Content Access Patterns*, Jeremiah Spence, University of Texas at Austin, TX.
- *Planting the seeds of Revolution: the MST in Contemporary Brazil*, Leni Dylan Battaglia, Old Dominion University, NJ.
- *The Brazilian Hip-Hop Movement: The Voice of a New Generation*, Cyra Christina Koupal, Tulane University, LA.

Session IX (Auditorium)

Empowerment and Social Change in Latin America

Chair: Brian Siegel, Furman University, SC.

- *Cultural Transformation in a Japanese Immigrant Community: The Religions of the Japanese Colony of San Juan de Yapacani in Santa Cruz*, Rino Koshimizu, Macalester College, MN.
- *The Preferential Option for the Poor: A Sociological Study of the Influence of Latin American Liberation Theology*, Stefanie Russel, Samford University, AL.
- *Zapatismo: Evolving Role of the Intellectual*, Matt Lawrence, Southwestern University, TX.

10:35 - 12:15 p.m.

Session X (Auditorium)

Andean Politics: Revolution, Rebellion and Reform

Chair: Vince Gawronski, Birmingham-Southern College, AL.

- *La Gloriosa in Ecuador: Revolution as a Process of Political Inclusion*, Nicole Bernat Mottier, University of Illinois, IL
- *The Fujimori Phenomenon: An Analysis of the 1990 Presidential Election in Peru*, Francisco Javier Bertorini, Rhodes College, TN.
- *Fujimori: Lo bueno, lo malo, y lo feo*, Lauren Harrington, Birmingham-Southern College, AL
- *Political Assessment of Colombia*, José Vega, Birmingham-Southern College, AL

Session XI

(SCC-A)

Literatura latinoamericana: Filosofía y pensamiento político

Chair: Carlos Orihuela, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL.

- *Las lanzas coloradas o los desencuentros ideológicos de la independencia de Venezuela*, Lucía Castillo, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL.
- *El valor testimonial de la novela Huasipungo* de Jorge Icaza, Ulvia Harris, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL.
- *La desconstrucción de lo platónico en la "Historia de la eternidad" y "Tres versiones de Judas"*, John Charles Parker, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL.
- *Temas recurrentes en la obra de Luisa Valenzuela*, Marina Reid, University of Alabama at Birmingham, AL.

12:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Luncheon.

(Great Hall, Norton)

2:00 - 3:25 p.m.

Session XII

(Auditorium)

La mujer en la obra de Rosario Castellanos

Chair: Maureen McKenna, Centenary College, LA.

- *La soledad de las mujeres en Balún Canán*, Anna Cox, Furman University, SC.
- *Imágenes de la maternidad en las obras de Rosario Castellanos y Frida Kahlo*, Elaine Kelly, Furman University, SC.
- *Propuesta feminista y cambio social en el ensayo periodístico de Rosario Castellanos*, Emily Metzloff, Davidson College, NC.

Session XIII

(SCC-A)

Latin American and Latino Youth: Hopes and Dreams

Chair: Mario Gonzales, Southwestern University, TX.

- *The Second Phase: Mexican-American Students Migration*, Santiago Guerra, Southwestern University, TX.
- *Icapuí: An Education of Empowerment for a Better Quality of Life*, Jillian Gerner, Stanford University, CA.

3:35 - 5:00 p.m.

Session XIV

(Auditorium)

Periodismo, literatura, cinematografía: modos de expresión de la realidad latinoamericana.

Chair: Kelly Jensen, Samford University, AL.

- *Words Unspoken: Poetry as Journalism in Chile, 1973-1990, and Argentina, 1976-1983*, Rebecca Beham, Samford University, AL.
- *Sor Juana y Camila: Mujeres rebeldes en busca de la liberación personal*, Liliana P. Lara, Centenary College of Louisiana, LA.
- *Rising Genius: The Future of Latin American Cinema*, Timothy P. Walsh, Rhodes College, TN.

7:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. **Southern Comfort Music Festival**
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