

27th Annual Conference on the Americas

Conference Program

An Inter-disciplinary and Inter-cultural Conference

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DAY 1

Friday, February 16, 2024

Check-in at Registration Desk, 2nd Floor, Miller Learning Center from 12:30 pm

1:30 – 2:45 pm (ET)

Session 1A

Room: 207

Arts, Language and Literature

God and the Devil: An Investigation into the Nature of the Human Condition

Dr. Gordon McNeer, University of North Georgia

Chicanas in "Chicano noir:" an initial exploration of Adan Hernandez's paintings, 2002-2008

Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia

A Golden Identity: Elites and the Colombian Nation in the Gold Museum, Bogota

Mr. Jorge Luis Arcia Duran, University of Florida

Brazilian Digital Satire During Bolsonaro: The Cases of Porta Dos Fundos and Greg News

Dr. Paul Alonso and Paula Pasetto Condessa, Georgia Tech

1:30 – 2:45 pm (ET)

Session 1B

Room: 213

Migration and Immigration

Latin American Migration Governance and Type of Governments in Latin America

Dr. Clemente Quinones, Georgia Gwinnett College

The Mexican - Georgia Borderland: 1970 – 2021

Dr. David Stooksbury, College of Engineering, University of Georgia

Relocation, Assimilation and Survival across the border: Narratives of Venezuelan women migrants in Guyana

Dr. Carolyn Walcott, Clayton State University; Dr. Coreen Jacobs-Chester, University of Guyana

On Becoming a Migration State: Immigration Control in Small-Island, Developing States: The Trinidad and Tobago Case

Mr. Shane Prince, University of California, San Diego

1:30 – 2:45 pm (ET)

Session 1C

Room: 277

Teaching, Study Away and Internship

Collaborative Engineering Design Project between Mexican and US institutions on Implementing a Solar-powered Study Table as a Living Lab on Campus

Victoria Garay-Moreno¹, Kristalee Gonzalez-Perez¹, Kendra Rodriguez², Valeria Jimenez², Itzia Lopez², Ale Venegas², Fanor Rodriguez², Alejandro Soto², David Stooksbury¹, Sonia Garcia¹, Andrea Arreola², Sandra Jara², Jorge I. Rodriguez¹, 1 University of Georgia, 2 University of Guadalajara

Preservice teachers comparing their experiences in implementing science lesson plans during a summer program and in regular school classrooms: Lessons learned

Dr. Max Vazquez Dominguez, Lindsey Goodwin and Sheri Hardee, University of North Georgia

New Settings, Fresh Perspectives: Exploring Challenging Topics Through Study Away

Dr. Amy Baldwin, Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership

2:45 – 3:30 pm COFFEE BREAK & Poster Presentations
4th Floor Rotunda

“Burden of Care for Sickle Cell Disease in the Caribbean”

Tajah Damm and Dr. Andrew Sobering, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

“This is not a photoethnography: a critical exploration of AI tools to understand migratory experience and at-promise communities”

Beatriz Dominguez, University of Florida

“Impact of an adult neurology clinic in a resource-limited Caribbean nation”

Isabella Rhangos and Dr. Andrew Sobering, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

“Practical Solutions for Complex Problems: A Holistic Flood Resilience Study for the Tietê River in São Paulo, Brazil”

Luciana Iannone Tarcha, University of North Georgia

“Medical Student Participation in Study Away program in Belize”

Kayla Tatum, AU/UGA Medical Partnership

“Intentional Communities and the Possibility of Democracy as a Way of Life in the Latin America”

Thais Zschaber, University of Florida

3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)

Session 2A

Room: 207

Linguistics, Gender and Sexuality

Humor in Mexican Culture: An Examination of how Jokes Perpetuate Racism and Violence Against Women

Dr. Maria Guadalupe Calatayud, University of North Georgia

Characteristics and challenges of Spanish English bilingual children, including simultaneous bilinguals

Dr. Daniel Smith, Clemson University

A Look at the Linguistic Landscape of a Multilingual Area near Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia

Multilingual Language Policy in the Dutch Caribbean (Aruba)

Mr. Carlos Rodriguez-Iglesias, University of Aruba and University of Puerto Rico

3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)

Session 2B

Room: 213

Economic and Financial Issues in the Caribbean

The Trade and Fiscal Effects of Asymmetric Tariff Liberalization: Evidence from the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement on Jamaica

Dr. Kamilah Williams, University of North Georgia; Dr. Leanora Brown, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga; Oronde Small, Bank of Jamaica

Youth Unemployment in the Caribbean: Is Entrepreneurship the Answer?

Dr. Donna Danns and Dr. George Danns, University of North Georgia

Understanding Financial Exclusion: A Study of Demand Factors affecting the Use of Financial Services in Jamaica

Mr. Jevon Henry, University of the West Indies, Mona

Economic Ties and Public Opinion: A Comparative Analysis of the United States and China in Latin America

Ms. Olivia Hundley, Mercer University

3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)

Session 2C

Room: 277

Latin American Studies

El mal de Chagas: una perspectiva histórica y la urgencia de financiar las vacunas para lucharlo

Mr. David Burke, University of Georgia, Department of Romance Languages

A Critique of the Vista China Book from the Legal Perspective

Mr. Nilton Quirolli Junior, University of Florida

Elite Politicization of Post-War Negotiated Settlements in Colombia

Mr. Girisanker Santhoshkumar Bindu, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Neither Portugal nor Brazil: An Investigation of the Decolonial Efforts in Instructional Materials Adopted in Early Portuguese Courses at US Universities

Mr. Jean Costa-Silva, University of Georgia

CONFERENCE RECEPTION

5:00pm - 6:30pm: 4th Floor Rotunda

Day 2

Saturday, February 17, 2024

8:30 – 9:45 am (ET)

Session 3A

Room: 207

Regional Politics and Diplomacy

La Juventud Norteamericana es un Gran Aliado Revolucionario: The Role of the North American Pueblo in Revolutionary Chile's Transnational Solidarity with the People of Vietnam"

Dr. Juan Pablo Valenzuela, Georgia State University Perimeter College

Diplomatic Allegiance in International Relations: The Case of China and Taiwan Regarding Paraguay and Guatemala

Prof. Sabella Abidde, Alabama State University Montgomery, Alabama

Greetings from Havana: Letters from Czechoslovak technician Emil Karabec and his wife about their stay in Cuba

Dr. Magdalena Matuskova, Clemson University

Beyond Crisis: Reimagining Melodrama in Natalia Almada's Film *Todo lo demás*

Dr. Derek Beaudry, University of North Georgia

8:30 – 9:45 am (ET)

Session 3B

Room: 250

Panel: Latinx Initiatives at the University of North Georgia

Cultivating Connections: Piloting a Bilingual Health Fair While Building Community

Prof. Maria Jose Maguire, University of North Georgia

Building Internship Opportunities, Strengthening Communities

Dr. Alvaro Torres Calderon, Ms. Riley Smith, and Ms. Maggie Webster, University of North Georgia

Latinx Students in Art Exhibitions at UNG: Fostering Growth Mindset and Student Success

Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia

Latinx Student Engagement at UNG: Building a Sense of Belonging

Mr. Kyle Murphy, University of North Georgia

9:45 – 10:00 am COFFEE BREAK
4th Floor Rotunda

10:00 – 11:00 am (ET)

Session 4A

Room: 207

Sociocultural Perspectives in Latin America and the Caribbean

Recentring the Caribbean public space

Ms. Dina Khadija Benn, Georgia State University, Urban Studies Institute

Non-Binary Gender and Mortuary Practices in Pre-Colonial Andes

Mr. Illyamani Castro, University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies

Borders Crossing Bodies: Body Horror and Entrapment in Jenny Torres Sanchez's *We Are Not from Here* and Diego Quemada-Díez's *La jaula de oro*

Dr. KC Barrientos, University of Notre Dame

10:00 – 11:00 am (ET)

Session 4B

Room: 250

Engineering and Environment Initiatives in LAC

The Impact of an Educational Initiative to promote the Use of The Vetiver System as a soft engineering green technology for erosion control in Grenada

Dr. Vanessa Slinger-Friedman, Kennesaw State University

Going Beyond the Academia Standards: A Service-Orientated Research Approach for Flood Modeling in the Caribbean and Latin America

Dr. Felix Santiago-Collazo, College of Engineering, University of Georgia; Walter Silva-Araya (Puerto Rico Water Resources and Environmental Research Institute, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez), Luis Cordova-Lopez (Hydraulic Research Center, Technological University José Antonio Echeverría, La Habana, Cuba), and Rodolfo Scarati-Martins (Department of Hydraulics & Environmental Engineering, University of Sao Paulo, São Paulo, Brazil)

An Island-Scale Flood Modeling Framework for the Caribbean: A Case Study for Puerto Rico

Mr. Orlando Vilorio-Marimon, The University of Georgia; Felix L. Santiago-Collazo, School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering, University of Georgia; Walter Silva-Araya, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez, Mayagüez

10:00 – 11:00 am (ET)

Session 4C

Room: 248

Arts, Language and Culture (Presentations in Spanish)

Cantos de Dolor y de Esperanza y su Pedido de la Justicia

Mr. Garry Merritt, University of North Georgia

El cine documental boliviano entre memoria e historia

Prof. Jaime Salinas Zabalaga, University of North Georgia

Camet Norte, un sitio con características únicas en Sudamérica: la experiencia de ecomuseo

Ms. Erika González Altamiranda (CECIAPP, UGA), Regina Verbic (CECIAPP), Natalia Fernández (FCEyN UNMDP), Pablo Cuchetti (CECIAPP)

11:15 – 12:30 pm (ET)

Session 5A

Room: 207

Sociological and Geographic issues in LAC

Globalization and Geography in the Post-pandemic Era

Dr. Todd Lindley, Georgia Gwinnett College

The Socioeconomic Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic in Latin America and the Caribbean

Prof. George Danns, University of North Georgia; Prof. Brenda I. Gill, Alabama State University

Comparing Human Trafficking in Africa's Island Nations and the Caribbean

Prof. Sabella Abidde, Alabama State University, Montgomery

"From Caste to Class to Crass to Crash"

Mr. Mario Delgado, Retired

11:15 – 12:30 pm (ET)

Session 5B

Room: 250

Panel: Culture and Contradictions in the film Ya no estoy aquí (2019)

A King Without a Crown: Gore Capitalism in Ya no estoy aquí (2019)

Dr. Dorian Lee Jackson, Kennesaw State University

Cumbia and its Travels: The Multiple Meanings of Space in Monterrey's Kolombia

Dr. Héctor Fernández L'Hoeste, Georgia State University

¿Seguro que eres Kolombia, güey?: The Promises and Contradictions of Hemispheric Mexicanidad in Ya no estoy aquí (2019)

Dr. Rodolfo Aguilar, Kennesaw State University

11:15 – 12:30 pm (ET)

Session 5C

Room: 248

Teaching and Learning Experiences: Multilingual Students

How an intensive summer course shapes practices in the classroom: Preservice teachers differentiating science content for multilingual students

Dr. Max Vazquez Dominguez, University of North Georgia

PANEL: Challenges and Experiences of Hispanic First-generation College Students Studying Engineering in Georgia

Chairs: Sonia Garcia, PhD; David Stooksbury, PhD; Jorge I Rodriguez, PhD., University of Georgia

Student Panelists from UGA: Paola Sandoval, Yubil Tejada, Kristina Iturbe, Elias David Gomez del Rio

12:30 pm: Lunch - 4th Floor Rotunda

Announcement & Presentation of Student Paper Competition Award Winners

Dr. Luise Strange De Soria

CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAS

Closing Plenary: Dr. Pilar Chamorro

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: Room 248

Conference Co-Chairs: Dr. Amy Baldwin (AU/UGA Medical Partnership), Dr. Donna Danns (UNG), and Dr. Chad Howe (UGA)

Remarks: Dr. Donna Danns, Professor, UNG, Americas Council

Introduction of Plenary Speaker: Dr. Chad Howe, Interim Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, UGA



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**Reflections from linguistic fieldwork with the
Guajajara communities of Maranhão, Brazil**

Plenary Session

**Saturday, February 17, 2024
1:30 – 2:30 PM**

*Miller Learning Center,
Room 248*

*Open to All –
Registration not required to attend*



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The Americas Council provides an annual conference for presenters and participants to explore critical socio-cultural, political, economic, environmental, global, regional and national issues including the challenges and opportunities facing Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada.

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