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Friday & Saturday
February 18 & 19

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# 25th Annual Conference on the Americas

## DAY 1

**Friday, February 18, 2022**

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**Session 1C  
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**Panel: Poetic, Fictional and Visual Art in the Caribbean**

**Chair:** Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University

“**Annie John: Analysis of Becoming A Woman and The Caribbean Mother-Daughter Relationship**”  
*Dr. Anique John, Arizona State University*

**The function, role and purpose of poetry in Antigua and Barbuda and a larger global environment.**  
*Dr. Elaine Olaoye, Brookdale Community College*

**Double Consciousness in the Visual Art of Frank Walter**  
*Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University*

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**2:00 – 2:15 pm**  
**COFFEE BREAK**

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2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)  
**Session 2A  
Rm: A**

**Immigration Issues and Suicide in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Chair:** Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, University of North Georgia

**Central American Migration: Structural Factors of Forced Migration**  
*Dr. James Daria, Georgia College and State University*

**Impact of People’s Anti-immigrant Sentiments on Immigration Policies and the Migrant/refugees’ Use of Public Services in Selected Destination Countries**  
*Dr. Clemente Quinones, Georgia Gwinnett College*

**Suicide in Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*Prof. George Danns, University of North Georgia*

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2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)  
**Session 2B  
Rm: B**

**Language Usage, Poetry and Hispanic Culture**

**Chair:** Dr. Jaime Salinas Zabalaga, University of North Georgia

**Gabriela Mistral: La Madre de Todos (The Mother of All)**  
*Ms. Sheridan Porras, University of North Georgia*

**Los acentos variados entre cantantes mexicanos de regiones diferentes**  
*Ms. Colton Glaze, University of North Georgia*
La educación a los niños latinos y sus efectos psicológicos
Ms. Susana Olivo Sandoval, University of North Georgia

2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)  Session 2C  Rm: C

Panel: Experiential Learning Approaches in Conversation Practice

Chair: Prof. Priscilla Dobbs, Georgia State University – Perimeter College

Three faculty - two professors of Spanish and one of French - and three students, all Spanish majors, discuss three experiential learning opportunities for students of French or Spanish to carry out synchronous conversations with native or advanced speakers of the target language.
- Commercial Platforms
- Collaboration with Partner University from Colombia, and
- Embedded Conversation Partners

Panelists:
Dr. Ofélia Nikolova, Professor of French, Valdosta State University
Dr. Grażyna Walczak, Professor of Spanish, Valdosta State University
Dr. Susan Wehling, Professor of Spanish Valdosta State University

Student Discussants: Ms. Gwendolena Fernandez, Ms. Kiya Ezell and Mr. Tyler Adkins-Chatfield, Valdosta State University

3:15 – 3:30 pm  COFFEE BREAK

3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)  Session 3A  Rm: A

Economic Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean

Chair: Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University.

Protracted Crisis? Poverty and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean
Prof. Donna Danns, University of North Georgia

The Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Tourism and Education in Cusco, Peru
Dr. Kristi Hislopec, University of North Georgia

Financialization and Income Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean
Dr. Dwight Wilson, Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, and Dr. Rana Gautam
University of North Georgia
Development Successes and Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean  
Ms. Stephanie Medina, University of North Georgia

3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)  Session 3B  Rm: B

Teaching Paradigms, Modalities and Study Abroad Programs

Chair: Dr. Lauren Johnson, University of North Georgia

From science fiction to Spanish: Is AI here to stay?  
Prof. Maria Jose Maguire, University of North Georgia

Pandemic Passports: Designing a Virtual Study Abroad Program through Interdepartmental Collaboration.  
Dr. Annalease Gibson, Dr. Erica DeCuir, and Dr. John Williams  
Albany State University

Screen Time, Fatigue and Technological Challenges: Pedagogical Experiences of US and Caribbean College Professors Teaching Online During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Dr. Carolyn Walcott, Clayton State University  
Dr. Melany Chambers, Oglethorpe University

Integrating academic learning and community engagement: ART 3570 Mexican and U.S. Latino Art and the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibition  
Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia

3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)  Session 3C  Rm: C

Educational Resources and Language Pedagogy

Chair: Dr. Kenneth Martin, University of North Georgia

Effect of text-only vs. video enhanced instructions to tasks on language production in a foreign language online course  
Dr. Mariana Stone, University of North Georgia

ESOL/ Spanish for Native Speakers Middle School Teachers  
Mrs. Nancy Gandy, Alumni, University of North Georgia

A Curriculum and Resource Repository for Latin American & the Caribbean  
Prof. Eric Kendrick, Perimeter College – Georgia State University

The Pedagogical Value of Google Translate  
Dr. Karen Guffey, Gordon State College  
Ms. Mallory Carter, Student, Gordon State College
4:45 – 6:15 PM: Plenary Room

Remarks by Conference on the Americas Sponsors
Dr. Christopher Jespersen, Dean, College of Arts and Letters
Dr. Mary Gowan, Dean, Mike Cottrell College of Business

SIP, CHAT, PERFORM

We have an Open Mic!
Recite your poetry! Play an instrument! Sing! Art Display!

Performances also by:
Young Bill Rogers – Calypsonian
Lloyd Garrett – Poet and Ph.D. Student in Interdisciplinary Arts
Elsie Harry – Spoken Word

Prof. Juan Carlos Galeano introduces his documentary film, “El Rio” (see link on pg. 12)

A Celebration of Latin America and the Caribbean

DAY 2

Saturday, February 19, 2022

10:00 – 11:15 am (ET) Session 4A Rm: A


Chair: Dr. Jaime Salinas, University of North Georgia

The Memory of the Affections
Dr. Jaime Salinas, University of North Georgia

El libre albedrío, el determinismo y la constitución narrativa de la identidad en Mi negro pasado de Laura Esquivel
Dr. Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

El realismo mágico, la teología de la liberación y una reacción al secularismo eurocéntrico
Dr. Alfredo Poggi, University of North Georgia
Home away from home: immigration and identity in Azul Corvo by Adriana Lisboa
Dr. Raphael Palermo, University of North Georgia

10:00 – 11:15 am  Session 4B  Rm: B

Healthcare Research and Practices in the Caribbean

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

Medical records in Grenada, WI: the past, present and challenges of using handwritten records
Dr. Amy Baldwin, Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership
A Bahadoor-Yetman, St. George’s University, School of Medicine, Grenada, WI
V Mapp-Alexander, St. George’s University, School of Medicine, Grenada, WI

Saving Brains Grenada: Preventing Violence, Promoting Child Development
Prof. Barbara Landon, St George’s University School of Graduate Studies
Dr. Randall Waechter, St. George’s University School of Medicine

Experiences with periodic pro bono pediatric genetics /adult neurology clinics in a resource-limited Caribbean community
Prof. Andrew Sobering, Augusta University /University of Georgia Medical Partnership

Identification of HPV Genotypes in Grenada: A comparison of Self-Sampling to Physician-Obtained Cervical Cytology
Ms. Ronelle Bailey, St. George’s University School of Medicine,
Kritika Padala, School of Medicine, St. George’s University, Grenada, et al.

10:00 – 11:15 am (ET)  Session 4C  Rm: C

Panel: Human Trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean
Chair: Prof. Brenda Gill. Alabama State University

The Spatial Distribution of Human Trafficking: A Global Analysis
Dr. Augustine Awunudiegba, California State University Stanislaus
Dr. Elisha Dung, Alabama State University

Sex Trafficking of Girls: Focus on Latin America and Caribbean
Prof. Brenda Gill and Dr. Jesse McKinnon
Alabama State University

Communication Factors That Reveal Human Traffickers’ Deceptions to their Latin America and Caribbean Victims
Dr. Ivon Alcime, Alabama State University

11:15 – 11:30 am  COFFEE BREAK
11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)  Session 5A  Rm: A

**Democracy and Power in Latin America and the Caribbean**  
**Chair:** Dr. Dwight Wilson, University of North Georgia

**Political Ideology and its Associations to Inequality: A Study of Venezuela 2019 & 2020**  
Dr. Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University

**The slow death of democracy under Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil**  
Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University  
Mr. Joshua Kohler da Cruz, Georgia State University

**Latin America's Soft Power**  
Dr. Cristian Harris, University of North Georgia

**Personality Development and Economic Underdevelopment: The Missing Link**  
Mr. Mario Delgado, Former Adjunct Faculty, University of North Georgia

11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)  Session 5B  Rm: B

**Ethnography, Literature and Poetry in the Americas**  
**Chair:** Prof. Ernie Guyton, Georgia State University – Perimeter College

**Baseball and Criollo Identity in Venezuela**  
Prof. David Sheinin, Trent University

**In Search of Ramonet**  
Dr. Gordon McNeer, University of North Georgia

**Puerto Rican Tales of Enchantment in Early Twentieth Century Oral Folklore: La Cenizosa and “los encantados”**  
Dr. Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott College

**Solitude in the Americas: “Leaning into the Afternoons” by Pablo Neruda**  
Dr. Rudyard Alcocer, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)  Session 5C  Rm: C

**Culture, Film, Ecology and the Environment**  
**Chair:** Dr. Alvaro M. Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

**Cultural comparisons on Eat Drink Man Woman and Tortilla Soup**  
Mr. Nicholas Hu, University of North Georgia

**Encanto Film for Spanish class**  
Dr. Luis Mora, Georgia Gwinnett College

**Two Panelists discuss the documentary film “El Río” by Prof. Juan Carlos Galeano**  
1. Ms. Chanelle Dupuis, Brown University; 2. Mr. Alexis Finet, Florida State University  
**Discussant** – Prof. Juan Carlos Galeano, Florida State University
12:50 pm: Plenary Room
Announcement and Presentation of COA Student Paper Competition Award Winner
Ms. Sara Wofford, University of West Georgia

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm: Plenary Room
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Chair: Dr. George K. Danns, Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Human Services, University of North Georgia, & Member, Americas Council, USG

Remarks: Dr. José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics, Georgia Southern State University, & Chair, Americas Council, USG

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Keynote Address

Dissecting a Humanitarian Crisis: Field Notes from the Migration through the US Southern Border

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Enrique Pumar

Fay Boyle University Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University, California. Currently, Chair, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association (ASA), a member of the International Advisory Board, Global Journal of Political and Social Research and a faculty member of the Latinx Education Research Center, Santa Clara University.

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A big “thank you” to all our session chairs, presenters and chat monitors for their very hard work and quality presentations. We are especially thankful to Professors Paget Henry and Brenda Gill for their solid involvement. Special thanks to the guest artistes, Mr. Roger Anthony Hinds aka Young Bill Rogers, Ms. Elsie Harry, Ms. Lloyd Garrett, Mrs. Myrna Bernard, Prof. Juan Galeano and others who kindly shared their talents at our SIP, CHAT, PERFORM event. We are grateful also to all other attendees. Finally, we are deeply grateful to Professor Enrique Pumar, our Keynote Address speaker for so graciously accepting our invitation, and for his timely and insightful presentation to the 25th Annual Conference on the Americas.

Donna E. Danns, Ph.D., Professor of Economics, UNG
Alvaro Torres-Calderón, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Spanish, UNG
George K. Danns, Ph.D., Professor of Sociology, UNG

Co-chairs, 25th Annual Conference on the Americas
Human Trafficking
Global History and Perspectives

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“Human Trafficking: Global History and Perspectives” argues that, far from being a recent development, human trafficking is rooted in the history of the human condition and has only been amplified by globalization. Using a multidisciplinary approach that traces the historical roots of human trafficking in global history, the chapters explore case studies from different parts of the world to show that human trafficking is not only a global phenomenon but, a localized enigma. The contributors contend that the causes, and thus, the solutions, are rooted in local and regional social, cultural, political, and economic conditions of victims. The case studies include global, regional, and local examples to analyze the complex causes and effects of human trafficking as well as the legal ramifications.
El Río is a feature-length documentary where the daily life and stories of Amazonian peoples become cautionary tales in our Anthropocene era. El Río contributes to intersecting fields of anthropology and environmental humanities for our understanding of the perspectives of indigenous cultures and the life of water ecosystems under threat. It gives credence to the importance of ecological knowledge and belief systems for the entangled natural and human histories of Amazonia.

Juan Carlos Galeano is an Amazonian poet, documentary filmmaker, and essayist whose fieldwork on symbolic narratives of riverine and forest people in the Amazon basin resulted in his production of a comprehensive collection of storytelling (Folktales of the Amazon, ABC-CLIO, 2008). As a filmmaker he made a plea for environmental justice, threatened landscapes and cultures of Amazonia in his documentary, The Trees Have a Mother (Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2008). He has published several books of poetry and has translated the works of North American poets into Spanish. His poetry inspired by Amazonian cosmologies and the modern world are anthologized and published in international journals such as Casa de las Américas (Cuba), The Atlantic Monthly and Ploughshares (U.S.). He teaches Latin American poetry and Amazonian Cultures at Florida State University and is currently the director of the FSU Service/Learning Program: Journey into Amazonia in Perú.

Dr. Galeano invites you to view his documentary film: https://www.elriofilm.com/ and https://filmfreeway.com/ElRio