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20TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAS

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Hosted by

Armstrong State University
Co-Chaired by Dr. José A. da Cruz & Dr. Nancy Tille-Victorica

February 10th - 11th 2017

All sessions will be held in University Hall (UH)

Lunch and Keynote Address:
Savannah Ballroom B&C – Student Union Center

REGISTRATION

Friday, February 10 - 1pm to 4pm: University Hall Main Entrance

SESSIONS

Friday, February – 1:30pm to 2:45pm

1. Latin American Politics in the 21st Century – Room UH102

Chair: Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

Ecuador and Its Role in the Recent US Elections

Diana Serrano, Armstrong State University

Another Cuban Crisis: Disparity in Journalism

Kelsey Daenen, Georgia State University

Trump's Victory: A Linguistic Look at Reactions in Spanish-Language Media Throughout the Americas

Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia

Iran in the Land of the Incas

José A. da Cruz – Armstrong State University

2. Socio-Cultural Issues in Hispanic Literature and Soap-opera (Undergraduate Spanish- Speaking Panel) – Room UH 103

Chair: Ericka Parra, Valdosta State University

El amor en "Al correr de los años" de Miguel de Unamuno

Rocco Angelillo, Valdosta State University

La influencia de los matrimonios sobre el mestizaje latinoamericano

Susanna Peonia, Valdosta State University

Una sociedad dividida en Frontera de cristal de Carlos Fuentes

Kwatarrius Smith, Valdosta State University

"Casa tomada," Conexión entre el cuento y la invasión de los Nazis a Francia y Bélgica

Mariana Aguiar, Valdosta State University

Friday, February 10 – 3:00pm to 4:15pm

3. Latin American Literature (Spanish-Speaking Panel) – Room UH102

Chair: Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

El zumbayllu como símbolo de la [r]evolución o el baile de la peon[za] en Los ríos profundos de José María Arguedas

Ana Torres, Armstrong State University

Memoria y espacio en Tela de sevoya de Myriam Moscona

Encarnación Cruz Jiménez, Armstrong State University

Síndrome de Estocolmo y zona gris: la figura de la colaboradora en la narrativa chilena

Viviana Plotnik, Oglethorpe University

Cuerpos marginados y violencia económica en Jamás el fuego nunca e Impuesto a la carne de Diamela Eltit

Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

4. Historical Perspectives – Room UH103

Chair: Michael Hall, Armstrong State University

Perception, Misconception, Fiction: the English-Speaking World Creating Central America: 1820-2020

Heather Abdelnur, Augusta University

Garifuna Africanity: Shaping the Contours of Lives

Michael Benjamin, Armstrong State University

Utopian Aspirations and Dystopian Realizations: Historicizing Plantation, Nation, and Violence in Jamaica

Kimberley McKinson, University of California at Irvine

If a billionaire businessman can serve as an unorthodox "shake-em up" president, how about a comedian? Guatemala's recent election of sit-com star Jimmy Morales as president. Is this the "anti-establishment" that will get the job done for dysfunctional and corrupt Guatemala?

W. Ernie Guyton, Georgia Perimeter College & Georgia State

4:15pm-5:00pm Welcoming Aperitif (Wine & Cheese)

University Hall 129

Saturday, February 11 - 9:00am to 10:15am

5. Linguistics & Foreign Language Education – Room UH102

Chair: Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

SSU Costa Rica Study Abroad Writing Practices with Guidance from Prof. Irina Tedrick
Irina Tedrick, Savannah State University

Reading across Cultures in Transparent Languages
Ericka H. Parra, Valdosta State University

Challenges and Perspectives Towards Common Assessment in a Spanish Course at the University Level
Mariana Stone, University of North Georgia

Spanish L1 and L2 'Errors' due to Interference or the Natural Order of Acquisition
Daniel Smith, Clemson University

6. Economy in the Americas – Room UH103

Chair: José A. da Cruz , Armstrong State University

English Proficiency and Earnings of Foreign-Born Immigrants in the USA from 1980 to 2000: The Effect of the Latino Enclaves and Immigration Acts
Ying Zhen, Wesleyan College

Entrepreneurship and Poverty in Latin America
Yassad Saadatmand and Dennis Barber III, Armstrong State University

One View of International Commerce between the USA and Mexico
Elizabeth Combier, University of North Georgia

Community Archaeology at Salinas de los Nueve Cerros, Guatemala
Brent Woodfill, Georgia State University

Permanent Crisis: Economic Challenges and Prospects of Latin American and Caribbean Countries
Donna and George Danns, University of North Georgia

Saturday, February 11 10:30am to 11:45am

7. Latin American Literature & Film (Panel in English) – Room UH102

Chair: Nancy Tille-Victorica, Armstrong State University

Luis Hernández: A Misunderstood Poet in 1960s' Peru
Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

Voces inocentes and Paloma de papel: Lost Youth
William Deaver, Armstrong State University

Of Manses and Convents: Space as Setting and Protagonist of Violences in Two Contemporary Colombian Novels
Paco Pinto-Torres, Virginia Tech

Cuba Libre: Martí Iconography and Civil Disobedience in Fernando Pérez' Eye of the Canary
Eric Morales-Franceschini, University of Georgia

8. Diversity of Issues – Room UH103

Chair: Becky da Cruz, Armstrong State University

"... Next Time": Gulf Coast Residents' Relationship to Hurricanes, and Implications for Preparation and Response Improvement
Robert Lloyd, Georgia State University

Religion in the South, Does It Impact the Public Sphere, Positively or Negatively?
Darren Broome, Gordon State College

The Totality of Circumstances: Police Perspectives and the Preemptive Anticipation of Crime
William Odum, Georgia State University

The Inter-American Literary Paradigm: Bridging Disciplinary Divisions
Frans Weiser, University of Georgia

9. Cultural and Gender Studies (Undergraduate Panel) – Room UH129

Chair: Dr. José A. da Cruz, Armstrong State University

A Sociolinguistic Survey of Latinx
Haley Patterson, University of North Georgia

Gastronomía mexicana en relación a la cultura y a la identidad: lo que aprendí durante un estudio en el extranjero

Alaina Whitmore, Columbus State University

Wine Economies of Córdoba, Argentina and Georgia

Chad Warner, University of North Georgia

Gendered Nationalism: Metaphorical Conquest of Woman

Delia Moreno, Armstrong State University

Luncheon

12:00pm to 12:45pm Savannah Ballroom B&C

Key Note Address

1:00pm to 2:00pm Savannah Ballroom B&C

Welcome & Introductions: Dr. José A. da Cruz, Chair of the Americas Council

Territory and Erotics in Contemporary Latin American Narrative and Cinema

By

Dr. Vinodh Venkatesh, Virginia Tech

Closing of the 20th Annual Conference of the Americas

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Americas Council Spring Meeting

2:15pm to 3:00pm Savannah Ballroom B&C

Chair: Dr. José A. da Cruz, Armstrong State University