

23rd Annual Conference on the Americas

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February 21 & 22, 2020

Conference site: **Martha T. Nesbitt Building, UNG, Gainesville Campus**

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DAY 1

Friday, February 21, 2020

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Registration - Nesbitt Building, Rm. 3110

SESSIONS

1:30 – 2:45 pm

Session 1A

Rm: 5101

Migration and Immigration

Moderator: Amy Baldwin, University of Georgia

Meeting the Learning Needs of English Learner Students: One Community at a Time

Annmarie Jackson, Cristina Washell, Max Vazquez Dominguez, Romola Bernard,
Winnifred Namatovu and Elizabeth Richards
University of North Georgia

Georgia Gwinnett College (GGC) Students' Opinion on Immigration Issues: A Comparative Perspective

Clemente Quinones, Georgia Gwinnett College

Contemporary Outmigration from CARICOM Countries: Its Impact and Potential for Growth of Diaspora Countries

Brenda Gill, Elisha Dung & Paul Erhunmwunsee, Alabama State University

1:30 – 2:45 pm

Session 1B

Rm: 5105

Xenophobia, Discrimination and Media Framing in the Americas

Moderator: Alex Wisnoski, University of North Georgia

Xenophobia in Latin America and the Caribbean

George Danns, University of North Georgia
Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

Transnational Agriculture, Colonized Labor and Global Apartheid: Indigenous Migrant Farmworkers along the US Mexican Border

James Daria, Georgia College and State University

Public and Private Newspaper Framing of Oil discovery in Guyana

Carolyn Walcott, Georgia State University

1:30 – 2:45 pm Session 1C Rm: 4101

Language and Literature

Moderator: Joshua Kohler da Cruz, Georgia State University

Angola Janga: A graphic retelling of Brazilian Quilombos

Laura Vieira, University of Georgia

In between animals: Literature and scientific criticism in the short narrative of Ana Maria Shua

Teresa Espallargas, University of Georgia

Lexical Variation, Health Literacy, and Gender in a South Floridian Immigrant Community

Eden Gordon, University of Georgia

2:45 – 3:00 pm COFFEE BREAK - Rm. 3110

3:00 – 4:15 pm Session 2A Rm: 5105

Latin American and Caribbean Politics

Moderator: Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University

The Caribbean Revolutionary Impulse in the Neo-Liberal Era: Martinique and Guadeloupe

Paget Henry, Brown University

Motivating Factors in Fidel Castro's Intervention in Africa

Sabella Abidde, Alabama State University

The Paradox of State Failure in Mexico

Dwight Wilson, University of North Georgia

3:00 – 4:15 pm

Session 2B

Rm: 4101

Latin American and Caribbean Economics

Moderator: *Katie Simmons, University of North Georgia*

Banking Crises and Social Policy: The Case of Latin America and the Caribbean

Rana Gautam, University of North Georgia

The Economic Contributions of Caribbean Migrants to their Countries of Origin and the United States and Canada

Donna Danns and George Danns, University of North Georgia

The Effectiveness of Participatory Budgeting in Brazil: Accomplishments and Potential Improvements

Maria Julia Bortolucci, University of North Georgia

3:00 – 4:15 pm

Session 2C

Rm: 5101

Culture and Gender

Moderator: *Alvaro Torres-Calderón*

Eating Disorders and Body Image in Latin Americans in the US: Impact of Gender, Family and Acculturative Stress

Madeline Altabe, University of North Georgia

Spanish Idioms Related to Food Vocabulary

Luis Mora, Georgia Gwinnett College

Todes, tod@s, and todxs - The use of inclusive language in Spanish in the Americas

Nicolas Hu, University of North Georgia

Mexican Americans in an Early Humanscape of Mel Casas: The study of a 1967 painting

Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia

4:30 – 6:00 PM

CONFERENCE RECEPTION

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CULTURAL PERFORMANCES

Hosted by

Multicultural Student Affairs

Featuring: Fogo Brasil - Samba Dancers, percussionists and capoeira display

DAY 2

Saturday, February 22, 2020

9:00 – 10:15 am

Session 3A

Rm: 5105

Promoting Global Engagement

Moderator: Andi Novobilski, University of North Georgia

Design and Implementation of a Women's Health & Social Services Embedded in Study Away Program, Grenada, W.I.

Amy Baldwin, Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership
Jane McPherson, School of Social Work, University of Georgia

Administering a Study Abroad Program in Cusco, Peru

Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia

Intersecting Language and Culture in the FL Classroom

Mariana Stone, Georgia State University

UNG Human Services Study Abroad Field Practicum Opportunities in Latin America and the Caribbean

Maxine Douglas, University of North Georgia

9:00 – 10:15 am

Session 3B

Rm: 5101

Latin American History and Philosophy

Moderator: Dwight Wilson

The Unhappy Island: The United States Information Agency's Response to Fidel Castro and the Cuban Revolution 1959 - 1962

Hector Montford, College of Coastal Georgia

Primitive Modernity: Sergio Gonzalez Rodriguez's Idiosyncratic Reflections on Contemporary Mexico

Derek Beaudry, University of North Georgia

Abraham Lincoln's Political Influence on Porras and Nabuco: The Missing Link

Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University & US Army War College
Joshua Kohler da Cruz, Georgia State University

"There are no Communist Here": Workers, Political Power and Elites on the Border during the 1930's

Andres Hajar, Georgia Gwinnett College

9:00 – 10:15 am

Session 3C

Rm: 4101

Education, History & Philosophy

Moderator: Rana Gautam

Teaching Science using 3-Dimensional Learning and Bilingualism: Effective Science Activity Structure for After School Programs

Max Vazquez Dominquez, Annmarie Jackson, Cristina Washell, Jesus Penaloza, & Kinley Pritchett, University of North Georgia

Latino/a/@X/Americano: Polyvocality and Power in the Development of Categories Relating to Latin America within the United States

Bryn Walker, Oxford College of Emory University

Mapping and Geo-Cultural Categories of Latin American Studies in the United States

Pablo Palomino, Oxford College of Emory University

CLR James and the Three-Legged Tripod

Ed Van Herik, Van Herik Communications

10:15 – 10:30 am

COFFEE BREAK

Rm. 3110

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Session 4A

Rm: 5101

Latin American Studies and Literature

Moderator: Kristi Hislope

El secreto y la metaficción en El amante japonés de Isabel Allende

Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

Raza e identidad latinoamericana a través del personaje Daniel en También la lluvia

María José Maguire, Flagler College

La Puerta a la Mente Femenina: Una Perspectiva Clara con Silvina Ocampo

Bailey Pieplow, University of North Georgia

10:30 – 12:00 pm

Session 4B

Rm: 5105

***Panel: Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean: The Case for
Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation***

Panel Chair: Sabelle Abidde

Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean: The Urgency and Desirability of State-to-State and Multi-State Cooperation

Sabella O. Abidde, Alabama State University

Tourism: People, Places, and Wonders of the Lands

Augustine Avwunudiogba, California State University Stanislaus

Elisha J Dung, Alabama State University

The Geographical Basis of Multilateral and Bilateral Cooperation

Elisha J Dung, Alabama State University

Augustine Avwunudiogba, California State University Stanislaus

Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean: A Shared Historical Connection

Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University

Colonialism, Dependency, and South-South Cooperation: Africa and Latin American Countries

Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

Augustine Avwunudiogba, California State University Stanislaus

CONFERENCE LUNCHEON AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Americas Council Luncheon

12.00pm to 12.45pm, Cleveland Ballroom 3110 A&B

Welcome Remarks: Dr. Chaudron Gille, Provost & Senior VPAA, UNG

Remarks: Dr. Chris Jespersen, Dean, College of Arts & Letters, UNG

Remarks and Announcements: Dr. José A. da Cruz, Chair, Americas Council
Announcement of Winners of the **Graduate and Undergraduate Student Paper Competitions:** Dr. Luise Strange de Soria, Secretary, Americas Council.

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Prof. George Danns, Conference Co-chair

Keynote Address

1.00pm to 2.00pm

Between Caribbean and Latin American Philosophy: Some Recent Developments

By

**Dr. Paget Henry, Professor of African American Studies and
Sociology, Brown University**

Vote of Thanks

Americas Council Meeting

2.15 to 3.00pm



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