

# MACLAS

## Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

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### Message from the President by Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti (2022-2023)

Hello MACLAS members! This is a special edition of the newsletter covering the professional service, scholarly pursuits, and official recognitions from MACLAS 2022 up to the present. It is my true honor and privilege to present to you the conference theme of MACLAS 2023 at Salisbury University: The Afro-Americas: A Hemispheric Conversation. The theme has raised a great deal of interest on the part of our membership, and I want to thank our EC members and Program Co-Chairs, Amanda Frantz-Mamani and Jason A. Bartles, for putting together very exciting panels this year. If nothing else, MACLAS 2023 will be the place to reflect on the topics of diversity, inclusion, social justice, and the profound inequities we experience in today's world. In addition to our regular program, the experience at Salisbury University will include special sessions, exhibitions, and tours to see the Harriet Tubman statue on campus (please see picture inside) and the Harriet Tubman Museum & Educational Center in Cambridge, MD. Please see inside and relive the experience at TCNJ in the year that was, and take a peek at what's coming in March 2023. Read the inspiring words by colleague and long-time MACLAS member María Roof, our recent McInnis Award winner; learn how to submit a publication or manuscript for a 2023 MACLAS Prize; join our organization by looking at the tremendous opportunities opened up to those who want to be part of our Executive Committee or prize committees.

Again, thanks to my EC team members for your assistance in making MACLAS 2023 possible. I look forward to seeing you all in Salisbury University in March!

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## MACLAS 2022 at The College of New Jersey.

Attracting participants from across the hemisphere, MACLAS held its 23rd academic conference at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) on March 18 and 19, 2022. The conference theme, "Privilege, Power, and Pedagogy," explored the contradictions of a region so diverse yet suffering from vast social inequities. Eighteen panels showcased research from various disciplines in the social sciences and humanities. A hybrid format allowed participation from Latin American countries as well as U.S. scholars still stranded by the pandemic. MACLAS strives for inclusivity in the identities of participants, their research agendas and methodologies, and countries of origin. A photo exhibit of "Braceros" and a film on the Latin American community in Trenton, NJ complemented the panels.

Recipient of the 2021 Whitaker Prize for best book recently published, Professor Jeffrey Pugh (University of Massachusetts at Boston) gave the keynote speech on how non-governmental organizations assist migration in the region. The flow of migrants and internally displaced people has reached historical levels, straining state resources. To a large degree, migrants adhere to an "invisibility bargain" whereby the lack of demand for public support prevents social resentment of migrants. Non-governmental organizations can fill the resulting resource void, a topic Pugh knows well since he created such a group.



Note that TCNJ also provided the instructional technology to host virtually the 2020 and 2021 conferences. Salisbury University in Maryland will host the 2023 conference, whose theme is "The Afro-Americas: A Hemispheric Conversation."

## Letter of appreciation by McInnis Award winner María Roof.

To MACLAS President Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti, Past President Melixa Abad-Izquierdo, and Executive Committee Members:

May 2022

Please accept my deepest appreciation for your generosity in honoring my work with the Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Award at the 2022 MACLAS meeting. I know that this award is not granted every year, which also makes it special. Judy was an extraordinary person, whom I met at my first MACLAS meeting, and I am humbled to have received an honor that bears her name.

MACLAS has been a very special place for me, as I was struck from the initial sessions I attended by the supportive, collegial atmosphere at every session. MACLAS meetings were so marvelous in this way that I began to sponsor Howard University graduate and undergraduate student scholars to present their research, many of them for the first time in a professional forum. Thanks to a very supportive department chair, who observed how importantly the MACLAS “baptism by fire” strengthened our students, funding was made available for each meeting for ten years, and we went from Kutztown (2003) to American University (2012), with memorable conferences at Muhlenberg, Virginia Commonwealth, Ponce (PR), Albright, Maryland Baltimore Campus, William & Mary, Johns Hopkins, and Pittsburgh. The encouragement and guidance our students continually received was priceless to them both personally and professionally, and several have gone on to careers in academia, in no small part thanks to their very positive MACLAS experiences.

I am honored to be involved with the publication of the MACLAS journal, the *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies (MARLAS)*. Never before have I had the opportunity to work alongside, and learn from, such dedicated and talented colleagues as Ivani Vassoler, Diane Johnson, Jeff Pugh, and Greg Schelonka. The support we give and receive is reflected, I believe, in the high quality of the journal issues.

MACLAS is both a showcase and training ground for leadership. In addition to 18 members involved in *MARLAS*, at any given time, 30 members gain professional experience by serving on our prize committees and the executive council. It is no coincidence that many of the elected officers often are, or become, program and department heads on their campuses and in organizations. I have seen the benefits of this in action, when members have sought, and generously received, informal, one-on-one mentoring from the leaders that abound in MACLAS.

My thanks to the McInnis Committee members, Gloria B. Clark, Brian Turner, and Kathleen Cunniffe-Peña, for their support and kind narrative regarding my contributions to our organization. There is no higher honor than to be recognized for your work by your colleagues, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Cordially,

*María Roof*

# MACLAS 2023 at Salisbury University

## The Afro-Americas: A Hemispheric Conversation.

The 1950 UNESCO Statement on Race and the 2015-2024 International Decade for People of African Descent proclaimed by the United Nations contained important conceptualizations of the Black experience across the Americas throughout the 20th and early 21st centuries. These documents may be seen as part of a legal framework intended to establish a binding contract with respect to social and human rights in a post-colonial ordering of the world. Yet understanding race from an institutional perspective must go beyond recognizing the historical evidence of cultural and scientific racism that made the history of Western civilization possible. In the context of Latin America and the Caribbean, this means defining the legacy of Afro-descendants by their ongoing struggle for freedom and collective consciousness in a region shaped by economic, social, political, and racial inequalities. From isolated instances of Black political activism during the nation-building process to transnational movements focused on dismantling systemic structures of oppression and violence, Afro-descendants across the Americas have been able to tackle historical racial injustices and develop counternarratives to those of racialized overtones.

Register for the conference and find more information at <https://maclas2023.exordo.com>

**SALISBURY UNIVERSITY**- We're delighted that our next MACLAS conference will be held on the beautiful campus of Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD, on Friday & Saturday, March 10-11, 2023. Salisbury University will host scholars of Latin America & the Caribbean from across the mid-Atlantic region and beyond for this conference.

Salisbury University's beautiful 200-acre campus is located on the south end of the City of Salisbury in Wicomico County on Maryland's scenic Eastern Shore, which is part of the Delmarva Peninsula. Salisbury is 30 miles west of the beach resorts at Ocean City, MD, and the Assateague Island National Seashore. The city also is 115 miles southeast of Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C.; 125 miles south of Philadelphia, PA; and 125 miles north of Norfolk, VA.



## Cast your votes in the 2023 MACLAS election.

Please cast your vote for MACLAS leadership positions. Although we have only one candidate per position, your vote assures the volunteers leading MACLAS that they have your support. You can vote online at [https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5cqnf4pcKcodhZk](https://tcnj.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5cqnf4pcKcodhZk) before March 10, 2023 or vote by paper ballot on Friday March 10 at the reception table during the MACLAS 2023 Convention at Salisbury University.

Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for Executive Council next year. Current members are listed at the end of this newsletter.

### *For Vice-President (2023-2024).*

Amanda Franz-Mamani is Chair of the History, Politics, Languages, and Cultures Department at Edinboro University, her interests include Colonial and Modern Latin America, especially the use of imagery in popular culture, Women's Studies, Latinx Culture, and the relationships of Power and Identity.

### *For Treasurer (2023-2025).*

Michael J. Schroeder is Professor of History at Lebanon Valley College in Annville PA, where he teaches courses in Modern Latin America, World History, Historical & Cultural Geography, Historical Methods: Slavery in the Americas & Pennsylvania, Introduction to Anthropology, and other subjects. A specialist in 20th century Nicaraguan history, he has published numerous articles and chapters in his area of expertise, and is author and administrator of the open-access digital historical archive, [www.SandinoRebellion.com](http://www.SandinoRebellion.com)

### *For Executive Committee (2023-2026).*

Meghan McInnis-Domínguez is Associate Professor of Spanish at the University of Delaware. She teaches courses from the 200-400 levels in Spanish grammar, conversation, culture, and literature. Her research focuses on the latest pedagogical tools for Hispanic literary classes as well as medicine in early modern transatlantic literature. Dr. McInnis-Domínguez has an active roll in service to her university and MACLAS. She is chair of the Spanish section of the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures and is currently Vice President of the Faculty Senate. She is a Past-President of MACLAS and is on the editorial board of MARLAS.





Statue of Harriet Tubman on the campus of Salisbury University.

## MACLAS Prize committee positions are available.

It's feels great to give someone a prize! Please consider volunteering to serve on one of the MACLAS prize committees. These are unelected positions that are available now.

We have openings for:

- The Harold Eugene Davis Prize: The Davis Prize is awarded each year for best book chapter or article published in the previous two years by a member in good standing for the past two years.
- The Arthur P. Whitaker Prize: The Arthur P. Whitaker Prize is awarded each year for the best book published in the previous two years by a MACLAS member in good standing for the past two years..

Contact Brian Potter ([potter@tcnj.edu](mailto:potter@tcnj.edu)) if you are interested.

## Job Announcement

### **Assistant Professor of Caribbean Studies**

### **Department of Modern Languages & Literatures**

### **SUNY Oswego**

The Department of Modern languages and Literatures seeks a new or advanced Assistant Professor in Latin American literature and culture with expertise in Caribbean studies. The successful candidate will teach Caribbean, Latin American, and Peninsular undergraduate language and literature courses and have expertise in one or more of the following areas: race and ethnicity; Afro-Latin America; indigenous studies; and/or gender and sexuality. In addition, the applicant will be expected to demonstrate teaching excellence and a solid research commitment. The Assistant Professor will participate in collaborative activities with our high schools, increasingly engage in departmental and college assignments, committee assignments, and other tasks associated with the responsibilities of a full-time faculty appointment, including advisement, monitoring student clubs & activities.

The Caribbean specialist should also have previous experience teaching and advising at Hispanic-serving institutions and work effectively with students and faculty from all backgrounds: underrepresented students, racial and ethnic minorities, women, individuals who identify with LGBTQ+ communities, individuals with disabilities, and first-generation college graduates from lower-income families.

SUNY Oswego works continuously to create an inclusive environment that respects, embraces, and promotes cultural safety, belonging, civil discourse, cultural humility, and other values and goals outlined in SUNY Oswego's Strategic Diversity and Inclusion Plan. As such, the Assistant Professor will be expected to contribute to these efforts and possess the communication and interpersonal skills necessary to engage effectively with an increasingly diverse community of students and colleagues.

Review of applications will begin February 13, 2023 and will continue until the position is filled.

For more information, contact Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti ([gonzalo.aguiar@oswego.edu](mailto:gonzalo.aguiar@oswego.edu)) or visit:

<https://oswego.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp;jsessionid=33A845245EFDA0F43E55D44CB7C3DD17;jsessionid=AA30BA996B090CDAE487721568C2F342?JOBID=158847>

## MACLAS 2022 Prize and Award Recipients..

**Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant-** Rebeca Moreno-Orama **Project:** "Translation and Critical Edition of Franciscan Friar Francisco José de Jaca's 1681 Anti-Slavery Treatise." **2022 Froelich Research Grant Committee Members:** Mirna Trauger **Committee Chair**, Ivani Vassoler (SUNY Fredonia), Nilsa Lasso Von Lang (Moravian University).

**Arthur P. Whitaker Prize** (Best book published)- Luis Roniger, Leonardo Senjman, Saúl Sosnowski, Mario Sznajder. *Exilio, diáspora y retorno. Transformaciones e impactos culturales en Argentina, Chile, Paraguay y Uruguay* (Eudeba Buenos Aires, 2020). **2022 Whitaker Prize Committee Members:** Ana Moraña **Committee Chair**, Patricia Rodríguez (Ithaca College), and Tia Malkin-Fontecchio (West Chester University).

**Judy McInnis Award** (Distinguished Service to MACLAS). María Roof. **2022 McInnis Award Committee Members:** Gloria B. Clark (Penn State University) **Committee Chair**, Brian Turner (Randolph Macon College), and Kathy Cunniffe-Peña (Muskingum University).

**James Street Prize** (Best Peer-Reviewed Article published in MARLAS) Bruna da Penha de Mendonça Coelho, Ana Beatriz Bueno de Jesus, Maria Eugênia Pinheiro Sena da Silva, "A luta coletiva dos entregadores latino-americanos contra a pandemia do capitalismo - movimentos grevistas em tempos de Covid-19" (2021:3). **2022 Street Prize Committee Members:** Alistair Hattingh (Muskingum University). **Committee Chair**, Jennifer Jolly (Ithaca College), Daniela Johannes (West Chester University).

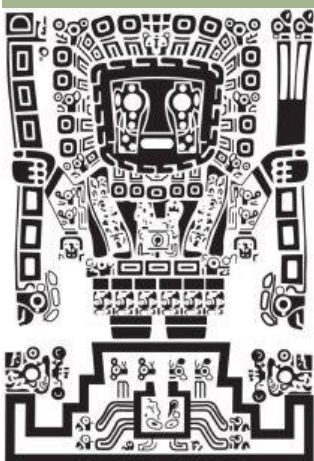


President Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti, Salisbury's Sammy Sea Gull, and Secretary David Mongor- Lizarrabengoa.



# MACLAS Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

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The Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies is comprised of scholars, researchers, teachers, students, and interested professionals in all disciplines and pursuits from the region comprised of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. MACLAS has as its objectives promoting and developing interest in Latin American Studies and affairs. The organization was founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania in 1979.

## MACLAS Executive Council

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti, SUNY Oswego (2022-2023)

VICE PRESIDENT: Brian Potter, The College of New Jersey (2022-2023)

TREASURER: Michael Schroeder, Lebanon Valley College (2021-2023)

SECRETARY: David Mongor-Lizarrabengoa, Secretary. Wor-Wic Community College (2022-2024)

### PAST PRESIDENT

Melixa Abad-Izquierdo, Farmingdale State College.

### NON-OFFICER MEMBERS

Marny Requa, *Georgian Court University*(2020-2023)

James Baer, Northern Virginia Community College (2021-2024)

Jason Bartles, West Chester University (2022-2025)

Amanda Frantz-Mamani, Penn West University (2022-2025).

Your name here, Home Institution (2024-2027)

### WEBMASTER

Gloria Clark, Penn State University