

# MACLAS

## Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

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### Message from the President

I look forward to serving as MACLAS president for the year. Our upcoming conference will use the theme of "Hemispheric Horizons: Publics, Power, and Place in the Americas" to investigate challenges of responding to global transformations. See the call for proposals on page 3. Thomas Miller Klubock, winner of the 2022 Alfred P. Whitaker prize, will deliver the Friday evening talk. The conference will be held on March 15 and 16 at Colgate University.

Please forward the call for proposals (or this newsletter) to your connections across universities and countries. The opportunity for virtual attendance allows your collaborators from afar to attend with minimal cost.

There are two notable changes for the 2024 conference. For the first time, MACLAS will offer a showcase for poster presentations. Second, the deadline for proposals has been moved ahead to October 20 to coordinate with other academic organizations. I hope to see you at Colgate.

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## The 44<sup>th</sup> Annual MACLAS Conference Salisbury University, March 10 and 11, 2023.

Scholars, artists, and students from across the Americas presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> annual MACLAS conference work on racism and social justice, among other topics. The conference theme, "Afro-Americas: A Hemispheric Conversation," focused attention on the barriers faced by Afrodescendants in the hemisphere, as well as historical forms of resistance and identity. The study of anti-Black racism and struggle helps form an understanding more generally all forms of structural exclusion and how they can be challenged by political and cultural forces. Salisbury University hosted the event, an appropriate choice given that Salisbury students and scholars have generated work on the history of racism and resistance in Maryland.

The conference attracted participants from a variety of disciplines, and from Canada to Colombia. Thirteen panels considered topics ranging from public policy to the interpretation of film and literature. Several panels explored the intersection of race with gender, indigenous movements, and environmentalism.

Professor Luis Roniger, the winner of the 2022 Alfred P. Whitaker Prize for his *Exilio, diáspora y retorno. Transformaciones e impactos culturales en Argentina, Chile, Paraguay y Uruguay* (Eudeba Buenos Aires, 2020), captured the audience's attention with his Friday evening talk on talk "Exile, Transnational Life, Return and Diasporas: The Southern Cone Experience." Dr. Roniger has published extensively (including 24 books!) on political clientelism, political exile and transnational movements. His talk gave an overview of the variety of conditions and victims of political exile, as well as the difficulty of returning home after regime change.

Colombian poets Dionicia Moreno Aguirre and Elcina Valencia Córdoba presented virtually their work on how poetry serves as a means of resistance against racism and sexism in a Saturday afternoon performance. In addition to actual and recorded poetry readings, they answered questions posed by Sally Perret (Salisbury University), Jose Banuelos, Montes (Roanoke College), and members of the audience.

Thanks to all who participated and contributed. MACLAS Executive Committee members Jason A. Bartles and Amanda Frantz-Mamani led the review process and organized panels. Secretary David Mongor-Lizarrabengoa and outgoing president Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti worked hard during the year to lay the groundwork for the conference, in coordination with Dean Chyrs Eagan from Salisbury's Fulton School of Liberal Arts. Professor Corinne Pubill and her student volunteers from the Organization of Latin American Students (OLAS) helped with registration and providing a warm environment.

# Call for Proposals.

## MACLAS 2024,

### Colgate University March 15 and 15 2024

## **Hemispheric Horizons: Publics, Power, and Place in the Americas.**

Significant challenges confront Latin American countries as the world emerges from the pandemic fog and into an era of substantial transformation. Political institutions at times fail to broker compromise, instead leading to coups, attempted insurrections, and election of authoritarian leaders from the Right or Left. Yet the broad contours of such challenges are not unknown to countries in the Americas. The region's authors and artists have long interpreted the impact of such challenges. How can Latin American societies draw on extant knowledge and past experiences to best meet challenges appearing on the horizon?

While MACLAS encourages papers and posters that engage with the conference themes, all submissions are encouraged. Proposals for virtual or in-person presentations are welcome. MACLAS seeks scholarship from a wide array of disciplines, perspectives, and topic areas in Latin American studies, including pedagogy. Undergraduate and graduate students are welcome to participate.



Proposals are due by Friday, October 20, 2023.

Scan the QR code to or visit: <https://maclas2024.exordo.com>

## **Encourage your colleagues to join MACLAS.**

Joining MACLAS means joining a relatively small, regional, cross-disciplinary, and eminently collegial network of engaged researchers in your own backyard. It means becoming part of a larger community of scholars connected by their shared interest in things Latin American. It also means:

- Publication possibilities in the peer-reviewed *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*
- Awards for the publication of articles and books
- Professional leadership opportunities on the elected Executive Committee
- Sponsorship of outstanding graduate and undergraduate student researchers
- Research funding

## **MACLAS Prize committee positions are available.**

It 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 Amanda Frantz-Mamani ([frantzmamani@pennwest.edu](mailto:frantzmamani@pennwest.edu)) if you are interested.

## Luis Roniger's Whitaker Prize Address To Be Published in MARLAS.



Photo by Michael Schroeder, 2023.

In recognition of winning the 2022 Alfred P. Whitaker Prize, Professor Luis Roniger explained the conditions, causes, and impacts of political exile at the 2023 MACLAS Conference held at Salisbury University, Maryland. Drawing from his impressive scholarship on Latin American politics, particularly of the Southern Cone countries, Roniger also explained the difficulties of exiles' return, their impact on national political culture, and the formation of a transnational community of exiles. The winning book is *Diáspora, exilio y retorno: Transformaciones e impactos culturales en Argentina, Chile, Paraguay y Uruguay* (2021), authored by Luis Roniger, Leonardo Senkman, Saúl Sosnowski, and Mario Sznajder.

For those who were unable to attend, the *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies* will publish the text in its June 2022 issue. MARLAS accepts research articles, essays, and book reviews in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. The journal is peer-reviewed and indexed. Visit: <https://marlasjournal.com/>

## MACLAS 2023 Prize and Award Recipients.

**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.

**2023 Winner:** Rebekah E. Pite. "The Rural Woman Enters the Frame: A Visual History of Gender, Nation, and the Goodbye Mate in the Postcolonial Rio de la Plata." *Journal of Social History* vol. 54 no. 4 (2021), pp. 1120–1159.

**Committee members:** Brian Potter (interim chair, The College of New Jersey) and Leon Arredondo (West Chester University).

**The Juan Espadas Prize.** The Juan Espadas Prize is given for the best paper submitted to the previous year's MACLAS conference by an undergraduate student.

**2023 Winner:** Jocelyn R. Brown (West Chester University) "Goats Die, Butterflies Fly: Portrayals of Dominican Dictator Rafael Trujillo (1891–1961) in Historical Fiction and Non-Fiction."

**Committee members:** Jason Bartles (chair, West Chester University) and Matías Hermosilla (Stony Brook University).

**The Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant.** The Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant enables recipients to access special research materials.

**First 2023 Winner:** Meaghan Tierney (Ursinus College). Project Title: A preliminary investigation of the imagery and forms of Nasca head jars excavated by M. Toribio Mejía Xesspe in the Rio Grande de Nazca region, 1927.

**Second 2023 Winner:** David Sheinin (Trent University). Project Title: Made in Colombia.

**Committee members:** Mirna Trauger (chair, Muhlenberg College), Ivani Vassoler (SUNY Fredonia), and Nilsa Lasso Von Lang (Moravian University).

**The James Street Prize:** This prize is awarded to the author of the best peer-reviewed article published in MARLAS.

**2023 Winner:** Ruiz, María Luisa, "Uneasy Lies the Head That Wears a Crown: Narcoqueens, Beauty Queens and Melodrama in Narconarratives." 2021, 5.1

**Committee members:** Alistair Hattingh (chair, Muskingum University), Jennifer Jolly (Ithaca College), and Daniela Johannes (West Chester University).

**The Christina Turner Graduate Student Travel Award:** This award helps graduate students attend the annual conference.

**2023 Winner:** Mathew Harris (PhD Program, Department of History, West Virginia University) "Indigenophile Imperialist: E.G. Squier, Afro-Indigenous People, and Central American Stability."

**Committee members:** Amanda M. Frantz-Mamani (chair, Pennwest University), David Mongor-Lizarrabengoa (Wor-Wic Community College), and Mike Schroeder (Lebanon Valley College).

**The Arthur P. Whitaker Prize** The Arthur P. Whitaker Prize is awarded to the author of the best book published in the past year.

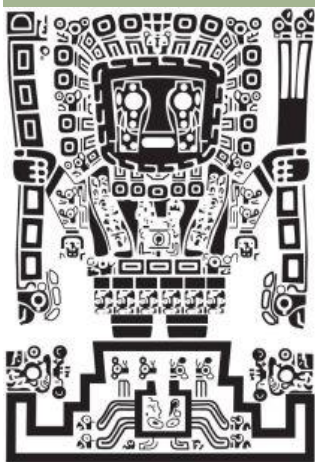
**2023 Winner:** Thomas Miller Klubock. 2022. *Ranquil: Rural Rebellion, Political Violence, and Historical Memory in Chile*. Yale University Press.

**Committee members:** Brian Potter (interim chair, TCNJ) and Brooke Larson (SUNY Stony Brook).

The John D. Martz III Prize and **Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Award** committees did not receive any applications for 2023.

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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

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Your name here, Home Institution (2024-2027).  
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