

MACLAS

Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

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Message from the President

by Brian Potter (2023-2024)

We hope to see you at the 2024 MACLAS conference on March 15 and 16 at Colgate University. Scholars from Mexico, Colombia, Canada, and USA will present on a wide range of topics: politics, cinema, pedagogy, international relations, gender, social movements, literature, and more. The deadline for early registration is February 2. See the next page of more information.

This newsletter describes several opportunities for scholarship and service:

- Prizes, grants and awards;
- Open leadership positions;
- Join a prize committee;
- MARLAS's call for manuscripts and reviewers.

Apply and engage.

Please keep your membership current, even if not attending the 2024 conference. See page seven for more information.

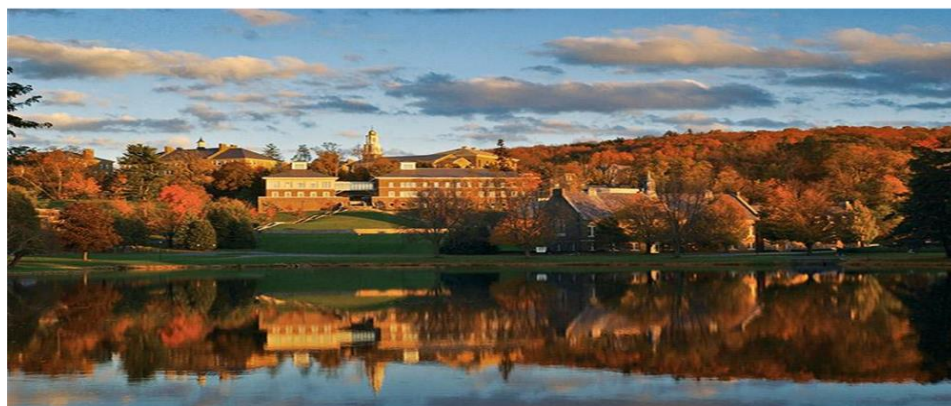
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MACLAS 2024: Hemispheric Horizons: Publics, Power, and Place in the Americas Colgate University March 15 and 16 2024

Join us for the upcoming MACLAS conference at Colgate University (<https://www.colgate.edu/>) on March 15 and 16, 2024. MACLAS' 24th conference will feature eleven panels, as well as numerous posters, a research panel, and a pedagogical workshop. Dr. Thomas Miller Klubock (Corcoran Department of History, University of Virginia) will present the Whitaker address, titled: "What is a River? The Environmental History of Water and Water Rights in Chile." Meals and music will be provided.

February 2 is the deadline for early registration. To register for the conference, visit <https://maclas2024.exordo.com>



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Travel options include driving (roughly four hours from Philadelphia), riding Amtrak to the Utica station, or flying into the Syracuse Hancock International Airport. An Uber ride from the airport to Colgate or Hamilton might cost \$50.

MACLAS has a block of rooms at HotelOne75, one mile from campus (<https://www.hotelone75.com/>). Reserve your room before February 15. More options can be found at <https://www.colgate.edu/about/about-hamilton-ny/hotels-accommodations>.

MACLAS Prize and Awards.

MACLAS offers several prizes and grants to members. Please email your manuscript or proposal to the prize committee chairperson before the deadline. You can apply for different awards, yet each member can submit only one project per prize per year. Authors under consideration for the Street Prize cannot submit for the Davis Prize.

The Harold Eugene Davis Prize: The Davis Prize is awarded each year for the best book chapter or article published in the previous two years by a member in good standing for the past two years. The next deadline is February 2, 2024: Committee chair: Brian Potter (potter@tcnj.edu).

The Juan Espadas Prize. The Juan Espadas Prize is given for the best paper submitted to the MACLAS conference by an undergraduate student. The next deadline is March 30, 2024 for papers or posters presented at the 2024 conference: Committee chair: Jason Bartles (JBartles@wcupa.edu).

The Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant. The Władysław Maryan Froelich Research Grant enables recipients to access special research materials. Applicants should include a brief description of their project, methodology, and budget. The proposal should be around 2 single-spaced pages. The next deadline is February 2, 2024: Committee chair: Mirna Trauger (mirnatrauger@muhlenberg.edu).

The John D. Martz III Prize: The John D. Martz III Prize is given for the best graduate student paper presented at the last conference. The next

deadline is March 30, 2024 for papers or posters presented (continued) at the 2024 conference: Committee chair: Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti (gonzalo.aguiar@oswego.edu).

The Judy McInnis Distinguished Service Award: The Judy McInnis Distinguished Service This award is granted in recognition of dedicated service to MACLAS. The next deadline is February 2, 2024: Committee chair: Gloria B. Clark (gbc3@psu.edu).

The James Street Prize: This prize is awarded to the author of the best peer-reviewed article published in MARLAS in the past two years. Do not submit manuscripts for this award. The MARLAS Editorial Board will nominate the top five articles to be considered by the James Street Prize committee.

The Christina Turner Graduate Student Travel Award: This award up to \$250 helps graduate students attend the annual conference. Graduate students attending the 2024 conference should send by February 2 a cover letter (with institution and degree program) and travel and lodging receipt(s) to: Amanda M. Frantz-Mamani(frantzmamani@pennwest.edu)

The Arthur P. Whitaker Prize: The Arthur P. Whitaker Prize is awarded for the best book published by a MACLAS member in the past two years. Authors must have been members of MACLAS for the previous two years in order to be eligible. The next deadline is February 2, 2024: Committee chair: Brian Potter (potter@tcnj.edu).



Call for submissions and editorial board members.

The editors of the Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies invite MACLAS members to submit articles, essays, and research notes from all disciplines and topics related to Latin American Studies for review and potential publication. MARLAS is a peer-reviewed, online, diamond-level open access scholarly journal that is housed on LASA's Latin American Research Commons and is in its seventh year of publication, having taken over from MACLAS's print journal *Latin American Essays*, in publication since 1987. MARLAS is indexed in a range of leading indexes including EBSCO, Scopus, DOAJ, MLA, Google Scholar, HAPI, and more. We look forward to receiving your submissions!

The editorial board of MARLAS invites expressions of interest from scholars of Latin American studies in the humanities, arts, literature, social sciences, and history who are interested in joining the editorial board. This is a wonderful opportunity for MACLAS members to get involved and to play a key role in the editorial process as we curate and publish interdisciplinary, cutting-edge research in Latin American studies. Editorial board members are expected to periodically review article submissions, and to attend two board meetings per year, one at the annual conference and one virtual meeting in the Fall. They also advise the lead editors on questions of policy and strategic direction for the journal. Those interested in joining the editorial board should send their CV and a brief paragraph explaining their interest and experience to Jeff Pugh at jeffrey.pugh@umb.edu.

MACLAS Leadership Opportunities.

Joining the MACLAS leadership team allows your input on key decisions and helps build your professional network and profile. If you are interested in one of the positions below, contact Brian Potter (potter@tcnj.edu) by February 15 with the position desired and a brief (<150 words) biographical sketch, or with your questions. You can vote using paper ballots available at the March conference or via a Qualtrics link that will be sent to all members at the same time.

We will have four vacancies for the Executive Committee. Typically, these are three-year terms although a shorter commitment can be made so that future terms can be staggered. EC members meet twice a year to organize the annual conference and attend other governance.

The office of Vice-President is open for nominations. The Vice-President plays an important role in organizing the conference and the prize committees, among other responsibilities. The Vice President is also President-elect for the following year (MACLAS Constitution 4.4: <http://www.maclas.org/team>).



Bogotá 2022. Photo by Brian Potter.

Encourage your colleagues and students 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

Even if not attending the conference, you can renew your membership online at <https://maclas2024.exordo.com/registration> until mid-March. Otherwise see <http://www.maclas.org/become-a-member>

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:

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- 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) if you are interested.

YOU AND AI**(ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)****CALL TO LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES SCHOLARS**

FOR COMMENTARIES IN SPANISH, PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH

You are invited to contribute your thoughts and experiences

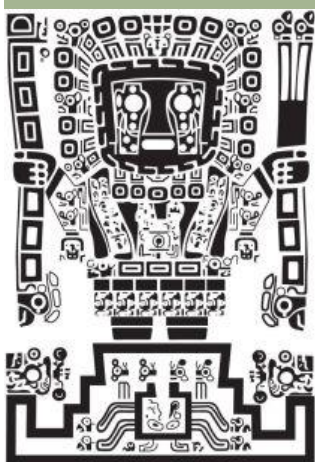
AI Technology and Latin American Studies:**Research, Publication, Instruction**for a Special Section in the June 2024 issue of *MARLAS***30 April 2024** Final submission date

- **Short, scholarly Commentaries (maximum 1,500 words) are invited on this specific topic.**
- Commentaries are not blind peer reviewed, but submissions will be reviewed and selected for publication by the section editor and *MARLAS* Editorial Board of international scholars.
- Commentaries should follow the Author Guidelines available at <https://www.marlasjournal.com/about/submissions> and be submitted through the *MARLAS* platform.

The editor of the AI Commentaries Section is Dr. Meghan McInnis-Domínguez, University of Delaware, *MARLAS* Editorial Board member, and author of the essay in *MARLAS* 7.2 (December 2023) on an experiment: "An AI Solution: Using ChatGPT to Counter Plagiarism and Boost Enrollments in Hispanic Literature Courses." The essay provides a brief overview of AI issues related to instruction at the university level.

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

Jason Bartles, West Chester University (2022-2025)

Meghan McInnis-Dominguez, University of Delaware (2023-2026)

Your name here, Home Institution (2024-2027).
Contact Brian Potter (potter@tcnj.edu) for information.

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