**Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies**

**XXI Annual Meeting in Cooperation with the**

**Institute for the Study of Democracy and Human Rights**

April 7-8 , 2000

St. John Fisher College

Rochester, New York

Joint Chairs:

John Peeler, Bucknell University

Richard S. Hillman, St. John Fisher College

PROGRAM

Friday, April 7, 2000

12pm Basil Lobby Registration

President’s Dining MACLAS Executive Council Lunch

1:00pm – 2:30pm Session One (Plenary Session)

“Challenges to Democracy: Comparative Perspectives” Room: B135

Chair: Dr. David J. Myers, Pennsylvania State University

Presenters:

1. Dr. Olga Vysotskaya, University of British Columbia, Canada

“Roots of Authoritarianism in Venezeula and Belarus”

2. Dr. Elsa Cardozo de Da Silva, The Central University of Venezuela

“Reconstrucción de la Gobernabilidad en Venezuela”

3. Dr. Carl E. Meacham, State University of New York at Oneonta

“Obstacles to Sustaining Democracy in Latin America: Race, Ethnicity,

Gender Discrimination, and Economic Dependence”

Discussant: Dr. Richard S. Hillman, Institute for the Study of Democracy and Human Rights

2:45pm – 4:15pm Session Two

Panel A: “Democracy and Human Rights in Brazil” Room: C113

Chair: Dr. Chris Sabatini, National Endowment for Democracy

Presenters:

1. Dr. Isabel Ribeiro de Oliveira, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

“Democracy and Human Rights Policies in Brazil”

2. Dr. Terrie R. Groth, University of Brasilia

“A Multidisciplinary M.A. Program in Human Rights and

Democracy in Brazil”

3. Dr. Scott Morrison, Columbia University

“The Brazilian Tropical Forest: “Deforestation and Human Rights”

Discussant: Dr. Elsa Cardozo de Da Silva, The Central University of Venezuela

Panel B: “Re-democratization in Chile and Argentina” Room: B206

Chair: Dr. David Baronov, St. John Fisher College

Presenters:

1. Dr. Javier Campos, Fairfield University

“Literatura, testimonios, cine y Derechos Humanos en los tiempos del

neoliberalismo global.”

2. Dr. Stacey Alba D. Skar, Trinity College

“ Jacobo Timerman’s Preso sin nombre, celda, sin número and

Reconstructing I”

3. Dr. Leira Manso, Hartwick College

“The Mothers of Plaza de Mayo and Their Struggle for Human Rights”

Discussant: Dr. Joel Horowitz, St. Bonaventure University

Panel C: “Jorge Luis Borges (1899-1999):

Influencias, Transcendencias y Premios” Room: B211

Chair: Dr. William J. Calvano, Temple University

Presenters:

1. Dr. Ivo Domínguez, University of Delaware,

“J.L. Borges: En Torno a su vida y trayectoria literaria”

2. Dr. Ana María Sánchez Catena, University of Massachusetts

“Homenaje a Borges Trascendencia actual de “El hombre en el umbral”

3. Dr. Alfred Wedel, University of Delaware

“Presencia de Borges en Alemania”

Discussant: Dr. Margaret Ekstrom. St. John Fisher College

4:30pm – 6:00pm Session Three

Panel A: “Promoting Democracy in Latin America and the Middle East” Room: B206

Chair: Dr. Selim Ilter, St. John Fisher College

Presenters:

1. Dr. Chris Sabatini, National Endowment for Democracy

“Ploughing the Sea? International Promotion and Defense of

Democracy in the Era of Illiberal Democracy”

2. María Teresa Romero, The Central University of Venezuela

“Los Estados Unidos y la promoción de la democracia en los noventa:

el caso de Venezeula”

3. Dr. Ziba Moshaver, London University, England

“Democracy in the Middle East”

4. Dr. Omer Faruk Genckaya, Bilkent University-Ankara, Turkey

“The External Dimensions of Democratization: The European

Parliament and Turkey”

Discussant: Dr. Asim Sen, St. John Fisher College

Panel B: “Literary and Artistic Expression in Latin American Culture” Room: C113

Chair: Dr. Leona Martin, Susquehanna University

Presenters:

1. Dr. Judy Mc Innis, University of Delaware

“Gladys Ilarrequi: Winner of the Jorge Luis Borges Poetry

Award, 1999”

2. Dr. James D. Huck Jr., Albright College

“Mother and Maneater: Representation, Regeneration, and Resolution

of the Female Image in Mexican ‘Golden Age’ Cinema”

3. Dr. John Incledon, Albright College

“Psychoanalysis, History, and Fiction: Cortes, Sarmiento, Doña

Bárbara, and the Buendias”

4. Dr. Christina Turner, Virginia Commonwealth University

“Cultural Continuity and Change in Gremio Fiestas in Yucatán”

Discussant: Dr. Margaret Ekstrom. St. John Fisher College

Panel C: “Women, Religion and Politics” Room: C121

Chair: Dr. Hannah Stewart-Gambino, Lehigh University

Presenters:

1.Dr. Carol Drogus, Hamilton College

2. Dr. Anna Adams, Muhlenburg College

3. Dr. Hannah Stewart-Gambino, Lehigh University

Discussant: María de los Angeles González-Smith, St. John Fisher College

6:00pm – 7:00pm Session Four (Roundtable) Room: B135

“Public Diplomacy and the Promotion of Democracy and Human

Rights: An Ambassadorial Perspective”

Ambassadors Roy Atherton, Sheldon J. Krys, John Francis Maisto

7:00pm Reception: Wilson Formal

Latin American Guitarist: Petar Kodzas, Eastman School of Music

7:30pm – 10:00pm Banquet: Wilson Formal

Keynote Speaker: John Maisto, U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela

Saturday, April 8, 2000

7:30am Continental Breakfast: Basil Lobby Registration

8:00am – 9:30am Session Five

Panel A: “Cuba and Puerto Rico: Emigration, Embargo,

and Electoral Politics” Room: B216

Chair: Dr. John Roche, St. John Fisher College

Presenters:

1. Dr. Edward Drachman, State University of New York at Geneseo

“When Should the U.S. Drop its Trade Embargo Against Cuba?”

2. Margaret DelPlato, University of Buffalo

“A comparison of the organizations and institutions that have worked

with Cuban and Puerto Rican immigrants in Miami, Florida

and New York, New York”

3. Dr. Arnold August, McGill University-Montreal, Canada

“Democracy in Cuba and the Electoral Process”

Discussants: Dr. Rubén Gómez, St. John Fisher College

Dr. David Baronov, St. John Fisher College

Panel B: “At the Dawn of the Third Millennium: Church-State and

Church-Society Relations” Room: B206

Chair: María de los Angeles González-Smith

Presenters:

1. Martín Poblete, Hispanic Catholic Center/Columbia University

“The Catholic Church in the Struggle for Human Rights

in Chile and El Salvador”

2. Sister María Consuelo Sparks, Immaculata College

“The Immaculata IHM’s Response to the Challenge of Educational,

Economic and Social Rights in Chile and Peru”

Discussant: Dr. William Sullivan, St. John Fisher College

Panel C: “Democracy and Human Rights in the Southern Cone:

Historical Perspectives” Room: B214

Chair: Dr. John Peeler, Bucknell University

Presenters:

1. Dr. Louis N. Bickford, University of Wisconsin

“Human Rights and Authoritarianism in the Southern Cone”

2. Dr. Kenneth Lehman, Hampden-Sydney College

“Reflection of the American Revolution at the Other End of America”

3. Jeffery F. Taffet, Georgetown University

“I Am Mendicant: Eduardo Frei Faces the United States”

Discussant: Dr. Chris Sabatini, National Endowment for Democracy

9:45am – 11:15am Session Six

Panel A: “Armed Forces and Civil War in Latin America” Room: B214

Chair: Dr. James Bowers, St. John Fisher College

Presenters:

1. Dr. Caroline Hartzell, Gettysburg College

“Latin America’s Civil Wars: Conflict Resolution and

Institutional Change”

2. Dr. Bartosz H. Stanislawski, Syracuse University

“Regional Integration in Mercosur and Possible Future Military

Developments in the Southern Cone”

3. Major Robert Kirkland, United States Military Academy

“U.S. Military Attachés and the Bolivian Coup of 1964”

4. Dr. Manuel Orozco, University of Akron

“Democratization After Civil War in Nicaragua”

Discussant: Dr. John Harman, St. John Fisher College

Panel B: “Human Rights of the Subaltern” Room: B216

Chair: Dr. Zhiyue Bo, St. John Fisher College

Pr:esenters:

1. Dr. Alejandra Molina, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

“Rigoberta Menchú: From Testimonio to Autobiography”

2. Brian J. Lombardozzi, American University

João Mauricio Da Silva Forttes, Universidad ARCIS-Santiago, Chile

“The Mapuche Nation: A Struggle for Autonomy”

3. Dr. Adwan Atef, Islamic University of Gazg

“The Rights of Expression in Islam”

4. Dr. David Block, Cornell University

“Human Rights on the World Wide Web”

Discussant: Jack Blanton, Kent State University

Panel C: Undergraduate Student Panel on Human Rights

Presenters: St. John Fisher College Room: B206

Chair: Dr. Elsa Cardozo de Da Silva, Central University, Venezuela

1. Clarissa Breen, “Political Prisoners in Siberia”

2. Rhiannon Roof, “International Tribunal”

3. Brian Cornwell, “The Right to Food”

4. Jennifer Dade, “Universality vs. Cultural Relativity”

5. Bryan Stephany, “Maquiladoras”

6. Brian Truskey, “The Kurds”

7. Teresa Ann Marino, “Islamic Extremism”

11:30am – 1:00pm Session Seven (Plenary Session)

“Democracy and Human Rights: Haiti, Mexico and Argentina”

Room: B135

Chair: Dr. Irwin Stotzky, University of Miami Law School

Presenters:

1. Dr. Irwin Stotzky

“Humanitarian Intervention: The Case of Haiti”

2. Mirna Yonis Lombano, The Central University of Venezuela

“Democracia en la Agenda Global y Regional: El Caso de Haiti”

3. Dr. David Sheinin, Trent University, Canada

“Somos Derechos y Humanos: Human Rights Violations Denials in Argentine Foreign Policy, 1976-1983”

4. Manuel Angel Rodríguez, Universidad Autónoma de Guerrero, Mexico

“Poverty, Human Rights, and the Electoral Process in Mexico”

Discussant: Dr. Thomas J. D’Agostino, Siena College

1:00pm – 2:30pm Buffet Lunch (MACLAS Business)

2:45pm – 4:15pm Session Eight

Panel A: “Economic Development and Democracy: Management,

Finance and Trade Policies” Room: B216

Chair: Dr. Frank Gunther, Lehigh University

Presenters:

1. Dr. Brian Turner, Randolph-Macon College

“Normalization of Municipal Finance in Yucatán”

2. Dr. Carlos Santiso, Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, Stockholm, Sweden

“The Contribution of Multilateral Development Banks”

3. Jack Blanton, Kent State University

“Alternatives to The Neoliberal Orthodoxy in Economic Development”

4. Lorraine Lezama, Harvard University

“NAFTA and Democracy: An Election Year Analysis”

5. Dr. Asim Sen, St. John Fisher College

“Productivity with Humanity Through Democratic Management”

Discussants: Dr. Selim Ilter, St. John Fisher College

Panel B: “Latin American Women” Room: B214

Chair: Dr. Margaret Ekstrom, St. John Fisher College

Presenters:

1. Dr. Margaret Ekstrom

“Accounts from Guatemala: Critical Reception of the Works

of Rigoberta Menchú

2. Rubén L. Gómez, St. John Fisher College

“The Role of Women in the Reconstruction of Nicaraguan Society

as Seen in Gioconda Belli’s Waslala”

3. María de los Angeles González-Smith, St. John Fisher College

“The Political Participation of Women in Venezuela”

4. Ana M. Pérez, Ruth Santu, Susana Masseroni, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

“Múltiples demandas: hogar, trabajo y auto-realización entre mujers profesionales de clase media”

Discussant: Dr. Hannah Stewart-Gambino, Lehigh University

Panel C: Graduate Student Panel on Latin America

Presenters: St. John Fisher College Room: B206

Chair: Dr. John Harman, St. John Fisher College

1. Michael Bryant, “Haitian Elections”

2. Shalunda, Junious, “Mexico: The PRI and Democracy”

3. Marty McCarthy, “The US Embargo vs. Cuba”

4. Todd Fielding, “The Falklands War”

5. Heather Griffeths-Ileri, “Fujimori: Democrat or Authoritarian?”

Panel D: “Political Identity and Gender in Literature” Room: B204

Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Espadas, Wesley College

Presenters:

1. John Deiner, University of Delaware

“Political and Personal Identity in Rosario Ferre’s House on the Lagoon”

2. Moraima de Semprun Donahue, Howard University

3. Elizabeth Espadas, “Toward a Gendered Voice in Puerto Rican History: Rosario Ferre’s The House on the Lagoon”

Discussant: Juan Cruz Mendizabal IUP (Emeritus)

4:30 – 6:00 pm Cinema Room: B216

“Amnesia” (Chile 1993)

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