



WINTER '20 NEWSLETTER

# MACLAS

## Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

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## Message from the President

Hello MACLAS Members!

The 2020 MACLAS conference with the theme "Tipping Points: Puntos de Inflexión en Latinoamérica" is two months away, and we are so excited for this gathering at Salisbury University, MD. We will be celebrating MACLAS' 40 years!

Executive Committee member and 2020 Conference Program Chair, Dr. Gonzalo Aguiar Malosetti will be putting panels together and preparing an exciting program, which will be up on the MACLAS [website](#) in mid-late February. A description of the Keynote and Plenary sessions can be found on page 3 of this newsletter. A reminder: this year we are not providing printed programs, but they will be available @ the Ex-Ordo website so that you can download it or print a copy of your own. You can also register for the conference and pay membership dues via Ex-Ordo, and early bird rates for registration are available until March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Please check out the information on MACLAS group hotel rates and things to do in and around Salisbury, MD, at <http://www.maclas.org/maclas-2020-salisbury-university>.

In addition, take a look at the newest issue of MARLAS (volume 3, issue 2, 2019). <https://www.marlasjournal.com/articles/>. Congratulations to Managing Editor Ivani Vassoler and the Editorial Board on the excellent volume.

Hope to see you very soon!

### MACLAS Salisbury

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### Keynote and Plenary Speakers

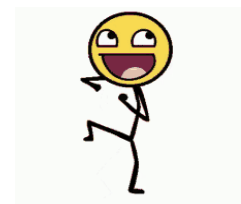
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**SALISBURY UNIVERSITY**- We're delighted that MACLAS' 40th anniversary conference in spring 2020 will be held on the beautiful campus of Salisbury University in Salisbury, MD, on Friday & Saturday, March 27-28. Salisbury University will host scholars 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.



## Lodging Information

We have secured group rates at these two hotels below, both about 5 minutes from Salisbury University. If you wish to reserve a room using these group rates, please call them at your convenience, and use the name "MACLAS." If you are interested, call to reserve by **March 5th** at the latest.

### [La Quinta Inn & Suites Salisbury](#)

Salisbury, MD 21801

Phone: 410-546-4400

**Group Rates under 'MACLAS':** \$84/night plus 12% tax

### [Hampton Inn & Suites - Fruitland](#)

304 Prosperity Ln.

Fruitland, MD 21826

Phone: 410-548-1282

**Group Rates under 'MACLAS':** \$89/night plus 12% tax

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## KEYNOTE and PLENARY SPEAKERS: MACLAS 2020

### KEYNOTE SESSION SPEAKER:

**Dr. Jennifer Jolly** (Professor of Art History, Ithaca College) will be the keynote speaker. She was awarded the 2019 Arthur P. Whitaker Prize for the best book published in the previous two years by a member of MACLAS. Her book is titled *Creating Pátzcuaro, Creating Mexico: Art, Tourism, and Nation Building under Lázaro Cárdenas* (Univ. of Texas Press 2018).

The title of her keynote talk will be: **Afro-Mexican Visibility in 19th century Mexico: The Case of José Maria Morelos**. Abstract:

In 1946, Mexican anthropologist Aguirre Beltrán published *La Población Negra de Mexico*, seeking to make visible Mexico's "third root." In it, he offered a history of Afro-descendent peoples in Mexico and identified famous Mexicans who had crossed the "color line," including independence hero Jose Maria Morelos, whose portraits "reveal" the truth of his heritage. This talk asks us to reconsider what we are looking for when we look to portraits record as evidence of Morelos's racial status and addresses two core questions. First, how do ideas about blackness and brownness (and moreno status, as opposed to the more commonly discussed mestizo status) develop and change in nineteenth and early twentieth-century Mexico? Second, given that many nineteenth-century Afro-mestizos placed great stakes on finally being able to become invisible as such and blend in to the larger mixture that was Mexico, what does it mean for today's scholars to try to see them again?

### PLENARY SESSION:

Speaker: **Dr. Timothy Dunn**, Professor –Department of Sociology, Salisbury University.

Title: 'Tipping Points in the More Extreme Dehumanization of Latino Immigrants: Border Immigration Enforcement, Renewed Racist Framing, Challenges from Below and Implications for the Future'

## MACLAS ELECTIONS

EC positions are uncontested, but require a vote of confidence. Vote online [HERE](#).

Candidate for Vice-President (2020-2021):



**Melixa Abad Izquierdo** is Assistant Professor of History at Farmingdale State College in Farmingdale, NY. Her research interests are Latin American popular culture and its connections to politics, gender and race. Loves teaching her students about the rich, complex and fascinating culture of Latin America.

Candidates For Executive Committee  
(2020-2023):



**Brian Potter** teaches courses in political economy and international relations, with a focus on Latin America. After earning his Ph.D. in Political Science from UCLA, Potter taught at Tulane University before coming to The College of NJ in 2004. His work on environmental and economic policy has appeared in *Latin American Perspectives*, the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, *Energy and Development*, *Environmental Politics* and as chapters in edited volumes.



**Marny Requa** is an Associate Professor at Georgian Court University in Lakewood, New Jersey, and Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, Anthropology, and Sociology. Her expertise is in human rights and comparative socio-legal studies, and she has published on human rights and the Supreme Court in Chile. She was a founding member of the Latin American Studies Forum at her previous institution, Queen's University Belfast. Currently she is a member of the International Human Rights Committee of the New York City Bar, and she has traveled to Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, on behalf of the Committee to observe military commission hearings.



**James A. Baer** is an emeritus professor of history at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. He received his Ph.D. in Latin American History from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Jim serves as the Board Chair of the Council on Hemispheric Affairs (COHA) as it transitions after the death of its founder, Larry Birns. He is the author of several articles on Argentine social history and Cuban Protestants. His latest book, *A Social History of Cuba's Protestants: God and the Nation* was published by Lexington Books in July 2019. Jim joined MACLAS in 1982 and has previously served on the Executive Committee, several prize committees and as MACLAS president.

## MACLAS ELECTIONS cont'd

Please [vote](#) yes or no on the proposed amendment to Article V of MACLAS' Constitution below, in **BOLD**:

### Article V. Executive Committee

5.1 The Executive Committee shall consist of four officers, the Past President for the year immediately following his or her term of office, and six other members, one of whom may be from outside the Middle Atlantic region, to be elected by plurality vote of individual members conducted by mail prior to the annual meeting of MACLAS. The six other members shall serve for three (10) years on a staggered basis, and may not immediately succeed themselves. No more than three of the ten members not including the Past President, may be from the same state or the District of Columbia. **MACLAS' Webmaster is also included in the Executive Committee, as he/she/they play a key role in disseminating the information about MACLAS' purpose** (which is: 'to foster and develop interest in Latin American Studies by scholars, researchers, teachers, students and interested professionals primarily located in the Middle Atlantic region, to encourage more effective training, teaching and research, and to facilitate greater exchange of information and ideas').

## Things to do in Salisbury, MD

Known as the Capital of the Eastern Shore, and with a population of some 30,000, Salisbury the largest city on the Eastern Shore and the No. 1 fastest growing city in Maryland, according to city officials. Founded in 1732 and incorporated in 1854, it also is the county seat for Wicomico. The area offers the ideal mix of an urban center, nestled within a scenic rural region, centrally located to major metropolitan areas.

Located just two miles from campus, [Downtown Salisbury](#) is a designated Main Street Maryland community, with [shops, restaurants](#) and events. A [trolley](#) service runs between SU and downtown during the semester. [Here](#) is a map.

Other attractions include the Pemberton Historical Park, the Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art, and Ocean City nearby.





## Student Awards: John Martz III & Juan Espadas Prizes

### MACLAS CONGRATULATES:

- **2019 MACLAS John Martz III Prize Winner:** For best paper submitted to the MACLAS 2019 conference by a graduate student

**Veronika Miranda Chase (U Mass-Boston): The Changing Face of Environmental Governance in the Amazon.**

### and Honorable Mention:

Matias Hermosilla (SUNY Stony Brook): Poeta Ho Chi Minh: Third-Worldism, Solidarity, and Chilean Protest Songs during the Global 1960s.

- **2019 MACLAS Juan Espadas Prize Winner:** For best paper submitted to the MACLAS 2019 conference by an undergraduate student

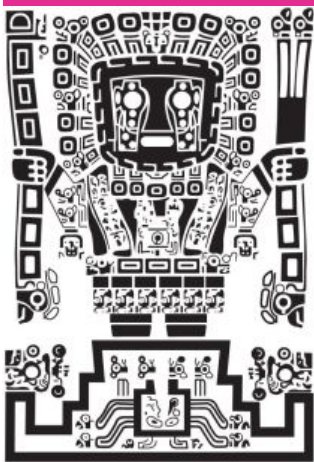
**Gabriel Marques Fernandes (Ithaca College): Land Possession, Agrarian Rule, and Conservative Backlash (Brasil and Ecuador)**



In an effort to promote Latin American Studies, MACLAS offers a number of prizes and grants throughout the year. These awards are possible because of the generosity of our members. Please use the [donate button](#) to donate to our award funds. For more information on individual awards and eligibility, go to [www.maclas.org/prizes/](http://www.maclas.org/prizes/).

# MACLAS Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies

[www.maclas.org](http://www.maclas.org)



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

2019-2020

### OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: **Patricia Rodríguez**, *Ithaca College*

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*West Chester University*

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*University of Michigan-Dearborn*

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*SUNY-Oswego*

**Melixa Abad Izquierdo** (2022),  
*Farmingdale State College*

Also: Webmaster **Gloria Clark**, *Penn State University*