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Latin American, Latinx & Caribbean Studies

LALC NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe the summer of 2021 is already nearing its end! We hope all of you — students, faculty, and alumni — are enjoying a stimulating and restorative season, whatever you are up to. Alumni, please continue to be in touch and keep us informed about your activities or accomplishments, big or small; we always love hearing from you! Send news or updates to LALC department coordinator Madeline Brown at brownmad@dickinson.edu, and/or LALC Chair Mariana Past at pastm@dickinson.edu. Students and faculty, we look forward to seeing you all again in the fall as we begin the next semester together. In the meantime, please enjoy this issue of our newsletter!

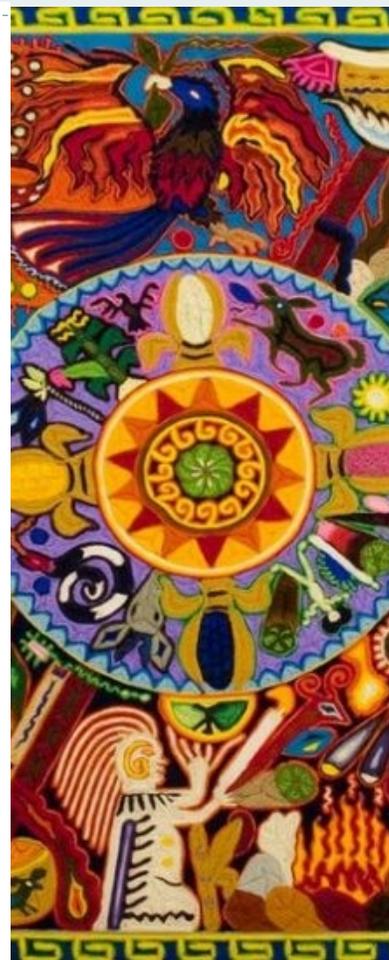
—The Editors

Reflections from LALC 2021 Graduates

•Congratulations to **Daniela Cruz, LALC Class of 2021**, who has landed a job as an account executive with TQL. As Daniela recently told Dickinson's Marketing/Communications department, "Dickinson has prepared me for life after Dickinson because it has allowed me space to grow as a person but also let me experience the world and its diversity. I think that there is a positive outlook from Dickinson, which you can apply to everything else that you do after graduation." Read more here: <https://www.dickinson.edu/news/article/4642/latin-american-latinx-and-caribbean-studies-major-jobs-2021>

I have no doubts that joining the LALC department was the best decision I made while a student at Dickinson. LALC not only provided me with a challenging and exciting education but also opened me up to a support network of faculty and students who gave me the confidence and motivation to strive for my best. LALC professors go beyond their role as educators to become mentors, giving students the confidence to pursue their goals. From studying abroad in South America to writing my LALC thesis, my experiences as a LALC student allowed me to grow tremendously as a student and a person in ways that have already benefited me post-Dickinson. Because of this, I am extremely proud to say I studied LALC at Dickinson.

—**Gabriella Farrell, Class of 2021**



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SPRING 2021 LALC EVENTS RECAP



Despite the restrictions due to Covid, the LALC program held a number of (virtual) events in Spring 2021 to keep the spirit of collegiality and camaraderie alive among our students and faculty. These Zoom gatherings included:

- A LALC Café on February 25 for students and faculty (we look forward to resuming our in-person LALC Cafés, hopefully soon!);

- A LALC Café on April 12 for students only, to discuss approaches to writing the LALC senior thesis;

- A Faculty Research Colloquium on April 9, with LALC assistant professor Santiago Anria presenting his work for feedback and commentary from LALC colleagues;

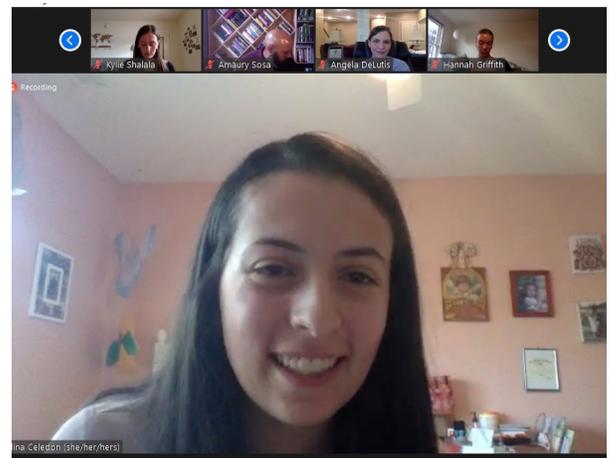
- A Spanish/Portuguese research colloquium at which LALC majors Carolina Celedon and Maria Smith presented recent projects; and finally

- The combined LALC/AFST senior research presentations on May 1, at which LALC Class of 2021 students Daniela Cruz, Gabriella Farrell and Veronica Loria presented their work.

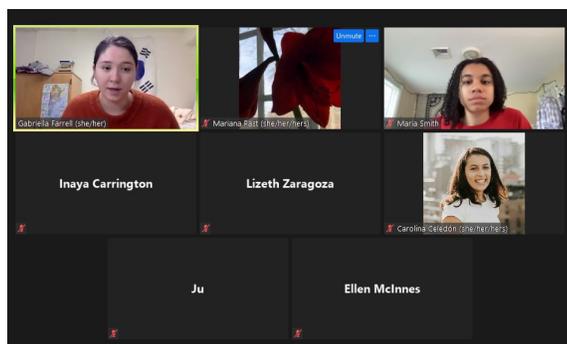
LALC kept the spirit of collegiality and camaraderie alive through its virtual programming in Spring 2021



At the faculty research colloquium on April 9, LALC assistant professor Santi Anria presented an article in progress



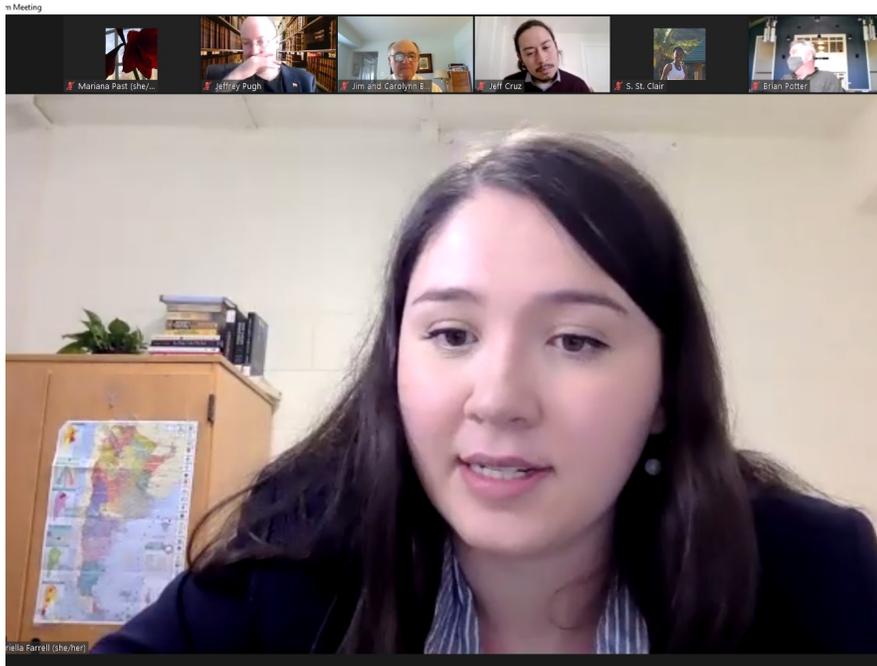
LALC major Carolina Celedon presenting at the Spanish/Portuguese research colloquium



At the students-only LALC Café on April 12, LALC senior Gabriella Farrell shared insights and advice on writing a LALC senior thesis



LALC major Maria Smith presents at the Spanish/Portuguese research colloquium



Gabriella Farrell presenting at the virtual MACLAS Conference

GABRIELLA FARRELL '21 PRESENTS AT VIRTUAL MACLAS CONFERENCE

Congratulations to Gabriella Farrell, LALC Class of 2021, who presented her research at the Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS) 2021 Virtual Conference, hosted by the College of New Jersey on March 19, 2021. The overall topic of the conference was “Life, Struggle, and Expression in Uncertain Times.” Gabriella presented her research as part of Panel #2, “Identity, Exclusion, Peace and Mobility in the Andes,” hosted by Jeffrey Pugh of the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Gabriella’s presentation was titled “Invisibility and Resistance: Bolivian Migrant Women in Argentina and Gendered Labor Trajectories.”



Slide from Gabriella Farrell's presentation at the virtual MACLAS Conference

LALC MAJORS, AY 2021-22

Julandry Almonte
2022

Yeslie Barrios 2023

Inaya Carrington
2022

Carolina Celedon
2022

Ash Garcia 2023

Ellen McInnes 2022

Cecilia Ribordy 2022

Maria Smith 2022

Lizeth Zaragoza Fabi-
an 2022

We look forward to adding members of the Dickinson Classes of 2024 and 2025 to this list in the not-too-distant future!

OTHER LALC FACULTY UPDATES

•We express thanks and farewell to departing faculty member Hector Reyes Zaga (LALC, Dept of Spanish & Portuguese), who has left Dickinson to pursue other opportunities.

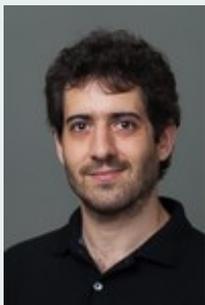
•Congratulations to LALC professor Santiago Anria, who has obtained a fellowship to support his research during a full-year sabbatical in AY 2021-22.

•Best wishes to Elise Bartosik-Velez (LALC/Spanish), who is directing the Dickinson in Malaga Program in Malaga, Spain for AYs 2021-2023.

•And last but not least, a very warm welcome (again) to assistant professor (LALC, Anthropology) Amalia Pesantes Villa, (pictured in faculty research colloquium photo on page 2) who began teaching at Dickinson last year, but who was not able to move to Carlisle from Peru until this summer.



Elise Bartosik-Velez



Santiago Anria

WELCOME TO NEW LALC FACULTY!

The LALC program is happy to welcome five new faculty members to our ranks of Contributing Faculty for the upcoming academic year. We look forward to getting to know them all better very soon! Photos of all new Dickinson faculty will be made available on the Faculty pages of Dickinson department websites as soon as possible.

•**Sebastian Antezana Quiroga** (PhD, Cornell University, 2019) is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. His research focuses on contemporary Latin American and Latinx literature and politics, indigeneity, national and transnational studies, trauma studies, and spectrality. He has published several academic articles and book chapters. He is also the author of three books of fiction.

•**Matthew Biwer** (PhD, UC-Santa Barbara, 2021) is Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology/Archaeology whose field and laboratory research is primarily focused in Peru. Some of his recent work has focused on the use of beer and hallucinogens in the politics of ancient Andean states, the identification of chuño (freeze-dried potato) using starch granules recovered from artifacts, and the role of food in colonial encounters and culture contact.

•**Jed Kuhn** (PhD, Indiana University, 2017) is an Assistant Professor in American Studies who will be

teaching LALC 123/AMST 200-01, Latinx Studies, in fall 2021.

•**Craig Lang** joins Dickinson College as an Adjunct Faculty member after having taught at Franklin & Marshall College as a Visiting Assistant Professor of Government from 2017-2020. Dr. Lang's research and teaching interests center around issues emanating from democratic political transitions and post-conflict environments, particularly the impact of transitional justice on developing the rule of law. He is currently working on a book manuscript that measures the impact of transitional justice in Colombia, Peru, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo. Before earning his doctorate from Florida International University in 2017, he served as a Foreign Affairs Officer with the U.S. Department of State from 2001 to 2011. In this capacity, he was posted in Washington, D.C., Serbia, Kosovo, and Colombia. He is passionate about using his 20 years of combined diplomatic and educational experiences to educate the next generation of leaders and scholars.

•**Andrea López** is a Visiting Assistant Professor in LALC and the Spanish & Portuguese Studies Department. She completed her doctoral coursework at Vanderbilt University, and she specializes in Latin American Colonial literature, Golden-Age Spanish literature, Indigenous Studies, and Inter-imperial relations in the Americas. Her other areas of interest include Spanish Medieval Literature, Latin American Popular Culture, and Contemporary Fusion Music in Perú. She is proficient in Quechua and also speaks conversational Portuguese.

...and also of note ...

•Congratulations to **Carolina Celedon, LALC Class of 2022**, who this past spring completed an internship with the Inter-American Dialogue, a think tank based in DC with the goal of enhancing cooperation in the Western Hemisphere. Carolina writes: *"As an intern for the office of the president, some of my tasks included managing the Dialogue's Global Trends database and preparing memos on congressional activities and key issues in Hemispheric affairs. Additionally, I helped with the editing, translation, design, and publication of program reports and press releases. My favorite part of the internship was learning from activists and policy makers about domestic abuse and abortion rights in Latin American and the Caribbean."*

•We are pleased to announce that **Dickinson in South America program directors Eliana Torres and Giselda Pereira** will be teaching SPAN 101 and Portuguese remotely this year. We very much hope that the Ecuador & Argentina program, as well as the Brazil program, will resume in 2022.

LALC CLASSES FOR AY 2021-2022

The following LALC classes are being offered this **Fall 2021**:

LALC 123—Latinx Studies—Jed Kuhn—MR 3

LALC 239—Spanish for the Health Professions—Asunción Arnedo-Aldrich—MWF 12:30

LALC 251—Latin American Government & Politics—Craig Lang—TF 1:30

LALC 283—Latin American-US Relations—Marcelo Borges—TR 3

LALC 285—Natural Disasters and Tropical Paradises: Fictions of the Contemporary Caribbean—Mariana Past - TF 1:30

LALC 300-01—Artists Against the System—Mark Aldrich—TR 10:30

LALC 300-02—Foundational Colonial Latin American Narratives—Andrea López—MR 3

LALC 490—LALC Senior Research Seminar—Marcelo Borges—M 3—4:15pm



For a late summer treat, try this South Texas Salsa Recipe shared with 2021 seniors (sidebar, below right)! Excellent flavors!

The following LALC classes are being offered in **Spring 2022**:

(Please note that these course listings may be subject to change.)

LALC 101—Intro to Latin American, Latinx & Caribbean Studies—Craig Lang—TR 10:30

LALC 200-01—Seeing & Writing the Caribbean & Its Diaspora—Jerry Philogene—MR 3

LALC 222—Anthropology of Latin America—Amalia Pesantes Villa—MWF 12:30

LALC 231—Modern Latin American History Since 1800—Marcelo Borges—TR 9

LALC 262—South American Archaeology— Matthew Biver—MR 1:30

LALC 295—Intro to US Latinx/Chicanx Literature and Culture—Amaury Sosa—MR 3

LALC 385—Topics in Latinx/Chicanx Studies—Mariana Past—TF 1:30

LALC 490—LALC Research Seminar—Marcelo Borges—M 3—4:15



South Texas Salsa Recipe*

Into a blender, pour:

- one 14 oz. can of whole, peeled tomatoes
- 1 tsp white vinegar
- 1 tsp salt
- 4 or 5 cloves of garlic, roughly chopped
- dash or two of ground black pepper
- jalapeño slices, to taste (*you can use other kinds of peppers, and a little or a lot of jalapeño*)
- a fistful of fresh cilantro (*still good if left out, but better included*)
- 1/2 tsp liquid mesquite smoke (*may be omitted also, but adds a subtle smoky flavor*)
- optional squeeze of lime juice

Blend briefly, pour and serve.

*courtesy of Al Past