

# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Americas

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# 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Americas

## DAY 1

**Friday, February 18, 2022**

**NOTE: All times shown below are Eastern Times (ET).  
Check-in is open from 12 noon**

12:50: **Welcome Remarks** – *Dr. Kate Maine, Vice President of University Relations and Chief of Staff, UNG*

**1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET)                      Session 1A                      Rm: A**

### ***Art, Literature and Culture***

**Chair:** Dr. Mariana Stone, University of North Georgia

***Testimonio y mitología en 'Madrigal para un príncipe negro' de Nancy Morejón***  
*Dr. Ana Zapata-Calle, University of West Georgia*

***Sociedad, identidad y sexualismo en Morena en rojo de Miriam Laurini***  
*Dr. Silvia Choi, Georgia Gwinnett College*

***Ser afrodescendiente en Latinoamérica***  
*Ms. America Hernandez, University of Georgia*

**1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET)                      Session 1B                      Rm: B**

### ***History, Language and Linguistics***

**Chair:** Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia

***What Was Had but Taken: How the Promises Made by Article 27 in Mexico's Constitution of 1917 Were Erased before the End of the 20th Century.***  
*Mr. Bryan Rocha, University of North Georgia*

***Dizque: Andean Evidentials in Contact***  
*Mrs. Eden Stafstrom, University of Georgia/Florida State University*

***The Modernization of Spanish Grammar: El Porvenir y el uso de la perífrasis 'ir a + infinitivo'***  
*Ms. Bailey Pieplow, University of North Georgia*

**1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET)                      Session 1C                      Rm: C**

***Panel: Poetic, Fictional and Visual Art in the Caribbean***

**Chair:** Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University

***“Annie John: Analysis of Becoming A Woman and The Caribbean Mother-Daughter Relationship”***

*Dr. Anique John, Arizona State University*

***The function, role and purpose of poetry in Antigua and Barbuda and a larger global environment.***

*Dr. Elaine Olaoye, Brookdale Community College*

***Double Consciousness in the Visual Art of Frank Walter***

*Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University*

**2:00 – 2:15 pm**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)                      Session 2A                      Rm: A**

***Immigration Issues and Suicide in Latin America and the Caribbean***

**Chair:** Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, University of North Georgia

***Central American Migration: Structural Factors of Forced Migration***

*Dr. James Daria, Georgia College and State University*

***Impact of People’s Anti-immigrant Sentiments on Immigration Policies and the Migrant/refugees’ Use of Public Services in Selected Destination Countries***

*Dr. Clemente Quinones, Georgia Gwinnett College*

***Suicide in Latin America and the Caribbean***

*Prof. George Danns, University of North Georgia*

**2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)                      Session 2B                      Rm: B**

***Language Usage, Poetry and Hispanic Culture***

**Chair:** Dr. Jaime Salinas Zabalaga, University of North Georgia

***Gabriela Mistral: La Madre de Todos (The Mother of All)***

*Ms. Sheridan Porras, University of North Georgia*

***Los acentos variados entre cantantes mexicanos de regiones diferentes***

*Ms. Colton Glaze, University of North Georgia*

**La educación a los niños latinos y sus efectos psicológicos**

*Ms. Susana Olivo Sandoval, University of North Georgia*

**2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)**

**Session 2C**

**Rm: C**

**Panel: Experiential Learning Approaches in Conversation Practice**

**Chair:** Prof. Priscilla Dobbs, Georgia State University – Perimeter College

Three faculty - two professors of Spanish and one of French - and three students, all Spanish majors, discuss three experiential learning opportunities for students of French or Spanish to carry out synchronous conversations with native or advanced speakers of the target language.

- Commercial Platforms
- Collaboration with Partner University from Colombia, and
- Embedded Conversation Partners

**Panelists:**

*Dr. Ofélia Nikolova, Professor of French, Valdosta State University*

*Dr. Grażyna Walczak, Professor of Spanish, Valdosta State University*

*Dr. Susan Wehling, Professor of Spanish Valdosta State University*

**Student Discussants:** *Ms. Gwendolena Fernandez, Ms. Kiya Ezell and Mr. Tyler Adkins-Chatfield, Valdosta State University*

**3:15 – 3:30 pm**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)**

**Session 3A**

**Rm: A**

**Economic Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Chair:** Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University.

**Protracted Crisis? Poverty and Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Prof. Donna Danns, University of North Georgia*

**The Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Tourism and Education in Cusco, Peru**

*Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia*

**Financialization and Income Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Dr. Dwight Wilson, Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, and Dr. Rana Gautam  
University of North Georgia*

**Development Successes and Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*Ms. Stephanie Medina, University of North Georgia*

**3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)                      Session 3B                      Rm: B**

**Teaching Paradigms, Modalities and Study Abroad Programs**

**Chair:** Dr. Lauren Johnson, University of North Georgia

**From science fiction to Spanish: Is AI here to stay?**  
*Prof. Maria Jose Maguire, University of North Georgia*

**Pandemic Passports: Designing a Virtual Study Abroad Program through Interdepartmental Collaboration.**  
*Dr. Annalease Gibson, Dr. Erica DeCuir, and Dr. John Williams  
Albany State University*

**Screen Time, Fatigue and Technological Challenges: Pedagogical Experiences of US and Caribbean College Professors Teaching Online During the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
*Dr. Carolyn Walcott, Clayton State University  
Dr. Melany Chambers, Oglethorpe University*

**Integrating academic learning and community engagement: ART 3570 Mexican and U.S. Latino Art and the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Month Art Exhibition**  
*Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia*

**3:30 – 4:45 pm (ET)                      Session 3C                      Rm: C**

**Educational Resources and Language Pedagogy**

**Chair:** Dr. Kenneth Martin, University of North Georgia

**Effect of text-only vs. video enhanced instructions to tasks on language production in a foreign language online course**  
*Dr. Mariana Stone, University of North Georgia*

**ESOL/ Spanish for Native Speakers Middle School Teachers**  
*Mrs. Nancy Gandy, Alumni, University of North Georgia*

**A Curriculum and Resource Repository for Latin American & the Caribbean**  
*Prof. Eric Kendrick, Perimeter College – Georgia State University*

**The Pedagogical Value of Google Translate**  
*Dr. Karen Guffey, Gordon State College  
Ms. Mallory Carter, Student, Gordon State College*

**4:45 – 6:15 PM: Plenary Room**

**Remarks by Conference on the Americas Sponsors**

*Dr. Christopher Jespersen, Dean, College of Arts and Letters*

*Dr. Mary Gowan, Dean, Mike Cottrell College of Business*

## **SIP, CHAT, PERFORM**

**We have an Open Mic!**

**Recite your poetry! Play an instrument! Sing! Art Display!**

**Performances also by:**

*Young Bill Rogers – Calypsonian*

*Lloyda Garrett – Poet and Ph.D. Student in Interdisciplinary Arts*

*Elsie Harry – Spoken Word*

*Prof. Juan Carlos Galeano introduces his documentary film, “El Rio” (see link on pg. 12)*

## ***A Celebration of Latin America and the Caribbean***

### **DAY 2**

**Saturday, February 19, 2022**

**10:00 – 11:15 am (ET)**

**Session 4A**

**Rm: A**

***Panel: New Trends in contemporary Latin American Novel***

***Chair:*** Dr. Jaime Salinas, University of North Georgia

***The Memory of the Affections***

*Dr. Jaime Salinas, University of North Georgia*

***El libre albedrío, el determinismo y la constitución narrativa de la identidad en Mi negro pasado de Laura Esquivel***

*Dr. Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia*

***El realismo mágico, la teología de la liberación y una reacción al secularismo eurocéntrico***

*Dr. Alfredo Poggi, University of North Georgia*

**Home away from home: immigration and identity in Azul Corvo by Adriana Lisboa**  
Dr. Raphael Palermo, University of North Georgia

**10:00 – 11:15 am**

**Session 4B**

**Rm: B**

**Healthcare Research and Practices in the Caribbean**

**Chair:** Dr. Amy Baldwin, Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership

**Medical records in Grenada, WI: the past, present and challenges of using handwritten records**

Dr. Amy Baldwin, Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership  
A Bahadoor-Yetman, St. George's University, School of Medicine, Grenada, WI  
V Mapp-Alexander, St. George's University, School of Medicine, Grenada, WI

**Saving Brains Grenada: Preventing Violence, Promoting Child Development**

Prof. Barbara Landon, St George's University School of Graduate Studies  
Dr. Randall Waechter, St. George's University School of Medicine

**Experiences with periodic pro bono pediatric genetics /adult neurology clinics in a resource-limited Caribbean community**

Prof. Andrew Sobering, Augusta University / University of Georgia Medical Partnership

**Identification of HPV Genotypes in Grenada: A comparison of Self-Sampling to Physician-Obtained Cervical Cytology**

Ms. Ronelle Bailey, St. George's University School of Medicine,  
Kritika Padala, School of Medicine, St. George's University, Grenada, et al.

**10:00 – 11:15 am (ET)**

**Session 4C**

**Rm: C**

**Panel: Human Trafficking in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Chair:** Prof. Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

**The Spatial Distribution of Human Trafficking: A Global Analysis**

Dr. Augustine Avwunudiogba, California State University Stanislaus  
Dr. Elisha Dung, Alabama State University

**Sex Trafficking of Girls: Focus on Latin America and Caribbean**

Prof. Brenda Gill and Dr. Jesse McKinnon  
Alabama State University

**Communication Factors That Reveal Human Traffickers' Deceptions to their Latin America and Caribbean Victims**

Dr. Ivon Alcime, Alabama State University

**11:15 – 11:30 am**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)                      Session 5A                      Rm: A**

***Democracy and Power in Latin America and the Caribbean***

**Chair:** Dr. Dwight Wilson, University of North Georgia

***Political Ideology and its Associations to Inequality: A Study of Venezuela 2019 & 2020***

*Dr. Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University*

***The slow death of democracy under Jair Bolsonaro in Brazil***

*Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University*

*Mr. Joshua Kohler da Cruz, Georgia State University*

***Latin America's Soft Power***

*Dr. Cristian Harris, University of North Georgia*

***Personality Development and Economic Underdevelopment: The Missing Link***

*Mr. Mario Delgado, Former Adjunct Faculty, University of North Georgia*

**11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)                      Session 5B                      Rm: B**

***Ethnography, Literature and Poetry in the Americas***

**Chair:** Prof. Ernie Guyton, Georgia State University – Perimeter College

***Baseball and Criollo Identity in Venezuela***

*Prof. David Sheinin, Trent University*

***In Search of Ramonet***

*Dr. Gordon McNeer, University of North Georgia*

***Puerto Rican Tales of Enchantment in Early Twentieth Century Oral Folklore: La Cenizosa and “los encantados”***

*Dr. Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott College*

***Solitude in the Americas: “Leaning into the Afternoons” by Pablo Neruda***

*Dr. Rudyard Alcocer, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville*

**11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)                      Session 5C                      Rm: C**

***Culture, Film, Ecology and the Environment***

**Chair:** Dr. Alvaro M. Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

***Cultural comparisons on Eat Drink Man Woman and Tortilla Soup***

*Mr. Nicholas Hu, University of North Georgia*

***Encanto Film for Spanish class***

*Dr. Luis Mora, Georgia Gwinnett College*

***Two Panelists discuss the documentary film “El Río” by Prof. Juan Carlos Galeano***

**1.** Ms. Chanelle Dupuis, Brown University; **2.** Mr. Alexis Finet, Florida State University

**Discussant** – Prof. Juan Carlos Galeano, Florida State University



12:50 pm: Plenary Room

**Announcement and Presentation of COA Student Paper Competition Award Winner  
Ms. Sara Wofford, University of West Georgia**

1:00 pm to 2:15 pm: Plenary Room

**CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAS  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Chair: Dr. George K. Danns**, Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Human Services, University of North Georgia, & Member, Americas Council, USG

**Remarks: Dr. José de Arimatéia da Cruz**, Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics, Georgia Southern State University, & Chair, Americas Council, USG

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker**

**Keynote Address**

***Dissecting a Humanitarian Crisis: Field Notes from the  
Migration through the US Southern Border***

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Enrique Pumar**

*Fay Boyle University Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Santa Clara University, California. Currently, Chair, Sociology of Development Section, American Sociological Association (ASA), a member of the International Advisory Board, Global Journal of Political and Social Research and a faculty member of the Latinx Education Research Center, Santa Clara University.*

**-Vote of Thanks -**

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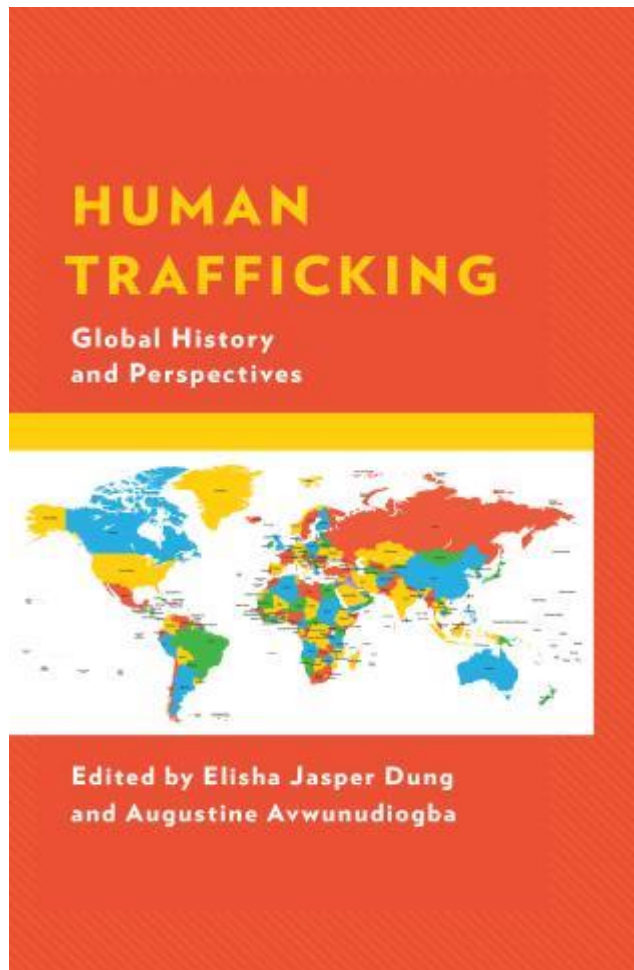
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Alvaro Torres-Calderón, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Spanish, UNG  
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*Co-chairs, 25th Annual Conference on the Americas*

**Recent Books and Film by presenters  
at the  
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***Human Trafficking  
Global History and Perspectives***

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*“Human Trafficking: Global History and Perspectives”* argues that, far from being a recent development, human trafficking is rooted in the history of the human condition and has only been amplified by globalization. Using a multidisciplinary approach that traces the historical roots of human trafficking in global history, the chapters explore case studies from different parts of the world to show that human trafficking is not only a global phenomenon but, a localized enigma. The contributors contend that the causes, and thus, the solutions, are rooted in local and regional social, cultural, political, and economic conditions of victims. The case studies include global, regional, and local examples to analyze the complex causes and effects of human trafficking as well as the legal ramifications.



El Río is a feature-length documentary where the daily life and stories of Amazonian peoples become cautionary tales in our Anthropocene era. El Río contributes to intersecting fields of anthropology and environmental humanities for our understanding of the perspectives of indigenous cultures and the life of water ecosystems under threat. It gives credence to the importance of ecological knowledge and belief systems for the entangled natural and human histories of Amazonia.

Juan Carlos Galeano is an Amazonian poet, documentary filmmaker, and essayist whose fieldwork on symbolic narratives of riverine and forest people in the Amazon basin resulted in his production of a comprehensive collection of storytelling (Folktales of the Amazon, ABC-CLIO, 2008). As a filmmaker he made a plea for environmental justice, threatened landscapes and cultures of Amazonia in his documentary, The Trees Have a Mother (Films for the Humanities and Sciences, 2008). He has published several books of poetry and has translated the works of North American poets into Spanish. His poetry inspired by Amazonian cosmologies and the modern world are anthologized and published in international journals such as Casa de las Américas (Cuba), The Atlantic Monthly and Ploughshares (U.S.). He teaches Latin American poetry and Amazonian Cultures at Florida State University and is currently the director of the FSU Service/Learning Program: Journey into Amazonia in Perú.



Dr. Galeano invites you to view his documentary film:

<https://www.elriofilm.com/> and <https://filmfreeway.com/ElRio>