

24th Annual Conference on the Americas

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DAY 1

Friday, February 19, 2021

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

12:55: **Welcome Remarks** – *Dr. Chaudron Gille, Provost and Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, UNG*

1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET) Session 1A Rm: A

Panel: The Legacy of the American Revolution in the Americas

Panel Chair: *Dr. Lester Langley, University of Georgia*

God, the Long American Revolution, and the Cold War in the Americas
Dr. Lester Langley, Prof. Emeritus, University of Georgia

The Legacy of the American Revolution in the Americas, a View from Living Memory
Dr. Lawrence Clayton, Prof. Emeritus, University of Alabama

The End of Pan Americanism and the Legacy of the American Revolution
Prof. David Sheinin, Trent University

1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET) Session 1B Rm: B

Anthropology and Language

Chair: *Mr. Ernie Guyton, Georgia State University (Perimeter College)*

Representation Matters: Exploring the Embodiment of Afro-Caribbean Cultural Relics in Tourist Destinations
Dr. Lauren Johnson, University of North Georgia

Lost in Translation: the challenges of teaching a foreign language online and ways of addressing them
Dr. Mariana Stone, University of North Georgia

Uses of Spanish in the U.S. to Represent Diversity and Inclusion
Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia

1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET)

Session 1C

Rm: C

Panel: The Caribbean: Its Cultural Identity, Gender and Economic Growth

Panel Chair: Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University

Masculinity and Violence: The Male Perpetrator's Perspective of Intimate Partner Violence in Guyana

Ms. Melissa Bess, University of Guyana

47 yrs. later, Walcott's question, "The Caribbean: Culture or Mimicry?"

Prof. Elaine Olaoye, Brookdale Community College

Caribbean Political Economy: Financialization and After

Prof. Paget Henry, Brown University

2:00 – 2:15 pm

COFFEE BREAK

2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)

Session 2A

Rm: A

Regional Politics and Foreign Policy

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

COVID-19 and Bolsonaro's Response

Prof. José de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University

The Essential Diaspora and the Economic and Social Development of the Caribbean

Prof. George Danns, University of North Georgia

Towards a New Analytic Framework for U.S.-Latin American Foreign Policy

Mr. Adam Ratzlaff, Consultant

2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)

Session 2B

Rm: B

Art and Literature

Chair: Ms. Priscilla Dodds, Georgia State University (Perimeter College)

Ritual, Residue and the Photograph Considerations on some traces of Ana Mendieta

Ms. Akima McPherson, University of Guyana

The representation of racial and social stigma in an early painting by Mel Casas

Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia

Murder in the Hispanic World: a Savage Journey into the Heart of Darkness

Prof. Gordon McNeer, University of North Georgia

2:15 – 3:15 pm (ET)

Session 2C

Rm: C

History, Anthropology and Pandemic Impact

Chair: Ms. Sara Wofford, University of West Georgia

Operation Condor and Violations of Human Rights

Mr. Bryan Rocha, University of North Georgia

Socio-ecological Borderlands at Medellín's Periphery: Spaces of Multispecies Opportunity

Ms. Olivia Ferrari, University of Georgia

An examination of the economic and social impact of COVID-19 on Latin America and the Caribbean

Ms. Renee Clement, University of North Georgia

Ms. Andrea Dailey, University of North Georgia

3:15 – 3:30 pm

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 – 4:30 pm (ET)

Session 3A

Rm: A

The Patrimony of Oil, the Private Sector and the fastest growing economy in the World

Chair: Dr. Andy Novobilski, University of North Georgia

From Marginalization to the Mainstream? Entrepreneurship, The Private Sector, Oil and Transformation in Guyana

Prof. Donna Danns, University of North Georgia

Prof. George Danns, University of North Georgia

Oil Aspirations and the Curse of Neocolonial Governance In Guyana, South America

Prof. Percy Hintzen, Florida International University

Contested Patrimony: A Thematic Analysis of Guyana's Newspaper Framing of Oil Discoveries, Journalistic Challenges Navigating the Sector and Stakeholders' Perspectives on Media Representation

Dr. Carolyn Walcott, Kennesaw State University/University of Guyana

3:30 – 4:30 pm (ET)

Session 3B

Rm: B

Latin American Philosophy and History

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

A Bristol, Rhode Island, and Matanzas, Cuba, Slavery Connection: The Diary of George Howe: A Costumbrista Reportage on Cuban Slavery

Dr. Rafael Ocasio, Professor, Agnes Scott College

The Sociology of Development and the Latin American Perspective

Prof. Enrique S. Pumar, Santa Clara University

Runaway Wives and the Remaking of Marriage in Colonial Peru

Dr. Alex Wisnoski, University of North Georgia

3:30 – 4:30 pm (ET)

Session 3C

Rm: C

Indigenous Populations & Labor Activism

Chair: Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, University of North Georgia

Voluntary Quarantine: An Analysis of Life in South America's Uncontacted Frontier

Ms. Victoria Head, University of North Georgia

Kuna: Quechua, Plurals, and Andean Contact Linguistics

Ms. Eden Gordon, University of Georgia

The Brave Sambo: America's First Labor Activist

Mr. Joshua da Cruz, Georgia State University

4:30 – 6:00 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

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We have an Open Mic!

Recite poetry! Play an instrument! Sing! Art and Book Display!

A Celebration of Latin America and the Caribbean

DAY 2

Saturday, February 20, 2021

10:00 – 11:15 am (ET)

Session 4A

Rm: A

Regional Economics and Quality of Life

Chair: Prof. Donna Dannels, University of North Georgia

Personal and Contextual Correlates of Personal Life Quality in Guyana

Prof. Leon Wilson, Tougaloo College

Prof. Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

The effect of Mexican emigration to the US on trade and inward FDI in Mexico

Dr. Michael Gove, University of North Georgia

Liliana Meza Gonzalez, Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI)

The Determinants of Sovereign Risk Rating in Latin America and Their Political Influence

Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, University of North Georgia

Why waste a Crisis? Building Tourism Resilience in Jamaica to thrive in the ‘new norm’

Ms. Annette Insanally, L'Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)

10:00 – 11:15 am

Session 4B

Rm: B

Teaching Paradigms and Study Abroad

Chair: Dr. Lauren Johnson, University of North Georgia

The Process of Becoming Human : A Preliminary Case Analysis of The University of Guyana's Path-breaking Human Relations Service Course

Prof. Paloma Mohamed-Martin, University of Guyana

Designing Pre-Health Study Away Programs: Bringing the Global Perspective to the Local Level

Dr. Amy Baldwin, Augusta University/University of Georgia

Dr. Hilda Mata, Director of Africa/Latin America Programming Initiatives, Office of Global Engagement, University of Georgia

Ms. Amanda Spohn, Office of the Vice-President for Instruction, University of Georgia

Redefining Community-Integrative Education in the Language Classroom

Prof. Maria Jose Maguire, Flagler College

Enhancing Classroom Learning through Debate: A Jamaican Perspective

Mr. Jevon Henry, The University of the West Indies

Dr. Michael Hester, University of West Georgia

Mr. Germaine Barrett, University of Technology, Jamaica

10:00 – 11:15 am (ET)

Session 4C

Rm: C

Linguistics, Social Identity and Education

Chair: Dr. Alex Wisnoski, University of North Georgia

Colorism and Raciolinguistics in the formation of the Latinx Identity

Ms Daniela Hernandez, Georgia College & State University

Parlache: The Spread of Narcotics Slang

Ms. Savannah Taylor, Georgia College & State University

Does Parents' Immigration Status Affect Students' Academic Performance in Latinx Students?

Ms. Ximena Luna, University of North Georgia

Ms. Gema Gomez, University of North Georgia

Dr. Efren Velazquez (mentor)

11:15 – 11:30 am

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)

Session 5A

Rm: A

Language and Literature (Presentations in Spanish)

Chair: Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia

Vejez, amor y sociedad en El amante japonés de Isabel Allende

Dr. Alvaro Torres-Calderón, University of North Georgia

Confabulación y feminicidios: La fantasía como arma política en Los Recuerdos del porvenir

Dr. Maria Calatayud, University of North Georgia

El engaño del pueblo: Desigualdades históricas en el acceso a la educación en Latinoamérica

Ms. Katherine Arntzen, Valdosta State University

El sistema de castas: discriminación por parte de la iglesia y el estado como medios de control en las colonias latinoamericanas

Ms. Beverly Miller, Valdosta State University

11:30 – 12:45 pm (ET)

Session 5B

Rm: B

Panel: Migration, Refugees and Human Trafficking in LAC Countries

Panel Chair: Dr. Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

African Refugees in LAC Countries 2014-2018: Origins and Destinations

Prof. Brenda Gill, Alabama State University

The Causative Push/Pull Factors, and Experiences of African Refugees in LAC Region

Dr. Ivon Alcime, Alabama State University

Migration and Some Ways to Mitigate this in LAC Countries

Dr. Jesse McKinnon, Alabama State University

The Uses of Theory to Understand Human Trafficking in the African-Caribbean-Pacific Countries

Dr. Alecia Hoffman, Alabama State University

12:50 pm: Plenary Room

Announcement and Presentation of COA Student Paper Competition Award Winner

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

CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAS KEYNOTE ADDRESS

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

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Paget Henry, Prof. of Sociology and Africana Studies, Brown University

Keynote Address

Americanity, Caribbeanity, and Decoloniality: Understanding Racial Formations and the Mythopoetics of the New World

Dr. Nelson Maldonado-Torres

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Professor Extraordinary, Institute for Social and Health Sciences, University of South Africa
Honorary Professor, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
Co-chair, Frantz Fanon Foundation*

-Vote of Thanks -

Americas Council Meeting

2.30 to 3.00pm

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