



**Penn in Latin America and the Caribbean's (PLAC)
Fifth Annual Symposium Program (Virtual via Zoom)
September 30, October 1, and October 2, 2020**

PROGRAM

The Fifth Annual Penn in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLAC) Symposium is being held virtually this year in three thematic sessions on three consecutive days: Wednesday, September 30 through Friday, October 2. Each session will begin at 12:00 pm and end by 1:30 pm.

The PLAC Symposium is held annually to highlight Penn work in the region, as well as to support networking opportunities for attendees and co-presenters. At this year's virtual Symposium, each day will center around a major theme and will feature Penn community members who work in the Latin American and Caribbean region. They will present briefly on their studies/areas of expertise. A single Q & A session, moderated by a member of the PLAC Steering Committee, will take place each day after all presentations in the thematic group have been made.

Wednesday, September 30, 2020: Symposium Opening

12:00 pm: **Arrivals**

12:05 pm: **Welcome**

Antonia M. Villarruel, Professor and Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing

12:10 pm: **Opening Remarks**

Wendell Pritchett, University Provost



Wednesday, September 30, 2020: Session I: Social -- Cities, Economics, Politics, Law, and Education

12:15 pm: Moderator's Introduction

Emilio Parrado, Dorothy Swaine Thomas Professor of Sociology
Director, Population Studies Center

12:20 pm: Presentations

- **The Zoonotic Disease Research Laboratory in Arequipa, Peru**
Michael Levy, Associate Professor in Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Informatics, Perelman School of Medicine
- **The Water System in Western Puerto Rico: Determining Vulnerabilities in a Changing Climate**
Alana Paccione (C'20), Department of Earth and Environmental Science, CAS
- **Asylum from Central America**
Fernando Chang-Muy, Thomas O'Boyle Lecturer in Law, Carey School of Law
- **Reporting on the Venezuelan Crisis**
Patrick Ammerman, MSW, Alumnus of School of Social Policy and Practice (SP2) / 2019 PLAC Pulitzer Center Student Fellow
- **Out of sight, out of mind? Spillover Effects and the Pacifying Police Units (UPPS) in Baixada Fluminense**
Maria Francesca Arruda de Amaral (C'20) and Junior Data Analyst, Department of Criminology
- **Corporate Transitional Justice: Lessons from the Brazilian Experience**
Eduardo Saad-Diniz, Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Law, University of São Paulo, campus Ribeirão Preto; Latin American and Latinx Studies
- **A Snapshot of the Menstrual Movement in Latin America**
Becca Bean (C'21, W'21), The Huntsman Program, Wharton
- **Thinking Similarly, Operating Differently: The Cuban State and SNET's Approach to Technological Sovereignty**
Mariela Morales Suárez, Annenberg School for Communication, CARG, Graduate Student
- **The Marginal Returns on Distance Education on Achievement: Analyzing Mexico's Telesecundaries**
Gabrielle Vasey, PhD Candidate, Economics Department
- **Inter-American Educational Leadership Network (RILE)**
Ivan Rosales Montes, Alumnus of the Graduate School of Education

Q&A

Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks



Thursday, October 1, 2020: Session II: Scientific – Science, Technology, and Health

12:00 pm: **Arrivals**

12:05 pm: **Welcome**

Glen N. Gaulton, Ph.D., Vice Dean; Professor of Pathology and Lab Medicine; and Director, Center for Global Health, Perelman School of Medicine

12:10 pm: **Moderator's Introduction**

Kent Bream, Associate Professor, Family Medicine and Community Health; and Director, Guatemala Health Initiative, Sayre Health Center, and Harnwell College House

12:20 pm: **Presentations**

- **Penn Nursing - 30+ Years of Collaboration with the World Health Organization**
Antonia M. Villarruel, PhD, RN, FAAN, Professor and Margaret Bond Simon Dean of Nursing; Director of World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Nursing and Midwifery Leadership
- **Service Learning: Clinical Care...Health Promotion...Popular Education in Guatemala**
Mamie Guidera, MSN, CNM, FACNM, Penn School of Nursing, Family & Community Health
- **Community Health Needs Assessment in Bienvenido, Dominican Republic: *Analyzing the social determinants of health in global, low-income Hispanic communities***
Cassidy Gallagher, Undergraduate Senior, School of Nursing
- **An Adaptive International Cardiology Curriculum accessible by remote distance learning (iCARDs-Haiti)**
Norrissa Haynes, MD, MPH, Cardiology Department
- **Affordable Robot and M-health Technologies for Neurorehabilitation in Jamaica**
Michelle Johnson, PhD, Associate Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation; Director, Rehabilitation Robotics Lab
- **Penn LRSM collaborations with: University of Puerto Rico in Humacao during the last 22 years, And with the Sociedad Dominicana de Fisica**
Jorge J. Santiago-Aviles, Emeritus Faculty, Electrical and Systems Engineering
- **Harmonized Cognitive Assessment Protocol (HCAP) and Chilean Longitudinal Social Protection Survey (SPS)**
Irma T. Elo, Professor & Chair, Sociology
- **Hospital Quality of Care and Productivity in Chile**
Eileen Lake, Jesse M Scott Endowed Term Chair in Nursing and Health Policy; Associate Director, Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Research Biobehavioral Health Sciences Department, School of Nursing

Q&A

Wrap-Up/Closing Remarks



Friday, October 2, 2020: Session III: Cultural – Arts, Culture, and Humanities

12:00 pm: Arrivals & Introduction

Scott Moore, Director of China Programs and Strategic Initiatives, Penn Global

12:05 pm: Welcome

Amy Gadsden, Associate Vice Provost for Global Initiatives

12:10 pm: Moderator's Introduction

Mércia Santana Flannery, Ph.D, Senior Lecturer/Director of the Portuguese Language Program, Romance Languages/Hispanic and Portuguese Studies Department

12:20 pm: Presentations

- **Discriminatory Discourse and aggressive language in digital communication in Brazil**
Mércia Santana Flannery, Ph.D, Senior Lecturer/Director of the Portuguese Language Program, Romance Languages/Hispanic and Portuguese Studies Department
- **The Debate Over the Legalization of Abortion: Audience Responses in Argentina**
María Celeste Wagner, Ph.D. Candidate & CARGC Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication
- **Latin-Centric Indigenous Networks and the Call for a Pluriversal Internet**
Fernanda R. Rosa, Postdoctoral Fellow, Annenberg School for Communication, Center for Advanced Research in Global Communication (CARGC)
- **The Politics of (Mis)Recognition: Guyanese Hindu Parades in New York City**
Rupa Pillai, Senior Lecturer, Asian American Studies Program
- **Historicizing the Caribbean in Ana Lydia Vega's "Encancaranublado"**
Isabella Pilotta Gois, Alumna, Department of Comparative Literature and Literary Theory
- **Archival Shadows in Post-Emancipation Puerto Rico**
Daniel Morales-Armstrong, Joint PhD Student, Africana Studies and History
- **Reconstructing the Population History of Mexico & The Caribbean**
Theodore Schurr, Ph.D, Professor, Anthropology
- **A Heritage Preservation and Community Development Project in Tihosuco, Quintana Roo, Mexico**
Richard M. Leventhal, Professor, Penn Anthropology, Director, Penn Cultural Heritage Center Penn Museum
- **Graduate Student Work on the Tihosuco Heritage Preservation and Community Development Project**
Samantha Seyler, PhD Candidate, Department of Anthropology
- **Imagining Charlie Chaplin in Revolutionary Cuba**
Will Schmenner, Lecturer, History of Art

Q&A

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