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# 2013 LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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APRIL 18 - 19, 2013



**PROGRAM**

## THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

### WELCOME & SESSION 1 (SMSU, THEATER)

10:00AM-10:45AM

Welcome: Dr. Andrew Bodman  
Provost, Academic Affairs

Introduction: Paul Amaya, Director,  
Center for International Studies & Programs  
Patricia Barquero, University of Costa Rica  
*"The Erotic as a Liberating and Empowering  
Force in two/three Costa Rican Female Poets"*

### SESSION 2 • 10:45AM-11:30AM

Introduction: Juan Delgado

Department of English  
Ilse Bussing, University of Costa Rica  
*"Casas Tomadas: Haunting and Homes  
in the Latin American Short Story"*

### LUNCH (EUCALYPTUS ROOM)

11:30AM-12:30PM

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER • 12:30PM-1:30PM

Introduction: Dr. Eri Yasuhara, Dean  
College of Arts and Letters  
James P. Brennan  
University of California, Riverside  
*"Peronismo in Modern Argentina"*

### SESSION 3 • 2:00PM-3:30PM

*"International Experience in  
Creative Writing, Costa Rica"*

Patricia Barquero, University of Costa Rica  
Juan Delgado, Department of English, CSUSB

Steve Lehigh, Department of English, CSUSB  
Michal Kohout, Dpt. of Geography, CSUSB  
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### SESSION 4 • 3:30PM-4:00PM

Antonieta Gallegos-Ruiz  
Department of World Languages  
and Literatures, CSUSB  
*"Mexico's Contemporary Indigenous Voices"*

### SESSION 5 (SYCAMORE ROOM)

4:00PM-5:00PM

Graduate Student Roundtable  
Chair, Rafael Correa, CSUSB  
Francisca Hernández, CSUSB  
*"Las Muertas de Juarez"*  
Adriana Vargas, CSUSB  
*"Hugo Chávez: El Agente Catalítico  
del Cambio y del Abuso"*

### SESSION 6 (SYCAMORE ROOM)

5:00PM-6:00PM

*"International Experience-  
Latin American Studies"*  
Chair, Antonieta Gallegos-Ruiz, CSUSB  
Jazmín Brambila, CSUSB  
*"Costa Rican National Parks:  
Environmental Measures"*  
Rosa Espinoza, CSUSB  
*"Nicaraguan Undocumented  
Laborers in Costa Rica"*

## FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

### SESSION 7 (PANORAMA ROOM) • 9:30AM-10:30AM

Chair, Nena Torrez, Language, Literacy & Culture, CSUSB  
Loknath Persaud, Pasadena City College

*"Mario Vargas Llosa and the Janus'-faced Delights of the  
Age of Shakira and Kim Kardashian"*

Teresa Velásquez, Department of Anthropology, CSUSB

*"The Politics of the Pachamama: Cultural Struggles and  
Communal Water Rights in Andean Ecuador"*

### SESSION 8 (PANORAMA ROOM) • 10:40AM-11:40AM

Graduate Student Roundtable-California State University, Fullerton  
*"Contesting Modernity: Speaking Against Colonialism in Latin America"*

Chair, Sandra Pérez-Linggi—California State University, Fullerton  
Guillermo García, CSUF *"Decolonial Perspectives in Latin America"*  
Jesús Herrera Rivera, CSUF *"The Politics of Identity in Latin America"*

Areli González, CSUF *"La Frontera Olvidada: The Violation of  
Human Rights in the Southern Border of México"*

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