About the Monthly
Welcome to the LALSI Monthly for February 2022. I hope that you are having a great and productive semester thus far. The Monthly serves as a summary of our current activities, announcement of future events, and notification of relevant information for our students, faculty, alumni, and community. You can also find similar information on our Facebook page, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Fordham webpage. If there is anything you would like to see or would like to announce in the next Monthly, or on our social media pages, please do not hesitate to contact me at cojas@fordham.edu or the LALSI program at lalsi@fordham.edu. Thank you and have a great day! ~Carlos Cajas

Ongoing events at Fordham:

• Since the onset of the COVID pandemic, the Feerick Center has collaborated with Fordham Law School’s Immigration Advocacy Project, a student organization and longtime partner, to organize a webinar series focused on immigration policy and border conditions for asylum seekers. In case you missed them, you can view recordings of two recent webinars here.

Upcoming Events for the Month of February and Beyond

• Throughout February, New York University’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies will be hosting a series of events ranging from lectures to book presentations. Such events include: “Filtering Historians: The Photographic Bureaucracy in Mozambique, 1960 to Recent Times;” “KICC 25th Anniversary Program: Food and the Hispanic World across Time and Space;” and “Decolonize and Depatriarchalize the Social Sciences, Memory, and Life in Chiapas, Central America, and the Caribbean.”

• The American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education invites you to join them for the 2022 Annual Conference to be held at Nevada State College, Henderson, Nevada from March 10-11, 2022.

News Highlights

Anderson, Martin Edward. “Inside Out: Investigating the Domestic Drivers of Pentagon Policy in Latin America in 2022.” Indybay, 29 December 2021. This case before the International Criminal Court concerns gross misconduct at the Pentagon’s National Defense University (NDU), including the hiring and promotion of those guilty of crimes against humanity (in Latin America). … [NDU leadership tried to silence whistleblowers] who fought to bring to light [NDU’s] support for neo-Nazis and others who committed crimes against humanity in Latin America and who went on to receive American taxpayer dollars…

Lopez, Oscar. “In Mexico, Women Directors Take the Lead.” New York Times, 29 December 2021. After decades of fighting for recognition in an industry dominated by men, women filmmakers like [Fernanda Valadez] are setting Mexican cinema ablaze, not just by innovating within it but by also opening up opportunities for other women. …

“Omicron spikes in Brazil as Bolsonaro downplays threat.” Al Jazeera and RioOnWatch, 14 January 2022. The surge has put strains on the country’s hospital system and is threatening the already struggling economy, but has been largely downplayed by President Jair Bolsonaro, who has been hostile towards the fight against COVID.”

“GHRC Congratulates the Achi Women and Their Legal Team for Their Victory Over Impunity Trial Against 36 Maya Achi women were found guilty of crimes against humanity against 36 Maya Achi women were found guilty…

Call For Prizes, Awards, and Papers

1. The Conference of Latin American History (CLAH) is soliciting nominations for numerous prizes and awards. The deadline for receipt of submissions for all prizes and awards is June 1, 2022, with the exception of the Scbbie Award, which has an April 8, 2022 deadline. The full list of awards can be found here:

• The Distinguished Service Award - The award of $1,500 is conferred upon a person whose career in scholarship, teaching, publishing, librarianship, institutional development or other fields demonstrates significant contributions to the advancement of the study of Latin American history in the United States.

• The Lynda Cabrera Award - Research award of up to $5,000 given to support the study of Cuba between 1492 and 1868.

The full list of awards and their deadlines can be found here.
• The James R. Scobie Award - Up to $1,500 is awarded each year for an exploratory research trip abroad to determine the feasibility of a Ph.D. dissertation topic dealing with some facet of Latin American history. One or more travel grants will be awarded each year.

2. Cadernos do Arquivo Municipal publishes original works in the Social Sciences and Humanities field (History, Art History, Sociology, Anthropology, Geography, Architecture, Urbanism, among others) and accepts, on a permanent basis, the submission of articles and critical reviews. The call for papers for the Thematic Dossier “Brazil: 200 years of Independence (1822-2022)” is open until 30 June 2022. The aim of this dossier is to publish texts on the antecedents and consequences of Brazilian independence in its several domains (political, social, economic or cultural), identifying permanencies and ruptures. The articles, subject to scientific review, will be published in issue 19 (January 2023). Submission address: am.cadernos@cm-lisboa.pt

Fellowships, Internships, Employment, and Other Opportunities:

Fellowship and Scholarships:
The Figueroa Sisters Fellowship – This fellowship is for women over 50 years old. It provides modest funds to help women who have a story to tell and need help to do so. To be considered for this Fellowship, one must first be a Kimbilio Fellow. The application period ends March 15, 2022. Acceptances are on a rolling basis, so the sooner your application is received, the better your chances.
The Figueroa Sisters Scholarship – The award will support and encourage youth who seek to add to the story of Puerto Rico that incorporates a rich diversity of experience which needs to be reflected in literature. The Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students majoring in creative writing or literature. The application will open in March 2022.
The Mexican Studies Scholarship Fund - The program is intended to help current and future community leaders to advance their educational goals, and recipients will work closely with the Institute staff and community-based organizations to advance the Mexican and/or immigrant community. Up to $7,500 will be awarded to current and prospective CUNY students. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2022.

Full-time position(s):
Assistant professor in Rehabilitation Services with a start date for August 2022. latinosinhighered.com, 22 December 2021. Applications are still being accepted.
Assistant Professor of Counseling, option in Applied Behavior Analysis with start date of August 2022. latinosinhighered.com, 22 December 2021. Applications are still being accepted.
Assistant Professor of Counseling, option in School Psychology with start date of August 2022. latinosinhighered.com, 22 December 2021. Applications are still being accepted.

Summer Opportunity:
From June 13 – June 24, 2022 (in-person), or June 13 – July 1, 2022 (Virtual), Fordham Law School and the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice will host the Summer Human Rights Institute. The program is appropriate for both for students and professionals. Students will participate in live lectures, case studies, workshops, and in-depth discussions facilitated by Fordham Law professors, field-experienced practitioners, and other prominent members of the human rights community, and receive a certificate at the close of the session. The final deadline to register is May 30th.

Education Opportunity:
MA/MSc in International and World History at Columbia University and the London School of Economics. The final deadline to submit applications is on March 17th.

This graph is representing the new gender proportions in the Chilean government. More women are taking charge of political positions that were historically occupied by men. A better-quality graph can be found here.

This picture is from the Wilson Center regarding how the Omicron surge impacted Latin American leaders. A better resolution of the photo can be found here.