About the Monthly
Welcome Fordham Community to the LALSI Monthly for February 2023. 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 ksaarmiento5@fordham.edu or the LALSI program at lalsi@fordham.edu.

Thank you and have a great day! ~ Kevin Sarmiento

Past Events

CHCI’S 2023 SWEARING-IN CEREMONY & WELCOME RECEPTION RECAP
Last week, January 11, 2023, the Swearing-In Ceremony and Welcome Reception brought together over 1,300 guests including Members of Congress, cabinet secretaries, administration officials, ambassadors, corporate executives, top partners, and emerging leaders to officially welcome Hispanic members of the 118th congress.

Click here to view a live recording of the event!

The New York City Latin American History Workshop Group held a workshop on one of Stephanie Huez-Jefferson’s books, “Continuity in the Promised Land: Resistance as Embodied Memory in San Jose las Flores, El Salvador”, on February 3rd, from 11 am to 1 pm, Newman Vertical Campus (55 Lexington Avenue), Room 8-210, Baruch College.

Upcoming Events for the Month of February and Beyond

- On Tuesday, February 7th at 6 pm in Fordham’s Great Hall (3rd Floor of the McShane Center, Rose Hill campus) the Common Grounds Conversations group invites the Fordham community to come and learn about the current realities of migrants and asylum seekers at the U.S./Mexican border and here in NYC. The Zoom link is available after signing up via the QR code on the right. Key speakers include Joanna Williams (Executive Director at the Kino Border Initiative), Adamra Bah (a NYC Immigration Reform Activist), and Power Mala (a NYC Activist and Founder of Artists Athletes Activists).

- Dr. Khira M. Bridges, Professor of Law at UC Berkeley School of Law, will be the keynote speaker at Fordham’s “Why Black History Matters: Critical Race Theory & the Importance of Black Studies” Black History Month event. This event will be held on Thursday, February 23rd at 6 pm, Lowenstein 12th floor lounge, Lincoln Center campus. This event is sponsored by the Department of African and African-American Studies and co-sponsored by the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer.


Upcoming Deadlines, Summer Opportunities, Internships, and More on the next page.
Upcoming Deadlines

The Program Committee invites CLAH members to submit panel and paper proposals for the meetings to be held in San Francisco, January 4-7, 2024. The CLAH will be able to accept papers in languages other than English so long as the proposal and the abstracts are in English. Panels should include three or four papers, one discussant, and a chair. Individuals paper proposals will be considered, but their acceptance will depend on finding an appropriate session for them.

The deadline for submission of proposals to the CLAH (and to the AHA) is February 15th. Click Here to submit proposal to the AHA.

Summer Opportunities, Internships and More

The Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School is pleased to announce the 2023 Summer Human Rights Institute (SHRI), a two-week certificate program that will provide a comprehensive introduction to the theory and application of international human rights law, June 12-23, 2023. The program is Hybrid and can be completed in-person or in an online-only format.

Students will have opportunities for immersion into focus areas including (but not limited to): civil and political rights; economic, social, and cultural rights; business and human rights; international justice; rights of marginalized and vulnerable groups; women’s and children rights. Additionally, off-campus learning opportunities will take place through program field trips.

For more information go to http://leitnersummerhumanrightsinstitute.org/. To register click here.

KINO BORDER INITIATIVE SUMMER INTERNSHIPS FOR FCHR AND FCLC STUDENTS
The Fordham Initiative on Migrants, Migration, and Human Dignity, with generous funding from the Cummings Foundation, seeks applications from FCHR and FCLC undergraduates for four full-time, paid undergraduate internships at the Kino Border Initiative (KBI) during the summer of 2023. KBI’s mission is to offer direct humanitarian assistance and holistic accompaniment of migrants, to promote education and encounter between migrants and others that transforms people and communities towards solidarity with migrants, and to provide policy advocacy in Mexico and the United States.

Interns will receive a stipend of $4,000, in addition to $1,500 for travel and living expenses. Applicants must submit: 1) a resume, 2) a brief essay describing their interest, and 3) the names of two Fordham faculty or administrator references. Apply HERE. Application deadline: Friday, March 3, 2023. Finalists for internships slots will be contacted during the week of March 20, 2023. Awardees will be asked to report on their internship experiences in the Fall 2023 semester.

For more information, contact Professor James McCartin, Department of Theology (jmccartin1@fordham.edu).

FCRH-FCLC SUMMER FUNDING FOR RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ON MIGRATION JUSTICE
The Fordham Initiative on Migrants, Migration, and Human Dignity, with generous funding from the Cummings Foundation, seeks proposals from FCLC and FCHR undergraduates for two self-designed research or internship opportunities to be undertaken over a 6–8-week period during the summer of 2023. Students are invited to propose a research project to be supervised by a Fordham faculty member or an internship with an organization of their choosing that is committed to advocating for and serving migrants and/or refugees.

Internship proposals should indicate the name of an organization or an individual who will act as the host and the name of a Fordham faculty member who will offer academic support. The internship experience should be a full-time commitment during the summer of 2023.

Funded research proposals from all disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas are welcome. Applicants for research funding should identify the name or names for a possible research supervisor who is a member of the Fordham faculty. Research projects should be designed to be undertaken over 6-8 weeks during the summer of 2023. Some examples could include: a study of the goals and strategies of two leading migration in the Sahel region of Africa; a one-act play featuring the story of an undocumented college student; and a rhetorical analysis of anti-immigrant political speech in Italy and The Netherlands.

Funded research proposals should include a brief essay introducing the proposed research project, a description of the resources the applicant seeks to access, and a detailed budget. The budget should include funds for travel, living expenses, and any other costs necessary for the completion of the project.

Applications must include: 1) a resume, 2) a brief essay describing their interest, and 3) the names of two Fordham faculty or administrator references. Apply HERE. Application deadline: Friday, March 3, 2023. Finalists for research or internship award will be contacted during the week of March 20, 2023. Awardees will be asked to report on their research and/or report on their internship experiences in the Fall 2023 semester.

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“FCRH-FCLC Summer Funding...”, LatAm News and Key Updates on the next page...
FCRH-FCLC Summer Funding for Research... (Continued from last page)

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News Highlights

RioOnWatch.com. January 16, 2023. “2022 Best and Worst International Reporting on Rio de Janeiro’s Favelas”, RioOnWatch. This is the latest contribution to our media watchdog series on the Best and Worst International Reporting on Rio’s favelas, part of RioOnWatch’s ongoing conversation on the media narrative and media portrayal surrounding favelas...

Carvalho, T.D. December 25, 2022. “Black Santas and the Import of Representation at Christmas Favela Mundo Engages Children from Three Rio Favelas”, RioOnWatch. Black Santas, played by Rodrigo França and Felipe Canela, were the main attraction at the Afro-Brazilian-centered Christmas offered by the NGO Favela Mundo, whose projects reach 900 children and teens. The community events with black Santas took place on December 6 and 12, 2022 in the Rio de Janeiro favelas of Caju, City of God and Acari...

Carvalho, T.D. December 28, 2022. “Rio’s Government-Run Public Restaurants are Unhygienic and Offer Insufficient Portions”, RioOnWatch. However, insufficient food portions for those who need it most are not the only problem at the government-run restaurants. There’s also a lack of infrastructure, structural damage, lack of hygiene, flies, rusty chairs, and broken tables, among other things...


Key Updates on Latin America

The Wilson Center provides La Semanita for weeks of January 13th, 2022 (left) and January 20th, 2022 (right). These are updates on ongoing events in Latin America and briefings on COVID-19 cases and deaths are also given at the bottom. Interested on the material above? Click Here to visit The Wilson Center and learn more!