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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 Ksarmiento5@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

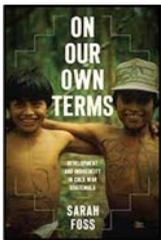
Last week, January 11, 2023, the Swearing-In Ceremony and Welcome Reception brought together over 1,300 guests including Members of Congress, cabinet secretaries, administration officials, ambassadors, corporate executives, top partners, and emerging leaders to officially welcome Hispanic members of 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 Huezou-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), **Adama Bah** (a NYC Immigration Reform Activist), and **Power Malu** (a NYC Activist and Founder of Artists Athletes Activists).

- Dr. Khiara M. Bridges**, Professor of Law at UC Berkeley School of Law, will be the key note 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.
- Monday, February 27th (LC, details TBD)**. Celebrating Afro-Latinx History: Women and the Panama Canal. The Freedom & Slavery Working Group (co-organized by Laurie Lambert, Tyesha Maddox, and Yuko Miki) welcomes **Dr. Joan Flores-Villalobos** (University of Southern California), who will speak about her highly-anticipated new book, "[The Silver Women: How Black Women's Labor Made the Panama Canal](#)" (Univ. of Pennsylvania Press, 2023).
- Sarah Foss**, a scholar on Guatemalan indigeneity, will be speaking on **Wednesday, March 1st, at Lincoln Center's Gabelli Building Room 334, at 11:30 am** about her new book "**On our own terms: Development and Indigeneity in Cold War Guatemala**" (book cover featured on the right). Name and location of the event is TBA, and this event will be sponsored by the History Department's O'Connell Initiative.

- Tuesday, March 21st (LC 12th Fl, details TBD)**. LALS Special Event - Latinx Futurists: Quemuel "Q" Arroyo in Conversation with Yuko Miki. **Quemuel Arroyo**, the MTA's first-ever Chief Accessibility Officer, speaks with LALS Associate Director Yuko Miki about his vision for an accessible future for all New Yorkers, his life between the Dominican Republic and the US, and the life-changing incident that set him on the journey to become one of the most prominent young Latinx leaders today. Supported by the Office of the Chief Diversity Officer and Disability Studies.
- Fordham University's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education will be hosting **Dr. Christie de la Gandara** (Boston College and pictured right), a Louisville Institute Fellow at GRE, on **March 27th at 6 pm, location TBA but it will be on the Rose Hill campus**. Dr. Christie de La Gandara will be giving a lecture on "U.S Latinx Catholicism: Here. & Now".

- El Cine De Gustavo Fontán, presentación y charla con la **Dra. Laura M. Martins** (Louisiana State University). Su nuevo libro se llama "**Lo poético cinematográfico: la imagen luciérnaga de Gustavo S. Fontán**" (University of North Carolina Press). Dentro del panorama actual del cine argentino, Fontán intenta reconfigurar el espacio de lo sensible, suscitar emociones con capacidad cognitiva, ampliar los límites de lo que puede ser experimentado y abrirnos (a) nuevos mundos auditivos a partir de esa suerte de lengua extranjera que es su cine. This event will occur on **Tuesday, April 11th at 2:30 pm, location TBA**.

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

Upcoming Deadlines

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH/AHA) 2024 – Paper Proposal Deadline

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

SUMMER HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE

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 FCRH AND FCLC STUDENTS

The Fordham Initiative on Migrants, Migration, and Human Dignity, with generous funding from the Cummings Foundation, seeks applications from FCRH 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 FCRH 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.

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 U.S.-based language justice organizations; a historical study of post-1965 undocumented immigration to New York City; a review of the scientific literature on the impact of global climate change on patterns of 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.

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 a research or internship award will be contacted during the week of March 20, 2023. Awardees will be asked to share their research and/or report on their internship experiences in the Fall 2023 semester.

Funded internship proposals should indicate that the applicant has contacted the proposed host organization and received approval to work 20-30 hours per week over 6-8 weeks during the summer of 2023. Some examples of internship placements could include: an immigrant rights law firm in Miami; a health clinic serving refugees in San Salvador; a labor union which is leading a campaign to promote migrant workers' rights in upstate New York; a London-based news organization focused on documenting the stories of migrants and refugees; and a Bronx-based church congregation which is a hosting program to support education about early childhood development in migrant and refugee communities.

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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...*

G, Benjamin. January 25th, 2023. ["Venezuela in 2023 and Beyond: Charting a New Course"](#). *A new report by the Latin American Program of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, urges strong international support for negotiations between Venezuela's authoritarian government and the democratic opposition to open the way to humanitarian relief, the release of political prisoners, economic recovery, and the gradual return of democracy and peaceful coexistence...* The Wilson Center.

Key Updates on Latin America

January 13, 2023

La Semanita

Mexico
Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador hosts the "Three Amigos" summit, with President Biden and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Key topics include migration and greater coordination on energy and climate.

Honduras
Honduras extends a state of emergency an additional 45 days to address violent crime. Rights groups criticize the decision, warning of abuses.

Peru
Protests in Peru continue, with over 40 dead in clashes with the security services. Protesters demand President Dina Boluarte's resignation, early elections and the release of former President Pedro Castillo from pre-trial detention.

Brazil
Supporters of former President Jair Bolsonaro storm Brazil's Supreme Court, Congress and presidential offices demanding the ouster of President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. National authorities have detained over 1,200 people for alleged involvement in the attacks.

Colombia
Colombian President Gustavo Petro meets with Venezuela's Nicolás Maduro to discuss investment and trade.

Argentina
The film "Argentina 1985," which explores human rights trials following Argentina's "Dirty War," wins the Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture in a non-English language.

COVID-19 in Latin America
Confirmed cases: 187,173,094*
Deaths: 2,896,426*

*Updated January 11, 2023. Pan American Health Organization

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January 20, 2023

La Semanita

Guatemala
Guatemalan authorities announce an investigation into Iván Velásquez, the former head of CICIG, the UN anticorruption office in Guatemala and the current Colombian defense minister. President Gustavo Petro backs Velásquez and recalls his ambassador in Guatemala City.

Mexico
Mexico's former secretary of public security, Genaro García Luna, goes on trial in the United States for allegedly accepting millions of dollars in bribes from the Sinaloa Cartel.

Peru
Protests continue in Peru five weeks after President Pedro Castillo's impeachment and arrest. More than 50 people have died in clashes with police and soldiers.

Brazil
Brazilian authorities arrest a former justice minister in the government of Jair Bolsonaro, Anderson Torres, for his alleged role in the January 8 assault on Brasília.

Venezuela
The government of Nicolás Maduro faces renewed challenges in its attempt to fight inflation with teachers and workers' unions marching in Venezuelan cities to demand better salaries.

Chile
Chile rejects the controversial Dominga mining project over concerns about the potential impacts of the \$2.5 billion mine on nearby marine reserves.

Argentina
Buenos Aires hosts this year's CELAC summit, prompting criticism over invitations to the authoritarian rulers of Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela.

COVID-19 in Latin America
Confirmed cases: 187,855,210*
Deaths: 2,902,040*

*Updated January 18, 2023. Pan American Health Organization

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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!

