



Latin American and Caribbean Section

Southern Historical Association

LACS/SHA Newsletter September 2008

From the Editor...

Greetings! This is our second newsletter and will serve as a primer for those who will be joining us in New Orleans next month or perhaps in the near future. I reprise some of my comments from the March 2008 newsletter by way of introduction. In addition, John Britton, a stalwart of the LACS/SHA long before our reorganization in 1998, has graced us with a brief personal account of LACS's "prehistory." We also present information about the New Orleans meeting, October 9-12, 2008.

The Southern Historical Association was founded in 1934 primarily as a professional organization of historians *of* the South, but also of those *in* the South. In recent decades it has become more recognized as the former, but through the establishment of the European History Section and the Latin American and Caribbean Section, and the affiliated groups, the Southern Association for Women Historians (SAWH) and the Southern Conference on British Studies, it also supports the work of historians located in the US South whose research and teaching areas fall outside of the region in which they happen to be employed.

Although historians of Latin America, the Caribbean and the Spanish Borderlands have long been active in the SHA, particularly through the aegis of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS, founded in 1954), the relationship has sometimes been an awkward one. To formalize relations between historians of Latin America and the Caribbean, on the one hand, and the SHA on the other hand, and to secure a place for Latin American and Caribbean specialists at the annual meeting, LACS was formally established in 1998 at the SHA meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. The late Kimberly Hanger, a talented young historian at the University of Tulsa who played an important role in establishing the group, was elected its first president. Tragically, Kim died just a few months into her term, at the age of 37 (each year a LACS panel is designated in her honor). Jürgen Buchenau of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, another key figure in the establishment of LACS, completed Kim's term in office and then his own term the following year. Jürgen later became the first LACS representative to the SHA Executive Council in 2002. The LACS representative was accorded full voting rights beginning with the 2005 meeting.

In addition to these and other founders of LACS, we thank SHA Secretary-Treasurer John Inscoc of the University of Georgia, who has been especially helpful in supporting LACS' participation in the SHA and the exchange of ideas among historians of the US South and the historians of Latin America, the Caribbean and the Spanish Borderlands. We will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of LACS' founding at the New Orleans meeting of October 2008 with numerous special events. Please join us! In the meantime, I hope you find the following information to be of interest.

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From the President...

The Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association is the professional home to more than seventy scholars who specialize in the history of Latin America, Caribbean, Borderlands, and the Atlantic World. We offer its members a collegial environment for networking with others, as well as a forum for presenting new ideas and original research. Each year we have the honor of hosting a Distinguished Lecture during our business meeting and luncheon. In New Orleans we will have the pleasure of hearing about the latest research of Dr. Dauril Alden, Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington, on the history of corsairs. We offer the Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize, a best article prize, and the Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Prize for the best student paper presented at the conference.

In October 2008 we will celebrate our tenth anniversary in New Orleans. A poster featuring members' book published in the last ten years will be displayed at the SHA Book Exhibit at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans. A special reception will be held at the home of Dr. Virginia Gould, one of our past presidents, who resides in the French Quarter. Sherry Johnson, immediate past president and LACS representative to the SHA Executive Council, will be hosting a reception in her suite at the Sheraton on Thursday from 5 to 7. We especially welcome new members.

I wish to extend my gratitude to those who have already joined us for being a valuable member of our historical society. For those who are considering joining us, our dues are quite reasonable, especially for graduate students. I strongly encourage you to become a member. Our sessions are attended by faculty, graduate students, and independent scholars. You will find a high level of excitement and enthusiasm about our intellectual endeavors.

I wish all of you a warm welcome to our organization during this exciting tenth year.

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LACS Highlights, Southern Historical Association Meeting, October 9-12, 2008

Meeting Headquarters:

Sheraton Hotel
500 Canal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
(800) 325-3535
<http://www.sheratonneworleans.com/>

Thursday, October 9

- Informal Reception in the suite of Sherry Johnson (check with front desk for details)
5 to 7 pm
- *Fredy Omar con su banda*
Great Latin music from Honduras native and New Orleans musician!
Columns Hotel
3811 St Charles Avenue (near Louisiana Avenue)
8 pm

Friday, October 10

- Executive Meeting
Sheraton Hotel
Suite of Sherry Johnson
9 am
- LACS Awards Luncheon and Business Meeting
Sheraton Hotel
Maurepas Room
Speaker: Dauril Alden, University of Washington
12 to 2 pm
- “Pachanga en el Patio”
(Food, drink, and Latin music)
Tulane University
Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies
Courtyard of Jones Hall
4:30 to 6 pm

Saturday, October 11

- LACS 10th Anniversary Reception
Home of Virginia Gould
910 Orleans Street (in the French Quarter)
6 to 8 pm

2008 LACS PROGRAM, New Orleans, October 9-12, 2008

2008 marks the 10th anniversary of the formal founding of LACS. In addition to the LACS panels organized by Rosanne Adderley, please note the two special Caribbean panels organized by SHA President Leon Litwack and Rebecca Scott (marked by an *).

LACS-SHA 2008 Program Committee:

Rosanne Adderley, Vanderbilt University (Chair)
William Connell, Christopher Newport University
Jay Clune, University of West Florida

The *LACS luncheon and business meeting* will take place *Friday, October 10, 12-2 pm*, in the *Maurepas Room, Sheraton Hotel*. The luncheon speaker will be *Dauril Alden*, Professor Emeritus of History, University of Washington: “Terror on Land and Sea: The Barbary Corsairs and Their Rivals, 16th to 19th Centuries”

PANELS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO LACS MEMBERS

Friday, October 10, 2-4 pm

*Cuba and the ‘Benevolent Empire’: Race, Class, Democracy and Historical Memory in the Making of the Cuban Nation. Sheraton, Rhythms I**

Presiding: Leon Litwack, University of California, Berkeley
Comment: Alejandra Bronfman, University of British Columbia
Ronald W. Pruessen, University of Toronto

- Marial Iglesias Utset, Universidad de la Habana: “A Sunken Ship, a Bronze Eagle, and the politics of Memory: Cuba-US Relations through the History of the Maine Monument in Havana, 1898-1961”
- Loredana Giolitto, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, Madrid, Spain: “Black Activists, Race and Social Hierarchies in Cuba in the Early Years of Independence, 1912-1916”
- Amparo Sanchez Cobos, Universidad Jaume I. Castellón, Spain: “The Role of Spanish Anarchists in the Making of the Early Twentieth Century Cuban Working Class”
- Alessandra Lorini, University of Florence, Italy: “All the President’s Men and Women: Machado, ‘the Tropical Mussolini,’ and US-Cuban Relations, 1924-1934”

Writing Race, Nation & Empire Across the Americas [CANCELLED]

Friday, October 10, 4:30 to 6:30 pm

Displacement and Diaspora: Slavery, Freedom and Family Between Saint-Domingue and Louisiana. Historic New Orleans Collection, 533 Royal Street (French Quarter)*

Presiding: Ada Ferrer, New York University

- Rebecca Scott, University of Michigan: “From Senegambia to Saint-Domingue to New Orleans: An African Woman’s Itinerary, 1780-1836”
- Jean M. Hebrard, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris: “Unexpected Fortunes: Reconstructing a Life after the Haitian Revolution”
- Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan: Haiti Re-Enslaved: “Saint-Domingue Refugees and American Law in the Slave Markets of New Orleans”

Saturday, October 11, 8:30 to 10:15 am

Mexico’s U.S. & Caribbean Borders: New Perspectives
Sheraton, Napoleon A1

Presiding: James D. Huck, Stone Center, Tulane University

Comment: Gregory Crider, Wingate University

- Timothy Henderson, Auburn University Montgomery: “Mexico Meets the New South, The 1884 Cotton Exposition, New Orleans”
- Jürgen Buchenau, UNC, Charlotte: “General Abelardo Rodríguez and the Making of Baja, California 1920-1940”
- Rachel Chico, Clemson University: “Caribbean Outpost: Jalapa, Veracruz & Redefining Coastal Culture in Nineteenth-Century Mexico”

Saturday, October 11, 10:30 am to 12:15 pm

Race, Nation & Identity Construction in 19th & 20th Century South America
Sheraton, Napoleon A1

Presiding: Edith Wolfe, Stone Center, Tulane University

Comment: Seth Garfield, University of Texas, Austin

- Gregg Bocketti, Transylvania University: “Early Football Spectatorship and the First Republic of Brazil”
- Nicola Foote, Florida Gulf Coast University: “Race, Intellectuals and Indigenous Heritage in Ecuador, 1870-1960”
- Ana Lucia Araujo, University of Ottawa/Carleton University: “Zumbi and the Black Admiral: Constructing Afro-Brazilian Historical Heroes”

Entangled Empires: British Perceptions and Influence in the Floridas and Cuba in the 1760s
Sheraton, Evergreen (SCBS Session)

Presiding: Margaret Sankey, University of Minnesota, Moorhead

Comment: Eliga Gould, University of New Hampshire

- Matt Childs, University of South Carolina: “Battling the British in the Eighteenth Century Caribbean: The Free People of Color Militia and the Seven Years War”
- Robert Oswald, University of Texas, Austin: “Sunshine Colony: British Discourse on Florida from the Preliminary Peace (November 1762) to the Royal Proclamation (October 1763)”
- David Narrett, University of Texas, Arlington: “British Imperial Visions: West Florida and Spanish Louisiana”

Saturday, October 11, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Enslavement of Indians in New Spain
Sheraton, Edgewood B

Presiding: Donald Chipman, University of North Texas

Comment: Susan Deeds, Northern Arizona University

- Ida Altman, University of Florida: “Slave Raiding and Spanish Settlement in New Galicia”
- Robinson A. Herrera, Florida State University: “Native Slavery and Agricultural Settlements in Early Spanish Guatemala”
- Juliana Barr, University of Florida: “‘Traces of Christians’: Bondage in Spanish Texas”
- José Cuello, Wayne State University: “Spanish Forms of Enslavement & Indigenous Resistance in Colonial Mexican Northeast”

Land Tenure and Marginalization in Latin America and the Caribbean
Sheraton, Estherwood

Presiding: William Quigley, Loyola University School of Law

Comment: William Quigley

- Margaret Mahoney, New Orleans, Louisiana: “Evolution of Land Tenure and Ownership Law in Louisiana, Chile, and Mexico”
- Jane Simms Hipp, US Department of Agriculture: “Land Tenure among Chile’s and Louisiana’s Disenfranchised in Times of Crisis”
- Michael Mizell-Nelson, University of New Orleans: “Working-Class Squatter Communities in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century New Orleans”

Saturday, October 11, 4:45 pm

Phi Alpha Theta Panel: Racialized Labor Struggles in the Modern Caribbean & Gulf South Sheraton, Napoleon A1

Presiding: Amy Bellone-Hite, Xavier University of Louisiana

Comment: Ted Henken, Baruch College, CUNY

- Jensen Branscombe, University of Alabama: “‘Always Cuba in Your Heart’: Cuban Resettlement in Alabama During the 1960s”
- Zhandarka Kurti, SUNY Binghamton: “Ethnoracialized Labor in Mid 19th-Century US South & Puerto Rico”
- Leo B. Gorman, University of New Orleans: “Immigrant Labor Strife and Solidarity in Post-Katrina New Orleans”
- Gary T. Van Cott, Tulane University: “Laboring Experience of New Orleans Banana Workforce in Comparative Context”

Sunday, October 12, 9 to 11 am

Black Society in the Late Colonial Gulf South and Caribbean (Kimberly Hanger Memorial Panel). Sheraton, Napoleon A1

Presiding: Mary Niall Mitchell, University of New Orleans

Comment: Virginia Gould, Tulane University

- Richmond F. Brown, University of Florida: “Free People of Color in Spanish Mobile, 1780-1813”
- Sarah Franklin, University of Southern Mississippi: “The Sale of Motherhood: Wet Nursing and Slave Women in Colonial Cuba”
- Keith A. Manuel, University of Florida: “Slavery, Ethnicity and Marriage in Nineteenth-Century Havana”

Reminder: Graduate student presenters are eligible for **the Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Paper Prize**, presented for the best graduate student paper on Latin American and Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic World history presented at the 2008 SHA meeting.

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2009 Call for Papers (deadline, October 6, 2008)

The Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association

November 5–8, 2009 Louisville, Kentucky

The Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the Southern Historical Association welcomes individual papers and panels for its meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, November 5 – 8, 2009.

LACS accepts papers and panels on all aspects of Latin American and Caribbean History, including the fields of the borderlands and the Atlantic World. The location of the 2009 meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, on the banks of the Ohio river, reminds us that major waterways help connect the interiors, the peripheries, and the centers. In keeping with that idea, panels and papers that highlight the connections between people, cultures, and areas of Latin America, the Caribbean, the Atlantic World, and the borderlands are especially welcome.

Each year LACS also sponsors one panel, entitled “The Kimberly Hanger Memorial Panel,” which in general has some connection to Louisiana or New Orleans history and/or the topics of race, gender and the colonial borderlands and the Caribbean.

Please note that the Program Committee may revise proposed panels. All panelists are required to be members of LACS. For information about membership, please visit the website at: <http://faculty.tnstate.edu/tcorse/lacs/lacshome.htm> or contact Michael LaRosa at Rhodes College at larosa@rhodes.edu

Submissions should include a 250-word abstract for each paper and a brief curriculum vitae for each presenter. Submissions should be sent via email attachment to: andrew.mcmichael@wku.edu.

We encourage faculty as well as advanced graduate students to submit panels and papers. Deadline for submissions is **October 6, 2008**. Complete panels are appreciated, but not required.

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THE HISTORY OF LACS: A REPORT AND REMINISCENCE

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The first decade in the history of the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association is a success story characterized by growth in membership, foresight and stability in leadership, and an expanding presence within the structure of the parent organization. This latter point is best exemplified by the presence of a non-voting LACS representative on the Executive Council of the SHA beginning in 2002 and the elevation of this position to full voting membership in 2004 thanks to the diplomatic, determined efforts of Jürgen Buchenau, the cooperation of SHA Secretary-Treasurer John Inscoc, and the approval of the Executive Council.¹ The credit for foresight and stability in leadership must be shared among the first ten presidents of LACS, listed here:

Kimberly Hanger, University of Tulsa (1998-1999)
Jürgen Buchenau, University of North Carolina-Charlotte (1999-2000)
Todd Diacon, University of Tennessee (2000-2001)
Tim Henderson, Auburn University-Montgomery (2001-2002)
Richmond Brown, University of South Alabama (2002-2003)
Marshall Eakin, Vanderbilt University (2003-2004)
Virginia Gould, Tulane University (2004-2005)
Andrew McMichael, Western Kentucky University (2005-2006)
Sherry Johnson, Florida International University (2006-2007)
Barbara Ganson, Florida Atlantic University (2007-2008)

The growth in membership was the result of the efforts of these chief executives and the dedication of Andrew McMichael who served as Secretary-Treasurer from 2003 to 2005 and his successors (after this position was divided) Treasurer Michael La Rosa (2005-present) and Secretary Theron Course (2005-present). Before the inception of LACS, the number of historians with interests in Latin American and the Caribbean who attended the SHA on a regular basis fluctuated from around a dozen to perhaps as high as 15 to 18 in some periods. The number of dues-paying members in LACS in 2003 was approximately 25, and in 2008 that figure had more than doubled to 55.²

There are other indicators of the vitality of this young organization not the least of which are the luncheons at each annual meeting since 2000 replete with a stimulating speaker, excellent food, an exciting business meeting, and, over the years, the addition of awards: the R. L. Woodward Prize for the best graduate student paper, the Murdo McLeod Prize for the outstanding book, and an award for the outstanding article published in a professional journal.³

The strength of LACS is further indicated by the quality of the sessions on Latin America and the Caribbean topics at the annual meetings of the SHA over the last decade. Without resort to detailed quantification, the conference programs reveal an average of four to six sessions each year under the aegis of LACS as well as several transcendent sessions that tie together the histories of Latin America, the Caribbean, and the United States.⁴

This decade of success is to be celebrated, but we should also give some attention to the dozen or so years that preceded it. The 1986-1998 period offers some insights regarding the sometimes tenuous status of the field of Latin American history with the larger profession and the unexpected twists and turns that take place with academic organizations both large and small. The 1980s witnessed a surge of interest in Latin America and its history on the United States. Colombian novelist Gabriel García Márquez won the Nobel Prize in literature for his novel *One Hundred Years of Solitude* in 1982 (first published in Spanish in 1967). Chilean Isabel Allende's novel, *House of Spirits*, first published in Spanish in 1982, appeared in English translation in 1985 thanks to the New York publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, and earned impressive critical notices. In the same year Carlos Fuentes' *Old Gringo* appeared in print in Spanish, soon thereafter in English, and in 1989 a film version reached motion picture screens. *The Mission*, a motion picture about the interaction of the Jesuits, the Guaraní, and European politics in colonial Paraguay won the Palm d' Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 1986. Fernando Valenzuela led the Los Angeles Dodgers to victory over the New York Yankees in the 1981 World Series, and the Mexican left-hander continued to be a winning pitcher with a large fan base in Mexico and the United States (termed Fernandomania) throughout the decade. Popular music star Gloria Estefan recorded a number of hit vocals including a mainstream rendition of "Conga," a rhythmic reminiscence of her native Cuba. ⁵

In politics and international affairs, the Sandinistas took power in Nicaragua in 1979, and Ronald Reagan devoted considerable energy and resources during his two terms in the presidency (1981-1989) to the destabilization of their government and to contesting the spread of communism in Central America and the Caribbean. The Argentine military fought a brief and unsuccessful war with the British for control of the Falkland or Malvinas Islands in 1982, and international drug smugglers Carlos Lehder and Pablo Escobar often made front page news in the United States. ⁶

In short, personalities and topics from Latin America and the Caribbean had the attention of the general public as well as scholars in the United States in the 1980s. Given this level of interest, one would assume that sessions devoted to Latin America and the Caribbean would find ready acceptance in scholarly organizations such as the venerable and respected Southern Historical Association (which celebrated its 50th birthday in 1984). That was not always the case, however. A personal experience helps to make this point. The duty of representing Latin America and the Caribbean historians on the Program Committee of the SHA for the 1987 meeting fell on me. My selection for this task came through the annual "caucus" of historians of the South Eastern Council on Latin American Studies that met, according to tradition at that time, after the SECOLAS business meeting at its annual conference in the spring of 1986. As the SECOLAS representative to the SHA, I had about six months to assemble the proposed panels for the meeting of the SHA Program Committee the following November. My SECOLAS colleagues had warned me that the generation of these proposed panels would not be easy. A few individuals (usually three or four) were eager and well-prepared to organize panels, but about half of the panels required many phone calls and much correspondence (in the days before email). We had to work with some reluctant participants. I finally assembled five solid proposed panels along and one that was a bit lacking, and made my way to the Program Committee meeting with some trepidation.

My trepidation was justified. Ed Harrell of the University of Alabama at Birmingham was Program Committee Chair, and he quietly but firmly informed me that I may encounter some difficulties. The previous Latin American-Caribbean representative, to put it mildly, had problems at the 1985 meeting. There were few – perhaps no – organized panels, just a stack of individual proposed papers. It took the time and patience of the assembled Program Committee to sort them out to form organized sessions. The rub was that the United States and European historians had many more well-organized proposals for sessions than there were time slots available for them. The committee members had to reject several of these proposals to reserve spaces for the poorly organized Latin America/ Caribbean sessions. Vivid accounts of this debacle carried over to 1986. Ed Harrell, with a rare and deeply appreciated gift for diplomacy and a concern for harmony among academic specializations, informed me that I would make my presentation first and then, before anyone could make a comment, I was to rise and leave the room. I was then to wait until the Program Committee discussion concluded and, at that point, Ed was to inform me of the Latin American/Caribbean panels that had survived. As I made my presentation, lingering frustration and even hostility were evident in the room. The two hour wait was difficult, but Ed Harrell reported that the five fully organized sessions survived.⁷ Participants in these sessions did their jobs well at the 1988 annual meeting of the SHA.⁸

The difficulties were not over, however. Doubts remained about the presence of Latin America and the Caribbean at future meetings. I heard some rumors about dropping our sessions entirely from the SHA program. These rumors later proved to be unfounded. Ed Harrell had held firm in defense of the Latin American/Caribbean sessions on the Program Committee where “The issue of session allotments proved to be the heatedly debated issue.”⁹ Harrell corresponded on this issue with the SHA Executive Committee including Secretary-Treasurer Will Holmes who also held to the allotment of five sessions. Nevertheless, in recognition of the recent dispute, Will Holmes granted Ed Harrell and presumably later Program Committee chairs, some discretionary authority. According to Harrell’s “Report of the 1987 Program Committee,” “Will...told me that I could use my discretion in placing between three and five Latin American sessions on the program, but I felt I had already made a firm commitment to my Latin American committee member (John Britton) at that point.”¹⁰ Harrell had been supportive of the Latin American sessions, but his report sounded an ominous note that reflected the frustration of the United States historians: “It remains true, however, that Britton rejected only one proposal submitted to him, while the American historians were forced to reject some extremely fine sessions. It seems clear that future program committees should be given considerable freedom in determining the merits of sessions proposed by the Latin American member.”¹¹

The responses from Latin American historians to this controversy were mixed. Several insisted that we should hold on to as many sessions at the SHA as possible and “ride out” the troubled waters. Some SECOLAS historians disagreed and argued for full withdrawal from the SHA. These discussions were informal and, as far as I know, there are no written records of them. In fact, many Latin American historians continued to participate in the SHA although at times with four or fewer sessions allocated for the annual meeting. It is my impression that the quality of the proposed panels in Latin America and the Caribbean improved during these years. For example, the 1994 meeting of the Program Committee went smoothly with the approval of five Latin American panels for the 1996 meeting in Little Rock.¹²

While relations between Latin American historians and the leadership of the SHA had improved, some problems remained. On at least two occasions in the early 1990s, two Latin Americanists appeared on the SHA Program Committee roster. One was the selection of the SECOLAS historians' caucus and the other was the selection of the SHA leadership. Exactly how this confusion originated remains unclear, but Lee Woodward and I discussed the problem and the continued uncertain status of Latin American history in the SHA. We agreed that this relationship should be improved. At this point a dynamic and dedicated young historian stepped forward to take the initiative in dealing with this problem. Kim Hanger of the University of Tulsa met with Lee Woodward and me in Little Rock in the fall of 1996. Ed Mosely and Bill Harris may also have been involved. The outcome of this discussion was to initiate a formal appeal to the leadership of the SHA for official status for Latin American history in a formalized arrangement similar to that enjoyed by European historians.¹³ Kim Hanger and I then took our general proposal to Secretary-Treasurer Will Holmes who responded with much encouragement for our efforts, in his words, "to strengthen the participation of Latin American historians in the SHA."¹⁴

Kim Hanger and I then began to formulate the details for what became LACS. We would have affiliate membership in the SHA, member registrations fees and sessions at the annual meeting, book and article prizes, our own dues and budget, access to the numerous university press representatives and editors who attended the SHA, and – the word that stood out in her letter to me: "camaraderie." Kyle Longley worked diligently to spread the word about our new organization through the internet.¹⁵ Will Holmes was pleased with all of this activity. In his letter to Kim and me the following year he wrote "you made amazing progress between the Little Rock meeting in 1996 and the Atlanta meeting in 1997 in taking steps to create a Latin American section of the SHA. Based on my conversations with you and on what I observed at the meeting Friday afternoon, November 7 (1997 in Atlanta), it appears that you have assembled an able group of people who want to strengthen the Latin American presence in the SHA."¹⁶

LACS indeed was on its way as an affiliate organization of the SHA, but, as with most academic organizations, there were unexpected problems. The Latin America member on the Program Committee that met in Birmingham in 1998 simply did not attend this crucial meeting. Nor did he communicate with anyone in LACS or the SHA. This individual had presented a paper at the 1996 SHA conference and seemed to be eager to serve on the Program Committee. Both Kim and I were surprised to learn that he did not honor his commitment in Birmingham. He apparently disappeared from academe.¹⁷ This crisis, however, became an opportunity for Kim Hanger. She again stepped into a difficult situation, and, to put it literally, she saved the reputation of LACS. Cooperating with Program Committee Chair Charles Joiner of Coastal Carolina College, she assembled five Latin American sessions for the 1999 SHA program in Ft. Worth. Tragically, Kim passed away in March of 1999, a victim of leukemia. Impressed with her accomplishments in LACS, the SHA created the "Kimberly Hanger Memorial Panel" to be offered as one of the LACS sessions each year.¹⁸

Kim Hanger's work is evident in the marked contrast between the struggles of the Latin American historians of the 1980s and early 1990s to hold onto a place within the SHA and the current strengths of LACS as an affiliate within that organization. It is also appropriate to mention the names of Ed Harrell, Will Holmes, Charles Joiner, and John Inscoe as the U.S.

historians who contributed substantially to the creation and current prosperity of LACS. Many Latin American historians played a role in this process, but Lee Woodward stands out as a stalwart founding father in this chapter in the history of a new and vibrant affiliate of a venerable and respected organization.

Notes

¹ Jürgen Buchenau email to John Britton, Nov. 26, 2007 and Buchenau interview with Britton, April 18, 2008, SECOLAS Annual Meeting, Tampa Florida, both in Britton's papers, Florence, S.C., and the *Southern Historical Association* (hereinafter *SHA*) *Program*, Nov. 3,4,5, and 6, 2004, p. 22 and *SHA Program*, Nov. 2,3,4, and 5, 2005, p. 20.

² LACS/SHA Circular, April 15, 2004 by Andrew McMichael and "LACS/SHA Officers and Awards, 1998-2007." The membership figures come from Andrew McMichael email to John Britton, June 27, 2008, Heather Holt email to John Britton, June 23, 2008, and Michael LaRosa email to John Britton, June 23, 2008, all in Britton's papers. The estimate for the pre-LACS numbers is by John Britton.

³ "LACS/SHA Officers and Awards, 1998-2007." and LACS/SHA Circular, March 7, 2008 by Treasurer Michael La Rosa.

⁴ *SHA Programs* for the years 2002-2008 were the basis for this survey.

⁵ Lawrence A. Clayton and Michael L. Conniff, *A History of Modern Latin America* (Belmont, CA: Thomson Wadsworth, 2005), 409-541, Marshall Eakin, *The History of Latin America: Collision of Cultures* (Houndsmills Basingstoke, England: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 377-418, and Fredrick Pike, *The United States and Latin America: Myths and Stereotypes of Civilization and Nature* (Austin: Univ. of Texas Press, 1992), especially pp. 297-365. See also Isabel Allende, *My Invented Country: A Memoir* (New York: Harper Perennial, 2004), Carlos Fuentes, *The Buried Mirror: Reflections on Spain and the New World* (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1992) and Alfred J. López, *Posts and Pasts: A Theory of Postcolonialism* (Albany: State Univ. of New York Press, 2001).

⁶ Clayton and Conniff, *Modern Latin America.*, 457-462, 464-469, 415-420, Alan McPherson, *Intimate Ties, Bitter Struggles: The United States and Latin America Since 1945* (Washington, DC: Potomac Books, 2006), Clara Nieto, *Masters of War: Latin America and United States Aggression from the Cuban Revolution Through the Clinton Years* (New York: Seven Stories Press, 2003), and Thomas Wright, *Latin America in the Era of the Cuban Revolution* (Westport, CT: Praeger, 2001).

⁷ Ed Harrell, "Report of the 1987 Program Committee to the SHA Executive Council, October 12, 1987, Britton's Papers, Florence, S.C.

⁸ *SHA Program*, Nov. 9, 10, 11, and 12, 1988.

⁹ Harrell, “Report...”

¹⁰ *Ibid.*

¹¹ *Ibid.*

¹² Julie Saville and Nan Woodruff to John Britton, Oct. 18, 1994 and Britton’s “List of Proposed Sessions for the 1996 Meeting of the SHA,” both in Britton’s Papers.

¹³ Lee Woodward email to John Britton, Nov. 9, 2007. See also Larry Clayton to Britton, Nov. 17, 2007. Both in Britton’s Papers.

¹⁴ Will Holmes to John Britton and Kimberly Hanger, Nov. 20, 1996, Britton’s Papers.

¹⁵ Kim Hanger to John Britton, May 29, 1997, Britton’s Papers.

¹⁶ Will Holmes to Kimberly Hanger and John Britton, Nov. 14, 1997, Britton’s Papers.

¹⁷ Britton’s notes, Britton’s Papers.

¹⁸ Jane G. Landers, “Obituary,” *Journal of Southern History*, 65 (Nov. 1999), 928 and William F. Holmes, “Annual Report of the Secretary-Treasurer,” *Journal of Southern History* 66 (Nov., 2000), 374.

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<http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/>

2008 Prizes and Committees

Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize, for the best book by a LACS member in the fields of Latin American and Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic World History that appeared in print in 2007

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Graduate student presenters at the SHA meeting in New Orleans are eligible for **the Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Paper Prize**, presented for the best graduate student paper on Latin American and Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic World history presented at the 2008 SHA meeting. The committee is as follows:

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Latin American and Caribbean Section

Southern Historical Association

September 22, 2008

Dear Colleague,

The Latin American & Caribbean Section (LACS) is flourishing as we enter our tenth year of affiliation with the Southern Historical Association, and we are looking forward to another exciting program in New Orleans, LA on October 9-12, 2008. At our meeting in Richmond this past year, LACS sponsored some excellent panels on the main program and our presence at the meeting has grown steadily for several years. Our luncheon speakers have included the distinguished historians Franklin Knight, Tom O'Brien, Murdo MacLeod, John Charles Chasteen, Susan Socolow, Jane Landers, and this past year Noble David Cook of Florida International University. We were delighted to present the 2007 *Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize* to Tatiana Seijas of Yale University and the 2007 *Murdo MacLeod Prize* to Bianca Premo of Florida International University.

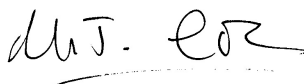
As an organization we are committed to promoting the study of Latin American, Caribbean, borderlands, and Atlantic World history. We also support scholarship that links Southern history to Latin American and Caribbean history and explores their shared pasts. I encourage you to renew your membership and help us fulfill this important mission; hopefully you can photocopy the membership form, and share it with your colleagues and graduate students.

Our annual dues of \$25.00 (only \$10.00 for graduate students) support a variety of activities. LACS members are affiliates of the Southern Historical Association and receive the annual program. LACS also awards book and article prizes and the Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Prize for best graduate paper presented at each meeting. All candidates for LACS-SHA prizes must be LACS-SHA members in good standing.

I hope you will join us at our meeting in New Orleans in November and support the scholars on our panels. I look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued interest and participation.

Please return the attached flyer with your 2008 dues.

Yours truly,



Michael J. LaRosa
Treasurer

The Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association 2008

The Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the Southern Historical Association was established in 1998 to promote the study of the history of Latin America and the Caribbean, particularly in the U.S. South.

Each year at the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association LACS sponsors five main panels, Phi Alpha Theta panels, and a luncheon with a featured speaker.

Additionally, LACS awards the annual Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Prize for the best graduate student paper presented at the annual meeting, the Murdo MacLeod Book Prize and a prize for the best article in Latin American and Caribbean history appearing in the previous calendar year.

The \$25 membership fee (\$10 for graduate students) brings the opportunity to present papers at the annual meetings and a copy of the program of the annual meeting of the Southern Historical Association. Additionally, members make professional contacts, reconnect with colleagues, and support the study of Latin American and Caribbean History in the South.

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