



Latin American and Caribbean Section

Southern Historical Association

LACS/SHA Newsletter Fall 2010

From the President...

Historians of Latin America and the US South have long shared much in common and some of the pioneering works in comparative history focused on these two regions in particular. In 1998 the Southern Historical Association recognized Latin American and Caribbean history as a natural extension of its traditional foci and historians of Latin America and the Caribbean as vital interlocutors for understanding both the particular and common experiences of Southern history and welcomed the creation of the Latin American and Caribbean Section. With the surge of interest in Atlantic, Borderlands, Transnational, and Global history, linkages between the fields of Latin American and Southern history are further strengthened.

As we prepare for our twelfth annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina, we are happy to report that LACS is flourishing. Our membership and revenues have grown to record levels and we gratefully acknowledge the support of the Southern Historical Association, which allots us five panels on the program each year and provides us with great administrative and organizational support. We are pleased that the LACS program committee has mounted another fine slate of panels this year and we encourage everyone to think about offering panels for next year's meeting in Baltimore. I congratulate Tom Rogers (UNCC) for putting together the panels for Charlotte and I hope you will consider submitting a paper or panel for Baltimore 2011 to Ben Vinson (JHU).

Every year LACS-SHA hosts a business luncheon for our members, an event that features an invited speaker. This year we are proud and honored to have the distinguished historian Lyman Johnson, of the University of North Carolina, Charlotte, as our luncheon speaker. Lyman will speak on his current research on "Populist Politics in Late-Colonial Buenos Aires" (Saturday at noon).

Thanks to our growing membership, we now present annual book and article prizes at the luncheon. The Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize honors the best book by a LACS member in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, Borderlands, or Atlantic World History published the preceding calendar year; the Kimberly S. Hanger Article Prize, recognizes the best article by a LACS member in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, Borderlands, or Atlantic World History; and the Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Paper Prize is awarded for the best graduate student paper on Latin American, Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic World history presented at our annual meeting. We are grateful to past and current prize committee members for their service in selecting the winners.

This year we have sadly lost beloved mentors and friends who helped shape our fields and our organization and we honor them in this newsletter (see below). We will try to carry on their legacy through our own scholarship and by supporting a new generation of young Latin American, Caribbean, Atlantic and Borderlands scholars in our programs.

As 2010 president of LACS-SHA I encourage all of you to take an active role in promoting Latin American, Caribbean, Atlantic, and Borderlands history in the South by joining our society and attending this year's annual meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina and then on to Baltimore in 2011!

Jane Landers
Vanderbilt University

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Call for Nominations

Please feel free to nominate yourself or other worthy individuals (with their consent) for Vice-President or for service on LACS committees. Send nominations to Matt Childs at childsmd@mailbox.sc.edu

September 2010 Treasurer's Report

In 2010 Michael LaRosa handed over to Matt Childs treasury duties after five years in the position. Michael did an excellent job of managing our small resources wisely and witnessed a gradual but steady annual increase of our bank account. In January of 2010, when Michael transferred the treasury duties to Matt Childs, we had \$4217.13. Since January 2010 our bank account has grown to \$6234.13, largely due to new and renewing members and generous contributions to our prizes. As of 27 September 2010, we had 88 dues-paying members (a new record). If past experience is a guide, several members will join right before or during the annual meeting in Charlotte.

Matt D. Childs
University of South Carolina

2010 LACS Prize Committees

Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize

Juliana Barr, University of Florida, Chair
Brian Owensby, University of Virginia
Yanna Yannakakis, Emory University

Kimberly S. Hanger Article Prize

Louis Pérez, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chair
Jane Mangan, Davidson College
Barry Robinson, Samford University

Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr., Graduate Student Prize

J. Michael Francis, University of North Florida, Chair
Pablo Gómez, Texas Christian University
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For more information about LACS/SHA, its officers, prizes, and meetings, see our website at <http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/>

2011 LACS Call for Papers

**SHA Meeting
Baltimore, Maryland
October 27-30, 2011**

New Deadline: October 15, 2010

The Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the Southern Historical Association welcomes individual paper and panel proposals for the 2011 SHA meeting in Baltimore Maryland, October 27-30.

LACS accepts papers and panels on all aspects of Latin American and Caribbean history, including the fields of the borderlands and the Atlantic World. Panels and papers that highlight the connections between people, cultures, and areas are especially welcome.

Submissions should include a 250-word abstract for each paper and brief curriculum vitae for each presenter. We encourage faculty as well as advanced graduate students to submit panels and papers. Graduate students are eligible for the Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize, awarded each year to the best paper presented by a graduate student in a panel organized by LACS.

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://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/> or contact Matt Childs of the University of South Carolina at childsmid@mailbox.sc.edu. For more information about the Southern Historical Association, visit the website: <http://www.uga.edu/~sha/>

Deadline for submissions is **October 15, 2010**. Complete panels are appreciated, but not required.

Submit panels and papers (with a preference for electronic submissions) to:

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**PROGRAM OF THE LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SECTION (LACS)
OF THE SOUTHERN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
CHARLOTTE, NC NOVEMBER 4-7, 2010**

[HTTP://WWW.UGA.EDU/SHA/MEETING/INDEX.HTM](http://www.uga.edu/sha/meeting/index.htm)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Informal LACS Gathering at Brixx Restaurant, 7-9 pm

(Uptown in Seventh Street Station 225 E. 6th St. 2 blocks from the Westin)

Opening SHA Reception (9 til)

(The Levine Museum of the New South, just two blocks away from Brixx)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

College

11. FAMILY AND KINSHIP IN THE ATLANTIC WORLD

Presiding: Lyman Johnson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Family, Inheritance, Race, and Social Mobility in a Brazilian Slave Society: The Case of the Vieira da Costa Family in Eighteenth-Century Minas Gerais

Mariana Dantas, Ohio University

The Slave Family in Sancti Spiritus: A Quantitative Analysis

Sarah Franklin, University of Southern Mississippi

Afro-Cuban Families under Slavery: The State of the Research

Karen Y. Morrison, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

“Africanizing” the Slave Family: Marriage and Kinship in an Atlantic Perspective

Tyler Parry, University of South Carolina

Comments: Charlotte Cosner, Western Carolina University

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

Sharon

24. SLAVERY AND THE ATLANTIC WORLD IN THE EIGHTEENTH AND NINETEENTH CENTURIES

Presiding: Jane Landers, Vanderbilt University

“A Well-Constructed Female Figure”: Science, Beauty, and Labor in the Atlantic World
Alexandra Cornelius-Diallo, Florida International University

A Recalcitrant Bishop, Cabildos de Nación, and Religious Creolization in Eighteenth-Century Cuba
Joanna Elrick, Vanderbilt University

“To See How Happy the Human Race Can Be”: A Colonization Experiment on Haiti’s Northern Coast, 1835-1845
Mark J. Fleszar, Georgia State University

“Very Proper People”: British Recruitment of Slaves in the Leeward Islands during the Seven Years’ War (1761-1763)
David Barry Gaspar, Duke University

Comments Matt Childs, University of South Carolina

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 9:30-11:30 A.M.

College

36. WOMEN, PERFORMANCE, AND THE POLITICS OF BIOGRAPHY IN LATIN AMERICA, 1920s-1940s

Presiding: Jürgen Buchenau, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Performing Motherhood: Concha Michel and the Politics of Mexican Maternalism
Jocelyn Olcott, Duke University

“Chaplin in Skirts?” Nini Marshall and the Female Comic Voice in Argentina, 1935-1945
Christine Ehrick, University of Louisville

The Final Fraud: Magda Portal and the Break from APRA, 1945-1948
Ivonne Wallace Fuentes, Roanoke College

Organized Labor, Luis Napoleón Morones, and the Assassination of Alvaro Obregón
Gregory Crider, Winthrop University

Comments: Mary Kay Vaughan, University of Maryland

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, Noon

Park

40. LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN SECTION LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

Presiding: Jane Landers, Vanderbilt University

Populist Politics in Late-Colonial Buenos Aires
Lyman Johnson, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2:30-4:30 P.M.

College

49. SPORT'S AGENCY: SPORT AS A CREATIVE FORCE IN LATIN AMERICA

Presiding: Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie, Howard University

Racial Hierarchies, National Hierarchies and the Perception of Sport in Republican Cuba
Enver Casimir, University of North Carolina, Chapel-Hill

Playing at Nation: Buenos Aires, the Provinces and the *Campeonato Argentino* Soccer Tournament

Jeffrey Richey, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Something New? Women's Soccer and Gender in Latin America
Joshua Nadel, North Carolina Central University

Comments: Jeffrey Kerr-Ritchie

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 4:45 P.M

Queens

CS6. PHI ALPHA THETA-LATIN AMERICAN

Presiding: Richmond Brown, University of Florida

Drawing Borderlines: Jesuit Cartography and the Configuration of Space in Maynas
Roberto Chauca, University of Florida

Transfiguring the Amazon: Euclides da Cunha and Rio Branco on the Incorporation of the Amazon and the Consolidation of the Brazilian State
Andréa Ferreira, University of Florida

The African Origins of Slaves Leaving Angola in the Nineteenth Century
Daniel Domingues da Silva, Emory University

From Military Forts and Military Men to Slave Depots and Slave Traders: Illegal Slave Trading in Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro, 1830-1840
Cari Sloan Williams, Emory University

Comments: Marshall Eakin, Vanderbilt University

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 6:00-8:00 PM

LACS RECEPTION
Westin Hotel, Room TBD, 6-8 pm

Room TBD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 9:00-11:00 A.M.

College

59. POLITICS, POLITICIANS, AND THE POLITICAL IN AUTHORITARIAN BRAZIL AND MEXICO

Presiding: Jerry Dávila, University of North Carolina, Charlotte

Brazil's Lula, the "Bearded Toad," in 1989: From the "Republic of São Bernardo" to President of the Republic?

John D. French, Duke University

"The Funeral of Democracy": The Moreira Alves Case, Elite Political Culture, and the Birth of Dictatorship in Brazil

Bryan Pitts, Duke University

Intellectuals and the Fourth Brean in Mexican History: A Legacy of Tlatelolco

William Kelly, Texas Christian University

Comments: Jerry Dávila

Prizes and People of LACS

As the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association enters its twelfth year, we thought it would be appropriate to share with our more recent members a bit of history about the prizes we award each year and the individuals for whom they are named.

The Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Paper Prize

The Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Prize was the first award created by LACS, and is presented for the best graduate student paper on Latin American, Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic World history presented at the annual SHA meeting.

Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. is an emeritus professor of history at Tulane University, where he received his M.A. (1959) and Ph.D. (1962) under the direction of the late William J. Griffith and later taught for nearly three decades (1970-1999). He also taught briefly at Wichita University (1961-2), the University of Southwestern Louisiana (1962-3), and for longer stints at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1963-1970) and Texas Christian University (1999-2003); at TCU he held the Neville G. Penrose Chair in Latin American Studies. In his distinguished career, Lee has authored or edited more than 20 books, contributed more than 30 book chapters and nearly 50 journal articles, and more than 100 book reviews, not to mention numerous encyclopedia articles, booklets and pamphlets. He is perhaps best known for his book, *Central America: A Nation Divided* (Oxford, 1976, 1985, and 1999), a work that did much to elevate and professionalize Central American history and historiography, and for his great opus, *Rafael Carrera and the Emergence of the Republic of Guatemala, 1821-1871* (Athens, GA., 1993), for which he was awarded the Alfred B. Thomas Book Prize from the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies in 1995. Lee was a popular and inspiring teacher, a wise and generous mentor, and a public intellectual who made his voice heard, particularly in Central America's deadly decade of the 1980s. He directed more than 30 doctoral dissertations at UNC, Tulane, and TCU, and a number of his students have gone on to make their own important contributions to the history of Latin America, Central America and the southeastern borderlands. In 1996 Lee was named Louisiana Humanist of the Year and in 2002 he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Conference of Latin American History. He has also been singled out for special recognition by the Southern Historical Association, the Congress of Central American Historians, Central Methodist College (his undergraduate alma mater), Tulane University and the *Academia de Geografía e Historia de Guatemala*. Like Kimberly Hanger (see below), Lee was there at the beginning of the efforts that resulted in the founding of LACS at the SHA meetings of 1997 and 1998 and generously contributed to funding the fledgling organization at the 1999 meeting, where it was decided to name LACS' first award after him. He presented the LACS luncheon address at the SHA meeting in Louisville in November 2009 (the address may be found in the spring 2010 LACS newsletter:

http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/Content/LACS-SHA_Newsletter_april_2010.pdf

The Kimberly S. Hanger Prize is awarded each year for the best article or book chapter in Latin American, Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic history by a LACS member.

The late **Kimberly Hanger** was instrumental in establishing our group at the SHA meeting in Birmingham in 1998 and served as the first president. Kimberly (Kim) Stuckenschneider Hanger was born in Salt Lake City and earned her B.A. in history magna cum laude at the University of Utah in 1983 and her M.A. at the same institution two years later. In 1989 she completed her Ph.D. in Latin American colonial history at the University of Florida under the direction of Murdo MacLeod, winning the Roger Haigh Latin American History Award. Kim began her professional career as historian and director of research at the Louisiana State Museum in New Orleans. During her tenure at the museum (1990-1993), Kim re-interpreted Louisiana history in an exhibit and monograph entitled *A Medley of Cultures: Louisiana History at the Cabildo* (New Orleans, 1996). Focusing on the social history of the "common folk," she incorporated persons of African descent, free and enslaved, into a narrative that had largely erased them. Her appreciation for history "from the bottom up" also appeared in her book, *Bounded Lives*,

Bounded Places: Free Black Society in Spanish New Orleans, 1769-1803 (Durham, 1998) which won the Kemper and Leila Williams Prize from the Louisiana Historical Association and the Historic New Orleans Collection. Kim's work appeared in a wide variety of scholarly journals and edited collections and her research was supported by grants from the Universities of Utah, Florida, and Tulsa, the American Historical Association, the American Philosophical Society and the Program for Cultural cooperation between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States' Universities. In addition to being a meticulous and original researcher, Kim was also a talented and enthusiastic teacher at the University of Florida, the University of New Orleans, and the University of Tulsa, where she was awarded tenure in 1998. At Tulsa Kim developed new Borderland and Caribbean classes as well as specialized classes on slavery to supplement her regular offerings in Latin American history. She also served as sponsor of the Phi Alpha Theta chapter at Tulsa and directed the university's public history program. She was a member of the Oklahoma Humanities Council and president of the Oklahoma Association of Professional Historians and participated actively in a variety of national and international history associations including the American Historical Association, the Conference on Latin American History, the American Society for Ethnohistory, the Association of Caribbean Historians and the Southern Association for Women Historians. In 1998 she helped launch a brand new group—our own Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association. She was elected the first president of LACS and seemed indefatigable, but sadly, she died on March 9, 1999, after a brave, but unsuccessful, battle against leukemia. Her untimely death at only thirty-seven years of age cut short a promising and already productive career and Jürgen Buchenau of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, who also was a key figure in establishing LACS, completed Kim's unfinished term as president. Kim is sorely missed by the many friends, colleagues, and students with whom she shared her brief but vibrant life and this prize honors her contributions and memory. (*Thanks to Jane Landers for this contribution*).

The Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize

The Murdo J. MacLeod Prize is awarded to the best book on Latin American, Caribbean, Borderlands or Atlantic World History published in the preceding calendar year by a member of the LACS/SHA.

Murdo J. MacLeod is Graduate Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Florida, where he taught from 1986 to 2005. He also taught for many years at the University of Pittsburgh (1962-1980) and the University of Arizona (1980-86). Born in Malta, reared and educated in Scotland (Glasgow, 1958), with stints in Austria, France and Spain, he completed an MA (1960) and PhD (1962) in Inter-American Studies at the University of Florida.

Murdo is a revered mentor (particularly to many of the founding generation of LACS) who taught a wide range of classes at Pittsburgh, Arizona, and UF, and directed more than 25 doctoral dissertations. He was also a member of 70 other MA and doctoral committees in many fields. The scholars whose professional careers were shaped by him are among the leaders in the profession, not just in history, but in virtually every discipline of Latin American studies: anthropology, historical archaeology, political science and geography, to name but a few. As Sherry Johnson explains, "Those of us who had the privilege of working with Murdo know him

as a demanding, exacting mentor who never let us get away without producing anything but the very best.”

In addition to his teaching and mentorship, Murdo has been a model academic citizen, serving in a number of capacities for professional organizations, including the posts of associate editor of the *HAHR*, contributing editor of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies*, associate editor of *Peasant Studies*, and as an officer and committee member of CLAH (president, 1990-91), SECOLAS (president 2005-6), and the American Historical Association.

Above all, Murdo MacLeod is a meticulous scholar of extraordinary breadth and depth and this award especially recognizes the quality and influence of his scholarship. He has conducted archival research or field work in Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Haiti, England, France, Spain and Portugal. He was the recipient of grants or fellowships from the American Philosophical Association, the Social Science Research Council, the Wenner-Glenn Foundation, the Tinker Foundation, the John Carter Library, and the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton).

Murdo is a pioneering scholar who has written extensively on colonial Spanish America, colonial Central America and Mexico, epidemics, demography, economy, ethnohistory, and Native American revolts. In all, he has published more than 60 journal articles or book chapters, more than 50 encyclopedia articles, and more than 80 book reviews. He has been approached by a number of presses about a collected volume of his essays and he continues to work on several projects on the history of colonial Central America and Mexico.

Perhaps the most important of his many publications is his monumental and path-breaking book, *Spanish Central America: A Socioeconomic History, 1580-1720* (California, 1973; reissued by Texas with a new introduction in 2008; it has also been translated and published in Spanish in Guatemala), which is among the finest works ever written on colonial Spanish America and which has yet to be surpassed in Central American historiography. It is often compared to Charles Gibson's classic *Aztecs under Spanish Rule* (1964). One colleague (Todd Little Siebold) remarked of *Spanish Central America* some years ago that “there was no way that book could have been written!” But it was and it continues to influence the work of myriad Mesoamerican scholars in diverse fields -- historians, anthropologists, and geographers, among others. A special session of the SECOLAS meeting of 2003 was devoted to the book and similar tributes have taken place at meetings of historians, anthropologists and geographers in the US and Central America. In a recent review of the 2008 edition, Robert Jackson states that “MacLeod's study stands the test of time and remains the essential starting point for the study of early colonial Central America; [it] remains one of the essential texts for colonial Latin America and Central America.”

If that were not enough, Murdo also contributed to and co-edited (with Robert Wasserstrom) *Spaniards and Indians in Southeastern Mesoamerica* (Nebraska, 1983); wrote two substantial essays and historiographical chapters for the *Cambridge History of Latin America*, and co-edited (with R.E.W. Adams) the *Cambridge History of the Native Peoples of the Americas: Mesoamerica*, which Colin Calloway has called “a landmark achievement.” Fittingly, Murdo was also the first ever LACS luncheon speaker, at the Louisville meeting of November 2000.

In Memoriam

Three extraordinary historians based in the region served by the SHA who made indelible contributions to Latin American history passed away within a few weeks of each other in August and September 2010. We offer the following tributes.

David Bushnell (1923-2010)

David Bushnell, Professor of History Emeritus at the University of Florida, and a leading historian of Colombia and Latin America, died in Gainesville on September 3, 2010. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on May 14, 1923. He received his BA from Harvard in 1943, and then worked in the Latin American Division of the Office of Strategic Services and the State Department, 1944-1946. He received his Ph.D. from Harvard in 1951. He taught Latin American history at the University of Delaware, 1949-1956, and then worked in the Office of the Historian of the US Air Force in New Mexico and Washington, DC, 1956-1963. He subsequently served on the NASA Historical Advisory Program and oversaw an official history of NASA. As an Air Force historian he co-authored *Space Biology*, an account of the high altitude and other experiments the Air Force conducted prior to launching men into space.

David Bushnell wrote his first book on Latin America, very aptly titled "A Beginner's Outline of Latin American Geography," while in elementary school. At the University of Delaware and the at the University of Florida, where he taught from 1963 until he retired in 1991, he published seven books on Colombian, Argentine and Latin American history; most were also published in Spanish-language editions. He was the editor of many other books, and published many articles. His last article, completed just before his death, "Philatelic Feminism: The Portrayal of Women on Stamps of Argentina, Colombia, Cuba, and the United States," combined his historical interests and his stamp collecting avocation. From 1986 to 1991 he served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, the leading journal of Latin American history.

Pamela Murray writes "There's no question... that David Bushnell was the leading historian of Colombia in North America and probably within the larger English-speaking world as well. His work helped define the field, both here and beyond-- most of his articles and books have been translated into Spanish and are well-known within the country itself. His Colombia survey, *The Making of Modern Colombia: A Nation In Spite of Itself* (Berkeley, 1993) was an especially important contribution and is still an indispensable starting point and reference for scholars.

Jane Rausch adds that "David Bushnell was a mentor and inspiration for me since my graduate school days at Wisconsin in the 1960s." She relates, "I was just reading a book by José Luis Díaz Granados, *Viajeros extranjeros por Colombia*. Included is a section written by David, based on letters that he wrote home, of his first trip to Colombia in 1943. When I was reading this, I could visualize him so well. He was always so positive about Colombia even in the darkest days. In terms of scholarly stature among Colombianistas, there is simply no one even close to his position."

David Bushnell received many honors, among them invitations to be Visiting Professor at the National War College and a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University. CLAH awarded him its Distinguished Service Award in 1996. He received medals from the Northern Department of Santander, Colombia (Francisco Santander Medal, 1984), for his study of Francisco de Paulo Santander, the first Vice-President and second President of Gran Colombia, and for other works on Colombian history. The Colombian government awarded him the Order of San Carlos (1995) for his many contributions to Colombian history. At the time of his death, David Bushnell was scheduled to receive an Honorary Doctorate from the National University of Colombia (it will be awarded posthumously). The National University was also preparing a television program on his career as a historian of Colombia.

Adapted from the obituary Peter Bushnell contributed to The Gainesville Sun (September 10, 2010)

Anthony John R. Russell-Wood (1940-2010)

John Russell-Wood, Herbert Baxter Adams Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University, died at his home in Maryland of melanoma on August 13, 2010. He was 70 years old and had been a member of the History faculty at Johns Hopkins University since 1971.

Russell-Wood was born in Wales and studied at Oxford, where he was a star squash player and came late to a love of history, encouraged by Charles Boxer and Hugh Trevor-Roper. He became one of his generation's most influential historians of colonial Brazil and the Portuguese world. His prize-winning first book, *Fidalgos and Philanthropists: The Santa Casa da Misericórdia of Bahia, 1550-1755*, mined underutilized archives in Brazil to create the first serious study of this key colonial institution. Twice reprinted, his pathbreaking *The Black Man in Slavery and Freedom in Colonial Brazil* was ahead of its time in exploring the lived experience of slaves, the divergent regional trajectories of slavery, and the role of black brotherhoods in Brazilian social and economic life. Russell-Wood's vision broadened to take in the global Portuguese empire. His book *A World on the Move: The Portuguese in Africa, Asia, and America, 1415-1808* (and its paperback version, *The Portuguese Empire, 1415-1808*) explored the movement of Portuguese subjects across world regions usually studied in isolation.

Russell-Wood's Hopkins webpage lists his interests as including "administrative history, history of institutions, history of art, history of technology, history of medicine and of public health, history of the family, urban history, historiography, women, race, and slavery." Amazingly, he contributed to all these fields. In some cases - as with the history of slavery in Brazil and the study of local government in empires - his work set the standard for several generations of scholars. Russell-Wood was honored on three continents, including appointments as Commander of the Order of Dom Henrique in Portugal, Officer of the Order of Rio Branco in Brazil, and Fellow of the Royal Historical Society in Britain.

John Russell-Wood combined his exceptional record of scholarship with a reputation for personal integrity, generosity, and good humor. Even when serving, as he did twice, as department chair at Johns Hopkins, his office door was always open to students and colleagues.

Strong Brazilian cane brandy, *cachaça*, was sometimes offered, and good storytelling was encouraged by example. Russell-Wood demanded hard work from his students and insisted on high standards, but he always mixed criticism with encouragement. Without fail, the formula worked; all his graduate students finished their degrees, many in record time, and all found university positions.

Though gregarious by nature, John Russell-Wood was also deeply private about the rich life he shared with his wife, children, and grandchildren. His intellectual legacy is apparent to all: he leaves a profound influence on Brazilian history and the history of the Portuguese world, and a positive mark on all those who knew him through his work.

Lauren Benton
New York University
(Courtesy of H-LATAM by permission of the author)

David J. Weber (1940–2010)

A simple refrain. Repeated again and again: he was a great scholar, but far more importantly, he was a great person.

When David Weber died in August, he stood as the premier scholar of the Spanish-Mexican borderlands and the U.S. Southwest. Having written or edited twenty-seven books and more than seventy articles, he transformed our understanding of the place and significance of the Spanish Borderlands in the history of both Latin America and the United States. His publications have received multiple awards, most well-known perhaps *The Spanish Frontier in North America* (Yale, 1992). Before that, he authored the prize-winning *The Mexican Frontier, 1821-1846* (UNM, 1982), and since then *Bárbaros: Spaniards and their Savages in the Age of Enlightenment* (Yale, 2005). His body of work earned him induction into the Real Orden de Isabel la Católica by the King of Spain Juan Carlos in 2003 and the Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca by the Mexican government in 2005, the highest awards presented to foreigners by either country.

Beyond the scope of David's extraordinary record, are the equally telling particulars, especially the wide reaching mentorship he has offered to a generation of younger scholars working on the northern provinces and states of New Spain and Mexico as well as the U.S. Southwest. It is telling that though Southern Methodist University, where he taught from 1976 to the present, only recently developed a Ph.D. program in which David has already trained a number of successful doctoral students, a stunning number of assistant and associate professors of Latin American and Spanish-Mexican borderlands history with degrees from across the United States (and other countries) claim him as a mentor and advisor. One of the key venues for this guidance and support of younger colleagues has been the William P. Clements Center for Southwest Studies at SMU, of which David was the founding director in 1996. In so doing, he created an institution whose commitment to scholarship and public outreach has been central in fueling shifts in the historiography to which David devoted his own research. Fifty-three fellows, both junior and senior scholars, have now benefitted from the intellectual vibrancy and

community offered by the Center, and so far, twenty-five books have been published as a result. David encouraged a new generation of scholars to see across the national borders that divide the Americas and its regional historiographies, to know that we cannot write the history of the Indian and Spanish peoples of New Spain and Mexico without paying equal consideration to processes playing out in other regions of Latin America. Intellectually, David has helped us to better contextualize our work, to see beyond borderlands, borders, and territorial crossings and thus imagine the history of the Americas as a hemispheric project. David has offered a bridge – in scholarship and among scholars – to link together the historic Americas.

Back to the refrain with which this began. If you ever came into David's orbit, it was the nicest and most beneficial of places to be. His warmth, kindness, generosity, and wise counsel have strengthened the will and insured the goodwill of numerous colleagues both junior and senior. To quote many who have written of him in recent days, David was an "historical empresario," a "bridge between Latin American and U.S. scholars and students," "an exemplar of scholarship and mentorship," a "role model *par excellence*," "the gold standard for human beings," "as generous and warm a soul as I have ever known," a man who "found ways of making the pie bigger for everyone, not just for himself." He cannot be replaced, and he will be missed by so very many.

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