

Current Working Groups (2010-2011)

1) Caribbean Studies in a Globalized Era

Directed by Professor Michaeline Crichlow (African and African American Studies, Duke) and Professor Deborah Jenson (Romance Studies/French/Haitian Creole, Duke)

Caribbean Studies in a Globalized Era
Activities 2010-2011



The poster has an orange background. At the top, it says 'FOR YOU FILM BUFFS... A TREAT, WITH VISUALS...' in a stylized font. Below this is a filmstrip containing several small images of people. The main title 'I'm Nobody if not a Nation: the Age of Film in the Caribbean Diaspora' is in a bold, black font. Below the title is the author's name 'Frances-Anne Solomon'. The event details are: 'Thursday, March 31, 2011', '5:00 P.M.', '225 Friedl Building', 'East Campus, Duke'. There is a portrait of Frances-Anne Solomon on the right side. At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text describing her work and the event's sponsors.

31/03/11

"I'm Nobody if not a Nation: the Age of Film in the Caribbean Diaspora." Room 225 Friedl Bldg, East Campus, Duke. 5:00 pm

By Frances-Anne Solomon.

Frances-Anne Solomon is a Trinidadian-Canadian-British filmmaker, writer, producer and entrepreneur, and CEO of Caribbean Tales. Caribbean Tales is a Canada-based multimedia company that produces educational videos, radio programs, audio books, theatre plays, and web sites drawn from stories of the Caribbean Diaspora.

Ms. Solomon's best-known works include "What My Mother Told Me," a semi-autobiographical story of domestic violence in the context of a middle-class Caribbean family. "Lord Have Mercy," produced with Claire Prieto and Vanz Chapman, was Canada's first multicultural sitcom, and starred Russell Peters alongside Caribbean stars Leonie Forbes and Dennis "Sprangalang" Hall. "A Winter Tale", CityTV 2007, depicts a Caribbean-Canadian community plagued by gun violence in Toronto.

This event is presented by the Duke-UNC Working Group on



14/04/11

"Abject Blackness: Hauntologies of Development and the Demand for Authenticity: A Critique of (Amartya) Sen's Development as Freedom." Room 225 Friedl Bldg, East Campus, Duke. 5:00 pm

By Patricia Northover is Senior Research Fellow at the Sir Arthur W. Lewis Institute for Social and Economic Studies, UWI, Jamaica. An interdisciplinary development economist, Northover combines economics with social theory, philosophy, and Cultural Studies to address development and culture.

Northover is the author of many journal articles and the forthcoming book *Growth Theory: A Critical Philosophical Perspective*.

This event is presented by the Duke-UNC Working Group on Caribbean Studies in a Globalized Era, with co-sponsorship from Duke's African & African-American Studies Program and the Islands, Images, Imaginaries Project at Duke

2) [Working Group on the Environment in Latin America \(WGELA\)](#)

Directed by Professor Elizabeth Shapiro (Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke), Professor Jennifer Swenson (Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke), and Joshua Strauss (Masters of Environmental Management student, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke)

Working Group on the Environment in Latin America (WGELA)

Wegla Events 2010-2011



10/13/10

Informational meeting, (LSRC room A155).

10/18/10

"Kallari Chocolate Extravaganza." Love Auditorium at 6:00. Pizza from Cinelli's will be provided to tide everyone over during the more academic portion of the presentation, then we bust out the dark chocolate.

- Creation of the member profile list to help facilitate networking and communications between WGELA members

Attendance: 70

02/11/10

COUNTER CULTURE COFFEE. Love Auditorium at 6:00pm. Our three-part program, investigating the world's three largest commodities and their effect on Latin America, continues. With a special event on COFFEE being held in Love Auditorium at 6:00pm. The event will feature a talk from **Kim Bullock**, head of Sustainability and Producer Relations for **Counter Culture Coffee**, on the process of how your favorite bean goes from small organic farms in Latin America to your cup in NC. After the talk, Kim will lead us in a "coffee cupping" (picture a wine tasting but for coffee and without any spitting) where you will get the opportunity to compare the aromas and flavors of coffee from around the world. Dinner will be served (and this time I will plan for a big crowd, so I guarantee everybody will get their fill of pizza) so be there at 6:00pm to catch all the festivities!

Check Counter Culture Coffee out at their website:

<http://www.counterculturecoffee.com/>

Attendance: 60

14/11/10

CRUDE AND STEVE DONZIGER EVENTS. UNC FedEx Global Education Ctr, Rm 1005 from 6:00 to 7:00pm. Co-sponsoring a talk by Steven Donziger, lead US attorney representing the Ecuadorian plaintiffs in the, 17 year running Aguinda vs. Chevron-Texaco lawsuit. In a hour long session Mr. Donziger will discuss the profound questions this landmark case raises about indigenous rights, environmental law, investor rights, foreign policy, public health policy, and the ability of legal processes to provide redress to victims of ecological disasters. Following the talk we will screen the award winning documentary, CRUDE: The real price of oil (7:00 to 8:30pm), as part of the North Carolina Latin American Film Festival.

-Free Pizza will be served for dinner

For more info on CRUDE check out: <http://sites.google.com/site/22ndfilmfestivalnc/2010-calendar/crude>

Attendance: 90

15/11/10

"The Clash of Indigenous Rights, the Environment, and Corporate Investor Rights". Room 4055 at Duke Law School from 12:15 to 1:15 pm. Mr. Donziger will join us in conjunction with the Duke Environmental Law Society for a lunch discussion concerning

-The event Co-sponsored by CLACS, NCLAFF, Duke Environmental Law Society.

-Free Lunch will be provided by Cosmic Cantina

Attendance: 45

30/11/10

"How to enact positive environmental change through working with the US Foreign Service."

LSRC A158 from 12-1:00pm. Ambassador Patrick Duddy, diplomat in residence at Duke University 2010-2011, will recount some of his personal experiences working with environmental issues in Latin America in addition to highlighting job/internship opportunities with the Foreign Service and how interested nic-schoolers can get involved. An awesome Free lunch will be provided by Nosh Eclectic FoodStuffs.

20/01/11

WEGLA, POTLUCK. Aurana and Josh's apartment 212 N. Duke St. (the Hicks Building at the West Village complex). Apartment #229, Durham NC 27701 from 7:30 until 10:30. Welcome back! I hope everyone's winter breaks went well and I'm eager to get us all together to hang out and discuss plans for another semester of awesome WGELA events. This Thursday (Jan 20th) we will be holding the Spring Semester Kickoff Potluck and I hope to see you all there! Bring a Latin inspired dish and join in the festivities .

P.S. To our members from NC State and UNC - It was great having all of you at our last potluck and I hope you will be able to attend this semester as well. Your participation makes WGELA a dynamic cross institutional organization and all the Duke members appreciate your company

08/02/11

"Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES), in Latin America." LSRC A158, 6:30pm,. Professor Elizabeth Shapiro will focus on the social and environmental impacts of Mexican national programs that provide payments to rural communities for hydrological services, biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration and improvement of agroforestry systems.

NOTE: Dr. Shapiro will be reviewing potential opportunities for WGELA members to collaborate with her and her team in Mexico through INTERNSHIPS and MP projects.

Social event: Peruvian Fest after the talk.

03/03/11

"The Dynamics of Tropical Food Webs." A158 and will run from 12:00 to 1:00, 12:00 to 1:00PM. Professor John Terborgh Has spent years studying animal plant interactions in the Amazon and Africa.

Free lunch will be provided by THE OLD HAVANA SANDWICH SHOP (this place just opened up downtown and their food ins Awesome!)

WGELA (and Environmental) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Duke Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Tinker Foundation Incorporated & Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grants has not been posted yet. Last year applications were due by April 19. Check <http://clacs.aas.duke.edu/funding/graduate.php> periodically for updates.

Nicholas School Funds/Deadlines

Support for international internships & summer research projects:

The Kuzmier - Lee - Nikitine (KLN) Internship Endowment Fund

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/the-kuzmier-lee-nikitine-internship-fund-klf-fund>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 4, 2011--This deadline is earlier than others as proposal review and suggested awards are done by an alumni advisory committee that is spread across the country. All applications are submitted electronically using the KLN application template. \$16,000 for summer 2011 internship/research projects. Must be in-country for minimum of 8 weeks to apply. Preference given to MEM, MF students, but Nicholas PhD applications accepted.

Whitney Lawson Chamberlin Memorial Endowment Fund

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/the-whitney-chamberlin-internship-endowment-fund>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 18, 2011

\$2,800 for 2011 internship or summer research projects. Must be in-country for minimum of 8 weeks for international project or working with Environmental Law Institute in Washington, DC for minimum of 8 weeks.

SIDG - Lazar Foundation - APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 18, 2011

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/the-lazar-scholarship-fund-for-international-environmental-leadership>

SIDG advisor is Dr. Erika Weinthal and grant application and selection is administered by SIDG student group. \$10,000 to support international internship or independent research projects; open to MEM/MF and PhD students.

Nicholas School Internship Funds - APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 18, 2011

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/nicholas-school-internship-summer-research-fund>

Supports international internship/research projects. Must be in-country for minimum of 6-8 weeks to apply (8+ weeks desirable). Open to professional students only. Amount of available funding determined by committee based on quality projects identified. Average award \$1,000 - \$3,500.

The David R. Brower Endowment Fund

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/the-david-r.-brower-endowment-fund>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 18, 2011

\$15,000 for summer 2011 internship/research projects, First priority for David Brower Endowment Fund is international projects associated with Friends of the Earth (FoE) offices around the globe; secondary consideration will be community-based/advocacy projects domestically than internationally.

Supports unfunded & underfunded internships (domestic & international):

The Environmental Internship Fund (EIF)

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/the-environmental-internship-fund-eif>

APPLICATION DEADLINE: April 12, 2011

If you think you might need funding for your summer internship or want to gain some fundraising experience get involved with EIF; you never know if funding will be an issue for your summer internship. Amount of available EIF funding is dependent on amount of funds raised each academic year by current students. Students who participate and help raise money for EIF get extra consideration when funds are awarded.

Click on EIF to learn more.

External Grant Funding -- Opportunities for MEMs and PhDs:

Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS) Research Fellowship Program

http://www.ots.ac.cr/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=170&Itemid=344

Smithsonian Institution Graduate Student Fellowships

<http://www.si.edu/ofg/ofgintro.htm>

Fellowships:

Nicholas School of the Environment Alumni Association Fellowship

<http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/career/students/funding/nicholas-school-of-the-environment-alumni-association-fellowship-application-2010-2011>

WGELA AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PHILANTHROPY

Contact: Virginia Palacios. virginia.palacios@duke.edu and/or Terra. tfo2@duke.edu

Organization to volunteer in Durham, Guia Friends, Centro Hispano, and GANO

GUIA at Githens Middle School. We have open volunteer positions in all three of our program days; Monday Service Learning, Tuesday Tutoring and Thursday GetFIT. We are also seeking a person to fill the role of the Monday Service Learning Dayleader. This person would have support from our past Dayleader in planning weekly activities. If you applied for a volunteer position (whether you actually volunteered with us or not) last semester and would like to be considered again for this semester, please send a message to guia.githens@gmail.com describing what programs/positions you are interested in.

See the following online application for more information and to apply.

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?hl=en&formkey=dGtiZ1h0OG9abGhtcm0wTUK5UDBzNWc6MQ#gid=0>

Email me, Jesse, at guia.githens@gmail.com for more info or with questions.

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El Centro Hispano: Volunteer with the Greater Hispanic Community in Durham

El Centro is actively looking for volunteers to help facilitate the following programs:

Direct Support Office: Provide assistance with official administrative duties, data entry and updates, program evaluations, and other tasks in support of workshops offered to the community.

Health Program: Looking for volunteers to work with health education and support, access to healthcare, and physical activities.

Family Program / Circulo de Estudios: Volunteers are needed to assist with our adult Spanish Literacy Class, which focuses on helping immigrants acquire competency in their own language.

ESL Classes: Volunteers are needed to assist with English as a Second Language classes.

Childcare Supervision: During the aforementioned classes.

Tutoring Program: After-school tutoring program provides Hispanic students (K-12) with homework support and extra educational activities.

Administrative Support: Help organize education, promotion and outreach materials, and assist with other administrative tasks.

Website / Technical: Website maintenance and newsletter layout.

El Centro expressed a real need for the last volunteer opportunity, website maintenance and newsletter layout/updates. Also, they mentioned they would love to work with a group of us on a Food Program that incorporates nutrition and food awareness and education (a nice intersection of our groups' interests). Please reply to Tara (tfo2@duke.edu) if you are interested in working on the food program.

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GANÓ: Gente Aprendiendo para Nuevas Oportunidades (People Learning for New Opportunities) is an ESL-tutoring organization that provides one-on-one tutoring for Latinos in Durham. They are looking for tutors to assist children with their homework on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-8pm at Carr 114 (East Campus). Tutors should be comfortable speaking Spanish, although fluency is not necessary. They are short on volunteers right now and will be having tutor training sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 in Carr 136.

If you are interested contact fellow WGELA member, Jeremiah Jolley, (jeremiah.jolley@duke.edu) or Michelle Bradshaw (mbb.18@duke.edu)

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WGELA's Spring 2011 philanthropy has officially kicked-off. You have until Wednesday, March 23rd to raise enough funds for the purchase of two or more CleanCook stoves that will be delivered by Project Gaia to people in Central America and Haiti. Our goal is to have at least 50 WGELA members donate 2 stoves each for a grand total of \$5,000 raised. Keep reading to find out what's in it for you...

"Why stoves?" you ask. Here's why:

Women in developing countries have to bear the ill-health effects of smoke inhalation caused by wood-burning stoves. Furthermore, they have to brave dangerous journeys in conflict zones to gather wood, also facing the threat of attacks by men and wild animals. The environmental benefits are also immense, as the GHG emission reductions from two alcohol stoves is equivalent to the average American's carbon footprint. Finally, use of alcohol-burning stoves reduces deforestation.

"I'm in. What do I do?"

1. Call and email friends, family members, and business sponsors and ask them to donate a stove online at www.projectgaia.com. Stoves are only \$50 each. Letter template attached.
2. Tell your donors to forward the confirmation email to Virginia Palacios at vep3@duke.edu. The subject line should have your name in it. Virginia will keep track of the donations you earn, and your name will be entered into a raffle based on the tiers listed below.

Raffle:

Raise \$100 (2 stoves) get 1 ticket

Raise \$250 (5 stoves) get 10 tickets

Grand Prize: A Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinners worth of gift certificates to Durham's best restaurants!

Thursday, March 24th, 2011

CleanCook Stove Cook-off: (mid-afternoon) Each potential cook must raise a minimum of \$250 (5 stoves) to enter into the cook-off.

Speakers: (early evening) Harry Stokes (founder and Nic School alum '74), Brady Luceno and Gulce Askin from Project Gaia will give a presentation about the CleanCook stoves project in the early

evening. The total amount WGELA fundraised will be announced at the presentation, so get your donations in by Wednesday, March 23rd.

Mixer Fundraiser: (evening) Still in the works, but we plan to reserve a place, maybe Tyler's Taproom, and charge a cover to get in or have a percentage of the profits donated to Project Gaia.

3) Latin American Political Imaginaries (LAPI)

Directed by Professor Arturo Escobar (Anthropology, UNC-Chapel Hill) and Professor Walter Mignolo (Romance Studies/Spanish, Literature, Cultural Anthropology, Duke)

Latin American Political Imaginaries (LAPI)
Events 2010-2011



Friday, March 25, 12:30 – 3:30 pm. Nelson Mandela Auditorium - Global Education Center.

Territory, Life, and Freedom in the Pacific Rainforest Region of Colombia and Ecuador. A mini-workshop on culture, ecology and politics

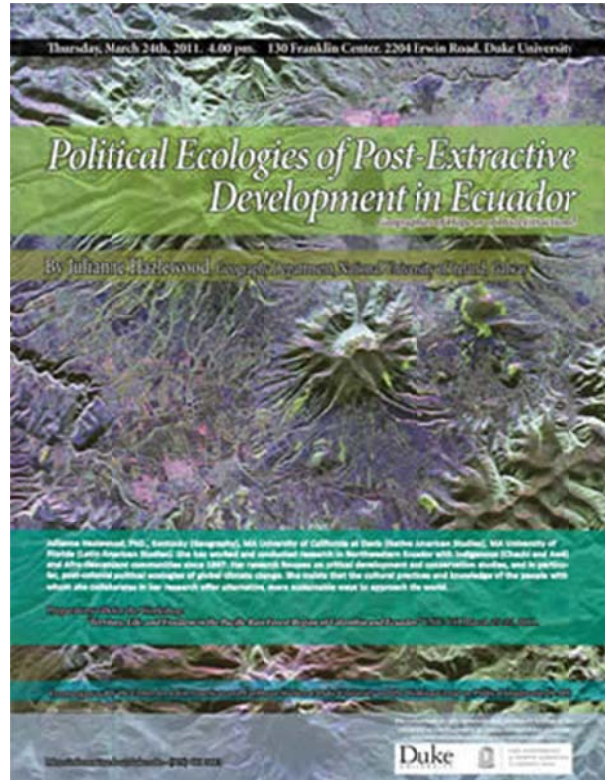
Part I: Environment, Conflict and Culture in the Pacific Region-Territory (12:30-1:45 pm)

- * Charo Mina Rojas, Process of Black Communities (Washington) and Arturo Escobar, LAPI/SMWG: Introduction
- * Libia Grueso, Goldman Environmental Award Winner (2004), Process of Black Communities, (Bogotá): Culture and Biodiversity
- * Ulrich Oslender, Global and Sociocultural Studies, FIU: Geographies of Terror and the Quest for a Counter-space
- * Carlos Rosero, Process of Black Communities (Bogotá): Politics and Ethno-Territorial Organizations
- * Juli Hazlewood, Geography, National University of Ireland (Galway): Geographies of CO₂ lonialism

* Juan García, Process of Black Communities (Quito) and Fondo Documental Afro-Andino, Universidad Andina Simon Bolívar
Catherine Walsh, Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar, Ecuador and Mellon Visiting Professor, Duke: Territory and/as Ancestry
1:45-2:00: Coffee break

Part II: Racism, Rights, and Solidarity in Colombia and the Americas (2:00-3:00 pm)

* Amanda Romero, Corporación Agencia Afrocolombiana Hileros, PCN(Bogotá): Social Policy and Ethnic Rights
* César Rodríguez Garavito, Universidad de los Andes (Bogotá): Racial Justice, Politics and Law
* Nicole Lee, President, TransAfrica Forum: FTA, Human Rights and US Foreign Policy in Colombia
* Alice Garside, Peace Brigades International: Supporting Human Rights Defenders in the Colombian Pacific
* Gimena Sánchez, WOLA: Influencing US policy on Afro-Colombian/Ecuadorian Issues
* Joseph Jordan, Director, Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, UNC / ACSN: Hemispheric Context of
American Struggles
3:00-3:30: Discussion



Thursday, March 24th, 2011. 4.00 pm. 130 John Hope Franklin Center. 2204 Erwin Road. Duke University

Political Ecologies of Post-Extractive Development in Ecuador Geographies of Hope or of Dis(ex)tractions?

The Ecuadorian people and much of the world seem to be celebrating post-extractive and “anti-imperialist” development (be it Yasuni-ITT and the recent ruling on the Chevron-Texaco case) in the Ecuadorian Amazon Region. Yet, the purpose of this talk is to ask:

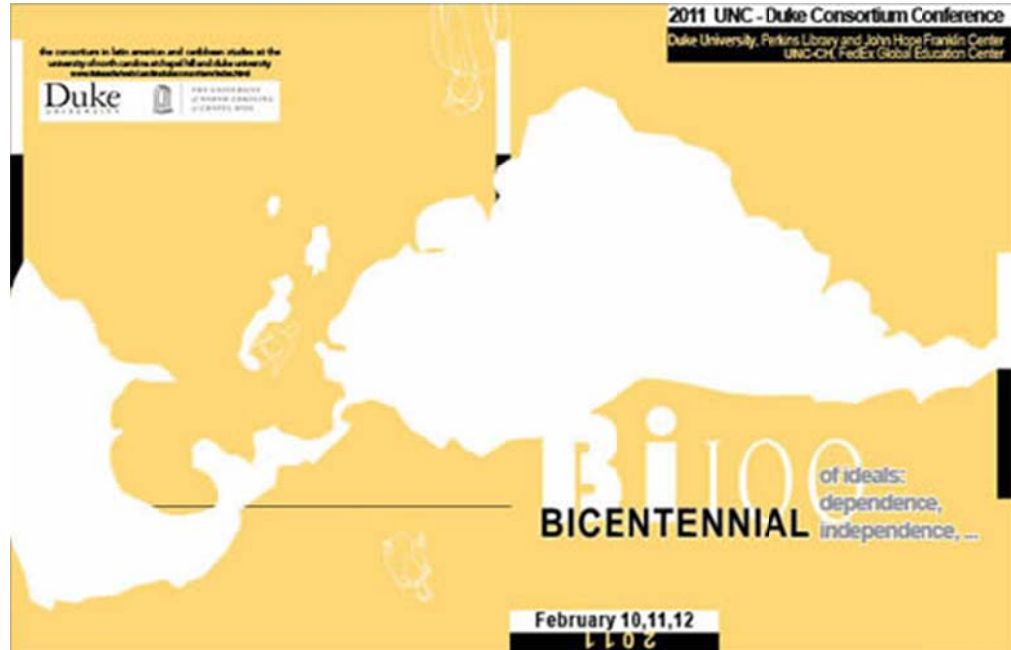
- It asks if these post-extractive actions in the Amazon are anything more than a dis(ex)traction from the ways that the world continues violent and extractive *CO2* colonial processes within the Afro-descendant and Indigenous territories of the Pacific Northwest Region.
- It underscores the agro-ecological and cultural life practices and the inter-ethnic networks through which the ancestral Northwest Pacific Region construct and sustain “geographies of hope” amid landscapes characterized by fallen forests, social conflicts, and a sea of oil palms.

By Julianne Hazlewood, Geography Department, National University of Ireland, Galway

Preparatory talk for the Workshop:

“Territory, Life, and Freedom in the Pacific Rain Forest Region of Colombia and Ecuador,” UNC-CH March 25-27, 2011.

Julianne Hazlewood. PhD., Kentucky (Geography); MA University of California at Davis (Native American Studies); MA University of Florida (Latin American Studies). She has worked and conducted research in Northwestern Ecuador with Indigenous (Chachi) and Afro-descendant communities since 1997. Her research focuses on critical development and conservation studies, and in particular on colonial political ecologies of global climate change. She insists that the cultural practices and knowledge of the people with whom she collaborates in her research offer alternative, more sustainable ways to approach the world.



February 12, 2011. Global Education Center, Room 105. 9:230am and 3:30pm
 Panels for the 2011 Consortium Conference. Bi100 of Ideas, Dependence, Independence...

Neglected Subjects and Postponed Demands: Political Imaginaries and Practices after 200 Years of Formal Independence

Session 1.

- Alvaro Reyes and Mara Kaufman, Department of Geography, UNC & Department of Cultural Anthropology, Duke
 “The emergence of a post-counterhegemonic moment in Latin America?”
- Gabriela Valdivia, Department of Geography, UNC
 “The ‘Agrarian Revolution’ and its Challenges: Hegemony, new populism and social change in the Bolivian lowlands”
- Laura Gutiérrez, Department of Anthropology, UNC
 “Thinking with categorías propias: redefining power, resistance and the State in Bolivia”
- Brenda Baletti, Department of Geography, UNC
 “Baptism by fire: emerging movements in the neoextractivist era”
- Arturo Escobar, Department of Anthropology, UNC
 “Postdevelopment and post-extractivist imaginaries”

Session 2.

- Michal Osterweil, Global Studies, UNC
 “Latin American political imaginaries go global”
- Catherine Walsh, Mellon Visiting Professor, Duke
 “Afro In/Exclusion and the Ecuadorian State: (De)Colonial Imaginaries and Struggles”
- John Chasteen, Department of History, UNC
 “From americanos españoles to americanos todos: A Semantic Shift in the Era of Independence”
- Diana Marcela Gómez, Department of Anthropology, UNC
 “Women: neglected subjects in Colombian modernity/coloniality”
- Elizabeth Mason-Deese, Department of Geography, UNC
 “Struggles over spatial imaginaries in Buenos Aires’s urban periphery”

Chair. Arturo Escobar, Department of Anthropology, UNC
Organized by the working group on Latin American Political Imaginaries

October 20, 2010. 5:00 pm. 308 Alumni Building Latin American Political Imaginaries Working Group
Department of Communications, Department of Anthropology

Indigenous Movements, Higher Education and Interculturality in Latin America

By Daniel Mato

Chair, Program on Culture, Communication, and Social Transformations,
Universidad Nacional Tres de Febrero (Buenos Aires, Argentina).

About the talk: This talk examines some significant experiences in higher education involving indigenous movements in Latin America carried out by institutions created by the movements themselves. Going beyond reductionist accounts of movements in terms of negotiations with the State, the talk focuses on educational modalities geared toward training participants in the political and organizational frameworks required by the movement organizations for their projects of social transformation.

4) Social Policy, Labor, and the Informal Sector in Latin America

Directed by Professor Evelyne Huber (Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill), Dave Brady (Sociology, Duke), Gary Gereffi (Sociology, Duke), Erik Wibbels (Political Science, Duke), Ali Stoyan (PhD student, Political Science, UNC-Chapel Hill) and Melina Altamirano (Political Science, Duke)