

Latin American History Graduate Student Conference

**“Overt and Discreet Violence: Ruptures and Continuities in Latin America and the Caribbean ”**

Columbia University  
March 5 & 6, 2010  
International Affairs Building  
420 West 118<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY

**Conference Program**

*FRIDAY*

**9:00-9:30**

◆ Registration and Breakfast  
Lobby 15<sup>th</sup> Floor IAB

◆ Panel 1

**9:30-11:00**

**1510 IAB**

**“The Paths to Overt Violence”**

**Discussant: Aldo Lauria-Santiago, Rutgers University**

**Moderator: Froylan Enciso, SUNY-Stony Brook**

- Display and Discretion: Transformations of Paramilitary Violence in the Everyday Life of a Colombian Region- Patricia Madariaga Villegas (Johns Hopkins University)
- The Question of Consent: Fort Buchanan and the Problematic of Popular Militarism in Twentieth Century Puerto Rico- Ramon Suarez (New York University)

◆ Panel 2

**9:30-11:00**

**1512 IAB**

**“Local Violence, Transnational Solidarity”**

**Discussant: José Moya, Barnard College**

**Moderator: Raquel Alicia Otheguy, SUNY-Stony Brook**

- Black Fenianism: Afro-Caribbean Interest in Violence in Ireland 1916-1923- Kevin Barry (University of Delaware)
- The Role of Republican Spain and the Spanish Civil War in Reaffirming Mexican Hispano-American Identity, 1931-1939- Matthew Skiba (University of North Carolina Wilmington)
- The Choice of a Violent Life: A Cuban Revolutionary Goes to the Spanish Civil War - Ariel Mae Lambe (Columbia University)

◆ Panel 3

11:15-12:45

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“Rituals and Memories of Violence”

**Discussant: Evan Haefeli, Columbia University**

**Moderator: Ying-Ying Chu, SUNY-Stony Brook**

- The Massacre of the Fifty-two Jesuits and its Aftermath in the Brazilian Mission- Anne McGinness (University of Notre Dame)
- What Comes After Violence: Violence, the Politics of Memory, and the Construction of Two New Museums in Latin America- Andres Estefane (State University of New York at Stony Brook)
- *Caudillos, Bandidos, and Guerrilleros*: Tropes of Nomadic Violence and State Formation- Luis Herran (New School for Social Research)

12:45-1:45

◆ Lunch

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◆ Panel 4

2:00-3:30

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“Violence and Justice”

**Discussant: Amy Chazkel, City University of New York**

**Moderator: Carolyn Arena, Columbia University**

- Pedro Vique y Manrique: Empire, Punishment, and the Sea in the Spanish Dependencies, 1578-1607- Max Deardorff (University of Notre Dame)
- A Brief Account of the Legacy of Bartolomé de Las Casas: A Historical Perspective on Contemporary State Violence against Indigenous Peoples- Dan Joyce (Princeton University)
- Bandits, Spies, Mercenaries or Traitors? The Counter-guerrilla of Manuel Domínguez and the Mexican American War (1847-1848)- Adriana Perez (City University of New York)

◆ Panel 5

3:45-5:15

1510 IAB

**“Shaping Politics: Overt Violence, Indigenous Groups and the Formation of Modern States”**

**Discussant: Eugenia Lean, Columbia University**

**Moderator: James T. Roane, Columbia University**

- War and the Production of Space: State-Sponsored Violence in the Margins of the State-  
Javier Uriarte (New York University)
- Factional Politics and Frontier Violence: Fermin Ferreira and the Blurred Boundaries of  
Law in the Río de la Plata Borderlands- Joseph Younger (Princeton University)
- Si No Hay Solución, No Hay Inti Raymi: Making Violence Visible in Cuzco, Perú-  
Amy Lasater (New York University)

◆ Panel 6

3:45-5:15

1512 IAB

**“Discourse, Gender and the Politics of the Subversive”**

**Discussant: Victoria Sanford, Lehman College-CUNY**

**Moderator: Ximena García Bustamante, New School for Social Research**

- Treatment of the ‘Subversive’ in the Context of Authoritarian regimes in Latin America:  
An Analysis of Symbolic and Physical Power and Violence - Gabriela Gonzalez  
(State University of New York at Stony Brook)
  - Subversive Mothers: State Violence and Notions of Motherhood in Argentina,  
1976-1983  
Cassia Roth (University of California Los Angeles)
- Saving Women from Culture: Violence Against Women in Guatemala- Brie Gettleon  
(New School for Social Research)

◆ Keynote Speech

5:30

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**Thomas Klubock, University of Virginia**

**“Acts of Terror: Peasants, Forests, and Political Violence in Chile”**

*SATURDAY*

◆ Panel 7

10:00-11:30

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**“Terrains of Violence: The ‘Land Problem’ and the Exploitation of Natural Resources”**

**Discussant: Alan Dye, Barnard College**

**Moderator: Kevin Young, SUNY-Stony Brook**

- Pending Business in Michoacán: Liberal Laws, Land *Reparto*, and Indigenous Communities, 1827-1902- Fernando Perez-Montesinos (Georgetown University)
- Land Displacement, National Property and Oil Expropriation in Veracruz, 1917-1938  
Julia del Palacio Langer (Columbia University)
- Greening Discourses of Power: The First and Second Green Revolutions in Colombia  
Yesenia Barragan (Columbia University)

◆ Panel 8

10:00-11:30

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**“Overt and Discreet Violence in the Institutions”**

**Discussant: Antonio Espinoza Ruiz, Virginia Commonwealth University**

**Moderator: Andre K. Deckrow, Columbia University**

- Made to Be Undocumented: Violence and Contradiction in the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986- Israel Pastrana (University of California San Diego)
- Double Helixes and Double Jeopardy? An Examination of the Growing Trend of DNA Databanks and the Effects on Racial Disparities within the Immigrant and Criminal Justice System - Julia Mendoza  
(Columbia University)
- From the Classroom to the Mountain: Schoolteachers, State Terror and War in El Salvador, 1964-1983- Robert Sierakowski (University of California Los Angeles)

◆ Panel 9

11:45-1:15

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**“Exclusion, Nationhood and the Power of Symbols”**

**Discussant: Pablo Piccato, Columbia University**

**Moderator: Hector Ivan Saenz, Columbia University**

- Shaving Heads and Preserving the Nation: Building Consensus Through Police Violence in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico- Lisa Pinley Covert (Yale University)
- Understanding the Marginalization of Pachucos in Mexico City- Romeo Guzmán  
(Columbia University)
  - “War of the Pants”: Reassessing Oaxaca’s Peasant Uprising of 1896-  
Hector Vera (New School for Social Research)

◆◆Panel 10

11:45-1:15

1510 IAB

“Empowerment, the Law and the State”

**Discussant: Nara Milanich, Barnard College**

**Moderator: Tamar Blickstein, Columbia University**

- People v. Bacilio Sanchez and People v. Ysidoro Lopez: Considering the Analytical Category of Age and Acts of Sexual Violence in the Study of Legal Systems- Carlos Zuniga-Nieto (Columbia University)
- Institutionalizing the Republic: Law Enforcement Reforms in Rio de Janeiro, 1907-1930- Martine Jean (Yale University)
- Empowering Politics: Crime, Justice, and Strategies of Authority in the Early Stages of State formation in Argentina- Rachel Lambrecht (Emory University)

◆◆Panel 11

11:45-1:15

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“Violence of Exclusion”

**Discussant: Pamela Calla, Columbia University**

**Moderator: Erika Helgen, Yale University**

- The *Delegación de Asociaciones Israelitas Argentinas* During and After the Argentine ‘Dirty War’: A Case Study in Exclusionary Violence and Institutional Complicity- Paul Katz (Harvard University)
- Christian Hebrews and Chinese Indians? Racial Categorization and the Chinese and Crypto-Jewish Trade Diasporas- Jonathan Graham (Georgetown University)
  - Racism and Xenophobia in the Mexican Town of Cananea, 1899-1931  
Christine Mathias (Yale University)

1:15-2:30

◆◆Lunch

Lobby 15<sup>th</sup> floor IAB

◆◆Roundtable: “Writing About Violence: Conceptual and Methodological Problems”

2:30-3:45

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Moderator: Thomas Rath, University of Maryland

James Green, Brown University

Rocío Magaña, Rutgers University

Pablo Piccato, Columbia University

◆Panel 12

4:00-5:30

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“Violence and the Left”

**Discussant: Sinclair Thompson, New York University**

**Moderator: Mark Rice, SUNY-Stony Brook**

- Women as perpetrators of violence: Examining Peru's Shining Path- Jessica Thompson (Fordham University)
- The “Stalingrad of the Left”: Marxist Guerrillas, Peronist Sugar Workers, and the Role of Historical Memory in Tucumán, Argentina (1966-76)- James Shrader (University of California San Diego)
- Contentious Memories: The Battle for “Los Penales”(1986)- Tamara Feinstein (University of Wisconsin – Madison)

◆Panel 13

4:00-5:30

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“Violence, Knowledge and the Spiritual”

**Discussant: Seth Fein, Yale University**

**Moderator: Michael Bustamante, Yale University**

- Atis Rezistans: Gede and the Art of Vagabondaj - Katherine Smith (University of California Los Angeles)
- Frontier Violence and Indigenous Survival: Knowledge and Strategies on Colombia's Llanos Frontier- Carwil James (The City University of New York)
- The Violence of Displacement: Rural Migrants and Elements of the Supernatural in Cali, Colombia- Alex Huezo (University of California Los Angeles)

◆Keynote Speech

5:45

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**Federico Finchelstein, New School for Social Research**

**“A Genealogy of Argentine Political Violence: from Fascism to the Concentration Camps”**