From the President…

I hope that you all are enjoying a productive spring semester! It was wonderful to see many of you in Birmingham, and to hear about all of the exciting and enriching work you are doing. We are so fortunate to have these times to come together and share our thoughts and ideas, and I know we are all eager for our next meeting in Louisville. Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to assemble another great slate of presentations, workshops, and social events for us to enjoy.

Here is a preview of some of the events we have scheduled for Louisville:

**Market Auction**
Piloted at our 2018 luncheon in Birmingham under the leadership of our president, Julia Gaffield, this fun event raises money to support graduate student travel to our LACS-SHA meetings. To participate, members need only gather small gifts or trinkets (jewelry, art, pottery, weavings) during their travels to donate to our auction, which will take place during the LACS luncheon. We are hoping to fill a few tables with treasures, so please consider contributing to this wonderful new initiative in support of our graduate students.

**Luncheon Speaker**
I am excited to announce that Dr. Peter Guardino (Department of History, University of Indiana) accepted with great enthusiasm my invitation to serve as our luncheon speaker in Louisville. You can read more about his past and current work here: https://history.indiana.edu/faculty_staff/faculty/guardino_peter.html

**Book Writers Workshop**
Building on the success of another 2018 initiative, we will hold our second-annual “Second Book” author workshop in Louisville. If you are working on a second book monograph, and are interested in participating, please send a short (250 words) abstract of your project that details the stage of the project and what you would like to workshop (chapter, grant application, book proposal) to Julia Gaffield at jgaffield@gsu.edu by August 1, 2019. To participate in the workshop, you must be a member of LACS-SHA.

**LACS Panels and Roundtables**
LACS will proudly sponsor four panels and two roundtables this year:

- “The Material and the Spiritual in the Early Modern Caribbean”
- “Family and Kinship in the Colonial Caribbean”
- “Race, Space, and Resistance in Caribbean Slave Societies”
- “Rights and Radicalism in the Caribbean Basin”
- Roundtable: "From the Revolution to the Periodo Especial to the Quincentenary of Havana: Five Decades Researching Cuba."
- Roundtable: “Revolution and Nationhood in North America and the Caribbean: Five Case Studies”

My sincere thanks to Chaz Yingling for his hard work as 2019 Program Chair.

**LACS Prizes**
We will also announce at the luncheon the winners of the Murdo J. Macleod Book Prize, the Kimberly Hanger Article Prize, the Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize, and the LACS Richmond Brown Dissertation Prize. Please consider submitting your 2018 work for these prizes by May 15, 2019. Thank you to our prize committee members (listed below) for their willingness to serve!

I wish you all a wonderful spring semester and look forward to seeing you in Louisville!

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Richmond F. Brown Dissertation Prize
Justin Wolfe (chair), Tulane University
Jesse Zarley, Macalester College
Elizabeth Manley, Xavier University of Louisiana
Tamara Spike (ex officio), University of North Georgia

Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize (graduate student paper)
John McKiernan-Gonzalez (chair), Texas State University
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For more information about LACS/SHA, its officers, prizes, and meetings, see our website at
www.tnstate.edu/lacs

LACS 2018 Prize Winners

Murdo J. Macleod Book Prize
Bianca Premo, The Enlightenment on Trial: Ordinary Litigants and Colonialism in the Spanish Empire, Oxford University Press.

The winner of the 2018 Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize for the best book published in 2017 in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, American Borderlands and Frontiers, or Atlantic World History, goes to Bianca Premo of Florida International University, for The Enlightenment on Trial: Ordinary Litigants and Colonialism in the Spanish Empire, published by Oxford University Press. The committee was deeply impressed by Premo’s substantial revision of Enlightenment scholarship that focuses on Western Europe and the careers of intellectuals. In Premo’s telling, illiterate, poor, and enslaved litigants brought suit against their superiors in the royal courts of Mexico, Peru, and Spain. In doing so, they helped shape legal practice in the Americas. The Enlightenment on Trial joins a growing body of scholarship on modernity and the Enlightenment in the Americas, and pushes it forward by offering a legal history of the era that moves beyond science and governance.

Honorable Mention: Sasha Turner, Contested Bodies: Pregnancy, Childrearing, and Slavery in Jamaica, University of Pennsylvania Press.

Kimberly Hanger Article Prize
Marc Hertzman, “Fatal Differences: Suicide, Race, and Forced Labor in the Americas,” American Historical Review.

Ambitious in scope and provocative in its conclusions, Marc Hertzman’s article ‘Fatal Differences’ offers us an original reading and macrohistorical analysis of suicide as it relates to race, racialization, and systems of coercive labor under Spanish and Portuguese colonialism in the Americas. Hertzman shows how suicide has been imbued with multiple and, at times, contradictory meanings across the Atlantic world. The act has historically functioned as a metaphor for racial difference and as a discursive mechanism that has the potential to both champion and denigrate
indigenous, black, and mixed-race historical subjects vis-à-vis white populations. Hertzman offers a creative, innovative approach to teasing out the shifting social, cultural, and historiographical meanings of suicide across the colonial Americas, offering us new clues to understanding a topic that has only begun to be analyzed and understood over the longue durée and throughout the American hemisphere.


**Richmond F. Brown Dissertation Prize**

Jesse Zarley’s, “Towards A Transandean Mapuche Politics: Ritual and Power in Chile and Argentina, 1792-1834,” University of Maryland.

This year the committee selected Jesse Zarley’s dissertation, “Towards A Transandean Mapuche Politics: Ritual and Power in Chile and Argentina, 1792-1834,” submitted to the University of Maryland, as the winner of the Richmond Brown Dissertation Prize. Zarley’s research on the Mapuche people is very impressive and original. First, this dissertation provides a complex view of the Mapuche people. The author examines the many political, cultural, and economic strategies of the Mapuche and the ways in which they both adapted and resisted Spanish colonialism. Second, the dissertation offers a different perspective on the era of the Atlantic Revolutions. Zarley turns to the history of an unconquered indigenous group and a space that transcends national borders, providing, then, a different view on concepts such as national sovereignty, borderlands, empire, and nation. His research is impressive, including extensive archival research both in Chile and Argentina. In sum, the committee was particularly impressed by how he conceptualizes indigenous history within the larger history of the transition from empire to nation; how he looks at this history from the perspective of indigenous leaders; and how he brings together both sides of the Andes.

**Honorable Mention**: Adolfo Polo y la Borda, “Cosmopolitanism, Mobility, and Royal Officials in the Making of the Spanish Empire (1580-1700),” University of Maryland.

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**LACS Call for Nominations**

Please feel free to nominate yourself or other worthy individuals (with their consent) for officer positions or for service on LACS committees. Send nominations to Tamara Spike at tamara.spike@ung.edu

**Treasurer's report**:

Treasurer Tamara Spike reports that LACS has $4,640 in assets and 60 paid members as of January 30, 2019.
Call for Submissions
2019 LACS Prizes

Murdo J. Macleod Book Prize
The 2019 Murdo J. MacLeod Book Prize will be awarded for the best book published in 2018 in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, American Borderlands and Frontiers, or Atlantic World History. Authors must be our become LACS members at the time of submission.

Deadline: May 15, 2019

Send one hard copy of the book to each of the following committee members:

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Kimberly Hanger Article Prize
The 2019 Kimberly Hanger Article Prize will be awarded for the best article appearing in 2018 in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, American Borderlands and Frontiers, or Atlantic World History. Authors must be our become LACS members at the time of submission.

Deadline: May 15, 2019

Send one electronic copy of the article to each of the four prize committee members:

Marjoleine Kars (chair), University of Maryland, Baltimore County, kars@umbc.edu

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Richmond F. Brown Dissertation Prize
The 2019 Richmond F. Brown Dissertation Prize will be awarded to the best dissertation completed and defended in 2018 in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, American Borderlands and Frontiers, or Atlantic World History. Dissertations defended at any institution in the US South and adjacent states (i.e. any state in which the SHA has held a meeting) will be considered. Authors must be our become LACS members at the time of submission.

Deadline: May 15, 2019

Submit two files to each of the committee members below: a title and one-page abstract and an electronic version of the dissertation.

Justin Wolfe (chair), Tulane University
jwolfe@tulane.edu

Jesse Zarley, Macalester College
jzarley@macalester.edu
Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize (graduate student paper)
The 2019 Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize will be awarded for the best graduate student paper presented at the Louisville Meeting of the SHA (November 2019) in the fields of Latin American, Caribbean, American Borderlands and Frontiers, or Atlantic World history. Students must be or become LACS members at the time of the meeting to be considered for the prize. Students will be asked to submit electronic versions of their papers to the committee members shortly after the 2019 meeting (the deadline will be set by the committee shortly after the meeting)

John McKiernan-Gonzalez (chair), Texas State University, jrm259@txstate.edu
CFP: 2020 Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association (LACS-SHA) // Memphis, Tennessee // November 19-22, 2020

The Latin American and Caribbean Section (LACS) of the Southern Historical Association welcomes individual paper and panel proposals for the SHA’s 86th Annual Meeting to be held in Memphis, Tennessee, November 19-22, 2020.

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 regions 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. Presenters who will need AV equipment must request them as soon as the call from SHA appears. No late requests will be honored.

Graduate students are eligible for the Ralph Lee Woodward Jr. Prize, awarded each year for the best paper presented by a graduate student in a panel organized by LACS.

Please note that the program committee may need to revise proposed panels. All panelists are required to be members of LACS before presenting. For information about membership, please visit the website at http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/ or contact Tamara Spike of the University of North Georgia: tamara.spike@ung.edu. For more information about the Southern Historical Association, visit the website: http://thesha.org.

Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2018. Complete panels are appreciated, but not required.

Submit panels and papers to: Jesse Cromwell, University of Mississippi: Cromwell@olemiss.edu
About LACS

LACS was formally established in 1998, at the SHA meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. Founded in 1934, the Southern Historical Association is the professional organization of historians of the South, but also of those in the South. In recent decades it has perhaps become more recognized as the former, but through 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. LACS was established 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. 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. 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. Richmond Brown served LACS in multiple capacities, including as President, Program Chair, and longtime newsletter editor. He was LACS’ institutional memory and de facto historian. His loss, coming too soon in 2016, remains acutely felt. In recognition of his service, LACS named the Dissertation Prize in his honor.

For more on the history of LACS, see John Britton’s piece in the September 2008 newsletter at the LACS/SHA website: http://www.tnstate.edu/lacs/
LACS Officers and Awards, 1998-2018

**President**
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Thomas Rogers, University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Charlotte, 2010)
Ben Vinson, III, Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, 2011)
Sarah Franklin, University of North Alabama (Mobile, 2012)
Robert Smale, University of Missouri, Columbia (St. Louis, 2013)
Justin Wolfe, Tulane University (Atlanta, 2014)
Peter Szok, TCU (Little Rock, 2015)
Frances Ramos, University of South Florida (St. Pete Beach, 2016)
Catherine Nolan-Ferrell, University of Texas at San Antonio (Dallas, 2017)
Tiffany Sippial, Auburn University (Birmingham, 2018)
Charlton Yingling, University of Louisville (Louisville, 2019)
Celso Castilho, Vanderbilt University (Memphis, 2020)

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<td>Franklin Knight, Johns Hopkins University</td>
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<td>Thomas F. O’Brien, University of Houston</td>
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<td>John Chasteen, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</td>
<td>“What Dance History Teaches about the Latin American Past”</td>
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<td>Susan Socolow, Emory University</td>
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<td>“Terror on Land and Sea: The Barbary Corsairs and Their Rivals, 16th to 19th Centuries”</td>
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<td>2009</td>
<td>Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr., Professor Emeritus, Tulane University</td>
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<td>“Snatching Defeat from the Jaws of Victory: How we got from the 2006 Protests to the Alabama Immigration Law”</td>
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<td>“Heroes, Martyrs, Messiahs, and Pariahs: Excavating a History of Revolutionary Cuba”</td>
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<td>Neil Foley, Southern Methodist University</td>
<td>“Anxiety, Fear, and National Identity: Anti-Immigration Politics and the Changing Face of America”</td>
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Ralph Lee Woodward, Jr. Prize Winners (Best Graduate Student Paper)

2001  Matthew Smith, University of Florida: “Race, Resistance and Revolution in Post-Occupation Haiti, 1934-46”
2002  Barry Robinson, Vanderbilt University: “Treachery in Colotlán (Mexico): The Problem of Individual Agency in Regional Insurgency, 1810-1815”
2003  Sophie Burton, Texas Christian University: “Free Blacks in Natchitoches”
2004  David Wheat, Vanderbilt University: “Black Society in Havana”
2005  Magdalena Gomez, Florida International University: “La primera campaña de vacunación contra la viruela y el impacto del establecimiento de las Juntas de Vacuna en la administración de la salud pública, en el Caribe Hispano y la Capitanía de Venezuela, a comienzos del siglo XIX”
2006  Pablo Gomez, Vanderbilt University: “Slavery and Disability in Cartagena de Indias, Nuevo Reina de Granada”
2007  Tatiana Seijas, Yale University: “Indios Chinos in Colonial Mexico’s República de Indios”
2009  Sitela Álvarez, Florida International University: “Cuban Exiles’ Rejection of Imperialist Catholicism in Key West, 1870-1895”
2010  Mark Fleszar, Georgia State University: “‘To See How Happy the Human Race Can Be’: A Colonization Experiment on Haití’s Northern Coast, 1835-1845”
2012  Elizabeth Neidenbach, College of William and Mary: "Anciennes Habitantes de Saint-Domingue: Migration and Social Networks in Testaments of Refugee Free Women of Color in New Orleans"
2013  Charlton W. Yingling, University of South Carolina: “‘Every day the risk of sedition grows’: Republicanism and Reaction in the Remaking of Race in Santo Domingo, 1791-1802”
2014  Nathan Weaver Olson, University of Minnesota: "The (Un)lettered Frontier: Power and Literacy on the Fringes of Empire"
2015  Neal D. Polhemus, University of South Carolina: "Captive Narratives and Colonial Erasures in the Caribbean and Early Modern Iberian Atlantic"
2016  Jorge Felipe Gonzalez, Michigan State University, “The Cuban Slave Trade, a Reassessment (1790-1808)"
2017  Brad Wright, Middle Tennessee State University, “Developing the ‘Ideal’ City, Finding the ‘Lost’ City: Space, Power, and Class in Urban Mexico (1960-1990)”
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Kimberly Hanger Article Prize Winners


**Richmond F. Brown Dissertation Prize** (inaugurated November 2013)


**LACS Distinguished Service Award** (inaugurated November 2012)

2012  Richmond Brown, University of Florida