Visiting Professors for 2008-2009 at LLILAS

Bringing new perspectives and regional insights to the study of Latin America is the goal of LLILAS's Visiting Professors programs. Distinguished Latin American scholars are brought to UT to teach courses or a set of classes, sharing their expertise and facilitating the exchange of ideas.

The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Annual Visiting Professorship was established as part of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Endowment and supports visiting scholars to teach at UT for one semester. Ariel Dulitzky was our Lozano Long Visiting Professor for fall 2008. He holds a law degree from the Universidad de Buenos Aires School of Law and an LL.M. from Harvard. A former professor at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and American University's Washington College of Law, Professor Dulitzky is a leading expert in the Inter-American human rights system and is currently Director of the Human Rights Clinic at the UT School of Law.

The Tinker Visiting Professor program dates back to 1973 when it was endowed by the Edward Larocque Tinker Foundation. The goal of the program has been to bring pre-eminent thinkers from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula to provide an opportunity for U.S. scholars, students, and the general public to discover the contributions made by Latin American and Iberian scholars in a broad range of disciplines. Dr. Carolina Santamaria was the fall 2008 Tinker Visiting Professor (see related story p. 48). She holds a Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from the University of Pittsburgh and an M.A. in music from Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Colombia. She has been the recipient of a Summer Fellowship from the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage, a Fulbright-Javeriana Scholarship for graduate studies, and the Rosa Sabater special award in harpsichord performance. Her research explores the history of a prominent national music in Colombia, the "bambuco," and the academic and popular discourses that surrounded its "sacralization" as the pre-eminent Colombian music in the 1930s and 1940s. Dr. Rafael Rojas was Tinker Visiting Professor for spring 2009. Dr. Rojas, a specialist in Cuban intellectual history, holds a Ph.D. in history from El Colegio de México as well as degrees from the Universidad de La Habana and UNAM in Mexico. He has published thirteen single-author books, among them Cuban Intellectual History, Cuba mexicana: Historia de una anexión, and La política de adios. Dr. Rojas is a professor at the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas (CIDE) in Mexico City.

LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors

The LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors (VRP) program allows for scholars to come to UT for shorter periods. Visiting Resource Professors are invited by UT Latin Americanist faculty members to lecture for one to two weeks in either undergraduate or graduate classes. The VRP program addresses three academic goals: to enhance the international community of scholars working on Latin American topics; to establish and strengthen contacts between Latin American institutions of higher learning and the University of Texas; and to allow Latin American scholars access to UT library collections and archives. For the 2008–2009 academic year, LLILAS welcomed the following Visiting Resource Professors:

FALL 2008

Marina Alonso Bolaños

Dr. Bolaños is an ethnologist and historian affiliated with the Fonoteca of Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH). She specializes in issues related to indigenous peoples of Mexico, including cosmology, social organization, and territory, but her particular focus has been on musical practices.

Juan de la Rivas Sanz

Dr. de la Rivas Sanz is Professor of Planning and Urban Design at the Universidad de Valladolid, Spain, where he was previously Director of the Instituto Universitario de Urbanística. He also has taught at the Universidad de Guadalajara, the Instituto de Investigaciones Estéticas of the UNAM in México City, and the Instituto Superior Politécnico José Antonio Echeverría in Cuba.

Roberto Gargarella

Dr. Gargarella is Professor of Constitutional Theory and Political Philosophy at the Universidad de Buenos Aires and at the Universidad Torcuato Di Tella. He has published extensively in English and Spanish on constitutional and democratic law and theory, with a special focus on economic and social rights.

Fernando Groisman

Dr. Groisman is a member of the Argentinean government scientific and technical council and is attached to the Universidad Nacional General Sarmiento in Buenos Aires. He has served as President of the Asociación Argentina de Especialistas de Estudios del Trabajo and is a consultant on issues related to labor market,

income distribution, and social policy.

Elizabeth Kornfeld

Dr. Kornfeld is Chile's leading human rights psychologist and Director of the Center of Ethics at the Universidad Jesuita Alberto Hurtado in Santiago. She is author and coauthor of numerous books and articles on political reconciliation and on memory therapy of victims of human rights violations. She is a recipient of LASA's Premio Martin Diskin Award.

Covadonga Meseguer

Dr. Meseguer is a Research Professor in the Department of International Studies at CIDE-Mexico. She is regarded as one of the most outstanding analysts of the cross-national diffusion of institutional and policy innovations.

Licia Valladares

Dr. Valladares is an internationally renowned Brazilian sociologist. She was a senior researcher at the IUPERJ in Río de Janeiro and currently teaches at the University of Lille, France. She has worked extensively on urban issues and is one of the leading authorities on favelas and urban informality in Brazil.

SPRING 2009

Mônica Herz

Dr. Herz is Associate Professor at the Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro. She was the Director of the Institute of International Relations from 2004–2008 and has been President of the Brazilian Association of International Relations since 2007. Her research interests include Latin American security and Brazilian foreign policy and international relations theory.

Ana Romaniuk

Ana Romaniuk is a musicologist and ethnomusicologist based at the Conservatorio Superior de Música Manuel Falla and the Conservatorio Nacional de Música de Buenos Aires. A specialist in Argentinean folk traditions of the northwestern region, she has focused her recent work on the relationship between music, popular religiosity, and social action in indigenous communities.

Eduardo Viola

Dr. Viola is a Professor at the Institute of International Relations, University of Brasília. He has published on issues of globalization and governance, democracy and democratization in South America, environmental policy in Brazil, and global and South American politics of climate change. He is a member of the Committee on Global Environmental Change of the Brazilian Academy of Science.