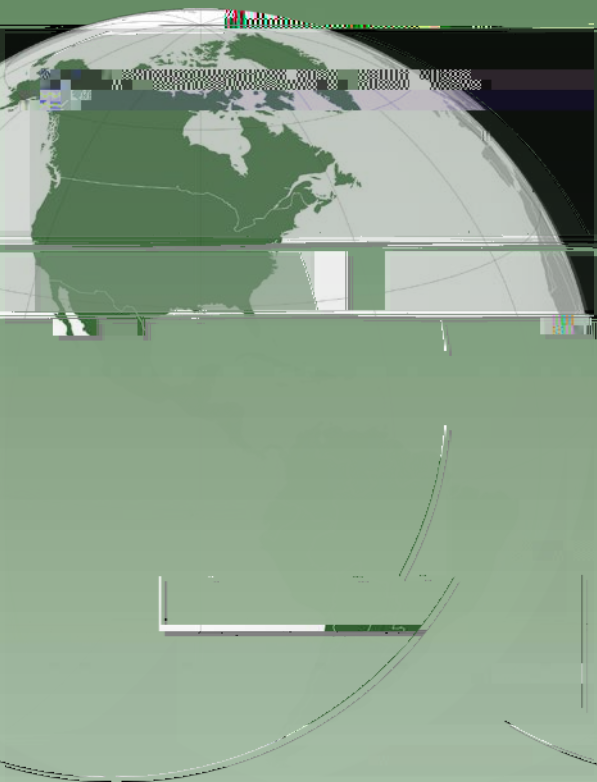


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The 19th Annual Conference on the Americas

Friday, February 5

1:00 – 1:45 pm Registration

1:45 – 3:00 pm Session 1A Room A

Moderator: Dr. Mariana Stoyanova, Georgia College & State University

Michael Lerzo, Georgia College and State University, “Examining Service Learning Opportunities in Spanish Classes”

This presentation analyzes the experiences of participants in a Service Learning program implemented at Georgia College. Upper level Spanish students assist professors in lower level Spanish classes both in hybrid and traditional settings for class credit. This position is also compared to the experiences of a Supplemental Instructor. Challenges are analyzed as well as plans for improvement and suggestions for expansion. Finally, conclusions will be made regarding the impact and benefits of the program.

Caitlin Murray, Georgia College & State University, “Pedagogical Trends and Theories in Teaching Spanish as a Second Language”

The presentation explores and contrasts firsthand experiences with current pedagogical trends and theories in teaching Spanish as a second language, with emphasis on grammar concepts, to beginner level adults with L1 English in a city library in small southern town. The class was taught twice a week for eleven weeks in the fall of 2015 as part of community enrichment program aimed to offer in demand foreign languages free of charge to the community.

Sarah David, Georgia College & State University, “Teaching Conversational Spanish”

1:45 - 3:00 pm

Session 1B

Room B

Moderator: Brantley Nicholson, Georgia College & State University

Dr. Kristin Hilslope, North Georgia College & State University

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Joseph Floyd, Georgia State University, Perimeter College
"La Sombra del Banano (The Shadow the Banana): Racism and Nationalism in Costa Rica, 1925-1935"

My paper, "La Sombra del Banano (The Shadow the Banana): Racism and Nationalism in Costa Rica, 1925-1935" examines opposition to the United Fruit Co., and restrictions on the immigration and migration of black West Indians. It describes how Costa Rican intellectuals and politicians utilized Anglo-American ideas of white supremacy and appealed to shared interests of the U.S. and Costa Rican white nations facing a "Negro problem."

3:00– 3:15 Coffee Break

3:15–4:15 pm Panel Discussion

Dr. Gary Van Valen's book "Indigenous Agency indigenous A boz (r)-17 (y)2a04 Tw 6.M (:):aa1es(n V

Saturday, February

9:00 – 10:15 am

Session 2B

Room B

Moderator: Dr. Lynn Fedeli, Kennesaw State University

Bethany Bateman, University of Georgia, Quechua: A Vibrant Language

Spoken in Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador, and small regions in Argentina, Colombia, and Chile, Quechua (or

9:00 – 10:15 am

Session2C

Room C

Moderator

10:30– 11:45 am

Session3A

Room A

10:30– 11:45 am

Session 3B

Room B

Moderator: Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Armstrong State University

Dr. Jennifer Padilla Wyse, Armstrong State University, “Knowledge: Race, Power, and Coloniality”

This paper 1) historically contextualizes institutionalized knowledge as part of the colonial capitalist world system's superstructure, 2) theoretically situates race as the social structure of white supremacy, and lastly, 3) explores racialized power relations of knowledge. In total, this lecture uses a global perspective to critically engage how race, power, and coloniality shapes contemporary social processes of knowledge (re)production.

Michael Lerzo, Georgia College and State University, “A Paradoxical Effect: Examining Identity on the Mexican American Border”

This paper analyzes the formation of identity along the Mexican American border. The author discusses a paradoxical effect of both hybridization and divergence on people and culture affected by the border. Reasons and factors for these two opposing forces are discussed and analyzed. Finally, the resulting complex identities and culture are observed and analyzed.

Ella Anastasiades, Georgia College and State University, “The Endless Battle: The Influence of Catholicism on Women in Colombian Society”

This paper observes the influence of Catholicism on women in Colombian society. It focuses on Catholicism as the foundational element to the patriarchal system that has subsisted since the Spanish conquest, and how many gendered expectations are accepted in traditional Catholic values. Over the years, women have been subject to maintaining antiquated standards of a male-dominated society at the cost of oppression and abuse, though recently small successes towards gender equality have been achieved.

10:30– 11:45 am

Session 3C

Room C

Moderator: Dr. Heather Abdelnur, Augusta University

Panel Title: U.S. and Latin America: Immigration, Intervention, & Interpretation

Discussant Leslie Dodson, Richard Stokes, Joseph Lozano, and Maggie Lee Augusta University

Ms. Leslie Dodson, "Mexican Farewells: Immigration to the U.S., 1860-1960"

This project looks into the history of Mexican migration ~~into~~ into the United States beginning in 1860 as well as United States' and Mexican policies over the years. What were the various causes that motivated so many to migrate from their homeland to cross the border into the United States? The topic has gained renewed attention due to current migrant/refugee crises worldwide.

Richard Stokes, "US/Latin America Baseball Discrimination: 1940-2000"

Discrimination has been a part of baseball since its inception and has continued after Jackie Robinson

12:00- 1:15 pm Lunch is Served MSU Banquet Room

1:30– 2:45 pm General Session MSU Banquet Room

Mr. Anisio Martins dos Santos, Conference Chair

Welcome Dr. José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Chair of Americas Council
Introduction of Keynote Address: Mr. Ernie Guyton, Georgia Perimeter College

Keynote Address: Dr. Gary Van Valen, University of West Georgia
Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of West GA
"The Value of Studying Nineteenth Century Latin America."

Closing of the 19th Annual Conference of the Americas

3:00-4:00 Americas Council Spring Meeting

Chair: Dr. José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Armstrong State University

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