ISLAC Upcoming Events

September 17, 2015. 3:30—5:30 pm
“From Blackface to Puckerface: The Ramifications of Misrepresenting the Black Female Body”
Prisca Gayles
Grace Allen Room, 4th Floor
USF Library
Open to the Public

October 7, 2015. 6:00 – 7:00 pm
“Florida Conversations, La Florida: Five Centuries of Hispanic Presence”
TECO Hall, Tampa Bay History Center
Open to the public
Register at www.tampabayhistorycenter.org/events

October 15, 2015. 3:30 – 5:00 pm
“LGTBI Issues: A Latin American Perspective, the Argentinian Case”
By Francisco Berreta, Argentinian Lawyer
Grace Allen Room, 4th Floor
USF Library
Open to the Public

November 17, 2015. 2:00 - 4:00 pm
“The Changing Dynamics of the Cuban Economy and U.S.-Cuban Relations”
Katia de Llano and Esteban Morales
Grace Allen Room, 4th Floor
USF Library

JOSE MARTI CONFERENCE
ISLAC will be co-hosting on April 15-16, 2016, with the University of Tampa a conference on the legacy of Jose Marti in Tampa. The conference will be held on both campuses and will feature a tour of the library special collections related to Jose Marti, as well as a tour of Ybor City. (For more information about this conference, please check ISLAC webpage in the upcoming weeks).

NON-ISLAC EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE!
USF HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION

For more information on our upcoming events, please visit ISLAC webpage
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LA FLORIDA: 500 YEARS OF HISPANIC PRESENCE
BY RACHEL MAY AND VIVIANA DIAZ BALSERA
THE COLOR OF LOVE
BY ELIZABETH HORDGE-FREEMAN
A Successful 2014-2015 Year

ISLAC offered a compelling lecture about Human Trafficking and Technology during Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Krista Ann Hoffman discussed how sex trafficking is a far-reaching crime that can be found in large cities, rural communities, and in suburban America. Hoffman explained that the act of selling people through force, fraud, or coercion is not new, however, with increasing technological advancements the methods and dynamics of this crime are continuously evolving.

The well-attended presentation covered ways in which technology is harnessed by traffickers to commit these crimes.
AN INTERNATIONAL TALK

Dr. Maria Izabel Mallmann visited us from Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), Brazil. PUCRS and USF are finding ways to collaborate and an inter-university agreement is in the works. Dr. Mallmann had meetings with faculty and students. Moreover, she presented a talk “World Social Forum: Another World is Possible.” Dr. Mallmann’s presentation provided an overview of the World Social Forum from 2001 until the present, stressing its historical aspects and evolution. Likewise she spoke about the role of Porto Alegre as well as the importance of the Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul in the global civil society movement. Porto Alegre is a sister city of Tampa and USF maintains different exchange programs with PUCRS, thus adding relevance to this topic for social movements, global activism, and students and faculty interested in Brazil.

Another World is Possible!

In April 20, 2015 our faculty and staff were part of the Annual Diversity Summit. The purpose of the summit was to exchange ideas about today’s global challenges. USF continues to build a vibrant system focused on leveraging its talent in academics, research and community engagement. The USF Diversity Summit is a system-wide event. Each year it explores diversity and inclusion topics that are important to both our internal and external communities through workshops, keynote speakers and other activities.
During Fall 2014 ISLAC and the U.S. Southern Command presented the international conference “Promoting International Partnerships and Collaborative Strategies to Combat and Mitigate Human Trafficking.” More than six panels featured representatives from different sectors, domestic and international NGOs, law enforcement, government — local, state, federal — as well as the military and academia. The purpose of this meeting was to facilitate a discussion between various constituencies who work on anti-trafficking efforts.

The panels laid the groundwork for a website to provide ongoing statistics, follow-up on progress regarding the fight against this crime, as well as additional resources and a list of organizations battling the problems associated with human trafficking.

Slavery was officially abolished in the United States in 1865, yet slavery persists in the United States and around the world in the form of human trafficking.

Global in nature, this multi-faceted and multi-billion dollar “industry” requires a global response aimed at its ultimate eradication.

“Slavery persists in the United States and around the world in the form of human trafficking.”
ISLAC and CLACSO Conference

The joint Conference between ISLAC, Universidad del Norte (Colombia) and CLACSO was a success. With over 100 participants from around the region, the summit provided an opportunity for ISLAC faculty and researchers to receive feedback on their research and to network.

Five USF graduate students from different departments received grants that helped to support their research in Latin America and the Caribbean. The students are Rachel M. Grabner (Anthropology) “Nowhere but North? Haitian Migration, Memory, and Mobility,” Haiti. Jennie Robinson (ISLAC) “Indigenous Rights in Argentina,” Argentina. Brandon Huson (Government and International Affairs) “Agroecology and Peasant Consciousness in Latin America,” Colombia. Meredith Main (Anthropology) “Like Watching a Brother Die: Environmental Justice in Afro-Brazil,” Brazil. Miguel Reina Ortiz (Global Health) “Effect of Timely Malaria Treatment on Gmetocytemia and Incidence Rates in Esmeraldas Province”, Ecuador.

For more information: Rachel May, ISLAC director (rmay@usf.edu) or Paula Lezama, Assistant Director (plezama@usf.edu).

SOL Committee supporting the Latino-Hispanic Community at USF!

President Judy Genshaft and the USF Status of Latinos Committee (SOL) invited ISLAC to their inaugural SOL Scholarship Reception. The activity was extremely important for the Latino Community. The USF SOL Scholarship was established this summer by the Status of Latinos Presidential Advisory Committee, where Paula Lezama (ISLAC Assistant Director) is a member, to recognize and support academically talented students who are undocumented and/or whose parents are undocumented, and for whom college access has been financially prohibitive. They recognized the first scholarship sponsors and the first scholarship recipient, USF Finance Student, Nancy Jaimes.
In May of this year, Dr. Harry Vanden, Dr. Madeleine Camara, and ISLAC director, Dr. Rachel May participated “España y América Cruzan Las Miradas,” the 1st International Workshop organized by the Aula Maria Zambrano of Transatlantic Studies. This series of meetings were organized and held at the University of Malaga to provide an interdisciplinary setting for the discussion of Euro-American Relations. Connections between Atlantic countries and the need to build bridges of cooperation and knowledge transfer were the central points for discussion.

Both universities, the University of South Florida (USF), through the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC), and the University of Malaga (UMA), expressed their high commitment to promoting research on different transatlantic issues including: the geostrategic and historical role of the Atlantic Ocean; cultural relations; political and ideological transatlantic exchanges; mutual perception between Spain and the Americas; and trade and investment between Europe and the Americas.
After the success of the Hispanic Heritage of Florida conference in 2012, the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC) has been working on the promotion of Hispanic culture in Florida. The ten-day series of events commemorated the 500th Anniversary of Ponce de Leon’s arrival in Florida, and gave rise to the recent book *La Florida: Five Hundred Years of Hispanic Presence* edited by Rachel May and Viviana Díaz Balsera. The book won the 2014 Florida Book Award Gold Medal in the category of Florida non-fiction.

The Florida Book Awards are coordinated by the Florida State University Libraries and is the nation’s most comprehensive state book awards program. It was established in 2006 to celebrate the best Florida literature.

Rachel May highlights in the book “La Florida” the significant contribution of the Hispanic roots that run deep in Florida’s past and present, and will assuredly shape its future. The book covers the first and second Spanish periods, as well as the Hispanic cultural legacy, politics, and history of modern Florida.

Richmond f. Brown, editor of *Coastal Encounters* classifies the work as a “deeply researched and sweeping across five centuries, *La Florida* is admirably multi and interdisciplinary in approach and features a truly distinguished lineup of authors. Topics range from flora and fauna to archaeology and early chronicles, to politics high and low, to literature, art, architecture, music, food and food ways, and of course to the diverse and often fascinating people who made them.”

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*See page 20 for more information*
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 GRADUATES

Miriam Anderson, Wendy Martinez and Liliana Coronado are our Summer 2015 graduates. ISLAC staff wish you a wonderful new chapter in your professional lives.

Happy Bulls Graduation and Best Wishes!

SAVE THE DATE!

From Blackface to Puckerface: The ramifications of misrepresenting the black female body

PRISCA GAYLES
MA ISLAC Alumni, Doctoral Student in Latin American Studies, UT Austin

A talk about the visual representations and cultural assumptions of black women in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Using Black feminist theory’s examination of controlling images, the author argues that the misrepresentation of the black female body relegates it to a site of injury.

September 17, 2015

LGBTI Human Rights Workshop
Global and Latin American Perspective – The Argentine Experience

FRANCISCO BERRETA
Columbia University School of Law

As we celebrate National Coming Out Day, join us to participate in a workshop that will examine the fight for equality in Argentina, one of the world’s leading nations in the fight for LGBTI Human Rights.

The workshop intends to inspire a critical dialogue by providing insight into the fight for LGBTI Human Rights, drawing lessons from the Argentinian experience.

Thursday, October 15, 2015
3:30 pm-5:30 pm
Grace Allen Room, 4th Floor USF Library
Open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.
ISLAC DEGREES

Master of Arts (M.A.) Program in Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies

♦ The Masters program in Latin American and Caribbean Studies offers an interdisciplinary approach to students with interests in academia, the private sector, government service, and international development agencies. Each student’s degree, tailored to individual needs and interests, prepares graduates for professions that require an understanding and appreciation of multicultural and Latin American and Caribbean settings.

Graduate Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies

♦ The graduate certificate program offers interdisciplinary, graduate-level study of Latin America and the Caribbean. It prepares students to undertake further graduate work as well as professional opportunities.

Graduate Certificate in Global Health and Latin American and Caribbean Studies

♦ This certificate is intended to create a unique interdisciplinary professional training experience for students interested in global health issues among Latin American and Caribbean populations. Through this graduate certificate program, students will be exposed to current challenges facing Latin America and the Caribbean and reach an understanding of the way global public health issues unfold in the region.

Undergraduate Certificate in Latin America and Caribbean Studies

♦ The Certificate of Concentration is a short-term program for students who are interested in taking a series of Latin American and Caribbean studies courses. The Certificate in Latin American and Caribbean Studies is designed for the student who wants to learn more about the region and have that knowledge formally recognized in his or her academic record.

ISLAC
The institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean is a center of excellence at the University of South Florida. The Institute embraces teaching, research and community outreach and service.

Research
ISLAC supports a broad range of disciplinary-based and interdisciplinary research in and about Latin America, the Caribbean and Latino issues in the U.S. Our affiliated faculty include scholars in political science, history, anthropology, world languages, the arts, public health and numerous other fields.

Student Success
Located in the College of Arts and Sciences, ISLAC is an academic unit offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs.

Community Engagement
In addition to public programming geared towards the larger Tampa Bay community, ISLAC provides opportunities for Latin Americanist scholars at USF and beyond to disseminate their research and artistic production within the university community.
Harry E. Vanden (Professor of Government and International Affairs and ISLAC) has been working with Gary Prevost on the book Politics of Latin America: The Power of Game. (Oxford University Press. Fifth Edition revised), 2015. He also continued to serve as editor and review manuscripts for Latin American Perspectives and Globalizations. Likewise, Dr. Vanden organized two panels tied to a book on globalized social movements, “Globalized Social Movements: Latin America the Arab Spring and Beyond” at the May 2015 LASA International Congress in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He included three USF graduate students in the panels and book proposal.

He also presented the paper, “Taking the Streets, Swarming Public Places: the 2013 Popular Protests and Social Movements in Brazil on 2013,” at LASA. He also recently presented a paper in Málaga, Spain “Relaciones Transatlánticas y Transideológicas: Estados Unidos y España Desde la República,” at the 1st International Workshop on Estudios Transatlánticos, España y America Cruzan las Miradas. (see page 6.)

Rachel May (ISLAC Director) received the gold medal for the Florida Book Award’s Florida nonfiction category (see article p.4), for the book, La Florida: 500 Years of Hispanic Heritage (U Press of Florida) that was published in late 2014. She continues to work on a co-authored book on Caribbean Revolutionary Movements, as well the Colombian peace process and Memoria Histórica in Colombia. Dr. May did several presentations in the community, including Price-Waterhouse, Shoreline Academy, and Miami University. Also, she presented papers at several academic conferences and gatherings such as LASA 2015.
**Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman**’s (Assistant Professor of Sociology and ISLAC) latest publication *The Color Of Love* reveals the power of racial hierarchies that infiltrate our most intimate relationships. Delving far deeper than previous work has into the black Brazilian experience, Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman examines the relationship between racialization and the emotional life of a family. Based on interviews and a sixteen-month ethnography of ten working-class Brazilian families, this provocative work sheds light on how families simultaneously resist and reproduce racial hierarchies. Examining race and gender, Hordge-Freeman illustrates the privileges of whiteness by revealing how those with “blacker” features often experience material and emotional hardships.


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**Bernd Reiter** (Associate Professor of Government and International Affairs and ISLAC) received the 2014 USF Status of Latinos Faculty Award. In addition, he finished his co-edited book, with Ulrich Oslander, *Bridging Scholarship and Activism: Reflections from the Frontlines of Collaborative Research.*


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**Dr. Hordge-Freeman’s Awards**

- USF New Researcher Grant.
- USF Humanities Institute Summer Grant.
- Fulbright U.S Scholar Grant (Brazil), March 2016-August 2016.
- USF WLP Junior Faculty Research Award.
- American Sociological Association (ASA), Funds for the Advancement of the Discipline.
- Ruth Landes Memorial Research Fund, Reed Foundation.
College of Arts and Sciences

Angela Stuesse’s (Assistant Professor, Anthropology) most recent co-authored publication is “Diversity Dilemmas and Opportunities: Training the Next Generation of Anthropologists,” in *the American Anthropologist*, 2015. Dr. Stuesse is working on developing an experiential learning course for fall 2016 that would include a period of domestic study abroad in Georgia on issues related to Latino immigrants in the U.S.

Nancy Romero-Daza and David Himmelgreen (Professors, Anthropology) recently completed another successful season of the Globalization and Community Health Field School in Monteverde, Costa Rica. The Field School, sponsored by the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Program, provides students from the social sciences and environmental engineering with interdisciplinary methods training and guides them in the conduct of community-based research that brings together diverse disciplines. The 2015 student cohort addressed three main topics: grey water management, small scale sustainable agriculture, and human waste management. The grey water group conducted an assessment of the grey water situation in one neighborhood to inform the work of the local water commission, and evaluated the performance of a demonstration gray water treatment system (biogarden) built by the 2014 cohort. The sustainable agriculture group assessed the functioning of three demonstration keyhole gardens and modified the system structure to adapt to the environmental conditions in a nearby town. The group built a new model that also facilitates the involvement of different generations in gardening.


Madeline Camara (Professor, World Languages) was working this year on a commissioned report for the Cuban Research Institute, “Five Notes on Alternative Thinking in Cuba/Post '59.” In addition, she was co-editor with Luís Ortega on *María Zambrano: entre el Caribe y el Mediterráneo* (Anthology). Delaware: Juan de la Cuesta, Hispanic Monograph, 2015.

Elizabeth Aranda and Elizabeth Vaquera (Professor and Associate Professor, Sociology) published an article entitled, "Racism, the Immigration Enforcement Regime, and the Implications for Racial Inequality in the Lives of Undocumented Young Adults," *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2015.

College of the Arts

Patrick Finelli (Professor, School of Theatre and Dance) has renewed his agreement with the Cayman Cultural Foundation, and continues to sponsor workshops, exchanges and performances including a touring production of Derek Walcott’s “Pantomime” that will perform at USF in October 2015, then tour to the Shakespeare in Paradise Festival in Nassau. His department is using the Holloway endowment to provide resources for the Guyanese/Caymanian director, Henry Muttoo, and a Trinidadian actor, David Bereaux. The production also features Marc Powers, Director of the School of Theatre and Dance, in a featured role.

Noel Smith (The Institute for Research in Art and Graphicstudio) had a USF World Faculty Mobility Grant for travel to Brazil. Smith has an upcoming exhibition in January-March 2016 for the USF Contemporary Art Museum entitled "Historias/Histories: Contemporary Art from Brazil." She is inviting interested faculty to collaborate with her on campus/outreach activities connected with the Brazilian community and Brazilian studies. These include film showings, meetings at the Museum, concerts, and tours of the exhibition for classes.

College of Public Health


College of Education

Barbara Cruz (Professor) has given two important presentations: “Developing Lesson Plans to Teach about Cuban and Cuban-American Art,” at Florida International University, Miami, FL. The second talk was at Oregon State University and describes the effects of propaganda in the early years of the Cuban Revolution.
ARGENTINA

is a culturally rich society full of wonders!

Michelle Dantas Rocha, Brazilian, ISLAC, MA student.

The USF Argentina Human Rights program has been an amazing experience for me. We saw several protests in the streets of Buenos Aires. The most fascinating experience was to see the youth participating in the protests demanding a better educational system.

We also had the opportunity to work with Madres and Abuelas of the Plaza de Mayo. We walked with them in the streets of Buenos Aires and we spent hours talking to them about the dictatorship in Argentina, their suffering and the lack of respect from the government and military institutions that they have experienced until today. Having the opportunity to talk to the disappeared families and hear in person their stories was amazing!

This experience has been incredible because we all lived as porteño people and we discovered the reality of their lives. We saw both the problems, and also the good things that make up this beautiful country, Argentina. We also learned about their popular culture, their cuisine, and their traditions. In the program, we also had the opportunity to take Tango classes. All in all, it was a great experience!

The USF Argentina and Human Rights program is more than I expected. In a month living there, I was impressed with how Argentina is a culturally rich, hybrid, and complex society full of wonders!

KNOW MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM!

Human Rights in Argentina focuses on various topics including human rights abuses under the military dictatorship, transitional justice in Argentina and elsewhere in Latin America, the codification of international human rights standards, and the relationships between socio-economic justice and human rights.

The course is taught in English. The program also includes visits to important human rights sites in Buenos Aires, including ESMA, various memorials, NGOs and other “sitios de memoria.”

In addition to the academic content, students are exposed to the culture and beauty of Argentina through organized weekend excursions, including an asado and gaucho show, and the Tigre river delta.
This fall, as I head north from Florida to the University of Michigan on a Knight-Wallace Journalism Fellowship, I will be nearing the end of a journey and major goal begun long ago thanks to the ISLAC program at USF. It was there at ISLAC that I started taking graduate classes on Cuban Studies while working full time as a reporter at the St. Petersburg Times (now called the Tampa Bay Times). Those classes eventually led me to take numerous trips to Cuba, where I conducted research toward a master’s thesis on Cuba, meeting with Cuban music students, professional musicians, music professors and musicologists, eventually earning a master’s degree in Latin American & Caribbean Studies from USF and ISLAC in December, 2012.

Since then, while continuing to work as a freelance journalist, I have been developing my thesis on Cuba into a book – the basis for which I was recently awarded the fellowship at U-M for the upcoming 2015-16 academic year. At U-M, I will build upon the research started at ISLAC and in Cuba to complete my book. It was ISLAC’s interdisciplinary approach that helped to greatly broaden my grasp of the complexities of Cuban history, society and culture – exposing me to classes and readings within the realms of anthropology, sociology, history, ethnomusicology, Spanish-language literature and more. I am so excited to be taking classes during the fellowship at U-M with renowned Cuban-American anthropologist Ruth Behar, whose work I read extensively while at ISLAC and quoted in my master’s thesis. ISLAC’s small and intimate program also allowed for close guidance by two influential advisors over time – first by Dr. Madeline Camara in the Department of World Languages, and then by ISLAC Director Dr. Rachel May.

In addition to helping form the foundation for my book on Cuba, my studies at ISLAC also profoundly deepened my understanding of another subject very close to my heart: immigration. After carving out immigration coverage for years as a journalist, it was my time at ISLAC taking classes on immigration in such areas as anthropology, sociology and Latin American social movements that tremendously broadened my knowledge on the topic. The experience inspired me to start a new blog at ImmigrationNewsBlog.com and to call it The Bridge – linking journalism with the social sciences, where a wealth of research on immigration long has been underway. Following the fellowship and completion of my book on Cuba, I plan to build out the blog to highlight important research on the topics of Latin America and immigration.
Joan Jacobs (Academic Program Specialist) I joined the ISLAC department in December, 2013 as an academic program specialist. From the moment I arrived I felt very welcome. We are a family and we work very well together. I find the department is just like a puzzle, different sizes and shapes but we are fit into one large group to complete the puzzle. My experience here is joyful, peaceful, loving and very much kindness. When you have great leaders in an office, it is not difficult to do the job. I am learning more and more each day about Latin American countries, culture and their people.
Rebecca Blackwell (2014 MA Student and ISLAC Graduate Assistant) Upon arrival at the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean I was honored with the responsibility of supporting Dr. Rachel May in the organization of the conference on “Promoting Collaboration and International Partnership to Combat and Mitigate Human Trafficking.” The conference was organized by USF in coordination with the U.S. Southern Command and was held in October 2014. Public servants, scholars and leading activists dedicated to combat human trafficking, both domestically and internationally, gathered during this conference to discuss the articulation of joint efforts in this complex battle against modern day slavery. Witnessing and participating in such an impactful exchange of professional experiences, acquiring knowledge on a wide range of areas from unique oratory styles to criminal justice systems and combative state plans or civil society action made me understand how relevant academic participation can be in the fight for human rights. The difficulties for the actual applicability in the international arena of preventive and combative protocols was a common concern among participants who underlined the importance of training initiatives integrating collaborative efforts across borders. Innovations in technology can make a difference, but opening up and strengthening the conversation among participating actors seems to be a pivotal step.

Yudelka Santana (2014 MA Student and ISLAC Graduate Assistant) Working for ISLAC has been a great experience! I have been able to use my background in Communications on different projects. Also, the lecture on Human Trafficking and Technology, opened for me a Pandora’s Box concerning sex trafficking in United States and how technologies have a big impact on this problematic. It was crucial to understand the importance of fighting against human trafficking not only in Florida, but around the globe. I also appreciated the different meetings with Dr. María Izabel Mallman and her talk about the importance of social movements in Latin America under the World Social Forum framework. Most recently, I have been working on the editorial design of this new volume of the ISLAC newsletter. I tried to introduce an institutional layout, coupled with a modern scheme so the readers can find great content within an eye-catching display on each page. I feel very grateful to be able to contribute to the excellent image that ISLAC has been constructing through the years. I also appreciate the opportunity and trust that Dr. Rachel May and Paula Lezama have given me to use my creativity. I enjoyed the whole process of organizing events, working on publicity and writing press releases with the collaboration of the ISLAC staff who strive every day to promote Latin American and Caribbean Studies at USF in the wider community.

Joining the ISLAC team this fall is Peruvian lawyer and scholar, Mariela Noles Cotito (2015 MA Student). As a graduate assistant, Mariela will be contributing to the work of ISLAC in general, and with the program of Afrodescendants in the Americas in particular, while earning a Master’s degree in Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies. Mariela completed her Bachelor’s degree in Law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru and her Master’s in Law at the University of Pennsylvania. Concentrating in Gender and the Law and Critical Legal Perspectives, Mariela has used her legal education to develop a career as a government consultant on gender and ethnic minorities’ rights along with her social activism. She has consulted with the Peruvian Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and more permanently with the Ministry of Women and Vulnerable Populations where she was tasked with managing the civil society mechanisms held by the Vice-Ministry of Women. In this capacity she strengthened the political presence of the Afrodescendant Women Working Group and furthered the mainstreaming of an intercultural approach within said government agency. She aims to contribute with the mission of ISLAC, add to their ongoing programs and further the Institute’s outreach with regional organizations, academic institutions and researchers in the Americas. Mariela is also very excited to find on our campus a new academic challenge that expose her to new ideas, and from which she can be continue learning and building her scholarship.
“There are more slaves in the world today than at any other time in human history,” says ISLAC Director Rachel May. “Human trafficking is intolerable and ending slavery in any form is long overdue.”
“World Social Forum”
April, 2015

“Human Trafficking and Technology”
January, 2015