



Call for Papers

“The Struggle for Democracy in Latin America”

March 29-31, 2012

University of Florida
Gainesville, FL

The 61st Annual Conference of the University of Florida’s Center for Latin American Studies will serve as the 59th Annual Meeting of SECOLAS, and will take place on the UF campus in Gainesville, Florida, Thursday, March 29 to Saturday, March 31, 2012. Featured speakers will address the conference theme. Papers and panels that address the theme (broadly conceived) are also encouraged but not required. Panel proposals are preferred but individual paper proposals will also be accepted. Papers are invited from faculty members, independent scholars and graduate students.

2012 marks the 200th anniversary of the Cádiz Constitution that made Spain and its embattled empire a constitutional monarchy and the 100th anniversary of the Sáenz Peña electoral law that brought universal adult male suffrage to Argentina, two key steps along Latin America’s tortuous road toward constitutional democracy. Although Latin America experienced what Paul Drake has called a “tsunami of democracies” from the 1970s to the 2000s, much remains to be done to strengthen and secure governments “of, by and for the people” throughout the region. Even more is required if one considers social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of democracy along with the political and institutional.

Finally, as Latin American aspirations for democracy have not been confined to south of the Rio Grande/Bravo, *la lucha* for democracy by Latin Americans and Latina/os in the United States also merits serious attention. Thus we invite panels and papers on Chicano/a and U.S. (Afro)Latino/a struggles for democracy. Papers and panels that address social and political movements as well as artistic and literary work are encouraged.

Send proposals, including a 250-word abstract for each panel and/or paper and a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) for all panelists, to the most appropriate program chair:

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