



Society and Politics in
Contemporary Central America
CLACS Summer Teacher Institute

July 10-12, 2019
University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee
Heftner Conference Center (3271 N Lake Dr.)

July 10: Post-Civil War Nicaragua and El Salvador

8:30 *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 *Welcome and Introductions*

- Natasha Borges Sugiyama, Director, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, UW-Milwaukee
- Seth Meisel, Associate Dean, School of Professional Studies, Northwestern University

9:30 *Urbanization and Ecological Crisis in Nicaragua*

- Douglas Haynes, Associate Professor of English, University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh
 - Douglas Haynes. “Prologue” and “Chapter One” of *Every Day We Live Is the Future: Surviving in a City of Disasters* (2017)
 - *Palabras mágicas* (2010)

11:30 Lunch

Afternoon sessions are held in Lubar Hall, room N130.

12:15 *The Challenge of Democracy in Central America* (videoconference)

- Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera, former President of Costa Rica (2014-18) and Visiting Distinguished Professor of Latin American Studies, Kimberly Green Latin American and Caribbean Center, Florida International University

1:15 *Politics in Post-Civil War El Salvador*

- Ellen Moodie, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois

- 2:30 Break
- 2:45 *Civil Society in Contemporary El Salvador*
 - Ellen Moodie
- 4:00 *Voices from Central America: A Conversation with Jorge Argueta*
(videoconference)
 - Jorge Argueta, Salvadoran poet and children’s book author, founder “La biblioteca de los sueños” <https://bibliotecadelossuenos.org/>
- 4:45 Closing Remarks

July 11: Politics and Society in El Salvador and Panama

- 8:30 *Continental Breakfast*
- 9:00 *Perspectives on the 2019 El Salvador Presidential Election*
 - Tim Muth, editor, El Salvador Perspectives
<http://www.elsalvadorperspectives.com>
 - James Winship, Professor of Social Work, emeritus, University of Wisconsin – Whitewater
 - Lauren Markham, Independent Journalist
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 *Invasion: Operation "Just Cause" and Urban Refugees in Panama City, Panama, 1989-Present*
 - Aims McGuinness, Associate Professor of History, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 *Unaccompanied minors and migrant narratives*
 - Lauren Markham, Independent Journalist
 - Lauren Markham, “Prologue” *Far Away Brothers* (2017)
- 4:00 Closing Remarks
- 5:30 [optional] Dinner at El Salvador Restaurant
2316 South 6th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215

July 12: Guatemala and Teaching Resources

8:30 *Continental Breakfast*

9:00 *Maya History in the Guatemalan (and World) Context*

- David Carey, Jr., Professor of History, Loyola University of Maryland
 - David Carey Jr. “The Historical Maya and Maya Histories: Recent Trends and New Approaches to Reconstructing Indigenous Pasts in Guatemala.” *History Compass* 9, no. 9 (2011): 701-19.

10:30 Break

10:45 *Teaching Central America*

- Laura Matthew, Associate Professor of History, Marquette University

12:00 Lunch

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12:45 *Voices from Central America: a conversation with Arnulfo Simón*
(videoconference)

- Arnulfo Simón, Kaqchikel Maya linguist

1:30 *Central American Immigration, U.S. Complicity, and Asylum*

- David Carey, Jr.
 - “An Open Letter to President Donald J. Trump and the Government of the United States of America.” By Irma. A. Velásquez Nimatuj. [An Open Letter to President Donald J. Trump](#)

2:45 *CLACS Resources for Teaching about Contemporary Central America*

- Aimee Orndorf, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, UW-Milwaukee

3:30 Final remarks

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