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*Luis Cosenza*

If you have had the opportunity to browse the Kellogg Institute calendar of events for the fall or spring semester, you might notice that some very prominent Central Americans have been visiting the campus this academic year. Not the least of these is **Luis Cosenza-Jimenez**, former Executive Director for Central America and Belize in the Board of Directors at the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). Cosenza, a graduate of Notre Dame, has returned to the campus as a Visiting Fellow with the Kellogg Institute in order to reflect on what has been, so far, a very interesting and successful career.

After graduating from Notre Dame with his PhD in electrical engineering, Cosenza began a career with the IADB in Costa Rica. He spent eight years working with the Bank supervising projects in Costa Rica and then preparing projects at the headquarters in Washington, DC. In 1989 he joined the World Bank and began working on projects in both Africa and Latin America. He worked with the World Bank advising countries on electricity and power projects until 1997.

After sixteen years working for multilateral institutions, Cosenza decided he wanted to return to his roots to contribute something to his own country, Honduras. "Through an accident of fate or the hand of God," says Cosenza, he was asked by an acquaintance, the former president of the Central Bank of Honduras, to join the Board of Directors of an Education Foundation that he had created in memory of his son. That acquaintance, Ricardo Maduro Joest, later decided to run for the presidency of Honduras and asked Cosenza to run his political campaign.

While it was quite an adjustment to move from working with the World Bank to running a presidential campaign, it was even more of an adjustment when Cosenza found himself on the primary ballot for the presidency in place of Maduro. In an attempt to prevent Maduro from running in the election, Maduro's opponents sought to have him disqualified by claiming he was not truly a Honduran citizen ("not Honduran by birth," as he was born in Panama to a Honduran woman by birth.) As a result, Cosenza ran in place of Maduro and won the nomination with 83% of the vote. At the party convention, Cosenza later declined the nomination and Maduro was chosen.

Although the election may seem complicated, Cosenza claims that "The election was easy; running the country was the difficult part." During Maduro's presidency, 2002–2006, Cosenza served as the Minister of the presidency. Cosenza speaks of many trials and successes of that time period. One of the biggest challenges for the presidency was to bring the financial situation of Honduras under control. During those four years, the Maduro

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome back to the Spring semester and a larger than usual schedule of events, lectures and opportunities related to Latin America on the Notre Dame campus!

This semester we have perhaps the fullest schedule in recent memory both inside and outside the Kellogg Institute. February will bring two major cultural celebrations: *Brazilian Carnaval* on the 9th and "*Peru Week*" beginning the 20th. This latter event will include an evening of Andean food, dance, and hosted movie event. Graduate students Lourdes Hurtado and Susy Sanchez from Lima are helping organize this.

I would like to draw special attention to the varied opportunities for Student Research that are available through LASP and the Kellogg Institute. The bottom line is that there is money available for enterprising undergraduates to explore a very wide range of activities, from traditional research to educational travel, service, and related experiences. In addition, the College of Arts and Letters has funds for student research (the UROP grants) and a range of travel and experiential activities (the "Learning Outside the Classroom" grants). I'd encourage Faculty to push your students toward some of these research opportunities, and I encourage students to be adventurous and embrace work that will take you outside of classroom boxes and deeper into your interests, whether those are related to business or culture, history, literature or politics, in Latin America. Finally, both students and faculty should remember the Kennedy Prize for the best essay by a senior on Latin America. Submit your papers by April 2nd!

Best wishes for a wonderful semester,  
*Ted Beatty*

**M**ole of seven different kinds (or more!), chicken tamales for breakfast, tacos al pastor on every street corner, quesadillas made with *quesillo*, *nopal*, my host mom's *atole* made with oatmeal, *nieves* of every flavor, my favorite being the tuna. How could the pale imitation of Argentinian beef and the strange assortment of things that they call salads in Chile even compare with the food that I ate while living and working in Oaxaca, Mexico on a Kellogg fellowship this past summer? I wondered this many times my first few weeks in Santiago, Chile this fall when I arrived there to study abroad just a week after leaving my beloved Oaxaca. As time went on, however, I learned that Chile has its own specialties. For example, my host mom Leonor makes the best *mote con huesillos* that I have found in Santiago and her *cazuela* made with squash is the next best thing to Mom's beef stew. In every metro station you can find delightfully cheap bags of homemade *cuchufli*s, but I only buy them if they are covered with chocolate. There are places that you can buy empanadas of three dozen different flavors, although the traditional *piño* ones do make me think of the meat and potato pasties we make at home. What they call *gelato* isn't like it is in Europe nor is it as cheap

as the *nieves* of Oaxaca, but it is worth paying for three flavors because there are so many good choices. I haven't fallen in love with the loaded hot dogs they call *completos*, but in time I did come around to enjoying the unique mezcla of food in Chile. After all, I never ate the *chapulines* in Oaxaca and that's what they're famous for.

Maybe in the end I came around to loving Chile itself and that changed my mind!

### La Comida y Yo en México y Chile

by Libby Hasse  
Anthropology Major



Hasse received an ELA Fellowship to fund her work with ProWorld in Oaxaca.

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## Central America and Mexico at Notre Dame

The spring semester will offer students a variety of opportunities to learn more about Central America and Mexico. The speakers below will not only address university audiences through general presentations but will also attend events specifically for students of the Latin American Studies Program. Students interested in attending the dinners or breakfast listed below should contact Holly Rivers at [hrrivers@nd.edu](mailto:hrrivers@nd.edu) as soon as possible.

### Democracy in Central America Roundtable

**Arturo Cruz** (Nicaragua), Ambassador to the US and professor at INCAE Business School

**Constantino Urcuyo** (Costa Rica), former Congressman and professor of political science

Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
February 27, 4:00pm

*Student dinner with panel members*  
February 28, 6:30pm

### Central American Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA) Roundtable

**Alberto Trejos** (Costa Rica), former Minister of Foreign Trade and currently professor of economics at INCAE Business School

**Norman Garcia Paz** (Honduras), former Minister of Trade and Commerce and former Ambassador to the US

Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
March 28, 4:00pm

*Student breakfast with panel members*  
March 29, 9:00am

### Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas

*former governor of Michoacán, Mexico; former Head of Government of the Federal District; and a founder of the Partido de la Revolución Democrática (PRD)*

Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
April 19, 6:30pm

*Student dinner with Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas*  
April 20, 6:30pm



For the second year, the University will host an International Career Workshop in the Hesburgh Center. On **Saturday, February 10**, graduate and undergraduate students interested in pursuing careers in international fields will have the opportunity to learn from those already in the field. Representatives from the State Department, World Education and Development Fund, Catholic Relief Services and the Inter-American Development Bank are among the many who will be speaking at the workshop this year. Breakout sessions will last 30 minutes and students will have the opportunity to talk informally with speakers during a provided lunch at 12:30pm. Other topics included in the workshop will

be international human rights, finding a job with an NGO and international business. Registration is free and students can register at <http://kellogg.nd.edu/student/intlapp.shtml>. A full listing of sessions for the workshop can be found at <http://kellogg.nd.edu/student/intlcareer.shtml>. The workshop is sponsored by the Career Center, the Center for Social Concerns, the College of Arts and Letters, International Study Programs, the Kellogg Institute, the Kroc Institute, and the Latin American Studies Program.

# Latin American Events on Campus

## CULTURAL EVENTS

**BRAZILIAN CARNAVAL**, South Dining Hall  
February 9, 8:00 pm

**PERU WEEK**  
Great Hall - Hesburgh Center  
February 20, 6:30pm

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## OTHER EVENTS

**INTERNATIONAL CAREER WORKSHOP**  
Hesburgh Center for International Studies  
February 10, 8:45am - 2:30pm

**SENIOR PRESENTATIONS NIGHT**  
Hesburgh Center for International Studies  
April 16, 7:00pm

**SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY AND RECEPTION**  
Hesburgh Auditorium  
May 18, 5:00 pm  
Awards Ceremony will begin at 5:30pm

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## ACADEMIC EVENTS

**John French**, Duke University and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow  
*Brazil's President as Working Class Raposa (fox): Understanding Lula as Politician*  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
January 23, 12:30pm

**Cecilia Martinez-Gallardo**, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow  
*"The Use of Appointment Strategies in Presidentialism"*  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
January 25, 4:15pm

**Sabine MacCormack**, Depts. of History and Classics and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow  
*"The Worlds of José de Acosta (1540-1600)"*  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
February 1, 4:15pm

**Alejandro Poiré**, Harvard University  
*"Does Public Funding of Political Parties Improve Governance? Evidence from Mexico's States"*  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
February 6, 12:30pm

**Karen Richman**, Institute for Latino Studies and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow  
*"'Call Us Vote People': Transnational Political Yearnings of Haitian and Mexican Immigrants"*  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
February 13, 12:30pm

**Jaime Ros**, Dept. of Economics and Kellogg Institute Faculty Fellow  
*"Mexico's Growth Slow-down Since 1982"*  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
February 20, 12:30pm

## Roundtable

**DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL AMERICA**  
Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
February 27, 4:00pm

**Daniel Levine**, University of Michigan and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
March 6, 12:30pm

**Ricardo Hausmann**, Harvard University  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
March 22, 4:15pm

**Roundtable**

**CENTRAL AMERICAN FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (CAFTA)**  
Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
March 28, 4:00pm

**Steven Levitsky**, Harvard University  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
March 29, 4:15pm

**Romero Lecture**

**Judge Victoria Marina de Aviles**  
*El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary*  
Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
March 29, 8:00pm

**Eduardo Posada-Carbo**, St. Antony's College, Oxford and Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow  
C-103 Hesburgh Center  
April 10, 12:30pm

Roundtable Discussion with Advisory Board Members  
Hesburgh Center  
April 12, 4:30pm

**CUAUHTÉMOC CÁRDENAS**, *former governor of Michoacán, Mexico; former Head of Government of the Federal District; and a founder of the Partido de la Revolución Democrática (PRD)*  
Auditorium Hesburgh Center  
April 19, 6:00pm

*For more information about Kellogg Institute events see  
<http://kellogg.nd.edu/event.shtml>.*

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

### ***Annual LASP Presentation Night***

To recognize the hard work of seniors who have researched Latin America, the Latin American Studies Program will host its annual Latin America Senior Presentation Night on **Monday, April 16 at 7pm in the Hesburgh Center**. Seniors desiring to share their work with others will speak about their research and answer questions. This event is a great opportunity for underclassmen to gain ideas about research projects and to get advice from seniors. A reception will follow the presentations.



# Integrating Passion, Education and Service

This summer, I traveled to La Victoria, Dominican Republic for a month-long stay in which I conducted independent research. My previous experiences in La Victoria had convinced me that a small clinic run by the Sisters of Schoenstatt and staffed by American missionaries from Nativity Catholic Parish in Brandon, Florida provided better health care services to those in the town in comparison with the public hospital, run by the Dominican government.

I left the United States ready to work in the two facilities, interview patients and their families, and observe medical procedures. However, one week prior to my departure, the Catholic clinic I hoped to study was closed because of threats of violence stemming from a local, rioting group demanding that American missionaries provide free health-care. The missionaries were concerned that the group was seeking control of the clinic solely for the management of the American dollars regularly donated to the clinic. For almost three weeks, the situation was hostile and donated money and supplies sat in a locked building in an empty clinic.

One block south was the other facility I had wished to study. Throughout the political fiasco at the missionary clinic, this public hospital continued to see hundreds of patients. Despite the fact that there was one thermometer, one blood pressure cuff, no air conditioning, no plumbing, and no water or electricity half the time, it still functioned. Dominican doctors had found ways to help patients at

the small hospital without “creature” comforts such as air conditioning, scrubs, syringes and even x-ray machines provided by American missionaries.



*Scarola in the Dominican Republic*

I hoped to use my information to benefit those I worked with and observed. Although my research showed that the public hospital provided better services than the missionary clinic, what most surprised me was that neither facility offered medical education courses to those in the town of La Victoria. Upon my return to the US, I forwarded my research paper to the Board of Trustees at Nativity Parish, the Sisters of Schoenstatt, the public Dominican hospital and a non-profit, Seeds of Hope for La Victoria. My goal was to increase awareness among American missionaries and Dominican doctors about the lack of health care education provided in the town and the quality of health care provided by the public clinic. I am happy to say this information is being used to improve the way in which health care is delivered in the area. There

are now American groups departing for La Victoria with the goals of bringing health education to the town. My research is being used by a group of nursing students and professors from the University of Virginia, who this March will be administering health care education courses to Dominican nurses.

My experience was invaluable; not only was I able to complete independent research, an experience many undergraduate students are not offered, I was able to learn medical tasks that I would not have been able to learn in the United States: stitching open wounds, removing stitches, changing catheters and giving vaccinations. I witnessed surgeries,



*Public Clinic*

miscarriages and was the first to attend to a woman having a heart attack in a hospital where triage was nonexistent. The experience left me with results that astounded me and have forever changed my perceptions of how best to deliver healthcare to the third world. The Kellogg Institute provided me with the perfect way in which to integrate my passion (providing health care in Latin America) with my majors of study, (pre-professional, Spanish and Latin American Studies).

*Scarola received an ELA Fellowship to fund this project.*

# A FILL OF PATIENCE FOR PHIL

Over the past summer, I spent five weeks volunteering at a health clinic in the town of Lamay in southern Peru. The clinic was disproportionately small to the overwhelming area which it served. In Peru the elderly, pregnant women, infants, children, and the indigenous are all entitled to medical care from the Ministry of Health. To address the overwhelming indigenous population in the Lamay area, a new building was being constructed a few blocks away to house the crowded clinic.

I arrived at work at the existing clinic the first few mornings slightly unsure as to with whom I should check-in. I smiled at curious babies, greeted impatient mothers, and exchanged pleasantries with overworked nurses. As everyone started their days, there was always a funny twenty minutes where uncertainty ruled for me.

I began to realize that waiting was as much a part of life in the Sacred Valley region of Peru as breathing. This unstructured time was not inconsistent with the pace of the region on the whole. I soon got used to the funny (sometimes awkward) twenty minutes, filling them by rocking babies and entertaining coughing children.

Frequently, one particular patron of the clinic would enter and silently seek out a specific physician's assistant, Nixon. The patient's name was Phil. He was elderly, unkempt, and always trailed by his beautiful yellow lab. Phil could not speak or hear. He relied entirely on a set of hand motions and mutual understandings. The nurses, busy enough with a full waiting area and short staff, necessarily referred Phil to Nixon and shooed the yellow lab back to the street. Nixon introduced me to Phil and thus ended the uncertainty of my arrivals.

Each morning, Phil presented with a new ailment. I started to decode him slowly. Nixon had already created proper hand motions to identify at what point in the night Phil's ailment had begun and what degree of discomfort he was experiencing. For a few days, the sound of Phil's cough alone indicated that he had

bronchitis. Nixon and I did our best using hand motions and a calendar visual to remind Phil that he had to return for the next two days for the second and third doses of the antibiotic injection. Sure enough, Phil returned.

Some days, it was clear that Phil was not sick at all. He was just lonely, and the clinic was a sure place to find a few friendly people. Alternately, Nixon and I treated Phil on these days by sitting outside for a little while and petting the dog with him.



*Nixon and Phil at the clinic in Lamay, Peru*

Observing Nixon's patience with Phil was one of the most important aspects of my learning experience at the clinic. The operating rooms were poorly equipped, and the practices were out-dated. The priority of compassion in patient care, however, was perfectly articulated. Despite his inability to pay for necessary treatments, Phil was a patient at the clinic and was always treated as such.

**Patricia Hughes** is an English and Arts and Letters Pre-professional major. She was a recipient of an ELA Fellowship for summer 2006.

## Experiencing Latin America Fellowships - Opportunities

Libby Hasse, Patricia Hughes, and Elizabeth Scarola all received ELA Fellowships to pursue their interests in a hands-on experience in Latin America. The experiences have enhanced their studies of Latin America and all three have continued those studies since they have completed their summer projects. More can be read about their projects at <http://kellogg.nd.edu/students/lasp/fellowships/elarec.shtml>. ELA Fellowships are available to freshmen and sophomores who wish to pursue the Latin American Studies minor and who would like to engage in research or another project in Latin America that could not be accomplished on campus. The Latin American Studies Program and the Kellogg Institute offer up to \$4000 per project. For more information, see <http://kellogg.nd.edu/students/lasp/fellowships/ela.shtml>.

*An information meeting including former ELA recipients will be held on Monday, January 29 at 6:00pm in C-103 of the Hesburgh Center. All are welcome to attend.*

# SENIOR AWARDS

CEREMONY & RECEPTION

*Friday, May 18*

*Students graduating with the Latin American Studies minor along with other graduating seniors of the Kellogg Institute's programs will be honored on Friday, May 18 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. A reception will begin at 5pm followed by an awards ceremony at 5:30pm. Faculty, staff, students and parents are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of our minors.*



*LASP Senior Reception*

**Luis Cosenza...***Continued from page 1*

Administration eliminated loopholes in the tax laws, gained debt relief for the country, and negotiated Honduras's role in the Central American Free Trade Agreement. By the end of those four years, Cosenza states that they were able to "set the basis for the country to begin growing and begin development." In fact, Cosenza notes that Honduras has had economic growth every year since 2002.

Other changes under the presidency included the elimination of immunity for congressmen and high-ranking government officers, and the lengthening of terms for Supreme Court justices that allowed appointments to be less political. During this time the first woman was made president of the court and nine of the fifteen justices were women. The government also expanded the school lunch program that now ensures over 1,000,000 Honduran school children receive a free lunch.

When Maduro's term ended, Cosenza became the executive director for Central America and Belize in the Board of Directors at the IADB. In fall 2006 Cosenza was selected to be a Visiting Fellow with the Kellogg Institute. Cosenza states that he wanted this opportunity to allow him time to reflect on what worked and did not work during the presidency.

Formally, Cosenza returned to Notre Dame to research economic reforms undertaken in Honduras over the past two decades and compare them to those outlined in the Washington Consensus. His research, however, has not prevented him from sharing his experience and knowledge with students and faculty of Notre Dame. During the fall semester former president Maduro visited campus, and he and Cosenza took the time to speak with students, faculty and staff about Honduras and the Maduro presidency. This semester Cosenza will speak at the International Career Workshop on February 10 to share advice with students who would like to work for multilateral institutions. He is also teaching a class on Politics and Development in Central America for the Political Science Department.

The Kellogg Institute will host two roundtables on Central America this semester because of Cosenza's help. Those events on "Democracy in Central America" and the "Central American Free Trade Agreement" will include former colleagues and acquaintances of Cosenza including Arturo Cruz, Nicaraguan, recently chosen to be the new Ambassador to the US, Alberto Trejos, former Costa Rican Minister of Foreign Trade, and Norman Garcia, former Honduran Minister of Trade and Commerce. (See details on page 3.)

Notre Dame has certainly benefited from Cosenza's visit, and he has enjoyed being on campus. Cosenza stated that returning to Notre Dame feels much like returning home. "It is a place I love." He added that it has an extra benefit in that it is also the place where he met his wife forty years ago.





## 2007 DEADLINES FOR AWARDS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

Kellogg Dissertation Year Fellowships - Tuesday, February 20  
 PhD Supplemental Awards - Friday, February 23  
 Graduate Seed Money - Monday, February 26  
 Quechua Fellowships - Friday, March 9

*For more information about Kellogg grants and fellowships, see <http://kellogg.nd.edu/students/grad/grants/index.shtml>.*

Also see

Graduate School - <http://graduateschool.nd.edu/html/financial.support/>  
 Nanovic Institute - <http://www.nd.edu/~nanovic/programs/index.html>

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### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Kellogg Internship Program - Friday, February 23  
 Kellogg/Kroc Research Grants Competition - Friday, March 2  
 ELA (Experiencing Latin America) Fellowships - Friday, March 2  
 Quechua Fellowships - Friday, March 9  
 Considine Award - Monday, March 26  
 Monteiro Prize - Monday, April 2  
 Kennedy Prize - Monday, April 2  
 International Scholars Program - Thursday, April 5

Also see

Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts - <http://isla.nd.edu/undergraduate-research/about/>  
 Nanovic Institute - <http://www.nd.edu/~nanovic/programs/index.html>  
 Office of International Studies - <http://www.nd.edu/~sumlang/>

*Students interested in pursuing international internships not funded by the University should see <http://kellogg.nd.edu/students/internres.shtml>.*

### **John J. Kennedy Prize for the Best Essay on Latin America**

Each year, LASP awards the John J. Kennedy Prize for the best senior essay on Latin America. The award is named after a Notre Dame Political Science Department professor who did much to develop Latin American studies on this campus. It carries a monetary value of \$300 and recognizes the recipient's high quality work at Notre Dame. To qualify for this competition, papers must be submitted to the director of LASP. A faculty committee will review the essays and make the award. Winners will be recognized in the graduation program and during Senior Week ceremonies. For more information, see <http://kellogg.nd.edu/students/lasp/awards/kennedy.shtml>.

### **The George Monteiro Prize**

As part of a grant awarded to Isabel Ferreira Gould, assistant professor of Portuguese and Brazilian studies at the University of Notre Dame, the Program in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies and the Kellogg Institute will award The George Monteiro Prize for the best two essays, written in Portuguese by undergraduate students on a subject related to the Lusophone world. Each award carries a monetary value of \$500 and the recipients are recognized at the Kellogg Senior Awards Ceremony and at the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures Reception during Commencement week. The grant was provided by the Luso-American Development Foundation (FLAD). For more information, see <http://kellogg.nd.edu/students/lasp/awards/monteiro.shtml>.

The Kellogg Institute for International Studies  
Presents the  
9<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration  
of Brazilian  
**Carnaval!**

Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2007 — 8pm  
South Dining Hall

Featuring  and Dancers in Brazilian Carnival Costumes!

Admission is **FREE** and open to the public!

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