VII Annual Tulane Undergraduate Conference on Latin America (TUCLA)
Saturday Nov. 21, 2009
Jones Hall 102 and 108

- Session I 9:00-10:45 –

**EXCHANGE (JONES 102)**

**Contact High: Cultural Perspectives on the Global, the Local and the Spaces In-Between**
Jessie Hawkins, “Gringo Shaman: The Commercialization of Shamanism in Peru”
Ashley Coleman, “*Puff Daddy les ofrece un million y le dijen que no*: Reggaeton as Resistance to U.S. Political and Cultural Hegemony”
Lana Butner, “Grey Area: The Façade of Racial Homogeneity in Costa Rica”
Aaron Feingold, “Breaking the Habitus: Mizik Rasin and Haitian Grassroots Agency”
*Discussant: Mauro Porto, Department of Communication, Tulane University*

**NATION (JONES 108)**

**Democracy as a Work in Progress: Rethinking Representation in Latin America**
Michael Murray, “Corruption: The Myth and Mystery of the Chilean Exception”
Ashley Rhodes, “The 2009 Democratic Disruption in Honduras: Delegative Democracy or Dangerous Precedent?”
Allison Bakamjian, “Chile’s ‘Penguin Revolution’: Student Responses to Incomplete Democracy”
*Discussant: Raúl A. Sánchez Urribarrí, Department of Political Science, Tulane University*
- Session II 11:00-12:30 -

IDENTITY (JONES 102)

Beyond Tolerance: Gender, Sexuality and Power in Latin American Society
Annie Robinson, “Transvestite Visibility in Buenos Aires: Progressive Port or Machista Metropolis”
Kelsey Torres, “Larger than Life: Honor and Shame in the Argentine Tango”
Discussant: Elizabeth Manley, Department of History, Xavier University

ENCOUNTER (JONES 108)

Entre lo público y lo privado: Recent Trends in Environmental and Economic Policy
Annalisa Cravens, "The Mexican Environmental Condition: Policy Enforcement, Industry and Infrastructure."
John Coffee, “The Role of the State in the Creation and Growth of Brazilian Ethanol Production”
Discussant: Scott Pentzer, Honors Department, Tulane University

- Session III 1:15-2:30 -

CREATIVITY (JONES 102)

Knowledge and Other Dangerous Things: The Politics of Literacy in Contemporary Latin America
Meredith Soniat du Fossat, “Literary Production during Cuba’s Special Period.”
Lauren Elliot, “The Word is our Weapon: Reading the Zapatistas through Paulo Freire and bell hooks”
Christine Sweeney, “Politics to Pupils: The Role of Government in the Argentine Classroom”
Discussant: Rebecca Atencio, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Tulane University

WELFARE (JONES 108)

Cultural Prescriptions: State Responsibility in Health Care and Human Rights
Amy Brown, “Milagro o Muerte: The Fate of Pregnant Women in Rural Peru”
Phillippa Chadd, “Morality in the Way of Care: The State Response to HIV/AIDS in Argentina”
Discussant: Laura Murphy, School of Public Health, Tulane University