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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear SLAS Member,

Elizabeth Allen

DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE, NUMBER 71,

The last date will be midday on 12th December 2001.

Material and contributions: Please send material for inclusion to the Editor, care of Karen Hegyi, who is available to give information or to receive *SLAS Newsletter* copy on Monday and Thursday (all day) and Friday mornings, at the Centre for Latin American Research, Department of Geography and Topographic Science, University of Glasgow, G12 8QQ, Tel: 0141 339 8855 ext. 0935 Email: khegyi@geog.gla.ac.uk

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Minutes of the AGM

Presidents report

Conference Organiser's report.

Rebecca Condrón's Travel Award report

At the annual SLAS Conference at Hull in April 2000, I received a £600 Research Award from the SLAS Committee. This award covered the entire travel expenses and visa costs of my research trip to Havana Cuba. Now in the third year of my Ph.D. research into *The anarcho-syndicalist struggle for worker organisation in Cuba, 1898-1925*, it was essential that I travel to Havana in order to consult archives available only in Cuba. My research into the history of the Cuban labour movement led me to the Institute de Historia and the Archivo Nacional. Both centres of study provided me with valuable primary sources, such as worker periodicals, trade union / governmental correspondence and police reports of the anarcho-syndicalist unions. Work carried out during my two month stay in Havana will prove to be a crucial element in the completion of my thesis, I would, therefore, very much like to thank SLAS for my award.

Rebecca Condrón, Research student, University of Wolverhampton.

SLAS 2001: ANNUAL CONFERENCE SYMPOSIA

FIFTH PILAS CONFERENCE

December 2001

HAROLD BLAKEMORE ESSAY PRIZE 2002

The Society for Latin American Studies invites current or recent* postgraduates of British Universities to submit an essay for consideration for the *Harold Blakemore Prize*. The generosity of the many donors to the memorial fund administered by the Society means that the prize in this year will be £400. The subject of the essay should fall within the field of Latin American Studies and the work should not have been published elsewhere. Essays submitted in previous years should not be resubmitted, and former winners of the prize may not apply. The winning essay may be considered by the Editors for publication in the *Bulletin of Latin American Research*. Two copies of the essay, which should be double spaced and no more than 8,000 words in length, should be submitted to the President of the Society by 12 Th. March 2001 (or a date agreed with him). A panel of judges for the prize will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Society at the University East Anglia, on the 22-24th March 2002. Contact Will Fowler, President, Society for Latin American Studies,

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DANIEL RIBOT, at Staffordshire University, has research interests in Latin American comics, cartoons, and visual cultures. He was Appointed as a Lecturer in Spanish at the University of Staffordshire in January 2001

TIM CLOUDSLEY, is involved in studying the interactions between indigenous communities and the ecology of the rainforest in Eastern Peru, especially along the Urubamba and Ucayali Rivers, and in western Brazil. Most recently, he has worked on the human ecology of different social groups in the Amazon, on the sustainable modes of interaction between native groups and the rainforest ecology, and on the lessons to be learned from the latter by others. In 2001, he spent five months in the frontier region of western Amazonas, Brazil, on the rivers Javari and Curuca. His recent publications include: 'El tiempo y el mito en la dialectica entre los mundos amazonico y Andino en el Peru pre-colombiano, *Anthropologica*, No 13, Lima, 1995; and 'Some thoughts for an ecological sociology of the Peruvian Amazon, *Environmental Awareness*, Vol. 20, No 4, Oct. - Dec. 1997. Tim is presently an honorary Lecturer in sociology at the Glasgow Caledonia University.

GERALDINE LIEVESLEY, Email: g.lievesley@mmu.ac.uk is currently in the Manchester Metropolitan University, where she is carrying out research on Cuban history and contemporary Cuban politics, as well as Latin American women. Her recent publications include: *Democracy in Latin America: mobilisation, power and the search for a new politics*, MUP, 1999; and she is currently writing a book on perspectives on the Cuban Revolution for Macmillan.

JEAN STARR, Email: jstarr@dublin-street.freeserve.co.uk is carrying out research on the colonial antecedents of the civil-religious hierarchies in the Zapotec Central Valleys of Oaxaca, where conversion was undertaken by the Dominicans. She is an Honorary Research Fellow in the University of Glasgow and her recent research was funded by a grant from the Carnegie Trust for the Graduates of Scottish Universities. This field research was undertaken in Oaxaca Cathedral archive, In September 2000, before the publication of her

Ph.D. thesis *Ideal models and the reality: from cofradia to Mayordomia in the Central Valleys of Oaxaca, Mexico.*

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Guy, Donna J., *White slavery and mothers alive and dead: the troubled meeting of sex, gender, public health, and progress in Latin America*, University of Nebraska Press and Combined Academic Publishers, Lincoln and London, February 2001, pbk £21.50, 216 pp, bibliographic essay, index.

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