ABOUT US
Established in 1963, the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) is a Title VI National Resource Center in consortium with the University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Since 2009, CLACS has housed the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies. CLACS supports the Latin American and Caribbean Library with a dedicated librarian.

OUR MISSION
The Center’s mission is to increase knowledge and awareness of Latin America and the Caribbean in the educational community and the general public by promoting studies about the languages, cultures, societies, economies, politics, environments, and histories of the region. CLACS with the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies promotes innovative research, offers a highly specialized learning environment, and engages in public awareness programs about Latin America and the Caribbean. We are recognized among the nation’s premier centers for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and Institutes for Brazilian Studies.

WHAT WE DO
Among our many activities, we attract speakers and visiting scholars from Latin America and the Caribbean; organize cultural and educational activities; and sponsor travel and field research for faculty and students. We sponsor conferences, symposia, colloquia, the Latin American Film Festival and Outreach programs on current affairs and other matters of scholarly and general interest.

LEMANN INSTITUTE FOR BRAZILIAN STUDIES
Established in 2009, the mission of the Lemann Institute is to promote study and research about Brazil. Building on longstanding collaboration with Brazilian scholars in economics and agriculture, as well as nearly a half-century of teaching and research in Brazilian literature and history at the University of Illinois, the Institute seeks to foster knowledge and understanding of Brazil across disciplines and colleges.

UI LIBRARY LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES COLLECTION
The Collection is one of the top five in the nation and the largest in the Midwest. The collection is comprehensive in all countries and territories of Latin America and the Caribbean, and is able to support research, teaching, and study in the social sciences and humanities.
CORE FACULTY
With over 100 affiliated faculty, CLACS offers connections with Latin American specialists in more than 40 academic departments at the University of Illinois campus.

PROGRAMS OF STUDY
DEGREES IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
• Bachelor in Arts in Latin American Studies (Major)
• Undergraduate Minor
• Master of Arts in Latin American Studies (Major)
• Graduate Minor

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES COURSES
• LAST 170 Introduction
• LAST 199 Intro. to Brazilian Studies
• LAST 445 Quechua Language classes
• LAST 490 Independent Study
• LAST 550 Graduate Seminar
• LAST 599 Thesis Research

QUECHUA
For more than 35 years CLACS has offered Quechua classes at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Quechua, spoken by about 12 million people, has more speakers that any other Amerindian language in the Americas.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES
We provide competitive Academic Year and Summer funding opportunities:
• Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) fellowship (graduate, undergraduate)
• Tinker Research Grants (graduate)
• Lemann Institute Fellowships (graduate, undergraduate)
• CLACS & Lemann Institute Faculty Grants

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:
• CLACS and Lemann Lecture Series
• CLACS this Week, weekly e-newsletter
• CLACS Newsletter
• Correo de Lingüística Andina, a newsletter on Quechua instruction
• Latin American Film Festival
• CLACS/Lemann Cinema Series
• Latin American Teachers Workshop
• CLACS Speakers Bureau, classroom visits
• K-16 Teaching Resources
• CLACS Outreach Lending Library

Spanish Story Time at the Urbana Free Library

QUECHUA Manual de Enseñanza, Clodoaldo Sixto Soto

• Bilingual Story Time at Public Libraries, schools or community events
• Latin American Music & Theater Workshop
• Cultural Events Sponsorships

CLACS this Week
A weekly e-newsletter with announcements on lectures, workshops, programs, opportunities and news related to Latin American and the Caribbean.
To receive CLACS this Week, please send a message to: cotler@illinios.edu