How can we help you and your students?

If you are interested in learning about how our program can help you educate your students about Latin America, the Caribbean, or the Iberian Peninsula, please contact the LACIS Outreach Coordinator, Sarah Ripp, at 608-262-0616 or skripp@wisc.edu.

Please visit www.lacis.wisc.edu and click on “Upcoming Events” to view our complete calendar of events. Also, you can become a fan of LACIS on Facebook or join our Twitter feed (LACIS_UWMADISON)!

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About LACIS:

We are a Title VI National Resource Center, in operation since 1973, in consortium with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS). LACIS Coordinates and supports teaching, research and outreach on campus and in the community. We are an interdisciplinary program, offering over 250 courses in 45 departments, which can apply towards an undergraduate major within the College of Letters and Science, a Masters of Arts, a dual-degree MA/JD program, or a PhD Minor. In addition, LACIS supports the teaching of three less Commonly Taught Languages: Yucatec Maya, Ecuadorian Quichua and Portuguese. We supply funding for independent research on Latin America, the Caribbean and Iberian Peninsula to undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty. LACIS also supports both Visiting Lecturers and Visiting Scholars who add to the already vibrant community of Latin Americanists on campus and provide opportunities to outreach to the community.

What we do:

- **We prepare a weekly “Noticias de la Semana”, which provides information about events, lectures, workshops, etc. both on and off campus that cover the LACIS region. Please send an email to skripp@wisc.edu if you would like to begin receiving the “Noticias”**.

- **K-12 Outreach**: LACIS can provide assistance to K-12 educators seeking information and/or presenters for their classroom. In addition, we organize workshops and seminars for teacher enrichment.

- **Community Outreach**: We offer assistance and resources to community leaders, and representatives of business and media. LACIS is proud to be a co-recipient, along with UW-Madison’s other Title VI Centers, of a 2009 Baldwin Grant, “Succeeding in International Business: Workshops for WI Businesses”.

- **LACIS Lunchtime Lecture Series (Tuesdays 12-1pm)**: During the academic year, we provide students, faculty, and visiting scholars the opportunity to present their research related to Latin America, the Caribbean, or Iberian Peninsula. Please join us for a fascinating lecture and light snacks/beverages in 206 Ingraham Hall each week.

- **The Brazil Initiative**: The overarching goal of the Brazil Initiative is to bring faculty and alumni together with private foundations, businesses and state agencies to help Wisconsin better understand and engage with Brazil as an emerging global economy. Please visit http://brazil.wisc.edu for more information.

- **Ibero-American Collection at UW-Memorial Library**: This collection includes materials from or about Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian countries in the areas of: literature, linguistics, history, sociology, anthropology, economics, political sciences, religion, cultural studies, women’s studies, and film studies. Please contact iberom@library.wisc.edu for more information.

- **We collaborate regularly with other university departments, as well as off-campus organizations doing work with or in Latin America, the Caribbean or Iberian Peninsula in their efforts to bring a diverse and rich variety of speakers, performers, and experts to campus.**

- **Along with the UW-Cinematheque, we host our annual “Festival de Cine” series which showcases films from a selected country in the LACIS region each year.**

- **We provide both monetary and non-monetary support to various departments, organizations, students, faculty, and visiting scholars for research, training or programs to educate the campus and community about issues related to the LACIS region. Along these lines, we provide support for visiting scholars each year as part of the “Tinker Visiting Professorship Program”. Recent Tinker Visiting Professors have included individuals such as Glaucio Arbix who was recently appointed by the Roussef administration as President of FINEP, which promotes the economic and social development of Brazil, and German Palacio, the Amazon Campus Director in Leticia of the Universidad Nacional de Colombia.**