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Bulletin Highlights:

- CLAS Information Sessions to study abroad in Cuba and Oaxaca, see details below!
- 2017 One Book Film Festival 'Tambien La Lluvia'/Even the Rain on Tuesday, 11/21
- LASSO November Country Spotlight: BRAZIL!

Read more about these highlights below!
CLAS and Other Events at SDSU

Events by CLAS

**CUBA INFO. SESSION**

The Center for Latin American Studies at SDSU offers an incredible three week study abroad program in La Habana, Cuba. Over three weeks, students will attend classes at the Centro de Estudios Martianos, where they will learn about Cuba's history, politics, social projects, international relations, and economy. This program provides a unique opportunity to travel and learn from scholars and professors in Cuba, and of course, the Cuban people.

**Program Dates:** May 18, 2018 - June 15, 2018  
**Program Cost:** $4,995 USD (includes college of extended studies fees 3 units). The price includes airfare, hotel, a daily mean, and transportation.  
**Application Due:** February 15, 2018

Check out our UPCOMING info. sessions in AL-379:

1. Thursday, November 30, 2017 @ 11AM
2. Monday, December 4, 2017 @ 2PM

Applications can be found on the CLAS [website](#).  
Contact Tyler Linvill, Study Abroad Coordinator at (619) 594-8748 or classtdy@mail.sdsu.edu for more information.

**OAXACA INFO. SESSION**

Oaxaca, one of the most beautiful areas in Mexico, is home to more than 16 different indigenous groups that make up 48% of the total population. Their cultural and linguistic differences have resulted in one of the richest cuisines in the world. CLAS offers an Ethnographic Field Methods course in Oaxaca, Mexico and a Mixtec and Zapotec language immersion program also in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Check out our UPCOMING info. sessions in AL-379:

1. Thursday, November 30, 2017 @ 11:30AM
2. Monday, December 4, 2017 @ 2:30PM

Applications can be found on the CLAS [website](#).  
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Other Events at SDSU
LASSO NOVEMBER COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT: BRAZIL

The blog is dedicated to Brazil this month! Check out our site for news, interesting facts, recipes, music, student and faculty research spotlights, and more.

Want to join the Latin American Studies Student Organization? Contact lassosdsu@gmail.com

SEEKING NOMINEES FOR THE SENATE'S EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

All members of the University community are invited to submit nominations for the annual Senate Excellence in Teaching Award for the 2017-18 academic year. One distinguished SDSU faculty member will be honored and receive the title Senate Distinguished Professor.

The Senate Distinguished Professor is recognized for contributions made to students, respective academic disciplines, and the campus communities. The primary criterion of this award is teaching excellence.

All College nominees will be honored at an awards ceremony, but only one individual will receive the title Senate Distinguished Professor and present a public lecture as part of the ceremony; this individual will also receive a cash award.

The nomination deadline is TOMORROW, November 21, 2017.

Click here for more information.

TRANSBORDER STUDIES LECTURE SERIES, DECEMBER 1 & 13, 2017

TASO’s Transborder Studies Lecture Series: Art and Research at the Frontier is focused on creating validating experiences for SDSU students who live a transborder lifestyle in the U.S.-Mexico border region and allies by presenting art and research relevant to their culture, identity and diverse transborder interactions.

1) Join TASO for our first lecture this semester featuring transborder studies scholar Estefanía Castañeda Perez.

Title: Transborder (In)Securities: Cross-Border Commuters’ Perceptions on Enforcement Practices at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Date: Friday, December 1, 2017
Time: 6-7PM
Location: SDSU Aztec Student Union, Aztlan Suite

More info. about the speaker here.
2) Join TASO for our second lecture featuring transborder studies scholar Yolanda N. Guerrero Zapata.

Title: Use Digital Technology in the Classroom: Implications for Teaching Transfronterizo Students in Higher Education

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
**Time:** 6-8PM  
**Location:** SDSU Aztec Student Union, Aztlan Suite

More info about the scholar [here](#).

THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE, HER MIRACULOUS APPEARANCE AND SCIENCE FACT/FICTION LECTURE, DECEMBER 7, 2017

Featuring Dr. Rudy V. Busto, Associate Professor of Religion at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The Latinx scholarship on the Virgin of Guadalupe is almost entirely hagiographical and avoids the debate over whether the miracle of the Virgin Mary in 1531 Mexico is “real” history. This lecture suggests that appreciating the science fictional aspects of the Virgin of Guadalupe's appearance brings new understanding of that event. Interpreting the original text sources through the materiality of European military science, and New World racial and metaphysical sciences, Guadalupe's miraculous appearance is the reimagining of possibilities: the “science fictionality” of indigenous and criolloMexicans confronted by European science and technologies. The lecture compares the appearance of Guadalupe in 1531 with its reiteration in Cherrie Moraga’s 1993 play “Heroes and Saints.”

**Date:** Thursday, December 7, 2017  
**Time:** 7-9PM  
**Location:** Little Theatre

More info. [here](#)

**Events Outside SDSU**

**KUMEYAAY ETHNOBOTANY: SHARED HERITAGE OF THE CALIFORNIAS, TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

For thousands of years, the Kumeyaay people of northern Baja California and southern California made their homes in the diverse landscapes of the region, interacting with native plants and continuously refining their botanical knowledge. Today, many Kumeyaay Indians in the far-flung ranches of Baja California carry on the traditional knowledge and skills for transforming native plants into food, medicine, arts, tools, regalia, construction materials, and ceremonial items. Kumeyaay Ethnobotany explores
the remarkable interdependence between native peoples and native plants of the
Californias through in-depth descriptions of 47 native plants and their uses, lively
narratives, and hundreds of vivid photographs. It connects the archaeological and
historical record with living cultures and native plant specialists who share their ever-
relevant wisdom for future generations.

Anthropologist Michael Wilken-Robertson’s lifelong collaborative relationships with Native
Baja Californians have allowed him to explore traditional indigenous uses of plants in the
diverse habitats of their territory, from the ancient past into the present. His new book
provides in-depth descriptions of forty-seven California native plants and their uses.

**When:** TOMORROW, November 21, 2017  
**Time:** 6:30-8:30PM  
**Where:** Balboa Park, Casa del Prado, Room 101

Hosted by: Garden Native and California Native Plant Society

Click [here](#) for more info.

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**2017 ONE BOOK FILM FESTIVAL 'TAMBIEN LA LLUVIA'/EVEN THE RAIN, TOMORROW, NOVEMBER 21, 2017**

The San Diego Central Library proudly presents a diverse slate of international film
screenings that speak to the themes of peacemaking, migration, resilience and
reconciliation featured in the One Book San Diego 2017 selection "The Sandcastle Girls"

Introductions and post screening dialogue with the audience led by SDSU Professor and
KPBS blogger Rebecca Romani.

The screenings take place Tuesdays, Oct. - Nov. 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in Neil Morgan
Auditorium at Central Library. *(619) 236-5817*

"Even the Rain" ("También la Lluvia") will screen TOMORROW, Nov. 21,
2017 from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

As a film director (Gael García Bernal) and his crew shoot a controversial film about
Christopher Columbus’ conquest in Cochabamba, Bolivia, local people rise up against
plans to privatize the city’s municipal water supply. Directed by Iciar Bollaín, 103
minutes, Spain, 2010.

More info. [here](#)

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**TURISTA LIBRE MEXICO TOURS: TIJUANA STREET EATS, NOVEMBER 25, 2017**

Tacos, tostadas and tortas. The three T's of Mexican street eats warrant skipping
breakfast without a second thought. Join Turista Libre for a trek to the edges of Tijuana
in search of the city's most authentic, incomparable incarnations of this culinary superstar
trio.
Tickets include roundtrip border transportation, courses at each restaurant and dessert at an artisan ice cream parlor with more than 80 flavors.

The group meets on the U.S. side of the PedWest border crossing at the Virginia Avenue Transit Center at 11 a.m., with an estimated return to the border at 5 p.m.

Tickets and more info. here.

LIBERTY STATION'S TREE LIGHTING & FESTIVITIES, NOVEMBER 29, 2017

Salute the Season's main event, the Liberty Station Tree Lighting & Holiday Festivities will take place on Wednesday, November 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Gather your loved ones in Liberty Station’s North Promenade for live entertainment from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and then gaze upon the 88-foot Norfolk pine tree as it is lit up by a patient family of Rady Children's Hospital at 6:15PM. Throughout the evening there will be entertainment, shopping and more throughout the neighborhood. Shopping will be set in Central Promenade, next to the ice rink, with local vendors selling holiday goodies, gifts and more.

Happening only during the Liberty Station Tree Lighting & Holiday Festivities will be a mini train ride taking guests around Liberty Station’s Central Promenade where guests will be able to hop and off on Dewey Road between North and Central Promenade. After the lighting, grab a quick snack or bite from the surrounding restaurants or food vendors, spread a cozy picnic blanket out on the lawn, and enjoy an outdoor viewing of How the Grinch Stole Christmas, which will be projected onto a custom-made sail by a local craftsman.

More info. here!

BALBOA PARK DECEMBER NIGHTS, DECEMBER 1 & 2, 2017

Balboa Park December Nights brings families and friends together to spread holiday joy and kick-off the "most wonderful time of the year" with lights and more!

Balboa Park December Nights, the nation’s premier holiday festival, will take place for the 40th consecutive year on Friday, December 1 from 3:00 to 11:00 PM and Saturday, December, 2 from noon to 11:00 PM. Friends, families and the community are invited to come together for festive fun, food and attractions throughout the park, including complimentary admission to Balboa Park museums from 5:00 to 900 PM. The largest free community festival in San Diego, December Nights is expected to attract more than 350,000 visitors to the park over two days to revel and enjoy the season.

As in years past, the event will offer seasonal entertainment for the whole family as well as festive holiday lighting throughout the Park - from the Plaza de Panama canopy - to the Botanical Building – to the landmark Moreton Bay Fig Tree. Delicious cuisine and holiday cheer are also all part of the long-standing San Diego celebration.

Click here for more info.
SAN DIEGO BAY PARADE OF LIGHTS, DECEMBER 10 & 17, 2017

The San Diego Parade of Lights is a time-honored holiday tradition with more than 80 boats lavishly decorated sailing by the shores for all to see.

Join us for the 46th Annual San Diego Parade of Lights, brought to San Diego by the boating community. Held on two consecutive Sundays in December, the parade proceeds from Shelter Island past Harbor Island, the Embarcadero, Seaport Village, Pier at Cesar Chavez Park and the Ferry Landing in Coronado. Whether you’re a participant or spectator, the Parade of Lights is a festive and delightful experience for all!

The San Diego Bay Parade of Lights is held two consecutive Sundays:

1. Sunday, December 10, 2017
2. Sunday, December 17, 2017

The parade takes approximately one hour to one and a half hours to pass any given point along the parade route. The approximate arrival time of the parade at various locations are:

- Harbor Island: 5:50PM
- The Embarcadero: 6:00PM
- Seaport Village: 6:30PM
- The Pier at Cesar Chavez Park: 6:45PM
- Ferry Landing on Coronado: 7:00PM

More info. [here](#)

24TH ANNUAL POSADA WITHOUT BORDERS, DECEMBER 16, 2017

The Posada Tradition: Welcome! All the world’s great religions recognize hospitality for the stranger as a sign of mature faith. La Posada is a re-enactment of the Bible story of Mary and Joseph who, while sojourners in Bethlehem, were forced to seek shelter on the night of Jesus’ birth. It is a venerated Christmas tradition across the Americas. In our time, with such a hostile climate towards migrants, we believe it's possible to promote a culture of reconciliation and solidarity. At the 24th annual La Posada Without Borders, we join with our friends from Tijuana as brothers and sisters in one human family. All are welcome.

**When:** Saturday, December 16
**Time:** 2-4PM
**Where:** Border Field State Park

Click [here](#) for more info.
UPCOMING CONCERTS IN SAN DIEGO AND BAJA CALIFORNIA

- **Creedence Clearwater Revisited** in Tijuana for the first time ever at Museo El Trompo, December 1, 2017
  More info. [here](#)

- **Mariachi Sol de Mexico de Jose Hernandez** at Historic Balboa Theater Sunday, December 3, 2017
  More info. [here](#)

Scholarship Opportunities

WILLIAM R. MUNDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIPS IN PEACE AND SECURITY, APPLICATIONS DUE FEBRUARY 8, 2018


Undergraduate and graduate students from all majors and class levels are eligible to apply. Recipients must participate in a credit-bearing international internship of at least two months. The internship must address social welfare, health, educational, cultural or environmental problems, or social and economic inequalities. Award amounts will be determined by the committee, though the intent is to cover nearly the **full** cost of the international internship for 6 awardees.

Students are responsible for securing their own internship. Applicants may locate their own international internship, or can search the [Aztecs Abroad database](#) to search 3rd party program providers that offer international internship opportunities.

**Application deadline is February 9, 2018.**

Additional info. can be found [here](#).