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- Happy December!
- CLAS Spring 2018 Course Offering, LATAM 296: Elementary Nahuatl I
- LASSO December Country Spotlight: Oaxaca, Mexico
- Transfronterizo Alliance Student Organization Transborder Lecture Series, TODAY, 12/1 and Wednesday, 12/13.
- Balboa Park December Nights TODAY and TOMORROW!
- CLAS Information Sessions to study abroad in Cuba and Oaxaca on Monday, 12/4!

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

Events by CLAS

CLAS SPRING 2018 COURSE OFFERING, LATAM 296: ELEMENTARY NAHUATL I

Nahuatl is a major Indigenous language spoken in Mexico today by more than a million people, the language spoken by the Aztecs and other Nahuatlaca of Mesoamerica.

Beginning Spring 2018, the Center for Latin American Studies will offer four units in Modern Huastecan, LATAM 296: Elementary Nahuatl I on T/TH 9-10:50AM. The Nahuatl language course is taught by a native-speaking instructor in Modern Huastecan Nahuatl. Course material will include linguistic and cultural content related to Nahua daily life.

Upon completion of the one-year beginning course, students will be able to advance to the intermediate level course provided during the school year or may enroll in a 6-week summer immersion program at the University of Zacatecas through the Center for LAS.

For more information, contact the Center for Latin American Studies at SDSU at clasgrad@mail.sdsu.edu.

Other Events at SDSU

LASSO DECEMBER COUNTRY SPOTLIGHT: OAXACA, MEXICO

The blog is dedicated to Oaxaca, Mexico 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

TASO TRANSBORDER STUDIES LECTURE SERIES, TODAY, DECEMBER 1 & 13, 2017

Transfronterizo Alliance Student Organization’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:** TODAY, 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](#)!
LASSO HOLIDAY POSADA, DECEMBER 15, 2017

Join LASSO members for our annual Posada potluck on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 6PM. Please contact lassosdus@gmail.com for the event location.

We hope to see you there!

Events Outside SDSU

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 TODAY, December 1, 2017 from 3:00 to 11:00 PM and TOMORROW, December 2, 2017 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.

LA FIESTA DANZANTES AT DECEMBER NIGHTS, TOMORROW, DECEMBER 2, 2017

Join La Fiesta Danzantes de San Diego as we perform once again at this year's December Nights in Balboa Park!

All Levels - 2:30pm International Cottages
Upper Level - 9:50pm Botanical Garden Stage

Celebrate the holiday season at one of our favorite family events in San Diego with ballet folklorico, food and fun! We hope to see you in the audience.

Follow us here for more information on our folklorico dance classes for all levels and upcoming performances.
CHULA VISTA  **STARLIGHT PARADE, TOMORROW, DECEMBER 2, 2017**

The FREE Chula Vista Starlight Parade & Children's Faire is a sparkling, festive community parade! There will be over 125 parade entries, holiday & children's craft fair, sledding on Frosty's Snow Hill, Santa meet & greets, scrumptious Snack Alley, and much more!

**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2017  
**Time:** 2-9PM  
**Location:** Third Avenue at Memorial Park

Frosty's Snow Hill and the Children's Faire will start at 2PM in Memorial Park and entertain you until the sun sets and the parade marches through! Frosty's Snow Hill is a fun, REAL SNOW sledding hill for everyone to enjoy sliding down until 5PM. The Children's Fair is new to Starlight this year and will have tons of free games and activities for the kids! Spend the rest of your time meandering through a local handmade market and chowing down in Snack Alley.

The parade will start at 6PM and have dazzling entries including marching bands, horses, floats, beautiful automobiles, dance teams, and more!

LA VUELLTA  **WINTER CRUISE AND TOY DRIVE, DECEMBER 3, 2017**

Logan Avenue Consortium presents La Vuelta Car Cruise and Toy Drive on Sunday, December 3, 2017 @12-4PM. Drop off new and unwrapped toys at Por Vida.

Free - All Ages - Family Friendly

AFRO-CUBAN RUMBA  **DESCARGA, DECEMBER 5, 2017**

Join us for an evening of Afro-Cuban Rumba.

**Led by:**  
Jimmy Peña  
Mark Lamson  
Charlie Chavez  
Paul M Lopez  
Louie Valenzuela  
Ignacio Arango  
plus special guests

If you're a professional salsero / rumbero drummer around town come sign up to sit in!!

**Date:** Tuesday December 5th  
**Time:** 7:30pm to 10:30pm  
**Location:** La Bodega Gallery, 2196 Logan Ave., San Diego, CA 92113
DIGITAL GYM FUNDRAISER: MALA FILM SCREENING, DECEMBER 9, 2017

Hurricane Maria landed in full force on Borinquen on September 20, 2017. This catastrophic event has caused a humanitarian crisis of epic proportions which has received inadequate on-going attention in media coverage and an appalling response by the U.S. government. Puerto Ricans everywhere are taking rescue and recovery efforts into their own hands in order to save lives and help provide basic needs that after 2 months are still lacking.

This fundraiser rises out of the pain of watching the devastation on the island and the concern for the needs of LGBTIQ and HIV positive families living on the island. Some families could be facing discrimination and harassment at evacuation centers, loss of access to hormones, lack of access to HIV meds, loss of support networks, all on top of lack of basic needs of food, non-contaminated water, electricity, clothing, shelter, and loss of employment.

In solidarity with our LGBI, transgender, and HIV positive siblings in Puerto Rico, please join us for this artivism fundraiser where 100% of proceeds will be donated to LGBTIQ, transgender, and HIV/AIDS focused organizations in Puerto Rico.

Don't miss this opportunity to watch Mala Mala an award winning Puerto Rican documentary about the transgender community in Puerto Rico and win fantastic raffle prizes!

In partnership with the Media Arts Center of San Diego, Mala Mala will be screened at the Digital Gym in North Park. Don't miss this AMAZING film and opportunity to be part of the recovery efforts of Puerto Rico. Every dollar counts. Tickets will cost $25 and there are only 50 seats available.

**Date:** Saturday, December 9, 2017  
**Time:** 4:00PM  
**Location:** 2921 El Cajon Blvd, San Diego, CA 92104

Buy tickets [here](#)!

FESTIVAL NAVIDEÑO, DECEMBER 9-20, 2017

Come enjoy the Christmas Festival at the Centro Cultural Tijuana. Begin the December festivities with villancicos, cuentacuentos, music and dance.

**Dates:**
- Saturday, December 9, 2017 @ 12-3PM and 5-7PM
- Sunday, December 10, 2017 @12-7PM
- Saturday, December 16, 2017 @ 6-7PM
- Sunday, December 17, 2017 @ 12-2PM and 6-7PM
- Tuesday, December 19, 2017 @ 5-7PM
- Wednesday, December 20, 2017 @ 6-7PM
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.

Date: Saturday, December 16
Time: 2-4PM
Location: Border Field State Park
SAN DIEGO VINTAGE FLEA MARKET "FOR THE HOLIDAYS," DECEMBER 17, 2017

We’re excited to be adding one more vintage flea market to close out 2017 with. On Sunday, December 17th, we’ll be hosting the "For the Holidays" intimate, themed market in the back lot of the Observatory North Park. This is a great opportunity to bypass the malls and shop for a certain something for your special someone.

We’ll also have elves offering gift wrapping for donations that will benefit Lionel’s Legacy Senior Dog Rescue. And SDVFM will be accepting non perishable food donations for the San Diego Food Bank at the information booth.

For information on vending at the holiday market, drop us a line at info@sdvintagefleamarket.com. We’re opening this market up to more makers and creatives.

Click here for more info.

SHERMAN HEIGHTS HOLIDAY BAZAAR, DECEMBER 22, 2017

This year we will be having this amazing holiday bazzar with crafters, artist and much more.

Date: Friday, December 22, 2017
Time: 5-9PM
Location: Sherman Heights Community Center, 2258 Island Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

Vendors interested in participating contact haydee@historicabarriodistrict.org

SAN DIEGO MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL, JANUARY 18, 2018

The San Diego Alpha Foundation Inc. is excited to host the Multi-Cultural Festival in partnership with the Port of San Diego, Commission for Arts and Culture, the World Beat Cultural Center, Pazazz and many other Community organizations. The Festival is free and open to the public and is being held at San Diego's beautiful downtown waterfront park at the corner of Harbor Drive and Pacific Highway.

The Festival will showcase San Diego's rich cultural diversity and traditional heritage through live music, dance performances, storytelling, children's activities (drum circles, face painting and crafts), and a wide range of ethnic vendors. The Festival will include a variety of multi-cultural entertainment from Native American, Asian, Cajun, Latin, Jazz and Afro-Cuban bands.
**UPCOMING CONCERTS IN SAN DIEGO AND BAJA CALIFORNIA**

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

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

- **Armando Manzanero** in Tijuana en el CECUT on Thursday, December 14, 2017
  More info. [here](#)

- **Pepe Aguilar y Familia presentan: Jaripeo Sin Fronteras** in Viejas Arena at Aztec Bowl San Diego State University on Sunday, January 28, 2018
  More info. [here](#)

- **Passion Pit** at The Observatory North Park on Thursday, February 1, 2018
  More info. [here](#)

- **Caifanes** at The Observatory North Park on Sunday, February 11, 2018
  More info. [here](#)

- **Café Tacuba Tour** in Tijuana on Saturday, February 17, 2018
  More info. [here](#)

- **Shakira: EL Dorado World Tour** at the Valley View Casino Center on Friday, February 9, 2018
  More info. [here](#)
**Study Abroad Opportunities**

**STUDY ABROAD IN LA HABANA, CUBA IN SUMMER 2018!**

_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:** $4,800 USD (includes college of extended studies fees 3 units). The price includes airfare, hotel, a daily mean, and transportation.  
**Application Due:** February 15, 2018

Our next info. session is on Monday, December 4, 2017 @ 2PM in AL-379.

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.

**STUDY ABROAD IN OAXACA, MEXICO IN SUMMER 2018!**

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.

Our next info. session is on Monday, December 4, 2017 @ 2:30PM in AL-379.

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.
The Center for Latin American Studies has contacts with several local organizations in the San Diego area who are looking for interns. Are you interested in building your professional network? Looking for a class to take next semester? Check out our Spring 2018 Internship Opportunities:

**EJE Mentors:** Interns will provide tutoring and activities to Middle School youth. This will help enrich the lives of these students, while preparing them for college. The internship takes place in a charter school in El Cajon.

**Mixteco Cultural Exchange Program:** Teach English or Spanish to indigenous Mixteco adults and provide tutoring/educational support to Mixteco youths. This is a great opportunity to learn about the Mixteco culture, practice your Spanish, and gain practical experience in language instruction. Internship is held in Linda Vista.

**Pro Salud Internship:** Work for a Mexican NGO that provides comprehensive health and health education to some of the most vulnerable populations within the region of Tijuana. This is a great opportunity to see how health challenges are addressed in another country. The internship requires travel to Tijuana once a week.

**Mid-City Can, Community Action Network:** Teach principles of restorative justice to high school youth. Work alongside community advocates for Food Justice in the school system.

**Cultural Media Archive:** While completing your internship with the Cultural Media Archive you will be collecting narratives to document how first generating youth, youth of color, and queer youth, construct and engage in notions of citizenship. In addition, students will document how these general notions of citizenship are then influenced by and through youth participation, and reactions to practices such as racism and discrimination. By interning at the CMA students will learn social science methodologies such as data collection, how to code data, and how to digitally archive data. Internship will be held at SDSU.

**United Way Internship:** Provide case management support for chronically absent students in elementary schools and their families. With logistical support from the school site & clinical supervision & weekly coaching from United Way, interns work to understand the barriers to attendance that students and their families face, including housing/food transportation instability. Internship takes place in City Heights.

For more information, please visit our [website](http://example.com). For questions, contact Mireya Mateo, Internship Coordinator at clasintr@mail.sdsu.edu.
Scholarship Opportunities

WILLIAM R. MUNDT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL INTERNSESHIPS 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 a 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.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIP, FEBRUARY 28, 2018

SDSU students who have applied, or have been accepted, to participate in a study abroad program outside the United States are encouraged to apply for the Associated Students Study Abroad Scholarship. Students who will be conducting research outside the United States are eligible to receive the scholarship. Students who will be studying or conducting research in a U.S. territory also are eligible to apply. Application materials will be reviewed by a committee composed primarily of current SDSU students, with an Associated Students staff member serving as the scholarship committee chairperson.

Applications are accepted for the Associated Students Study Abroad Scholarship during two distinct application periods each year, once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester. Students who plan to participate in a study abroad program during the current academic year will submit their applications during the fall application period. Students who plan to participate in a study abroad program during the summer or the subsequent academic year will submit their applications during the spring application period.
Please note that you must complete BOTH the online application (including the essay) AND submit the Travel Waiver and Supplemental Application forms online in order for your application to be considered complete.

Application deadline is February 28, 2018.

More info. here!

CLARA DE ESCUDERO SCHOLARSHIP, MARCH 16, 2018

- Scholarship value – $500 to $1,500
- No minimum GPA specified
- Open to all majors, with preference given to CCS majors
- Selection will be made on the basis of the online application and response to standard essay topic

Application deadline is March 16, 2018.

Additional info. can be found here.

Note: if you have any events that you would like to see added to the CLAS e-Bulletin, please send the event information along with the time, date, and place of the event to clasgrad@mail.sdsu.edu.