

# PROGRAM IN LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

## SPRING 2024 COURSES



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### LAS 302 /HIS 305 The Long 1960s in Latin America: Utopian Dreams and Harsh Realities

The 1960s was a decade of dramatic changes around the world, and Latin America was not an exception. In January 1959, the Cuban Revolution triumphed and made a significant impact on the island, the Western Hemisphere, and the on-going Cold War. Guerrillas and other types of social movements developed; the United States launched an aggressive crusade against Cuba and other efforts at social change in the region; and new intellectual, literary, and artistic trends. This seminar will review key episodes, processes, and actors during that turbulent decade, from 1959 through the 1973 coup against socialist President Salvador Allende in Chile.

**Carlos Aguirre S01 1:30 pm-4:20 Th | ► [Learn more about LAS 302](#)**

### LAS 307 /ENG 257 /COM 381 /SPA 313 Charged (En)counters: Poetics and Politics of the Hemispheric Americas

The poetries of Latin American nations and the United States, like the histories of the American hemisphere, are in many ways intertwined and wrapped up in the legacies and continuities of imperialism and displacement. This course offers an exploration of the ways in which Latin American and U.S. literatures intersect, especially at pivotal moments of hemispheric political history: (1) the “Good Neighbor” era, (2) inter-American Cold War, (3) US military invasions, (4) second-wave neoliberalism, (5) present day. We pay particular attention to Latin American and Latinx writers, cultivating a South-to-North comparative approach.

**Olivia M. Lott L01 1:30 pm-2:50 TTh | ► [Learn more about LAS 307](#)**



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### LAS 308 /GHP 308 Health, Policy and Politics in Latin America

This course examines current issues on health in Latin America, with a special focus on health policy. The course consists of two parts: the first part explores social determinants of health, health inequities, and counter-hegemonic views of health in the region. The second part analyzes health systems and health reforms in comparative perspective, including the cases of Brazil, Chile, Cuba, and Costa Rica. Based on these cases we assess advantages, shortcomings, and problems of implementation of health systems based on (1) social insurance, (2) national health service, or (3) market-driven factors.

**Juan C. Ferre S01 3:00 pm-4:20 MW | ► [Learn more about LAS 308](#)**

### LAS 324 /POL 455 Dynamics and Narratives of the Latin American Drug Trade

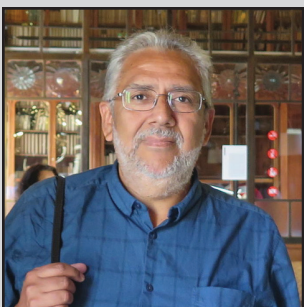
The production and distribution of narcotics is one of the world's largest industries and has been a quintessential example of the globalized economy since at least the 19th century. This course follows how the Latin American drug trade works and how it is understood, both conceptually and spatially, from source to user. Therefore, the course addresses areas of drug production; the dynamics and experiences of drug trafficking, including the origins of narcotics illegalization and state efforts to curtail the drug trade; and finally, the consumption of drugs and the practice's policing by state authorities.

**Danny Raoul Hirschel-Burns S01 11:00 am-12:20 TTh | ► [Learn more about LAS 324](#)**



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## MEET OUR LECTURERS



**CARLOS AGUIRE** (Ph.D., University of Minnesota) is a professor of history at the University of Oregon. He is the author or editor of several books on the history of slavery, prisons, intellectuals, and print culture, including, most recently, *Alberto Flores Galindo*.



**OLIVIA M. LOTT** (Ph.D., Washington University in St. Louis) is a scholar of comparative Latin American and inter-American poetry and poetics, avant-gardes, and translation, with particular emphasis on the 1960s and 1970s.



**JUAN C. FERRE** (M.D., Ph.D., CUNY Graduate Center) is a Medical Doctor and sociologist whose research focuses on political economy, health, and social policy in Latin America.



**DANNY RAOUL HIRSCHEL-BURNS** (Ph.D. Yale University) is a political scientist whose research focuses on comparative politics, civil war, ideology, and qualitative methods.

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