# Visiting Professors for 2012-2013 at LLILAS

Bringing new perspectives and regional insights to the study of Latin America is the goal of LLILAS's Visiting Professors programs. Distinguished Latin American scholars are brought to UT to teach courses or a set of classes, sharing their expertise and facilitating the exchange of ideas.

The Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Annual Visiting Professorship was established as part of the Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Endowment and supports visiting scholars to teach at UT for one semester.

The Tinker Visiting Professor program dates back to 1973 when it was endowed by the Edward Larocque Tinker Foundation. The goal of the program has been to bring pre-eminent thinkers from Latin America and the Iberian Peninsula to provide an opportunity for U.S. scholars, students, and the general public to discover the contributions made by Latin American and Iberian scholars in a broad range of disciplines. LLILAS was able to host two Tinker Visiting Professors during 2012-2013. Teófilo Altamirano from the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú visited us during fall 2012. A PhD of the Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos in Lima, he focuses his research on climate change and migration, providing a framework for understanding the consequences of climate change in the most vulnerable rural and urban areas of Latin America. See his article on p. 30. Jorge Mario Sánchez Egozcue, our spring 2013 Tinker Visiting Professor, holds a PhD in international economics from the Universidad de La Habana, Cuba, where he has been a professor and researcher since 1990. Throughout his career, Dr. Sánchez has carried out research on the political and economic aspects of international relations between Latin America and the United States, Canada, and Europe, as well as research on the macroeconomic policies, commerce, and development of the Cuban economy.

The Matías Romero Visiting Chair in Mexican Studies was created in 2003 through an educational and research cooperation agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Mexico and UT Austin to bring to UT distinguished Mexicans from the public and private sectors, as well

as from academia, to foster greater understanding of Mexican culture and society.

In 2010, the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies and the Fulbright Commission of Brazil signed an agreement to create a Fulbright Visiting Professorship in Environmental Sciences and Policy. It will bring an eminent Brazilian scholar to UT for one semester per academic year from 2011 through 2015 to teach a graduate course and conduct research.

## **LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors**

The LLILAS Visiting Resource Professors (VRP) program allows for scholars to come to UT for shorter periods. Visiting Resource Professors are invited by UT Latin Americanist faculty members to lecture for one to two weeks in either undergraduate or graduate classes. The VRP program addresses three academic goals: to enhance the international community of scholars working on Latin American topics; to establish and strengthen contacts between Latin American institutions of higher learning and the University of Texas; and to allow Latin American scholars access to UT library collections and archives. For the 2012-2013 academic year, LLILAS welcomed the following Visiting Resource Professors.

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#### Cristian Alarcón

Cristian Alarcón is a Chilean journalist and editor at the Universidad Nacional de General San Martín (UNSAM) in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He is a fellow of the Foundation of New Latin American Journalism, based in Cartagena, Colombia, and is currently the academic director of a program on "The Drugs Trade, the City, and Violence in Latin America," set up for journalists by the Foundation and the Open Society Institute. For ten years he wrote about urban violence and conflict in Sociedad y Cultura, and published in TXT Magazine, Gatopardo, Rolling Stone, and the newspaper Crítica de la Argentina. He is also author of the widely celebrated Si mequerés queréme transa (Norma, 2010). While at UT, he was affiliated with the Department of Sociology and the School of Law.

#### **David Altman**

David Altman has taught at the Instituto de Ciencia Política at the Universidad Católica in Santiago after earning his PhD at the University of Notre Dame. He recently published *Direct Democracy Worldwide* with Cambridge University Press. He has two current research projects, one focusing on political parties in Latin America, especially the Chilean and Uruguayan party systems, and the other focusing on the analysis of the Chilean transition to democracy during the 1980s. Dr. Altman was affiliated with the Department of Government during his time at UT.

#### Regina Horta Duarte

Regina Horta Duarte is Professor of History at the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (UFMG) in Brazil. She was a Directive Board member of the Sociedad Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Historia Ambiental (SOLCHA). She is currently editor in chief of the *Historia Ambiental Latinoamericana y Caribeña* (HALAC). Professor Duarte is also a Consecutive Board member of both Clio (Recife) and História, Ciencias, Saúde-Manguinhos.

### Miguel Sarre

Miguel Sarre has been Professor of Law at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City since 1997 and is director of the Center for Public Law at ITAM. He is currently a member of the United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and Other Cruel, Inhumane, or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. His research focuses on human rights and intersections of international human rights law with public security and criminal justice issues. His current project involves management analysis of the National Commission of Human Rights. Professor Sarre is a representative for the academic sector on the Secretaría del Consejo de Coordinación para la Implementación del Sistema de Justicia Penal (SETEC), which oversees the Mexican criminal justice reforms that were passed in 2008. During his time at UT, he was affiliated with the School of Law and the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. \*\*