THE LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES ASSOCIATION (LAJSA)

Announces

XIII International Research Conference of LAJSA

Biblioteca Nacional, Buenos Aires, Argentina

29-31 July 2007

A CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

“Jewish Cultural Productions in Latin America”

The Latin American Jewish Studies Association (LAJSA) announces its XIII International Research Conference to be held at the Biblioteca Nacional in Buenos Aires, Argentina, starting on the morning of 29 July 2007, and ending on the afternoon of July 31. The conference will explore facets of Jewish cultural production in Latin America. Cultural production is here broadly defined (it includes, but is not limited, to literature, film, theater, music, journalism, the arts, philosophical and historical writing) and may involve actual textual production or sociohistorical/sociocultural practices.

Presentations may be made in Spanish or Portuguese. All presentations must be made in person; no papers will be read in absentia.

We invite paper and panel proposals that approach the conference theme from a variety of disciplinary and theoretical perspectives, using case study or comparative approaches in any historical era: colonial, modern, or contemporary. We also invite proposals for papers and panels addressing topics within Latin American Jewish studies that fall outside of the conference theme.

We especially encourage and welcome the participation of scholars in the early stages of their academic careers and advanced graduate students, as presenters, panelists, and panel organizers. All scholars who wish to participate in the conference must be members of LAJSA in good standing (see membership forms on the LAJSA website) by 15 April 2007. Conference participants must also register for the Conference and pay the conference fee by 15 April 2007 for their names to appear in the program. Registration forms appear below.

Proposals for papers or panels may be sent by mail or e-mail and will be reviewed by the Program Committee: Darrell B. Lockhart (chair), Jeffrey Lesser, Naomi Lindstrom, Misha Klein, and David William Foster (ex-officio).

For papers, please send a one-page proposal or abstract (single-space, 325 words maximum) anda short curriculum vitae, and fill out the contact information form below (1) by mail: to Prof. Darrell B. Lockhart, Foreign Languages & Literatures MS/100,
Proposals for panels should also be sent to the Program Committee chair and should include a panel title, the names of the participants and a designated moderator, short résumés for all panelists, and a one-page abstract or description for each panel paper.

No more than four papers may be presented on any given panel. Papers should be no longer than 20 minutes. In the case of panels with multiple presenters, please indicate which of them will be responsible for maintaining contact with the Program Committee. The organizer should fill in the contact information (see below) for him or herself and the panelists. Panel organizers should make certain that the participants in their panels become LAJSA members by 15 April 2007 and are aware of the requirement to register for the conference.

All proposals must be received no later than February 1, 2007. Reviews of proposals will be completed no later than February 28, 2007, and notifications will be sent out shortly thereafter. Please include your e-mail address in all correspondence, as we will inform you of program decisions only by e-mail.

A given Conference participant may not present more than one paper. A paper presenter may make one other appearance in the program as a session.

Very limited funds are available for partial conference travel fellowships, with preference given to scholars at the dissertation stage, post-doctoral fellows, unaffiliated recent Ph.D.s, assistant professors, and independent scholars. To be considered for a travel fellowship, after your proposed paper has been approved for conference presentation by the Program Committee, please submit a request to Prof. Darrell B. Lockhart, Treasurer, LAJSA mailto:lockhart@unr.edu (Dept. of Foreign Languages & Literatures MS/100 University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, NV 89557-0034) no later than March 15, 2007. That request must be accompanied by a letter indicating your current position and affiliation, city of departure, estimated travel costs, and other potential sources for conference travel funding. It must also include an advanced draft, 15-20 pages in length, of your proposed conference paper or, in the case of dissertation writers who are presenting work-in-progress, a brief discussion of your dissertation topic and research progress to date. Notification regarding all travel requests will be sent in April 2007.

Small travel grants may also be available to advanced graduate students who wish to attend the conference but who will not present papers. To be considered, please send a letter of request, to Profs. Darrell B. Lockhart or David William Foster (<mailto:david.foster@asu.edu>), by March 15, 2004. The letter should include your year in graduate school, whether you have completed comprehensive examinations, city of departure and estimated travel costs, other sources of travel funding and expected decision dates, and a paragraph describing your dissertation plans and research progress to date.
Please check the LAJSA website (http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/lajsa/) for updated information and materials on this conference. Specific details about hotel reservations and travel will appear in a forthcoming issue of LATIN AMERICAN JEWISH STUDIES (the LAJSA newsletter) and on the website (http://qcpages.qc.cuny.edu/lajsa/), and will be e-mailed via the association’s listserv, LAJSA-list.

Hasta Buenos Aires!

David William Foster

LAJSA President; Conference Co-Coordinator