LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN
and the Impact of Urbanization
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In 2009, the University of Minnesota made a bold decision to launch the Global Spotlight program with strong financial and institutional support. Four years later as we launch the third biennium, I can say it clearly was a good decision.

The idea of the Global Spotlight series is to shine a light on international activities across the University, and the Global Spotlight has done just that. In the 2010-2012 biennium, we focused our spotlight on the region of Latin America and the Caribbean and the pressing global issue of the Impact of Urbanization. Over the course of two years, the Global Spotlight:

- Awarded $500,000 in grants to support faculty and graduate student international research and scholarship in 21 countries
- Organized the inaugural system-wide International Research Conference, which featured presentations and posters by faculty, staff, and graduate students from 13 colleges across three campuses
- Sponsored the 2Tuesday lecture series highlighting the research of 12 outstanding faculty from across the University
- Co-sponsored a dozen University and community events that highlighted the Global Spotlight themes

Through these and other Global Spotlight activities, we will inspire new research and advance understanding of the world in integrated and exciting ways.

I am delighted with the interest and outcomes this program has generated in the first two biennia. And while I’m leaving the University and won’t be a part of the next Global Spotlight focus on South Asia and Global Food Security, I’m confident that this important program will continue to shine for years to come.

Robert J. Jones
Senior Vice President for Academic Administration, University of Minnesota System
Professor of Agronomy and Plant Genetics
About the Global Spotlight

The Global Spotlight highlights and supports international scholarly initiatives and activities across the University.

Begun in 2009, the Global Spotlight is a biennial focus on a region of the world and a pressing global issue. The focus in 2010-2012 was on the region of Latin America and the Caribbean and the issue of the Impact of Urbanization. The goals of the program are to:

- highlight existing strengths of the University,
- build on cross-border and cross-disciplinary relationships,
- educate and inform the University and local community,
- identify and provide funding for targeted research and other scholarly initiatives, and
- increase the University’s visibility and stature around the world.
Advisory Committee

The 2010-2012 Global Spotlight Advisory Committee was composed of nominated faculty from across the University system who are experts in the areas of Latin America and the Caribbean and/or the issues surrounding urbanization.

Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla, Assistant Professor, Architecture, College of Design
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Arne Kildegaard, Professor, Economics & Management, Social Sciences, Morris
David Andow, Professor, Entomology, CFANS
Eileen Zeitz, Professor, Foreign Language & Literature, CLA, Duluth
Karen Brown, Co-Director, Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change
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Christopher Johnstone, Director of International Initiatives and Relations, CEHD
Carol Klee, Professor, Spanish and Portuguese, CLA
Cawo Abdi, Assistant Professor, Sociology, CLA

Leadership

The Global Spotlight Initiative was led by John L. Romano, the 2010-2012 assistant vice president for international scholarship. Dr. Romano is a professor of educational psychology in the College of Education and Human Development.
Why Latin America and the Caribbean?
Over the past two decades this area has experienced significant economic, social, and political advances.

Latin America and the Caribbean encompass a diverse region comprising 48 countries and 515 million people. The region boasts a long and complex tradition of literary and cultural production that has had a worldwide impact through the books of Nobel Prize-winning authors and new musical forms, such as salsa. The region comprises more than 30 percent of the world’s renewable water resources and more than 30 percent of the world’s forest area. It is currently the U.S.’s third-largest trading partner.

Undoubtedly, the region continues to face a variety of challenges, such as persistent social and economic inequalities. While access to education and health care has improved, it varies widely by income, ethnicity, and gender. Indigenous groups continue to experience ethnic discrimination and human rights abuses. In addition, the region faces a number of challenges from natural disasters. Climate change intensifies the possibility of drought and increasing desertification in one-third of Latin America.

Currently, Latinos make up 15.4 percent of the U.S. population, and by 2050 it is expected that one out of four people in the U.S. will be Latino. In Minnesota, 4.1 percent of the population is Latino. Currently, 72 percent of the Latinos in Minnesota are of Mexican origin, but there is also a growing population from Ecuador and other parts of Latin America.

University of Minnesota faculty in a variety of fields conduct research and are involved in partnerships with Latin American colleagues and institutions on diverse areas of research and scholarship, including human rights, language policy issues, migration, agriculture, economics, architecture, education, public health, and medicine.
Why Urbanization?

For the first time in human history, the majority of the world’s population lives in urban areas.

Almost 3.5 billion people—or 50.5 percent of the world’s population—live in cities, compared to only 30 percent in 1950. Approximately 180,000 people move to cities each day, and by 2050, it is estimated that two-thirds of the world’s population will live in cities.

But there are disparities in this explosive growth. Some countries are almost completely urban (such as Belgium, Kuwait, and Singapore), while others are mostly rural (Cambodia, Uganda, and Trinidad and Tobago). Africa and Asia remain mostly rural, and even by 2050 are expected to be much less urbanized than other areas. Within Asia, however, China has seen rapid urbanization, more than doubling the number of people in cities since 1980. Asia also contains the largest number of “megacities” with populations of 10 million or more. Today, there are 21 megacities and 33 “megacities in waiting” with 5 to 10 million residents.

Migrants look to cities as a source of jobs and income, education, and health care. While the social and economic benefits can be great, these newcomers often do not find the opportunities they were looking for and quality of life indicators may suffer. Poverty is growing faster in cities than in rural areas, and one billion people live in urban slums. All of this movement to cities leaves behind rural communities facing issues such as declining and aging populations, separated families, and fewer hands to till the soil and run businesses.

The University of Minnesota has the resources and expertise to address the challenges and opportunities of urbanization—from economics, education, public policy, and transportation to healthcare, food, safety, and architecture. Faculty, staff, and students are engaged across campus and with partners around the world to meet these 21st-century needs.
2Tuesday Lecture Series

The monthly 2Tuesday events highlighted international research related to the Global Spotlight’s focus on Latin America and the Caribbean and/or the Impact of Urbanization.

**Fall 2010**
The Politics of Housing: Migration, Debt, and Indigeneity in Cancún, Mexico
Bianet Castellanos, Assistant Professor, Department of American Studies

**Spring 2011**
The Centennial Stage: Mexico’s Independence Celebrations in 1910 & 2010
Patrick J. McNamara, Professor, Department of History

The Galápagos—Fragile Past, Brighter Future
Julia Ponder, Assistant Clinical Professor, and Executive Director, The Raptor Center

Gracious Acts of Geometry; Stereotomic and Underlying Geometry Analysis of Three Sixteenth-Century Vaults in Oaxaca, Mexico
Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla, Assistant Professor, School of Architecture

Responding Globally to Violence Against Women and Children
Jeffrey L. Edleson, Director, MN Center Against Violence & Abuse, and Professor and Director of Research, School of Social Work
Fall 2011
Are We Entering an Age of Urban Revolution? Rethinking the “Miracles” of Shanghai and Bangalore in Light of the “Uprisings” in Cairo and London
Michael Goldman, Professor, Department of Sociology, Global Studies, ICGC

Nicaragua 2011: Needs and Assets—A Rural Perspective
Dr. Therese Zink, Professor, Family Medicine and Community Health, and Director of the Global Family Medicine Pathway

Cultural Differences in Conceptualizations of Power: Psychological, Political, and Marketing Consequences
Carlos Torelli, Assistant Professor, Carlson School of Management

Assessment, Accountability, and Opportunity to Learn in Guatemala
Michael Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Educational Psychology

Spring 2012
“There is a time they call adolescence…” Supporting Healthy Youth Development in Rural Honduras: A Community Perspective
Marti Kubik, Associate Professor, School of Nursing

Brazil under Lula and the PT
David Samuels, Professor, Political Science

International Perspectives on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Health in Urban Settings
Eli Coleman, Professor, Family Medicine and Community Health, and Director, Program in Human Sexuality
Event Co-Sponsorships

The Global Spotlight co-sponsored a dozen events that highlighted Latin America and the Caribbean and/or the Impact of Urbanization.

2011-2012 Academic Year — CEHD International Connections lecture series

Oct. 6, 2011 — Luncheon Forum with His Excellency Luis Benigno Gallegos Chiriboga, Ecuadorian Ambassador to the United States

Nov. 4, 2011 — Day of the Dead dinner at the Campus Club


Mar. 25, 2011 — Lecture, “Unlucky Lucky Bodies: Generational and National Trauma in the Memoirs of Irene Vilar”


May 19-21, 2011 — 7th International Conference on Language Teacher Education

Mar. 9, 2011 — Japanese Tea Ceremony Demonstration

Apr. 20, 2011 — Crookston Campus Earth Week presentation by Dr. Lawrence Baker, Water Resources Center (UMTC)


May 6, 2011 — Lecture, “Brazil: Country of the Present,” João Alimino, Brazilian Consul in Chicago

Jun. 22, 2012 — Northrop Summer Music Festival featuring Salsa del Soul, Michael Hauser and A Taste of Spain, and DJ Miguel Vargas
Major International Research Grants

Grants (up to $75,000) provide substantial opportunity for the long-term establishment of major research with global visibility.


*Principal Investigator:* Professor Vinay Gidwani, Geography, College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)

*Co-Principal Investigators:* Professors Eric Sheppard and Helga Leitner, Geography; Professor Michael Goldman, Sociology, College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)

Rapid urbanization along with the privatization of land and basic services across Asia is undergoing a great transformation under the aegis of neoliberal, market-based policy making emanating from the global North. In collaboration with local experts, Bangalore (India) and Jakarta (Indonesia) will be studied to understand the processes driving this transformation, their impact on urban residents in formal and informal areas, and how residents negotiate these changes.

Urbanization and Exposure to Air Pollution in India

*Principal Investigator:* Professor Julian Marshall, Civil Engineering, College of Science and Engineering (UMTC)

*Co-Principal Investigator:* Professor Dylan Millet; Soil, Water, and Climate; College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (UMTC)

In low- and middle-income countries such as India, urban air pollution accounts for 20 percent of all deaths due to environmental factors. A two-year research project to examine the relationship between urbanization and air pollution in and around Hyderabad, India, will address whether new urban residents are exposed to higher or lower levels of outdoor air pollution than established residents and how air pollution emissions and concentrations differ within and among communities of varying degree of urbanization.

Source Attribution for Human Toxoplasmosis in Communities from Southern Chile

*Principal Investigator:* Professor Claudia Munoz-Zanzi, Epidemiology, School of Public Health (UMTC)

*Co-Principal Investigators:* Professors Haitao Chu, Biostatistics, School of Public Health, and Randy Singer, College of Veterinary Medicine (UMTC)

Infection with *Toxoplasma gondii* via cat feces is highly endemic in communities in Southern Chile. Uncertainty around how people acquire the infection results in general advice making compliance difficult. The overall objective of this project is to identify sources of human infection and develop a public health risk assessment tool to enable public health agencies to assess the risk of *T. gondii* infection in any given community.

Food, Health, and Labor: (Im)migrant Agency of Informal Economic Systems in Southeast Mexico

*Principal Investigator:* Professor Lorena Munoz, Geography, College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)

*Co-Principal Investigator:* Professor Zobeida E. Bonilla, Epidemiology and Community Health, School of Public Health (UMTC)

Large migration to the urban centers has seen the rise of informal employment. The growth of street vendors provides livelihood for migrant and immigrant laborers in the shadows of large-scale neoliberal development projects in Cancún, Mexico. This project will provide greater understanding of how (im)migrant informal vending labor systems are created, when and where they operate, and how vending is tied to larger, formal economies that are directly connected to global economic processes.
International Research Seed Grants

Grants (up to $15,000) support innovative project-based scholarly research and creative production of an international nature with a focus on the Global Spotlight themes.

**Ecosystem Services and Vegetational Diversity: Valuation, Risk, and Uncertainty**
*Principal Investigator:* Professor David Andow; Entomology; College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (UMTC)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Professor Frances Homan; Applied Economics; College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (UMTC)

**The Politics of Housing, Debt, and Urbanization in Cancún, Mexico**
*Principal Investigator:* Associate Professor M. Bianet Castellanos, American Studies, College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Assistant Professor David Karjanen, American Studies, College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)

**Forest Certification in Bolivia: A Status Report**
*Principal Investigator:* Assistant Professor Omar Espinoza; Bioproducts/Biosystems Engineering; College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (UMTC)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Michael John Dockry, Forest Service Liaison to College Monominee Nation, Sustainable Development Institute, U.S. Forest Service

**Of Concrete Beaches and Vales of Pale Rubble: Self-Governance, Natural Resources, the Environment, and Gender Politics in the French Caribbean Imaginary**
*Principal Investigator:* Assistant Professor Njeri Githire, African American and African Studies, College of Liberal Arts (UMTC)

**Cybertopias: Global Markets, Technology, and Mayan Identities in Guatemala**
*Principal Investigator:* Assistant Professor Jennifer C. Gómez Menjívar, Foreign Languages and Literature, Liberal Arts (UMD)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Ricardo Lima-Soto, Anthropology, Universidad Rafael Landivar

**Ecological Restoration in the Galápagos: The Galápagos Hawk on the Pinzón**
*Principal Investigator:* Assistant Clinical Professor Julia Ponder, Veterinary Population Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine; and Executive Director, The Raptor Center (UMTC)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Associate Professor Dominic Travis, Veterinary Population Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine (UMTC)

**Politeness, Populations, and Presuppositions in Belizean Kriol**
*Principal Investigator:* Assistant Professor William N. Salmon, Writing Studies, College of Liberal Arts (UMD)

**Strengthening Food Safety in Latin America through Risk Analysis Approach**
*Principal Investigator:* Assistant Professor Fernando Sampedro Parra, Veterinary Population Medicine, College of Veterinary Medicine (UMTC)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Professor Francisco Diez; Food, Science, and Nutrition; College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (UMTC)

**Constraining the Latitudinal Variability in Southern South American Hydroclimate through Lacustrine Geochemical Proxies**
*Principal Investigator:* Associate Professor Josef P. Werne, Large Lakes Observatory (UMD)
*Co-Principal Investigator:* Sergio Quintana Contreras, Research Associate, Large Lakes Observatory (UMD)
MA, Professional, & Doctoral International Grants
(pre-oral exam)

Grants (up to $7,500) support short-term activities related to the Global Spotlight themes that enhance the student’s scholarly project and/or professional preparation.

**Fluency and Influence: Language Learning In Bolivia** Martina Arnal, Curriculum & Instruction—College of Education and Human Development

**Breadfruit Initiative** Daniel Backman, Development Policy/Planning—Humphrey School and the Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change (ICGC)

**Temporal Patterns of Leptospira Environmental Contamination in Rural Villages from Southern Chile** Ashley R. Bekolay, Environmental Infectious Disease—School of Public Health

**Paleoclimatic Studies of the Lake Chalco Region (Mexico)** Sebastian Cantarero, Geological Sciences—Duluth

**Toward Postcolonial Green Urbanization: Learning from Bogota’s Bicycle Initiative** Laura Cesfasky, Geography—College of Liberal Arts

**Gay Related Stressors and Mental Health: An Exploratory Study of a Sample of Urban Brazilian Gay Men** Trevor Dunn, Educational Psychology—College of Education and Human Development

**From River to Sea: Consequences of Urbanization on Aquatic Biodiversity of Neotropical Estuaries in Costa Rica** Petra Kranzfelder, Entomology—College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences

**Mapuchizando el hiphop/hiphopizando lo Mapuche: MC JAAS and the Role of Hip Hop in Articulating Urban Mapuche Identities** Kelly McKay, Theater Historiography—College of Liberal Arts

**Tarahumara Politics in Chihuahua City: Stories of Urban Nuráami** Victoria Scher, Creative Writing—College of Liberal Arts

**A Multi-Sited Ethnographic Study of Community Technology Centers and Open Education Resources** Alfonso Sintjago, Comparative and International Development Education—College of Education and Human Development

Doctoral Fellowships for International Research

Fellowships (up to $15,000) support students conducting international dissertation research on a full-time basis with a focus on the Global Spotlight themes.

**Infrastructures of Debt and Property in the Post-Apartheid Suburb: Remaking Race and Class in South Africa** Sian Butcher, Geography—College of Liberal Arts

**“Chinese” Models of Ecological Urbanization: The Shanghai Dongtan and Tianjin Binhai Eco-cities Projects** I-Chun Catherine Chang, Geography—College of Liberal Arts

**Constraints to Policy and Implementation in Urban Water Governance in the Middle East: The Case of Amman, Jordan** Basil Mahayni, Geography—College of Liberal Arts

**A Republic of Lost Peoples: Race, Status, and Rural Migration in the Cordillera Oriental (Spain, Bolivia, Argentina)** Nathan Weaver Olson, History—College of Liberal Arts

**Contesting Patriarchal Authority: Law, Society, and Marital Conflict in Lima, Peru 1570–1670** Alexander L. Wisnoski III, History—College of Liberal Arts
Addressing Global Challenges through International Research

Inaugural International Research Conference 2012

The University’s first conference focused on the international research of faculty and graduate students was attended by 275 faculty, staff, and students—showing the large demand for this sort of activity. The conference was held February 17, 2012, at Coffman Memorial Union and featured 23 presentations and 24 posters by faculty, staff, and graduate students representing 13 colleges across three campuses.

The keynote presentation was by David M. Stonner, Ph.D.; Executive Officer in the Office of International Science and Engineering at the National Science Foundation. He addressed the topic of “Viewing U.S. Science from Across the Atlantic: Some Lessons Learned from Four Years In Europe.”

A Global U Forum was held in the morning on the topic, “How should global governance shape the international research agenda? What are the opportunities and where are the gaps in solving problems on a global scale?” The panelists included Professor Abdi Samatar, Geography, CLA; Chandy John, MD, Global Pediatrics, Medical School; Regents Professor, Karen Seashore, Organizational Leadership, Policy, and Development, CEHD; and Professor Marla Spivak, Entomology, CFANS. The panel discussion was moderated by Dean Eric P. Schwartz, Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

The closing plenary, “Addressing Global Challenges through Private and Public Partnerships,” included a panel of business, government, and University representatives, including keynote speaker David M. Stonner; Mike Hess, Vice President, Innovation Excellence, Medtronic, Inc; Linda Valeri, MBA, Chief Operating Officer, Global Initiative for Food Systems Leadership, University of Minnesota; Jane Maland Cady, Director of International Programs, The McKnight Foundation; and Tom Verdoorn, Vice President, Land O’ Lakes International Development. The panel was moderated by Dean Meredith McQuaid of the GPS Alliance.
“...the poster session gives a great venue for graduate students and new researchers to present their unique research.”
Inaugural International Research Conference At-a-Glance

These are a sampling of the 23 presentations made at the conference. For a complete list of conference sessions go to: global.umn.edu/spotlight/conference

Ethics in International Research: Unique Issues and Case Studies
Presenter: Melissa Anderson, Professor, OLPD (CEHD), and James D. Neaton, Professor, Division of Biostatistics (SPH)

IGERT: International Cooperative Graduate Projects on Invasive Species and Genotypes
Presenters: David Andow, Professor, Joseph Kaser, Ph.D. Entomology; David Smith, Ph.D. Student, Applied Economics; Mike Nelson, Ph.D. Candidate, Plant Biological Sciences; Alexandra Lodge, Ph.D. Student, Natural Resources Science Management

275 CONFERENCE ATTENDEES 13 COLLEGES REPRESENTED 3 CAMPUSES REPRESENTED
Adapting to Climate Change: Perspectives on Agricultural Knowledge Management by Farmers in the Nepal Terai
Presenter: Narayan P. Dhakal, Research Associate, Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology (CFANS)

Iron Deficiency, Malaria, and Neurobehavioral Development (Kampala, Uganda)
Presenters: Sarah Cusick, Assistant Professor, Chandy John, Professor, Maria Kroupina, Assistant Professor, Global Pediatrics (MED); Tonya Schoenfuss, Assistant Professor, Food Science and Nutrition (CFANS)

Different Types of Spatial Mismatch: U.S.-China Comparison of Poverty Concentration and Low-Skill Job Distribution
Presenter: Yingling Fan, Assistant Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Comparing Climate Change Policy Networks: An International Research Program in Twenty Countries
Presenters: Jeffery Broadbent, Associate Professor, Sociology (CLA); Sarah Burridge, Ph.D. Student, and Philip Vaughter, Graduate Student, Conservation Biology (CFANS)

23 PRESENTATIONS 23 POSTERS 30 COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN RESEARCH
### Funding Support 2010-2012

#### Global Spotlight Grants

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#### Student Support: International Research Grants

- **College of Liberal Arts**: $75,980
- **College of Education & Human Development**: $19,200
- **School of Public Health**: $7,200
- **College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences**: $7,200
- **University of Minnesota, Duluth**: $6,500
- **Humphrey School of Public Affairs**: $4,600

#### Faculty Support: International Research Grants and Event Co-Sponsorship

- **College of Liberal Arts**: $45,550
- **College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences**: $43,000
- **University of Minnesota, Duluth**: $38,100
- **College of Veterinary Medicine**: $28,300
- **Northrop Concerts and Lectures**: $3,350
- **University of Minnesota, Morris**: $500
Global Spotlight Support of International Scholarly Initiatives 2009-2012

During its first two biennia, the Global Spotlight has supported or promoted faculty, staff, and graduate student research on each continent.*

*Numbers represent countries where faculty, staff, and students are conducting research, as highlighted through the 2012 Global Challenges Research Conference and the Global Spotlight 2009-10 and 2010-12 research grants for faculty and graduate students and 2Tuesday lecture series.

By the Numbers

- 24 2Tuesday presentations
- $86,708 43 event co-sponsorships
- $1,422,300 26 faculty grants awarded
- $310,680 29 student grants awarded
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