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Rio Grande, near Big Bend

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Dear Colleagues / Estimados Colegas:

Welcome to this issue of the Association for Borderlands Studies, Frontera!

Our coming conference in Denver promises to be another successful academic event. Again, ABS is the largest section of all WSSA

(Western Social Science Association) with 29 panels organized by our members. Thank you to all of you who proposed panels or are presenting papers. Your presence and participation is making ABS stronger.

I would like to recognize that the Canadian Government, through its consulate in Denver, is sponsoring our ABS reception on Friday, April 25, 7:00-9:00pm at the Denver Chophouse, which is a local and historic public house located in Downtown Denver just blocks from the Conference Hotel (1735 19th Street, Denver, CO). The reception is also co-sponsored by the Canadian Studies Section. We really hope to see you there with us for the announcement and celebration of the *ABS book award 2008*.

At the Denver conference, the conference co-chairs and the ABS Board are organizing a panel for junior faculty and graduate students about publishing and succeeding in academia. The panel includes the editors of our JBS academic journal, past presidents, and the former Director of the Michigan State University Press. It is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 1:00–2:30pm in room Mt Evans B. HCC. We encourage you to attend or please advise your students to attend this important panel.

Also, ABS is collaborating with the Michigan State University, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, and the Sammy Ofer School of Communications of the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzeliya, in organizing a small conference titled “Communication Across Borders” in Herzeliya, Israel, this coming summer 2008. The conference is exploring the different roles that communications play in bridging or dividing borders. We are planning to publish a special issue of JBS with a collection of the papers presented at the conference.

Last but not least, one of the most rewarding activities of being affiliated to an organization as ABS, is to build research and academic collaboration linking our own academic institutions. I encourage you to talk to colleagues during our three-day conference to explore different angles of collaboration. More often, our institutions are seeking funds and grants that require multiple partners; this is a great opportunity to explore common interests to submit a joint application for those resources. If you don't know some of the participants, please ask one of the ABS officers, for some ideas about how to get connected with someone with similar interests. We will be happy to help you.

And please do not forget to register for both, WSSA and ABS. If you have not done so, please register at the registration desk.

Thank you and I am looking forward to seeing you in Denver. ■

Manuel Chavez
2007-2008 ABS President





ASSOCIATION OF BORDERLAND STUDIES 2007 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Dear ABS members and friends:

The UVic team is now concluding its second year as Executive Secretary and its first year as both Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Association of Borderland Studies (ABS). We were involved in numerous activities this past year which we are pleased to report on.

The Executive Secretary is responsible for the following activities:

- running annual elections;
- managing the annual membership campaign;
- maintaining the ABS membership database and e-mail listserve;
- Producing the bi-annual newsletter *La Frontera*;
- Managing the annual book award process;
- Maintaining the ABS website;
- Managing finances including transferring funds to support JBS as required.

Elections

In the fall of 2007, under President Manuel Chavez, and with immediate past President Chris Brown chairing the electoral committee, James Scott (who came in second in the 2006 election) became President-Elect and 2008 Conference Chair of ABS. ABS conducted an election and Tony Payan was elected Vice-President-Elect and 2009 Conference Chair of ABS. This process strengthens the ABS executive and gives more time for incoming ABS Presidents to gain experience since they participate in the decision making processes of the Association for about 18 months before taking on a full leadership role.

Memberships and List Serve

We completed the 2007 calendar year with 107 regular members, 27 student members and 4 institutional members. Approximately 120 individuals have

already paid their 2008 membership fees. JBS manages an additional 100 library subscriptions. ABS currently has over 650 individuals on its e-mail list serve.

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Bruno Dupeyron edited, designed, and produced the spring 2007 issue as well as our fall 2007 issue of *La Frontera*.

Book Award

We managed the ABS/JBS book award process this past winter. The award will be presented at the ABS meeting in Denver in April 2008 by members of the ABS/JBS award committee chaired by 2007 winner Juliet Fall (University of Geneva) and with past presidents and past executive secretary: Professor Edward Williams, Professor Steve Mumme, Professor Anthony V. Popp as committee members .

Website Enhancements

In addition, we launched a number of updates and new initiatives related to the website. Ian Madison, from the University of Victoria in Canada, assisted with the completion of two new projects: Firstly, we are expanding the ABS web resource pages by updating existing links and adding new links, adding a short commentary for each one. Secondly, we are partnering with Liam O'Dowd, Director of the Centre for International Borders Research (CIBR) at Queen's University Belfast, on the Borderland Bibliography established at CIBR. The ABS/CIBR bibliography link will be found on the ABS website home page at <http://www.absborderlands.org> by the time the annual meeting is held later this month.

ABS will have added over 650 new references and updates, which will bring the number of border and borderland works referenced in this bibliography to about 1,100. Manuel and I would like to thank Ian Madison (UVic Canada), Sean L'Estrange (Swansea University), and Jennifer Guest who have made this project happen so quickly.





The ABS executive is committed to updating the ABS bibliography annually and is working towards making this an even more useful research tool by providing opportunities for members to submit recent publications and links.

Finances

UVIC began to receive funds for ABS memberships in February 2007. The final transfer of the balance of funds from the previous Treasurer of ABS took place in September 2007.

The complete 2007 UVIC financial report for the period ending December 31, 2007 is outlined below. The first quarter report for 2008 will be provided at the ABS meeting in Denver later this month.

ABS Financial Report for 2007

ACTIVITY	DATE	REVENUE	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Initial Transfer from C Brown	Jun-11	\$5,928.00		
Final Transfer from C Brown	Sep-04	\$44.07		
Membership dues received by UVIC	Dec-31	\$4,964.65		
SPORG registration system final	Nov-30		\$55.00	
Credit card commissions for period	Dec-31		\$2.76	
Total Revenue		\$10,936.72		
Total Expenses			\$57.76	
Account Balance				\$10,878.96

Journal of Borderland Studies

JBS will be publishing three issues annually as of 2008 and hopes to publish four issues by 2011. ABS will be able to fund this expansion of the Journal in 2008 but we recommend membership and library fee increases in 2009 to provide support for the expansion of the Journal.

Labour

All work done by the Executive-Secretary is performed as an in-kind service to the organization. This past year, approximately 300 hours were spent supporting ABS as outlined below:

TASK	HOURS
Borders Bibliography and website link updates – Ian Madison	70
La Frontera – Bruno Dupeyron	65
Management of Memberships, Website, Database – Jennifer Guest	120
Financial and Administrative Oversight – Cindy Vallance	20
Executive Secretary – Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly	50
Total	325

The ABS Secretary-Treasurer looks forward to serving its members over the coming year. Please contact Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly at ebrunetj@uvic.ca should you have any questions about this report.

Manuel Chavez
ABS President

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly
ABS Executive Secretary and Treasurer



BOOKS AND EDITED BOOKS

García, Sonia R. , Valerie Martinez-Ebers, Irasema Coronado, Sharon A. Navarro, and Patricia A. Jaramillo. 2008. *Políticas. Latina Public Officials in Texas*. Austin: University of Texas Press <http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/excerpts/exgarpol.html>.

Dupeyron, Bruno. 2008. *L'Europe au défi de ses régions transfrontalières. Expériences rhénane et pyrénéenne*. Bern, Berlin, Bruxelles, Frankfurt am Main, New York, Oxford, Wien: Peter Lang <http://www.peterlang.com/index.cfm?VID=11599&vLang=E&vHR=1&vUR=2&vUUR=1>.

Leibenath, Markus, Ewa Korcelli-Olejniczak, and Robert Knippschild, ed. 2008. *Cross-border Governance and Sustainable Spatial Development. Mind the Gaps!* Heidelberg: Springer <http://www.springer.com/geography/human+geography/book/978-3-540-79243-7>.

Mattingly, Doreen J., and Hansen, ed. 2006. *Women and Change at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Mobility, Labor, and Activism*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/util/show_search_result.php?file=%2FBOOKS%2Fbid1721.htm&terms=mattingly&case=.

Murphy Bowen , Moira Ann , and Maria S. Ramirez Montoya, ed. 2007. *Educación e Investigación: Retos y Oportunidades*. Mexico: Trillas.

Available through Trillas. To order please go to the link <http://trillas.com.mx/nac/centros2.html>, to find a Trillas bookstore close to you or send an e-mail to solramirez@itesm.mx with your complete information (number of copies, your address, your e-mail and your phone number).

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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Boedeltje, F., H. van Houtum, O.T. Kramersch, (2007), The shadows of no man's land". Crossing the border in the divided capital of Nicosia, Cyprus Geographica Helvetica, 2007, issue 1, pages 16-21

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Geisen, Thomas, Roald Plug and Henk van Houtum (2008), Chapter 6: (B) ordering and othering migrants by the European Union, in Ton van Naerssen and Martin van der Velde (eds), *Migration in a New Europe: People, Borders and Trajectories*, Societa Geografica Italiana, Rome, 2008

Hall, Thomas D. and James V. Fenelon. 2008. Indigenous Movements and Globalization: What is Different? What is the Same?, *Globalizations* 5:1 (March):1-11.

Hall, Thomas D. 2007. Incorporating North America into the Eurasian World-System, in *World System History*, in *World System History*, [Eds. George Modelski ,Robert A. Denemark], in *Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems (EOLSS)*, Developed under the Auspices of the UNESCO, Eolss Publishers, Oxford ,UK, [\[http://www.eolss.net\]](http://www.eolss.net) [Retrieved December 7, 2007].

Houtum H. van and Pijpers R., (2008) Fearing and Bordering Migration, in: Pain (ed.), *Fear: Critical Geopolitics and Everyday Life*, Routledge

Houtum, H. van and Pijpers, R. (2007), The European Union as a Gated Community: The Two-faced Border and Immigration Regime of the EU, *Antipode*, March 2007






Kardulias, P. Nick and Thomas D. Hall. 2007. [A World-Systems View of Human Migration Past and Present: Providing a General Model for Understanding the Movement of People](http://www.forumonpublicpolicy.com/archivesum07/kardulias.pdf). Forum on Public Policy, on-line:
<http://www.forumonpublicpolicy.com/archivesum07/kardulias.pdf>

Mumme, Stephen, [From Equitable Utilization to Sustainable Development: Advancing Equity in Water Management on the U.S.-Mexico Border](#). Accepted for inclusion a book edited by Helen Ingram, Richard Perry, and John Whitely entitled *Water and Equity: Fair Practice in Apportioning Water among Places and Values*. Cambridge, MA: MIT University Press, forthcoming 2008

Mumme, Stephen, [The Liquid Frontier](#), accepted for publication in *Journal of the West*.

Ph.D. DISSERTATION

Julie Collins-Dogrul filed her dissertation 12/2007 - Title: [Managing Transnational Problems for the National Good: U.S.-Mexico "Border Health," 1942-2002](#) [\[Abstract - click balloon\]](#) 

REPORTS

Brunet-Jailly, Emmanuel, Payan, Tony, and Sawchuk, Gary, (2008) The Emergence of Cross-Border Regions along the Mexican-US Border and in Europe - Lessons for Canada" in Government of Canada, Policy Research Initiative, Working Paper Series #35, p.1-70. <http://www.policyresearch.gc.ca>.

The University of Texas at El Paso has released the 2008 issue of [Borderplex Long-Term Economics Trends to 2027](#). This report contains comprehensive econometric forecasts for Las Cruces, NM; El Paso, TX; Ciudad Juarez, CH; and Chihuahua, CH. The purchase price for the report is \$10. For additional information, contact Angel Molina at amloina@utep.edu or call 915-747-7775.

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'La Frontera' Upcoming issue October 2008

In order to elaborate the upcoming issue of 'La Frontera', in October 2008, the ABS Executive Secretariat would be glad to receive calls for events (conferences, calls for papers, etc.) that you might be aware of and that will take place in coming months.

If you have such information, please send an email to absexec@uvic.ca with the information you wish ABS to circulate: Event Name; Organizing Body/Assn; Contact Information (email, phone, fax); Conference Dates; Proposal/Call for Papers Deadline; Event Location; Event Internet Link; Event description (120 words maximum): _____

Departments and schools wishing to publicize new academic positions in the area of border studies should not hesitate to send us job postings: we publish the letter in October and in early April.

Please also send us bibliographical references related to recent or forthcoming monographs, articles, book chapters, reports, etc. (MLA format preferred), using the same email: absexec@uvic.ca

Moreover, if you have good quality pictures of border-related topics, we would be glad to use them in order to illustrate 'La Frontera' and/or use one of them for the cover.

Lastly, feel free to send us other news of interest related to border studies that we may circulate through 'La Frontera'. ■

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ABS BOOK AWARDS 2008

The 2008 finalists and winner of the 2008 ABS Book Award will be announced on Friday April 25, 2008 during our annual reception at Denver Chophouse. The nominees are:

- Anderson, Joan B., James Gerber and Lisa Foster. 2007. *Fifty Years of Change on the U.S.-Mexico Border: Growth, Development, and Quality of Life*. Austin: University of Texas Press. <http://www.amazon.com/Fifty-Years-Change-U-S-Mexico-Border/dp/0292717199/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1207876165&sr=1-1>
- Brunet-Jailly, Emmanuel, ed. 2007. *Borderlands: Comparing Border Security in North America and Europe*. Ottawa: University of Ottawa. <http://www.amazon.com/Borderlands-Comparing-Security-America-Governance/dp/0776606514/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1207876273&sr=1-1>
- Bukowczyk, John J, Nora Faires, David R Smith, and Randy William Widdis. 2005. *Permeable Border: The Great Lakes Basin As Transnational Region, 1650-1990*. University of Pittsburgh Press. <http://www.amazon.com/Permeable-Border-Transnational-Region-1650-1990/dp/0822942615/ref=sr_1_4?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1207876221&sr=1-4>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

- **Cultural Production and Negotiation of Borders:** The 2008 European Conference of the Association of Borderland Studies, University of Tromsø/Barents Institute, Kirkenes 11-13 September 2008 - Conference Location: Kirkenes- <http://uit.no/humfak/borderpoetics/3>
- A graduate student conference entitled "**Europe's Borderlands: Migration, Trafficking and Regional Integration in Interdisciplinary Perspective**" is being organized by Adrian Favell and Gail Kligman, at the Center for European and Eurasian Studies, UCLA, from May 9-10, 2008. The event will consider EU enlargement and the powerful effects of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The keynote speaker will be Virginie Guiraudon. Interested applicants should send a 500w paper abstract and one page personal resume before January 10, to: Jim Robbins, Center for European and Eurasian Studies (CEES), 11367 Bunche Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 90095-1446; or go to the following website: <http://www.international.ucla.edu/euro/events/showevent.asp?eventid=6330>
- A workshop entitled "**Assessing Territorial Pluralism**" is being organized by Richard Simeon and John McGarry, as part of Queen's University's Ethnicity and Democratic Governance Project, from May 16-17, 2008. The conference will investigate territorial pluralism by exploring the following questions: What is territorial pluralism? How can it be distinguished from forms of self-government that do not accommodate communities based on ethnicity, religion, language or nationality? Under what conditions does territorial pluralism succeed and fail? Is territorial pluralism an appropriate normative response to diversity? For further details, contact: Jennifer Clark (email: jmc9@queensu.ca) or consult the following website: <http://www.queensu.ca/edg/workshops2008b.html>
- The 2008 conference of the Centre for Research on Nationalism, Ethnicity and Multiculturalism (CRONEM) will be held from June 30-July 1st, 2008, at the University of Surrey, on the theme "**Nationalism,**

Ethnicity and Citizenship: Whose Citizens? Whose Rights?". The event will address issues of nationalism, ethnicity and citizenship from a multidisciplinary perspective. Submissions should be sent by February 1, by email to: Mirela Dumic: m.dumic@surrey.ac.uk For more details, visit the following website: <http://www.surrey.ac.uk/Arts/CRONEM/cronem2008.htm>

- A conference entitled "**Empires and Nations**" will take place from July 2-5, 2008, jointly organized by the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN). Possible themes include the breakdown of empires, religion and empire, nationality and empire, identity and colonialism, post-colonialism, imperialism since the Cold War, the European Union as a new kind of empire, and others. This event is organized by Dominique Colas, of Science Po. Information about how to submit paper and panel proposals can be found on the conference website: http://ecoledoctorale.sciences-po.fr/actu_scientif/empires_nations.htm and the ASN website <http://www.nationalities.org> The working language is English. The deadline for proposals is February 13. Proposals should be sent by email to: Dominique Colas (dominique.colas@sciences-po.fr or dcolasasn@gmail.com)
- **Association for Borderlands Studies**, 50th Annual Conference April 23-26, 2008, Denver, Colorado, <http://www.absborderlands.org/2annualmeetings.html>
- **AAG**, Annual Meeting, April 15-19, Boston, MA, <http://www.aag.org/>
- **RSG-IBG**, Theme: **Geographies that Matter**, London <http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+International+Conference+2008.htm>





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