



# La Frontera

*Association for Borderlands Studies Newsletter*

## 2017 ABS CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS CONFERENCIA 2017 DE LA ABS EN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



### 2017 ABS CONFERENCE IN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - APRIL 4-7

#### **Everyday Borders: The Ordinary Complexity of Borders and Bordering Processes**

There is just one month left to submit your abstracts: Abstracts are invited by December 1, 2017 for panels, round tables, oral presentations and posters exploring every day borders and other topics concerned with border studies. View submission information and submit abstracts here: <http://www.wssaweb.com/sections.html>

Don't miss this opportunity to share your work with border scholars from around the world. We look forward to welcoming you to the historical city of San Antonio next year and to collaborating with you in advancing understanding of borders, borderlands, and transborder communities.

For additional information visit the <http://www.absborderlands.org> or send an email to [francisco.lara@asu.edu](mailto:francisco.lara@asu.edu).

## CONFERENCIA 2017 DE LA ABS EN SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS - DEL 4 AL 7 DE ABRIL

### Fronteras cotidianas: La complejidad ordinaria de las fronteras y los procesos de fronterización

Sólo queda un mes para enviar tu resumen. Te invitamos a que envíes tus resúmenes para paneles, mesas redondas, ponencias y posters antes del 1 de diciembre de 2017 para explorar el tema de fronteras cotidianas y otros relacionados con los estudios fronterizos. Ve información sobre la convocatoria y el envío de resúmenes aquí:

<http://www.wssaweb.com/sections.html>

No te pierdas la oportunidad de compartir tu trabajo con otros fronterólogos de todo el mundo. Nos dará gusto reunirnos contigo en la histórica ciudad de San Antonio el año próximo y continuar colaborando en el avance del conocimiento sobre las fronteras, los espacios fronterizos, y las comunidades transfronterizas.

Para más información, visita <http://www.absborderlands.org> o envía un mensaje a [francisco.lara@asu.edu](mailto:francisco.lara@asu.edu).

## MENSAJE DE LA PRESIDENTA MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Association for Borderlands Studies is the premiere scholarly association focusing exclusively on border issues. The ABS was formed with an emphasis on the United States-Mexico borderlands, but today the association is truly global in its scope and its membership. As an association devoted to the greater understanding of borders, we embrace perspectives from all border researchers worldwide, and we celebrate multidisciplinary approaches engaging geographers, political scientists, sociologists, economists, anthropologists and other social scientists. Historians provide a temporal lens for our research. Language, literature, art, film and other humanities interests engage a growing number of our members.

Many of our members pursue research that has direct public policy implications and impacts. This includes specialists in environmental sciences, technology, migration, trade, transportation, security and other fields focused on border policy. Also, we welcome members who are outside academia, the government officials, journalists, writers, and others who create border policy and comment on it.

For all of us, borders have become a vocation, a prevailing interest and a major focus of inquiry. We invite new border scholars as well as those whose research interests intersect with borderlands scholarship to join the association.

I look forward to seeing you next April at the ABS 2018 meeting in San Antonio, next July at the ABS World conference in Vienna and Budapest, or one of the other activities of the ABS around the globe.

Best regards,

**Dr. Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, *President***

Associate Professor | Schar School of Policy & Government  
George Mason University | Fairfax, VA, USA

# ABS 2nd World Conference

July 10-14, 2018 | Vienna, Austria & Budapest, Hungary

**Border-Making and its Consequences: Interpreting Evidence from the “post-Colonial” and “post- Imperial” 20th Century**

The second edition of this quadrennial event is organized by the University of Vienna and partners and is hosted in Vienna and Budapest from July 10th to 14th, 2018. More than 400 participants from around the world are expected, including renowned scholars as well as students, spanning all fields of the humanities and social sciences.

Learn more at [abs2018world.com](http://abs2018world.com)

## NEW ELECTED ABS VICE PRESIDENT

### CONGRATULATIONS JUSSI LAINE

On behalf of the ABS Officers and Board of Directors, I would like to inform you the results of the election for the 2nd Vice-president position of the ABS. The poll was open between October 18 and 24 and closed at midnight as scheduled. Participation was open only to regular members (N=159) of the association based on existing records as of October 18, 2017. Votes were tallied, verified, and validated. The table below summarizes the results of the election, which have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Our association would like to thank Dr. Jussi Laine and Dr. T. Mark Montoya for their participation as candidates for this important position. Their participation is a clear demonstration of their commitment toward our association and the field of border studies. While the members of the ABS had the unenviable position of selecting just one between two excellent candidates, the poll indicates that the majority of the members supports Dr. Jussi Laine, for the position of 2nd Vice-President. Dr. Laine received 62.1% of the votes, while Dr. Montoya received 33.6% of the 116 effective votes. Congratulations Dr. Laine!

Please join us congratulating Dr. Jussi Laine, and we'll see you in San Antonio.

Best regards,

**Dr. Francisco Lara**

*ABS President Elect*

Table 1: General Results of the Election for ABS 2nd. Vice-president

	Number	%
Regular ABS members as of October 18, 2017	159	100.0
Members who voted by October 24, 2017	116	73.0
Votes in favor of Dr. Jussi Laine	72	45.3
Votes in favor of Dr. T. Mark Montoya	39	24.5
Abstentions	3	1.9
Nullified votes	2	1.3
Absentees	43	27.0

Table 2: Effective Votes for ABS 2nd. Vice-president

	Number	%
Regular ABS members as of October 18, 2017	159	100.0
Members who voted by October 24, 2017	116	73.0
Absentees	48	30.2
Members who voted by October 24, 2017	116	100.0
Votes in favor of Dr. Jussi Laine	72	62.1
Votes in favor of Dr. T. Mark Montoya	39	33.6
Abstentions	3	2.6
Nullified Votes**	2	1.7

\*\* Members voted twice, one time for J. Laine and one time for T. M. Montoya

# An update from the Book Review Editors at the Journal of Borderlands Studies

At the last ABS Board meeting in San Francisco, ABS said goodbye to the JBS's longstanding book review editors, James Scott and Ilkka Liikanen, and confirmed Paul Fryer and Jussi Laine from the University of Eastern Finland as their replacements.

As the journal moves forward to meet the challenge of publishing more articles with a quicker publication turnaround from submission to print version, the new book editors aim to energise the book review section by reviewing more recent publications and involving a wider representation of ABS members as reviewers. It is hoped to present a more diverse and current selection of reviews to JBS's readers that represent the journal's varied disciplines and global focus, while supporting the ABS's annual book award.

If you have recently published a relevant book, we would appreciate it if you could send a review copy to the address below. If you have noticed a recent publication that should be reviewed by the journal, please contact the book editors at the e-mail address below and we will try to acquire it for review. If you are willing to be a reviewer, the book editors plan to advertise available books for review at the ABS website once it is updated and running again. Otherwise you may contact the editors and offer your services – please let us know what fields of expertise you have and we will try and match you to an appropriate volume!

We look forward to working together with the entire readership of JBS to highlight the best in new border scholarship!

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Please send any books for review to the following address:

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# EVENTS & CONFERENCES

## **BIG 2nd International Conference**

**December 7-8, 2017 | Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

BIG will host its 2nd International Conference in Ottawa, ON, December 7-8, 2017. The conference will bring together BIG colleagues, international border experts, government leaders, private sector partners and graduate students to discuss research to date. The purpose of the conference is to solicit feedback from policy-makers (serving as discussants, chairs, or audience members) on our projects before we shift to the publication stage of the project—BIG begins its final two years in 2018. Summaries of papers presented will be published in a Conference Pack and made available on our [website](#). If you have any questions about the program, research, etc. please contact [borders@uvic.ca](mailto:borders@uvic.ca).

## **Borders and Borders Walls, A New Era? (In)security, Symbolism, Vulnerabilities**

**September 27-28, 2018 | Montreal, Quebec, Canada**

International conference organized by the Raoul Dandurand Chair at the University of Quebec in Montreal, Dr. Elisabeth Vallet. Dr. Vallet's research concentrates on border walls, migration and border dynamics. As part of her work, Dr. Vallet heads the organization of an international Border Wall Conference every two years.

**Call for Papers and more information:**

<https://dandurand.uqam.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/09/Appel-Comm-BorderWalls-2018-.pdf>

**Fields:** *Political Science, Geography, Anthropology, Sociology, Law, Economics, Art, Design, Biology, Environmental studies, Area Studies, Gender studies, Zoology, Medical studies (this list is suggestive not inclusive). Students are encouraged to submit a proposal.*

**Deadline for abstract submission is March 31, 2018.**

Send your proposals via email in Word format to UQAM: [BordersandWalls@gmail.com](mailto:BordersandWalls@gmail.com)

# FRESH OUT OF THE OVEN: NEW BORDER BOOKS

## **Madurez para la paz: Evolución de la territorialidad y las estrategias en el conflicto armado colombiano.**

Echandía Castilla, Camilo & Cabrera, Irene. (2017). *Madurez para la paz: Evolución de la territorialidad y las estrategias en el conflicto armado colombiano.*

Publicado por la Universidad Externado de Colombia, los autores Camilo Echandía e Irene Cabrera examinan los factores decisivos del auge territorial y armado de las guerrillas colombianas, así como las condiciones determinantes de su derrota estratégica y su conducta militar en el contexto de las negociaciones de paz.

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## **Borders and Cross-border Cooperation: Introduction to Border Studies**

First Slovak university textbook on border studies

The book by Alexander Duleba has been published as an outcome of the research project CBC01018 Sharing know-how for better management of the Schengen Border between Slovakia/Ukraine and Norway/Russia, co-financed by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and the State budget of the Slovak Republic. It is intended to serve as a basic teaching resource within the courses on border studies, cross-border cooperation and related teaching subjects, provided by the Institute of Political Sciences at the Faculty of Arts, University of Presov (Slovakia).

The textbook offers a brief overview of basic theoretical approaches to the research of borders and cross-border cooperation which have been developed as a specific field within political sciences and related disciplines that formed in North America and Europe since the late 1980s.

The book as well as other publication outcomes from the project CBC01018 can be downloaded here:

<http://borderua.sk/index.php/publications>

## **Integration without Membership: Potential and limits of Ukraine's Association with the EU**

The book by Alexander Duleba has been published within the project CBC 01014 Sharing European integration know-how and CBC experience between Slovakia and Ukraine as well as Norway and Russia, Ukraine, co-financed by the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and the State budget of the Slovak Republic.

The aim of this publication is to explore modalities for improving institutional mechanisms for the EU– Ukraine cooperation under the Association Agreement with the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (AA/DCFTA).

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## **Frontieres**

François Moullé informs us of the release of the French book he directed: FRONTIERES, Presses Universitaires de Bordeaux. The majority of the authors, specialists of the question, regularly work together in the Groupement d'Interêt Scientifique Franco-Belge Institute of Borders and Discontinuities ([IFD](#)). The preface was written by Vladimir Kolosof, President of the International Geographical Union (IGU).

**The book can be ordered directly**

<http://www.pub-editions.fr/index.php/nouveautes/frontieres-4581.html>

## **Stunted Dreams: How the United States Shaped Mexico's Destiny**

Oscar J. Martínez is Regents' Professor of History at the University of Arizona and author of *Mexico's Uneven Development: The Geographic and Historical Context of Inequality* (New York: Routledge, 2016).

The El Paso Social Justice Education Project announces a new booklet by Oscar J. Martinez, "Stunted Dreams: How the United States Shaped Mexico's Destiny," that explores the role of the United States in shaping the destiny of the Mexican people, most notably along the U.S.-Mexico border. Historically the United States has exerted overwhelming influence over the way that Mexico and the border region have developed economically. In the mid-nineteenth century the United States undermined Mexico's long-term development by dispossessing its neighbor of its most valuable lands, imposing a boundary that has heavily favored U.S. interests, and paving the way for the dominant U.S. economy to compete more directly with the much weaker Mexican economy. As a result, Mexicans have had to struggle to build their country under the shadow of the powerful northern neighbor, not unlike small retailers who try to survive in the face of crushing competition from a Wal-Mart megastore located uncomfortably nearby.

30 pp., paper \$9.95, kindle \$6.99. [Order from amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

## **Fronteras Latinoamericanas: ejemplos para su comprensión**

El presente libro se constituye en un importante esfuerzo de colaboración que se ha venido desarrollando entre investigadores de la Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica (UNA) y la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Por la UNA han participado tres unidades académicas: la Sede Regional Chorotega, la Escuela de Relaciones Internacionales y el Instituto de Estudios Sociales en Población. Por parte de la UNAM han participado los institutos CIALC y CIMSUR.

Creemos que este esfuerzo ha logrado plasmar lo que se pretendía como finalidad que era, por un lado, visibilizar el trabajo de académicos de distintas universidades latinoamericanas sobre el tema de fronteras, y por otro lado, generar un espacio de análisis sobre la dinámica y problemática que se presenta en las fronteras latinoamericanas, con la esperanza de que esto facilitara su estudio y comprensión.

<http://jadecr.com/librosdigitales/fronteras/index.html>

## **The Law of the United States-Mexico Border: A Casebook**

This casebook is the first to focus on the interaction of the U.S. legal system with Mexican law in the border region. The work presents American court decisions supplemented with the author's commentary and study questions. As the U.S.-Mexico border has generated a wide array of controversies, the casebook covers boundary questions, border detentions, immigrants' rights, family law, real estate transactions, finance and trade, torts, crimes, environmental law, and Mexican law within the United States. It will teach students in law, public policy, and undergraduate courses about the power and limitations of law in resolving border-related disputes.

*Peter L. Reich, J.D., Ph.D., Lecturer in Law, UCLA School of Law*  
(Carolina Academic Press, 2017).

If you would like to consider this book for course adoption, please request your copy by visiting the book's web page at [cap-press.com/i/9781594601644](https://cap-press.com/i/9781594601644). Then click the "Exam Copy" button to supply the necessary information.



## **Looking Beyond Borderlines: North America's Frontier Imagination**

This book focuses on the shifting relationship between borders and frontiers in North America, specifically the ways in which they have been imaged and imagined since their formation in the 19th century and how tropes of visibility are central to their production and meaning. Rodney links ongoing discussions in political geography and visual culture in new ways to demonstrate how contemporary American borders exhibit security as a display strategy that is resisted and undermined through a variety of cultural practices.

By Lee Rodney.

New York: Routledge, 2017. ISBN: 9781138842243 | pub: 2017-01-10

<https://www.routledge.com/Looking-Beyond-Borderlines-North-Americas-Frontier-Imagination/Rodney/p/book/9781138842243>

## **One Hundred Years of Solitude, Struggle, and Violence along the US/Mexico Border: An Oral History**

by John Thomas

(Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017)

This book features oral histories, mainly of members of the ranching families who have lived in the Mexican State of Sonora and the corresponding territory in the US that stretches from Tijuana on the California border to Agua Prieta on the Arizona border. The elders in those families recall the tales that their grandparents told, providing a century of perspectives on the revolution in economics, culture, and drug trade that the area has witnessed.

I grew up on the Arizona/Mexico border. In 1927, my Grandmother, Sarah Grace Bakarich, led the last homestead claim in the Cochise County, in south-central Arizona. During my childhood, there was no border such as we would recognize today. We crossed from Douglas, Arizona, to Agua Prieta, Sonora with little thought and certainly no paperwork. I use the voices of those who have lived through the vicissitudes of border life to paint this cultural upheaval in gripping, personal terms.

## **U.S. Mexico Transborder Region: Cultural Dynamics, and Historical Interactions**

The U.S.-Mexico Transborder Region presents advanced anthropological theorizing of culture in an important regional setting. Not a static entity, the transborder region is peopled by ever-changing groups who face the challenges of social inequality: political enforcement of privilege, economic subordination of indigenous communities, and organized resistance to domination. The book centers on the greater Mexican North/U.S. Southwest, although the geographic range extends farther.

Vélez-Ibáñez and Heyman envision this region as involving diverse and unequal social groups in dynamic motion over thousands of years. Thus the historical interaction of the U.S.-Mexico border, however massively unequal and powerful, is only the most recent manifestation of this longer history and common ecology. Contributors emphasize the dynamic “transborder” quality—conflicts, resistance, slanting, displacements, and persistence—in order to combine a critical perspective on unequal power relations with a questioning perspective on claims to bounded simplicity and perfection.

Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez and Josiah Heyman, eds. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2017.

## **African Border Disorders: Addressing Transnational Extremist Organizations**

Walther O, Miles W. (eds) 2018. African Border Disorders. Addressing Transnational Extremist Organizations. New York, Routledge.

Edited by [Olivier J. Walther](#) (University of Florida) and [William F.S. Miles](#) (Northeastern University). 2018 – [Routledge Studies in African Politics and International Relations](#)

*African Border Disorders* explores the complex relationships that bind states, transnational rebels and extremist organizations, and borders on the African continent. Combining cutting edge network science with geographical analysis, the first part of the book highlights how the fluid alliances and conflicts between rebels, violent extremist organizations and states shape in large measure regional patterns of violence in Africa. The book will be essential reading for all students and specialists of African politics and security studies, particularly those specializing on fragile states, sovereignty, new wars, and borders as well as governments and international organizations involved in conflict prevention and early intervention in the region.

More information about the book is available at

<https://www.routledge.com/African-Border-Disorders-AddressingTransnational-Extremist-Organizations/Walther-Miles/p/book/9781138054684>

## **New Attitude to Border Studies (Concepts, Principles and Theories)**

By Dr. Mohsen Janparvar, Assistant Professor of Political Geography of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad and published by Iranian Association of Geopolitics in 2017. This book is designed with the view that researchers can provide a solid background for entry into border studies. The book consists of three sections that cover basic concepts, principles, theories, and perspectives in border studies.

## **La movilidad forzada vista desde la frontera sur mexicana**

Coraza de los Santos, Enrique y Luis Alfredo Arriola. 2017. La movilidad forzada vista desde la frontera sur mexicana. Informe. España: OBIMID, septiembre.

[http://www.comillas.edu/images/OBIMID/boletines\\_e\\_informes/Informe\\_OBIMID\\_septiembre\\_2017.pdf](http://www.comillas.edu/images/OBIMID/boletines_e_informes/Informe_OBIMID_septiembre_2017.pdf)

## **Policy Adrift: Mexico's Southern Border Program**

Arriola Vega, Luis Alfredo. 2017 Policy Adrift: Mexico's Southern Border Program. Research report prepared for the Mexico Center at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. June. <https://www.bakerinstitute.org/research/policy-adri-mexicos-southern-border-program>

## **In/visibility**

C. Brambilla, H. Pötzsch, "In/visibility", in J. Schimanski, S.F. Wolfe (eds), Border Aesthetics. Concepts and Intersections, Berghahn, New York - Oxford, 2017, pp. 68-89;

## **Bordering or Borderscapes? New Migrant Agencies**

C. Brambilla, "Bordering or Borderscapes? New Migrant Agencies", in J.W. Scott et al., "Between Crises and Borders: Interventions on Mediterranean Neighbourhood and the Salience of Spatial Imaginaries", Political Geography, 2017, pp. 3-5, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.polgeo.2017.07.008>;

## **Conflitto, violenza e spazialità: valenza generativa della determinazione conflittuale del confine come sito di lotte**

C. Brambilla, "Conflitto, violenza e spazialità: valenza generativa della determinazione conflittuale del confine come sito di lotte", DADA – Rivista di Antropologia Post-globale, n. 1, speciale 2017 "Violenza e Conflitto", pp. 69-112;

## **Borderscaping e trans-territorialità: ripensare, agire, abitare il confine**

C. Brambilla, "Borderscaping e trans-territorialità: ripensare, agire, abitare il confine", in C. Arbore, M. Maggioli (a cura), Territorialità: concetti, narrazioni, pratiche. Saggi per Angelo Turco, Franco Angeli, Milano, 2017, pp. 321-330;

## **Challenging borders: a critical perspective on the relationship between state, territory, citizenship and identity**

Laine, J. & A Casaglia (2017). Challenging borders: a critical perspective on the relationship between state, territory, citizenship and identity. Europa Regional 24 (1), 3–8.

## **Towards a re-articulation of the relationship between state, territory, and identity through a situated understanding of borders**

Casaglia A. & J. Laine (2017). Towards a re-articulation of the relationship between state, territory, and identity through a situated understanding of borders. Europa Regional 24 (1), 93–96.

### **Spiritually Ours, Factually Yours: Karelia and Russia in Finnish Public Consciousness**

Laine, J. & M. van der Velde (2017). Spiritually Ours, Factually Yours: Karelia and Russia in Finnish Public Consciousness. *Europa Regional* 24 (1), 65–79.

### **Perception of Russia in the Finnish Public Consciousness**

Laine, J. (2017). [Восприятие России в общественном сознании Финляндии](#) [Perception of Russia in the Finnish Public Consciousness]. *Сравнительная политика* [Comparative Politics Russia], 8 (1), 123-139. DOI: 10.18611/2221-3279-2017-8-1-123-139.

### **Constructing Equity during the Salinity Crisis, 1961-1973: Mexico, the United States and the Politics of Sharing on the Colorado River**

Stephen P. Mumme, “Constructing Equity during the Salinity Crisis, 1961-1973: Mexico, the United States and the Politics of Sharing on the Colorado River,” pp. 133-183 in *Journal of the Southwest*, 59:1-2 (2017).

### **Shipping Water Across the U.S.-Mexico Border: International Governance Dimensions of Desalination for Export**

Stephen Mumme, Jamie McEvoy, Nicolas Pineda, and Margaret Wilder, “Shipping Water Across the U.S.-Mexico Border: International Governance Dimensions of Desalination for Export,” *Water International*, 42:7 (2017): 1-17.

### **Cartography of a blind spot: European border cities**

Sohn C. (2017) Cartography of a blind spot: European border cities. Re-submitted to *Tijdschri voor economische en sociale geografie*, 108(4): 512–518.

### **The co-mingling of bordering dynamics in the San Diego–Tijuana cross-border metropolis**

Herzog L., Sohn C. (2017) The co-mingling of bordering dynamics in the San Diego–Tijuana cross-border metropolis. *Territory, Politics, Governance*, Published online 15 May 2017. Doi: 10.1080/21622671.2017.1323003.

### **Political fragmentation and alliances among armed non-state actors in North and Western Africa**

Walther O, Leuprecht C, Skillicorn D. 2017. Political fragmentation and alliances among armed non-state actors in North and Western Africa (1997-2014). *Terrorism and Political Violence* DOI: 10.1080/09546553.2017.1364635

### **Cross-border co-operation networks in West Africa**

Walther O. 2017. Cross-border co-operation networks in West Africa. *OECD West African Papers* 6.

### **Greater New England as Cultural Borderland: A Critical Appraisal**

Widdis, Randy. *Acadiensis: Journal of the History of the Atlantic Region / Revue d'histoire de la region atlantique*, Volume 46, Number 1, Winter/Spring 2017, pp. 97-121. Published by Department of History, University of New Brunswick. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1353/aca.2017.0005>

Read more at <https://muse.jhu.edu/article/6625>

# CALL FOR PAPERS

## REVISTA ÓPERA - CONVOCATORIA DE ARTÍCULOS / CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS

La Revista científica Ópera perteneciente al Observatorio de Políticas, Ejecución y Resultados de la Administración Pública (OPERA), publicado por Centro de Investigaciones y Proyectos Especiales (CIPE) de la Facultad de Finanzas, Gobierno y Relaciones Internacionales de la Universidad Externado de Colombia. Abre una nueva convocatoria para recibir artículos para su dossier temático sobre “**Políticas públicas de seguridad en las fronteras**”, el cual será publicado en el segundo semestre de 2018 (número 23).

Se reciben de forma permanente artículos de tema libre en gobierno, políticas públicas, ciencia política y administración pública. Se reciben solo artículos originales de investigación o de reflexión sobre investigaciones anteriores, de entre 6000 y 9000 palabras.

Los artículos deben enviarse a Carolina Isaza, Editora Revista Ópera ([opera@uexternado.edu.co](mailto:opera@uexternado.edu.co))

El plazo para entregar artículos para este número va hasta **febrero 20 de 2018**.

### Working Paper Series on Border Studies

The Center for Inter-American and Border Studies of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) offers a working paper series on border studies. They can be found at <https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/cibs/research/cibs-working-papers.html>

New papers are posted regularly. We welcome volunteered working papers from all sources, not just UTEP, subject to review by the CBS Director. Volunteered papers and questions can be directed to Josiah Heyman, [jmheyman@utep.edu](mailto:jmheyman@utep.edu)

### Si Somos Americanos, Revista de Estudios Transfronterizos

Se invita a investigadores/as a publicar en “Si Somos Americanos. Revista de Estudios Transfronterizos” para el primer semestre del año 2018. Los manuscritos deberán inscribirse en las líneas temáticas de la revista, como desarrollo e integración regional, relaciones transfronterizas, estudios internacionales, migraciones, movilidad humana y otros temas afines.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## LAFRONT

LAFRONT is a laboratory about borders located in Western Paraná State University. Between its goals it is to elaborate and develop teaching and investigative projects about borders and its themes conceptualizing borders as regions of contact and conflict between different civilizations and perspectives. So borders combine senses of political histories held by national states and regional or local senses developed by communities and its inhabitants. The group is open to new members and wishes to establish contact and exchange perspective with other research groups of scholar with a similar perspective. For more information please see: <https://www.gpfroteras.com>

## New Academic Department of Ethnic, Gender, and Transborder Studies in Tucson, Arizona

Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona, announces the founding of a new academic Department of Ethnic, Gender, and Transborder Studies (EGTS) as of Fall 2017. EGTS offers an interdisciplinary study of the histories, cultures, socioeconomic concerns, politics and identities of people of color and people of multiple genders and sexualities on their own terms. Students explore the stories, social movements, diasporas, and achievements of historically marginalized peoples in the United States while attending to transborder and global perspectives.

EGTS currently offers 4 disciplines: American Indian Studies, Global/Transborder Studies, Gender & Women's Studies, and Mexican American Studies. The College offers an EGTS Concentration in the Liberal Arts- Associates of Arts for Transfer, which requires just five courses-15 credits- from the four disciplines. Courses may be taken in any combination of the disciplines or in just one discipline.

This concentration encourage students to learn current theories about the intersectionality and social construction of ethnicity, race, class, gender, and sexuality while scrutinizing traditional assumptions in order to better understand themselves and their society and to make enlightened choices. It prepares students to become agents of change in their communities, in institutions, and in the world on behalf of social justice.

For more information about the department and its offerings, please contact Department Head, Dr. Francisca James Hernandez, [fjames@pima.edu](mailto:fjames@pima.edu), 520-206-7034.

## **Cross-Border Research Fellowship**

The Border Policy Research Institute at Western Washington University and the Borders in Globalization SSHRC Research Program at the Centre for Global Studies at the University of Victoria invite emerging scholars and policy professionals to apply for a Visiting Research Fellowship. This joint appointment between two universities with established border studies programs offers a unique opportunity to conduct cross-border, policy-relevant research in the Cascadia border region. Known as a leader in cross-border governance and innovation, the Cascadia region offers an incredible opportunity for border scholars to engage in globally relevant research in a beautiful natural landscape. The region spans the Canada – U.S. border between British Columbia and Washington State, and is situated between the Cascade Mountain Range and the islands of the Salish Sea. Fellowship applicants can request up to 6-month residencies, based at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington, and/or at the University of Victoria in Victoria, British Columbia.

Applications are due December 15, 2017.

To submit your application, visit [tinyurl.com/crossborderfellowship](http://tinyurl.com/crossborderfellowship)

If you have questions about the fellowship or submission process, please email Natalie Baloy ([Natalie.Baloy@wwu.edu](mailto:Natalie.Baloy@wwu.edu)) and Nicole Bates-Eamer ([nbeamer@uvic.ca](mailto:nbeamer@uvic.ca)).

## **Dr. Eugene Garcia Outstanding Latina/o Faculty Research in Higher Education Award**

Dr. Carlos Vélez-Ibáñez received the *Dr. Eugene Garcia Outstanding Latina/o Faculty Research in Higher Education Award* by the Victoria Foundation on September 6, 2017.

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