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## Introduction:

Dear ABS members and colleagues,

At the end of this year 2008, the Association of Borderland Studies is once again able to celebrate a wonderful year of growth and expansion. With over 180 individual members and over 130 libraries, our association is looking forward to our April 2009 conference in Albuquerque. Our president-elect Dr. Tony Payan will make our conference program available on our webpage within the next few days. An excellent program, I have been told! Don't forget to register. More information is available below.

Also, our journal – the Journal of Borderland Studies, which is now published every quarter – will make published papers available online at the end of January, and yes, this means that about 280 articles published in JBS will be available to all our members for downloading, in PDF format. Each year, we will add new published papers to this online database of previously published JBS papers.

Finally, I would like to personally thank our past presidents Manuel Chavez and Christopher Brown for masterfully handling the fall election of our two new president-elects for 2009 and 2010, Dr. Javier Duran and Dr. Heather Nicol, respectively. Our executive struggled to fill this position for the last two years, and I am delighted to see colleagues volunteering to serve our Association. Their leadership is commendable.

James Scott, ABS president 2008-09. ■





## Election Results:

This fall 2008 our big news is that our ABS election committee (Chair Manuel Chavez) suggested that two candidates compete for the position of president-elect 2009: Dr. Heather Nicol, and Dr. Javier Duran. Dr. Javier Duran was elected with over 54% of the votes. Congratulations to Dr. Javier Duran who will become our President Elect in April 2009.

Again this fall, the ABS Board voted “yes” to a motion (by Past President Chavez seconded by President Scott) to move that Dr. Heather Nicol be deemed president-elect 2010. This will allow our association to have a complete executive from April 2009 when both the election and this decision will come into force.

Congratulations to both Dr. Duran and Dr. Nicol!

### Please find their bios here:

**Heather N. Nicol** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Geography at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada. Heather graduated from Queen’s University with a PhD in Human Geography, and subsequently taught at the University of West Georgia from 2000-2007, before taking up her current position at Trent.

Her areas of interest include political geography, geopolitics and border studies, as well as Canadian Studies. She has written extensively on the Canada-US border, the borders of the circumpolar North, border security, and Canada-US geopolitical relations. Recent books and articles on the border include *Holding the Line* (UBC Press) with Ian Townsend-Gault, *Beyond Walls*, with Victor Konrad, and *U.S. Hegemony in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Cuba’s Place in the regionalizing Geopolitics of North America and the Caribbean Countries* (JBS, 23(1)).

**Javier D. Durán** is a specialist in cultural and literary studies along the U.S.-Mexico border. He is a native of the Arizona-Sonora desert region, and he is currently Associate Professor of Spanish and Border Studies, and Director of Border Studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Arizona in Tucson. In this capacity he has contributed to develop a PhD emphasis in Border Studies within the doctoral program of

the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, a multidisciplinary venture that aims to study fundamental processes linked to globalization and internationalization through the systematic analysis of their impact on geopolitical, intercultural, linguistic and literary contact zones.

Dr. Durán received his doctorate in Hispanic Literatures from Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Arizona and a Masters degree in Latin American Studies also from the U of Arizona. He has received several research grants from state and federal agencies to conduct research and implement institutional programs during his career. He is the author of the book *José Revueltas. Una poética de la disidencia*, published by the Universidad Veracruzana in Mexico, five co-edited books on Cultural Studies, and numerous articles on literary and cultural themes. He is currently working on two book length manuscripts dealing with border representations. He is in the process of finishing *Border Voices: Local Stories, Migrant Bodies, and Transnational Identities on the U.S.-Mexico Frontera*, and has begun preliminary work on a second book project *Virtual Borders, Data Aliens, and Bare Bodies: Immateriality, Security, and the Bionetwork States*. He is also investigating and teaching the connections between globalization, transnational identities and the Mexican and Latin American diasporas. ■



## Membership 2009

In 2008, our association had about 180 individual members in addition to over 130 library memberships. ABS is the leading international scholarly association dedicated exclusively to the systematic interchange of ideas and information relating to international border areas. Founded in 1976, the Association has since expanded its membership around the world. It encompasses an interdisciplinary membership of scholars at more than one hundred academic, governmental institutions, and NGOs representing the Americas, Asia, Africa and Europe.

The Association publishes [The Journal of Borderlands Studies](#) three times a year, which presents leading research on border issues, and organizes the [ABS annual meeting](#) which provides a scholarly forum for a wide range of topics on border regions around the world.

Please note that a membership follows the calendar year (January to December). Members also have the option of subscribing to the automatic renewal service. This option requires the submission of a credit card number and an expiry date. Members subscribing to this service will have their membership renewed automatically each November for the following calendar year. Membership receipts will be provided. To renew your membership:

Click on the link below to go directly to the ABS Membership page: <http://www.absborderlands.org/member/index.html>

Follow the simple steps for credit card payment using the University of Victoria's secure online payment system.

### Membership Benefits:

An annual subscription to the *Journal of Borderland Studies (JBS)* (3 issues annually)

**NEW! An annual subscription to the ONLINE data base of the Journal of Borderland Studies – i.e. about 280 articles published in JBS since JBS #1!**

A window on your profession offered by the Association's on-line newsletter, *LA FRONTERA*: field analysis, news from the departments, conferences, scholarships, research topics, research funding, new publications – twice yearly.

Access to participation in the *Annual Conference*; Association list serve - the ABS maintains *A List Serve* with the names and email addresses of over 700 scholars, and its *Membership* data base as well. These are very good tools to advertise new jobs and upcoming conferences.

Please note that we require membership for the above services.

### Membership fees also contribute to the administration of the following activities:

The *Association of Borderland Studies Annual Award* for best book of the year.

The *Association Student Best Paper Award* (3 annual prizes)

Association website - <http://www.absborderlands.org/>

Our *Border Bibliography* updated yearly in collaboration with CIBR - Belfast, UK.

Address changes or other administrative queries: Please e-mail all changes or queries to [absexec@uvic.ca](mailto:absexec@uvic.ca) ■

## JBS Online! 01-2009

The second big news item for 2009 is that as of January 31, 2009, past numbers of JBS will be available online. This means that for the first time ever all paid members of the ABS will be able to (1) access past numbers of JBS articles as published in JBS #1 to JBS #21 or about 280 articles/published papers, and (2) receive the forthcoming JBS numbers 24(1), 24(2), 24(3) as well.

These papers/articles will be available in a PDF format to all 2009 paid members ONLY.

Please remember that our membership works on a calendar year from January 1 to December 31! To be able to access past JBS articles online; first, you need to pay your 2009 ABS membership. Second, you will receive an email confirming your membership and it will include a temporary password to access all JBS articles published in JBS #1 up to and including JBS #21.

To protect the printed version of JBS, we are implementing a "moving wall" of three years between the paper/published JBS and the electronic version of JBS, so that each year the number of published articles available on the online version of JBS will increase. ■



## New Publications:

### Books:

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Kathleen Staudt. 2008. *Violence and Activism at the Border*. University of Texas Press.

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George Gavriliş. 2008. *The Dynamics of Interstate Boundaries*. Cambridge University Press. Link to CambridgeUPress and book cover: <http://www.cambridge.org/catalogue/catalogue.asp?isbn=9780521898997>

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<http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2008/3069/>

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## Newsletters

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## Member News:

### *Conference papers and invited talks:*

Youngs, Nick Burkhart, Zachary Dorn, Casey Allen and Daniel Arreola, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-0104 [daniel.arreola@asu.edu](mailto:daniel.arreola@asu.edu) "Impact of Border Crossers on Environments in the Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona" poster presented to the 71st annual meeting of the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers in Fairbanks, AK October 8-11

Christopher Brown, 30 October 2008 – Invited paper at Western Washington University/ Border Policy Research Institute, entitled, "What is border environmental security? US, Canada, and Mexico perspectives." This invitation arose from interactions with Don Alper of WWU at the 2008 ABS/WSSA meetings in Denver.

Christopher Brown, 21 November 2008 – invited paper that the University of Nevada at Reno entitled, "Comparative discussions of international water resource management: Case studies from the US-Mexico Border and the Middle East." The paper is part of a series hosted by the The Graduate Program of Hydrologic Sciences, Fall 2008 Colloquium Series, and the invitation came from the new Department Head of Geography at UNR, Kate Berry. ■

Gilberto Rosas currently a postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture University of Chicago. A scholar of criminality, violence, and race in the Mexico-US borderlands and he was hired as an assistant professor in Anthropology and Latina/o Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in academic year 2007-2008, and is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow and Visiting Assistant Professor at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture at the University of Chicago. (773) 834-8736. [grosas@uchicago.edu](mailto:grosas@uchicago.edu)

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The Autumn, 2008 JOURNAL OF THE SOUTHWEST (JSW, Vol. 50, # 3) presents a series of scholarly essays on walls and barriers and The Wall blighting the U.S.-Mexican boundaryline. University scholars offer four essays on The Wall's implications for the environment, for borderlands policing, as a focus for mural art, and as a continuation of trends presaged by the "Tortilla Curtain". Museum and university scholars join on two other contributions on the significance of walls and the Smithsonian exhibition that inspired the JSW edition. Contributors include Maribel Alvarez, Robbie Davis, Joe Heyman, Anna Johnson, Donna Lybecker, and Oscar Martinez. Ed Williams edited and contributed to the initiative. Contact: The Southwest Center; U of Arizona; Tucson, AZ 85721; 520-621-2484; Jeff Banister, associate editor, [banister@email.arizona.edu](mailto:banister@email.arizona.edu)

University of Texas at El Paso Border Region Modeling Project short-term and long-term borderplex economic forecasts offers new short-term borderplex forecasts that cover the economic outlooks for Las Cruces, NM; El Paso, TX; Cd. Juarez, MX; and Chihuahua City, MX. It will be released in December 2008. Both reports sell for \$10 each. ■



## Past and Forthcoming conferences and workshops:

Kallioras D., Topaloglou L. and Venieris S. (2008), "The border effect in Europe": Determinant factors in Cross Border Interaction", 8th Congress of the Greek Regional Science Association, 17-18 October 2008, Athens, Greece (in Greek)

Topaloglou L. (2008), "Obstacles in economic cross border interaction across the EU external and Northern Greek border regions", Conferences on Management of International Business and Economic Systems, 4-5 July 2008, Larisa, Greece

Topaloglou L. (2008), "The nature of borders", Conference on Folk Culture and Boundaries in the Balkans, 6-8 June 2008, Volos, Greece (in Greek)

Association of Borderland Studies Conference 51st Annual Conference, with WSSA, April 15-18, 2009, Albuquerque, New Mexico

[Hyatt Regency Downtown](#)

Conference Program Chair ABS President Elect Dr. Tony Payan, ([lapayan@utep.edu](mailto:lapayan@utep.edu))

Remember to register for our ABS annual conference at <http://wssa.asu.edu/conferences/default.htm>.

### **"Boundaries and Neighbours in a "Wider Europe": Regional Perspectives on the Everyday Construction of borders", EUDIMENSIONS Borders Conference, Iasi (Romania), 5-7 March 2009**

The EUDIMENSIONS research project, funded by the European Union's 6<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, seeks to understand the actual and potential role of civil society in developing new forms of political, economic, and socio-cultural cooperation within this emerging "New European Neighbourhood" beyond the external borders of the EU. This conference will take place in Iasi (Romania) and in Chisinau (Moldova), in a border region that exemplifies many of the new tensions that have emerged as a result of more permeable borders, European enlargement and the increasing geopolitical impact of the EU. With this conference we seek to encourage the development of research perspectives on the EU's external borders. We invite border scholars and practitioners to participate in open and informed debate about these issues and to experience a "new" European borderland as it develops a sense of cross-border "regionness".

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