

# The Waggoner Research Colloquium

**CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS OF LATIN AMERICA:**  
History, Conservation, Climate Change, and Natural Disasters

**KU**  
CENTER FOR LATIN  
AMERICAN &  
CARIBBEAN STUDIES

4:00-6:00 PM  
Tuesday, November 13th  
Malott Room, Kansas Union

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Science, and the departments of African & African  
American Studies, English, Film & Media Studies, and  
Spanish & Portuguese.



## 27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WAGGONER RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM THIS MONTH AT KU

LAWRENCE – This fall marks the 27<sup>th</sup> year of The Waggoner Research Colloquium, where KU Latin Americanist faculty and graduate students gather to celebrate the ongoing research and scholarship in the region.

The 2018 colloquium includes an interdisciplinary panel on “Changing Environments of Latin America: History, Conservation, Climate Change, & Natural Disasters” and will feature the following presentations:

**Santa Arias**, Spanish and Portuguese

- “Post-Columbian Ruination: Reframing Bartolomé de las Casas’ *destrucción*” in Hispaniola and Beyond”

**Gregory Cushman**, History and Environmental Studies

- “The Modern World’s First Gold Rush: Las Antillas, 1493-1520”

**Peter Herlihy**, Geography and Atmospheric Science

- “Indigenous Territories and Forest Conservation in Central America”

**Ward Lyles**, Urban Planning, School of Public Affairs and Administration

- “Disasters as Windows and Mirrors: What Should (And Shouldn’t) We Learn from Hurricanes Maria and Harvey?”

**Jorge Soberón**, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

- “Changing Climate and Changing Countries: Biodiversity and Human Migrations”

Q&A and a reception with refreshments and hors d’oeuvres will follow.

Inaugurated in 1992 by former Director of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Dr. Elizabeth Kuznesof, the Waggoner Research Colloquium is a testimony to KU’s continuing commitment to international education and its promotion of international consciousness among students and faculty. Along with the exhibition of scholarly work, the colloquium provides an opportunity for fellowship among colleagues and graduate students taking part in Latin American research and scholarship.

This event celebrates and continues the legacy of George Waggoner, in whose honor this colloquium was founded. Dr. Waggoner was Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences from 1954 until 1975, when he became the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. During his tenure, Dr. Waggoner founded the College Honors Program and established educational ties with universities in the Caribbean and in Central and South America. He was presciently concerned with international programs and development and was instrumental in bringing to KU many of the Latin Americanists who have been instrumental in making our Area Studies Programs so distinguished.

The Waggoner Research Colloquium will take place Thursday, November 13, 2018 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in the Malott Room of the KU Memorial Union, 1301 Jayhawk Blvd. Lawrence, KS 66045. A catered reception will follow. Please RSVP to [clacs@ku.edu](mailto:clacs@ku.edu) by Friday, November 9, 2018.

We hope to see you all there.