“Spanish & Portuguese Global Study” Open House

Wednesday, Oct. 29 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.)
Kuhn House

Come meet our faculty members, find out about the courses we teach, hear about Honors Programs in various departments, learn about the interdisciplinary Minor in Andean/Amazonian Studies, explore undergraduate research opportunities, visit with Study Abroad representatives, and learn more about OSU’s new and dynamic Spanish and Portuguese Club. (Co-sponsored by Honors and Scholars)

**Featured Faculty**

**Kendra McSweeney**
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Department of Geography

**Interests:** My primary interest is in human-environment interactions, with focus on issues in cultural and political ecology, conservation and development, resilience, demography, and land use/cover change. Current projects include a long-term study of indigenous livelihoods in eastern Honduras, an NSF-funded project on human-forest dynamics in SE Ohio, and a research program that tracks the nature and implications of demographic change among Latin America's indigenous populations.

**Bryan G. Mark**
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Department of Geography
Byrd Polar Research Center

**Research Interests:** glacier-hydrologic dynamics over different time scales, particularly in the tropical Andes. Palaeoenvironmental reconstruction and analysis, Glacier-climate assessment, Glacier water resources

**Barbara Piperata**
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Department of Anthropology

**Research Interests:** evolutionary and critical biocultural perspectives, nutritional anthropology, food security and reproductive energetics. Regional area of focus is Latin America, Amazon Basin and Atlantic Coast forests of Brazil and in Central Nicaragua.
Laura Podalsky  
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Department of Spanish and Portuguese  

**Research Interests:** Latin American film and cultural studies; the relationship between Latin American culture, politics, and socio-historical formations; urban culture, questions of affect and, more recently, youth cultures.

Michelle Wibbelsman  
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Department of Spanish and Portuguese  

**Interests:** South American indigenous cultures, ethnographic studies and ethnomusicology. My work in Andean Ecuador since 1995 has focused on symbolic and semiotic analytical approaches to indigenous performances, ritual practices and politics. My current research explores indigenous transnational migration, diaspora and cosmopolitanism.

**Information Tables:**

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| Study Abroad                        |
| Spanish and Portuguese Honors       |
| Undergraduate Research Office       |
| Spanish and Portuguese Club         |

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