Cultura y Comunidad
Mirando Hacia México

April 18-19, 2013
James Madison University

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Drawing by Tatiana Timokhina
Free Workshop on Latin American and Latino/a History and Culture
For the Rockingham County and Harrisonburg City Educational Community

Thursday, April 18, 2013, 12:00pm-3:00pm*
Highlands Room, Festival Center
James Madison University

In response to the growing Latino/a community in the nation, state and county, James Madison University professors have organized the second annual Cultura y Comunidad, a community workshop intended to generate ideas about K-12 curricular content on Latin American and Latino/a history and culture in accordance with the Virginia standards of learning. This year’s topic is titled Mirando Hacia Mexico/Focus on Mexico. The workshop will be led by experts in Mexican history, culture, literature, and politics: Dr. Jürgen Buchenau, a professor of history at UNC Charlotte; Dr. Allison Fagan, professor of literature at JMU; and Dr. Andrew Chesnut, a professor of religious studies at VCU. Estela Knott and David Berzonsky of Luminaria Cville will discuss using music to develop and support language and communication skills, classroom management and cultural awareness. The workshop will provide presentations on teaching Mexican culture and literature, as well as a background of Mexican history directed towards K-12 classroom teachers. We will also provide teaching resources to accompany these topics. We hope to build upon existing collaborations between the JMU community and K-12 teachers, staff and administrators in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County in order to better serve our shared student populations.

* Lunch will be provided by The Office of International Programs.

Parking, Disabilities and Contact Info
Parking for the workshop will be available in Lot D3. For a campus map, please visit www.jmu.edu/map. For information regarding disability access, please contact Kristi McDonnell by email at mcdonnnkc@jmu.edu.
Cultural Events

Thursday, April 18, 2013

7:00-9:00pm, Keynote Lecture, Warren Hall, Transitions

“Santa Muerte: The Mushrooming New Cult of Saint Death”
Dr. Andrew Chesnut, Professor of Religious Studies
Virginia Commonwealth University

Join us after the talk for a reception and musical performances:
“Mexican Folk Roots Music and Beyond” by musical duet Lua
and a dance by JMU’s Latino Student Alliance

Friday, April 19, 2013

Join us for a lecture, career outreach session and informal talk with
Dr. Sarah Martinez, Justice Officer from the State Department.

11:00am-12:00pm, Burruss Hall, Room 0031

“US-Haitian Relations In a Time of Recovery:
A View From the State Department”

1:30-2:30pm, Miller Hall, Room 1101

“Career Paths in the US Government”
Dr. Martinez will be available for a question and answer session with
students about the wheres, whens, whys, and hows of working for the
US Government.

Reception to follow
JMU Organizing Committee

- Pedro Aponte, Assistant Professor of Musicology
- Sarah Brooks, Assistant Professor of Art History
- Keo Cavalcanti, Professor of Sociology, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) committee member
- Allison Fagan, Assistant Professor of English, LACS committee member
- Becca Howes-Michel, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, LACS committee member
- Kristen McCleary, Associate Professor of History, Coordinator of the minor in LACS
- Bill Van Norman, Associate Professor of History, Chair of the minor in LACS
- Tomás Regalado-Lopez, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages, LACS committee member
- Maureen Shanahan, Associate Professor of Art History

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