Tentative Schedule of Activities
NEH Workshops: Humanities Perspectives on Latin American Philosophy
May 2006 - March 2007, University of Texas - Pan American
Palmetto Room, Student Union

May 8-11 (Monday - Thursday, 3:00-4:30). Introductory Sessions
Overview of Latin American Philosophy

May 8. “Knowledge and Reason in Pre-Columbian Cultures”
Faculty: Susana Nuccetelli
Presenter: Greg Gilson. Readings: León-Portilla, “The Birth of Philosophy Among the Nahuas;”
Sahagún, Florentine Codex.
Background Readings: “Almanac,” in Book of Chilam Balam of Chumayel [RESERVE] ;
[RESERVE]

Faculty: Gary Seay
Presenter: William B. Carter. Readings: Ginés de Sepúlveda, “Prologue to the Members of the
Congregation”; Francisco de Vitoria, On the Indians and the Law of War.
Background Readings: Vitoria, Political Writings [RESERVE] ; Las Casas/Ginés de Sepúlveda,
“Aquí se contiene una disputa o controversia” [RESERVE] ; Todorov, The Conquest of
America [RESERVE].

Faculty: Gary Seay
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Presenter: Monica Diaz. Readings: Alberdi, Bases and Starting Points for the Organization of
the Argentine Republic.
Background Readings: “Is LatinAmerican Ready for Democracy?” Haya de la Torre.

May 11 “Latin American Values After Positivism: from Rodó to Vasconcelos”
Faculty: Susana Nuccetelli
Background Readings: Valdés, Del Ariel de Rodó a la CEPAL [RESERVE]; Feinmann, Filosofía y Nación; Biagini, Lucha de ideas en Nuestramérica [RESERVE].

Fall 2006

October 7 (Saturday).
The Perspective of the History of Ideas in Latin American Philosophy

Morning Workshop: “The Origins and Development of Latin American Philosophy”
Faculty: Jorge Gracia
Presenter: Cynthia McWilliams
Background Readings: Gracia, "Latin American Philosophy Today”; Gracia et al., Philosophical Analysis in Latin America.

Afternoon Workshop: “The Influence of History of Ideas in Current Latin American Philosophy”
Faculty: Jorge Gracia
Presenter: Suzanne Lalonde
Presenter: Marci Mitchell

November 4 (Saturday).
The Perspective of Political Thought in Latin American Philosophy

Morning Workshop: “Ruptures and Continuities in the Concept of Our America”
Faculty: Ofelia Schutte
Presenter: Caroline Miles
Presenter: Lee Basham

Afternoon Workshop: “Latin America from a Subaltern Perspective”
Faculty: Ofelia Schutte
Presenter: Steve Rice

Spring 2007

January 27 (Saturday).
The Perspective of History in Latin American Philosophy

Morning Workshop: “Folk-Cosmologies in Pre-Columbian Cultures”
Faculty: Meri Clark
Presenter: Luis Rodriguez-Abad
Background Readings: León-Portilla, Time and Reality in the Thought of the Maya; Diamond, Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies.

Afternoon Workshop: “Latin American Positivism and Its Influence in Education”
Faculty: Meri Clark
Presenter: Kristin Wirts
Readings: Sierra, The Political Evolution of the Mexican People.
Background Readings: Ardao, “Positivism in Latin America”; Cruz Costa, The Advent of Positivism in Brazil; Zea, “Positivism and Porfirism in Mexico”.

February 24 (Saturday).
The Perspective of Literature in Latin American Philosophy
Morning Workshop: “Philosophical Issues in Colonial Hispanic Literature”
Faculty: Ilan Stavans
Presenter: Jennifer Mata
Readings: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Reply to Sor Philothea; Paz, Sor Juana or, The Traps of Faith.
Background Readings: Sor Juana. Inés de la Cruz, Autodefensa espiritual: Letter of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz to Her Confessor; Reyes, “The Tenth Muse”; Maravall, Culture of the Baroque.

Afternoon Workshop: “Literary Essayists in Latin America: From Sarmiento to Paz and Fuentes”
Faculty: Ilan Stavans
Presenter: Suzanne Lalonde
Readings: Sarmiento, Facundo: Civilization and Barbarism; Fuentes, The Buried Mirror; Paz, The Labyrinth of Solitude.
Background Readings: Halperín Dongui et al., Sarmiento: Author of a Nation; Kirkpatrick and Masiello, “Introduction: Sarmiento between History and Fiction”; Halperín Donghi, “Sarmiento’s Place in Postrevolutionary Argentina.”

March 24 (Saturday).
Latin American Philosophy in the Context of Philosophy and Other Humanities Disciplines

Concluding Workshop: “Latin American Philosophy: What It Is and How to Incorporate It in Teaching and Research”
Faculty: Susana Nuccetelli & Gary Seay
Presenter: Roxana Alavi
Presenter: Suzanne Lalonde