

# SPANISH NEWS

Boletín informativo de los estudiantes graduados de español

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## News from LASA Boston

The Latin American Studies Association held its annual international conference in Boston during May 23th to 28th. Professors Rajca, Lopez-Rodriguez and Janzen, alumni Edgar Larrea and Juan Cruz, and graduate students Andres Arroyave, David Beek and Fritz Culp presented advances of their research.

## Novedades Fall 2019

**Dr. Andrew Rajca,  
new Interim  
Spanish Program  
Director**



"Stranger Things in Contemporary Latin American Fiction: From Executioners to Sexual Rebels and Beyond" [#LASA2019](#)

Dr. Rajca is associate professor of Portuguese and Spanish, and author of *Dissensual Subjects: Memory, Human Rights, and Postdictatorship in Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay* (2018).

Dr. Lopez Rodriguez is associate professor of Spanish, and author of *Blancura y otras ficciones raciales en los Andes Colombianos* (2019) and *Tiempos para rezar y tiempos para trabajar* (2001)

**Dr. Mercedes  
Lopez Rodriguez,  
new Spanish  
Graduate  
Advisor**

**Welcome to  
our new graduate  
students in Spanish:**

**Ph.D.**

**Jessica Wigington,**

**Hope Patterson**

**M.A.**

**Perla Richerson**

## Our Dissertation Writers

**Spanish Ph.D.**

**Andres Arroyave  
Hyanghee Lee  
Tamara Morgan  
David Mesa**

**Comp Lit Ph.D.**

**Julia Luján  
Benjamin Driscoll  
David Beek  
Maria Josee Mendez**

**David Beek, Ph. D. student in Comparative Literature—Spanish** Fulbright US Student Program Research Grant - Brazil, Spring 2020.

**David Mesa, Ph.D. student in Spanish** DLLC Graduate Assistant Outstanding Teaching Award, 2019.

**Andrés Arroyave, Ph. D. student in Spanish** DLLC Dissertation Teaching Release Award, 2019.

**Fritz Culp, Ph. D. student in Spanish** DLLC Graduate Research Paper Award, 2019.

**Julia Lujan, Ph. D. student in Comparative Literature—Spanish** CAS Incubator Graduate Leadership Team.

**Benjamin Driscoll, Ph. D. student in Comparative Literature—Spanish** Maxcy College Assistant.

More  
Good  
News  
from  
Our  
Graduate  
Students

Our presence in the  
Carolina Community

**ANDRES FELIPE ARROYAVE**  
**THE LATINO EXPERIENCE**  
**@ THE NICKELODEON**

PhD Candidate Andres Arroyave provides an introduction and talkback at this amazing film screening.



Wednesday, April 10 at 7:00 pm - Nickelodeon Theatre - 1607 Main St, Columbia, SC 29201

*Andres Arroyave, giving an introduction and talkback during the film screening of "Birds of Passage" at the Nickelodeon.*

Our sincere congratulations to our alumni from the Ph.D. in Spanish

**Dr. Jinmei Chen**  
*(Beijing Language and Culture University)*

and  
**Dr. Stephanie Orozco**  
*(University of South Carolina in Aiken)*

for their positions as  
Assistant Professor.

We are so proud of your  
achievements!!

Thank you,  
**Dr. Eric Holt**  
for your  
service as  
Spanish  
Graduate  
Advisor  
for the  
last three  
years!!

In our  
next  
Issue:

- What is your dissertation about? Our students' responses to the "scariest" question.
- Who are the LLCGSA's new president, vice president and Spanish representative?