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Faculty and Alum Professional Activities

William Brumfield, Professor of German and Slavic Studies, recently added to his Discovering Russia series entitled "Russia Beyond the Headlines," with his 102nd and 103rd articles. Each article in the series focuses on Russia's historic architecture and cultural heritage and is written for the foreign-language service of the Russian national newspaper *Rossiiskaia Gazeta*.

Linda Carroll, Professor of Italian, served as chair of the executive committee of the Division on Medieval and Renaissance Italian Literature of the Modern Language Association from January 2013 to January 2014.

Faycal Falaky, Associate Professor of French, authored *Social Contract, Masochist Contract: Aesthetics of Freedom and Submission in Rousseau,* published by the SUNY Press in 2014.

Lauren Hudson (SLA '07, L '12) has been appointed Assistant County Attorney to work in the Environment and Infrastructure Practice Group in the Harris County Attorney's Office. Hudson attended Tulane University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and coupled a certificate of specialization in environmental law with her law degree. Most recently, Hudson served as a law clerk for Judge Patricia Kerrigan in the 190th District Court. Hudson also worked as a contract attorney in American Airline's Antitrust Division, assisting with the American Airlines and US Airways merger. "We are pleased that Ms. Hudson has joined our team," County Attorney Vince Ryan said. "Our Office is fortunate to have someone with Ms. Hudson's dedication and experience on board."

Michelle Kohler, Associate Professor of English, recently published *Miles of Stare: Transcendentalism and the Problem of Literary Vision in Nineteenth-Century America,* with the University of Alabama Press. Kohler's recent article, "Some Glittering Nondescript Vertebrate: The Provocative Style of Realism in Howells' A Hazard of New Fortunes," appeared in the spring issue of *American Literary Realism.*

Nora Lustig, the Samuel Z. Stone Professor of Latin American Economics, made a presentation of the Commitment to Equity project's results, "Fiscal Policy, Inequality and the Poor in the Developing World" at USAID in a session chaired by its Chief Economist, Stephen O'Connell, and at the Center for Global Development, both in Washington DC on May 15. Lustig also made a presentation at the Inter-American Development Bank on May 12, 2014 entitled, "Fiscal Policy and the Ethno-¬Racial Divide in Bolivia, Brazil, Guatemala and Uruguay."

Claudiney Pereira, Senior Professor of Practice in Economics, presented "Brazil's Bolsa Familia Program: Implementation, Results, and Challenges" at RAP´s Symposium: The Social Inclusion Challenge, New Orleans on

May 6th. Pereira also participated in the Global Development Network workshop on "Inclusive Growth-Shaping a new Global Research Project" held on May 12th 2014 at the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris.

Chris Rodning, Associate Professor of Anthropology, was the program chair for the 79th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, an international event with 4500 participants that took place in Austin, Texas on April 23-27, 2014. http://www.saa.org/

Eduardo Silva, Friezo Foundation Chair in Political Science, co-edited "Movilización Ciudadana Transnacional: Nuevas Formas de Activismo Político," (Transnational Citizen Mobilization: New Forms of Political Activism), Revista Cidob d'Afers Internacionals, no. 105 (April) 2014. Silva also participated in the "Round Table on Social Policy in Latin America," organized by the Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, Tulane University, April 1, 2014. In addition, Silva presented "Rethinking the Concept of Post Neoliberal Popular Incorporation in the Political Arena," at a workshop for the Red de Accion Politica (RAP) hosted by the Center for Inter-American Policy and Research, May 5-9, 2014, Tulane University. Social Policy and Social Movements were the topics of this workshop.

Trent Stockton, who graduated with his Ph.D. in anthropology in 2013, is now employed as a full-time archaeologist by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Student Professional Activities

Joyce Bennett, who graduated with her PhD in Anthropology in May, accepted a 2-year visiting position in Anthropology as a visiting assistant professor at Connecticut College.

Sophie Esch, PhD candidate in the Department of Spanish & Portuguese, recently accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures of Colorado State University, beginning Fall 2014. Esch's work focuses on the first in-depth study of the functions and symbolic meaning of weaponry in songs and literary texts from various armed conflicts in Latin America: the Mexican Revolution, Sandinista Revolution, postwar Central America and the drug war in Mexico. Her research, which has taken her to Mexico, Nicaragua and Costa Rica, was supported through a School of Liberal Arts Monroe Fellowship and two Summer Merit Fellowships.

Bryan Haley, graduate student in Anthropology, recently published an article about a Native American site in the Yazoo Basin of northwestern Mississippi in the journal, *Archaeological Prospection,* titled "The Big Picture at Hollywood: Geophysical and Archaeological Investigations at a Mississippian Mound Centre" (2014).

Jayur Mehta, PhD candidate in Anthropology, recently published an article about the Natchez Indians of southwestern Mississippi in the journal, *Native South,* titled "Spanish Conquistadores, French Explorers, and Natchez Great Suns in Southwestern Mississippi, 1542–1729."

Cristina Pop, who graduated with her PhD in Anthropology in May, will become a visting assistant professor in Anthropology at the University of Montana.