



Fernando Botero brought his "Abu Ghraib" exhibit to CLAS in spring 2007.

## Events

Each semester CLAS organizes a vibrant public program of events and conferences. These events feature Latin Americanist faculty from UC Berkeley and other universities, policymakers, social leaders and public intellectuals. For a full list of CLAS events please visit our website: [clas.berkeley.edu](http://clas.berkeley.edu).

## Publications

The Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies is a biannual publication dedicated to in-depth coverage of Latin American issues. The review features research and articles by a wide range of public figures, scholars and graduate students. CLAS also publishes two series: Working Papers highlight scholarly research on Latin America; Policy Papers focus on current issues in public policy.

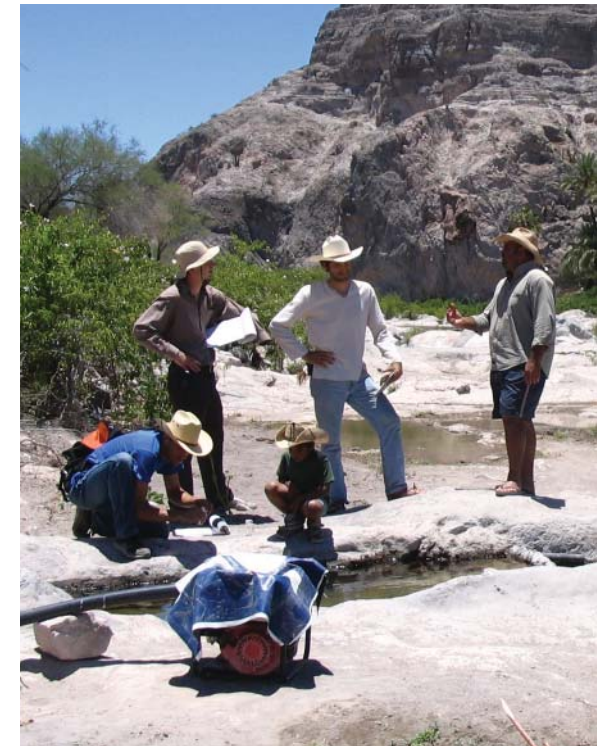
## Community

In its role as a liaison between academics, government officials and leaders from the region and the university's academic community, the Center builds networks and facilitates exchanges through conferences, workshops, public events, receptions and cultural activities.

## Research

CLAS funds both student and faculty research. Students may receive travel grants for pre-dissertation research in Latin America as well as for academic conferences, while faculty grants are awarded on a case-by-case basis. CLAS publications feature the exceptional student and faculty research that results from these grants. Working groups, made up of students engaged in research and dialogue about topics related to Latin America, are also sponsored by CLAS.

Ricardo Lagos (center), President of Chile 2000–06, with a student and Professor Harley Shaiken, Chair of the Center, on the Berkeley campus in fall 2006. President Lagos taught the course "Democracy and Development in Latin America" while he was a Visiting Scholar at CLAS.



Berkeley graduate students test point-of-use water purification systems during their CLAS-supported summer fieldwork in Mexico. A Policy Paper based on their research is available on the Center's website in both English and Spanish.

## Visiting Scholars

Each year CLAS sponsors an outstanding group of visiting scholars whose members range from area specialists to public intellectuals and practitioners. Past Visiting Scholars have included Ruth Cardoso, Ricardo Lagos and Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas. Visiting scholars give public talks, teach courses and seminars and participate fully in the intellectual life at CLAS.

## Courses

CLAS offers a combination of semester-long courses and shorter seminars taught by leading scholars, policymakers and public intellectuals on topics ranging from sustainable rural development to the political transition in contemporary Brazil.



Professor **Eva Harris** presented her work on public health and dengue in Latin America as part of the CLAS **Bay Area Latin America Forum**.



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Atacama Desert, Chile.

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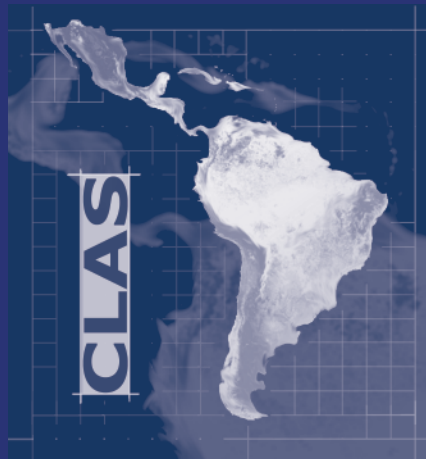
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Stan Ovshinsky, the “Einstein of Alternative Energy,” spoke on renewable energy and the Americas in spring 2008.



**Cine Latino**, a vibrant series of films from and about Latin America, has brought directors such as **Walter Salles** and their movies to Berkeley.



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