

**MOLLAS Meeting Minutes**  
**SALALMLI**  
**Sunday, March 19, 2006**

**Attendance:** Paloma Celis-Carbajal, Nelly González, Marne Grinolds, Sean Knowlton (observer), Nerea A. LLamas, Molly Molloy, James Simon (observer), Rafael Tarragó, Scott Van Jacob, Mary Jo Zeter,

After introductions, the group moved on to agenda items.

**1. Review of the MOLLAS website:**

News Magazines & Business (Zeter): Mary Jo updated the site and added relevant urls. She submitted the changes to Kansas, but the page has not yet been updated.

AV Materials (González): Nelly announced that Illinois' AV materials will circulate on a trial basis.

Collection Development Policies (Tarragó): Rafael has not yet updated this section, but he received new information from New Mexico State to add.

Special Collections (Tarragó): Nothing to update. Ohio State has not sent information for this section.

Microfilm (LLamas): An update is in progress.

**2. Cooperative Acquisition Projects:**

a. CRL Shared Purchase: Three MOLLAS members (Nelly, Mary Jo & Jana) recommended to CRL a shared purchase of the newspaper *Uno mas uno*. Since CRL did purchase this (and *Plantation Life in the Caribbean*), we now know this strategy is effective.

**Action:** We should mention to our respective administrators that this cooperative effort was successful in saving funds at individual institutions.

b. Central American Archives (CAA): CAA was also included on the LAMP agenda, but ultimately not discussed. There is speculation that LAMP is considering a purchase. ProQuest indicated that there is a new pricing model. The discussion then focused on resubmitting a purchase request to CRL for portions of the collection and a cooperative purchase within MOLLAS or in cooperation with other regional groups.

**Action:** MOLLAS should monitor pricing and offers and continue the discussion by email.

c. El País: MOLLAS' attempt to secure consortial pricing failed. Mary Jo sent a letter, translated by Nelly, to the contact person at El País, but received no reply. The group then debated generally whether or not it is necessary to subscribe to El País given their changing policies about access to backfiles. The history of the consortial offer was reviewed for those unfamiliar with the proposal.

**Action:** No further action will be taken.

### **3. Iberian Resources**

The discussion focused on whether or not MOLLAS should include Iberian resources in its mandate. Some of the members also work with Iberian Studies and would find cooperation in this area useful. Others, however, felt that Iberia was not among the responsibilities of everyone in the group and that we should not dilute our mission. It was suggested that we create links on our web site to the ISIS web page instead.

**Action:** MOLLAS will continue to focus on Latin America only.

### **4. Membership**

The main issue discussed was whether or not to expand MOLLAS membership to Brigham Young, Arizona State and University of Colorado.

Mary Jo began the discussion by referring to points she made by email prior to the meeting.

The opinions vary by member:

Rafael wants to define our region and stay within those parameters.

Nelly feels that including the proposed members will make MOLLAS stronger.

Molly noted that even the Midwestern schools are geographically separated. As an aside, she noted that MOLLAS is not listed in the SALALM Operations Manual.

All agreed that funding is an important issue. Four Title VI applications included requests for meeting funds: Kansas, NMSU, Wisconsin & MSU/Notre Dame.

Sean expressed interest in exploring options for uniting with other Western schools, whether through MOLLAS or as a separate group. He feels that these institutions share a common history. He will take the lead in bringing those schools together to discuss options.

Mary Jo suggested waiting until Cathy Marsicek assumes her new position at the University of New Mexico. She has expressed interest in beginning a new group.

The conversation turned to minimal level expectations of membership in MOLLAS. Scott & Mary Jo expressed that at a minimum there should be collaboration on the web site. After further discussion, it was agreed that non-cooperating librarians should be contacted about this and given an opportunity to clarify their position on participation in MOLLAS.

**Action:** Mary Jo will draft a letter.

### **5. Institutional Reports**

**Wisconsin:**

Paloma will send her report later by email.

**New Mexico State University:**

NMSU's Title VI grant application includes a request for funding for a MOLLAS meeting.

UNM will host SALALM LII in Albuquerque. The hotel has been chosen, but the conference budget is not yet complete. The proposed conference theme is *International borders in the Americas*, focusing on security and free trade issues.

Two interesting conferences are being held at NMSU: a) Lineae Terrarum: International Borders Conference, which focuses on border issues and b) Social Justice Symposium, which Molly helped organize, focuses on women in Juarez, Mexico.

Molly will also be teaching an undergraduate course on Latin American border studies.

**Notre Dame:**

ND is implementing their digital repository. Most of the Kellogg Papers have been included. The repository will go live next year.

Scott received \$160,000 one-time funding for Spain & Argentine & Latin American history. \$30,000 is on-going funding for the Hispanic Caribbean.

The ND Library received \$1,000,000 from the Fiesta Bowl earnings, which will be dedicated to European history works.

Scott purchased the archives of 3 Mexican textile mills and 9 letters by Manuel Puig, which include a 4-page autobiography.

Scott is also planning an exhibit next Spring for the Latin American literary manuscript collection.

**Minnesota:****Collections:**

There have been two reorganizations since August 2005. Funding for Iberian and Latin American materials remains unchanged. There is more money for collections, but all of it has gone into an approval plan for US imprints with YBP. The U of MN has acquired facsimiles of the Murúa Codex and the Medocino Codex published by Testimonio Compañía Editorial.

The approval plan with Iberbook is working--a good deal of books on Latin American history and Latin American literature is published in Spain, and authors like Zoe Valdez and Enrique Bryce Echenique publish there. The reorganization of the approval plan with YBP (Selection to Access Project) has freed staff to catalog the backlog--for example, the 1991 ed. of the complete works of Jose Martí have been cataloged, 2 years after their acquisition.

**Cooperative Projects:**

The U of MN Libraries will continue its cooperative arrangement with the U of Wisconsin Ibero-American Texts Electronic Library. A 1552 Seville imprint containing a report of the 1550 dispute between Bartolomé de Las Casas and Juan G. de Sepúlveda at the James Ford Bell Library has been digitized and mounted in the IATEL. U of MN continues to contribute to LAPTOC.

**Personal Report:**

The recently published *\_Encyclopedia of Caribbean Literature\_* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2006), edited by former SALALM member Danilo Figueredo, has 9 entries on Negrista literature and Cuban authors by Rafael. Rafael also contributed one article to the recently published volume *\_The Cuban Republic and Jose Marti\_* (Lexington Books).

**Illinois:**

Nelly is hosting a travelling exhibit and is considering a second one.

She received a grant from an Illinois alumnus and bought the Codex Murúa and Codex Mendocino.

Next year, Illinois will host the Calypso exhibit at the Spurloch museum.

Nelly published vol. 12 of the Bolivian Studies Journal.

**MSU:**

Mary Jo will send her report by email.

MSU worked on the Title VI application with Notre Dame.

Mary Jo went to the book fair in Caracas, Venezuela. She acquired many government published tabloid style papers on topics such as health campaigns, literacy, indigenous rights, etc.

Mary Jo is experimenting with the Worldcat Collection Analysis Software. She ran an experimental report between MSU & Indiana.

**Michigan:**

**Collections:**

The base budgets for Latin American Studies increased by \$10,000 this year, \$7,000 for literature and \$3,000 for history and social sciences. These funds have been used mostly to keep up with faculty's growing interest in Dominican and Puerto Rican materials, though not exclusively. As part of the Programmatic Review process, my colleague Tom Burnett and I received the funds primarily because we documented a growth in teaching and research in Latin American studies using a variety of statistics. We also used interlibrary loan statistics to demonstrate a high rate of requests for Latin American titles.

**Status of the University Librarian:**

Our Interim University Librarian, James Hilton, has taken a position at the University of Virginia. John King, dean of the School of Information will be the next Interim UL. Since the new Provost, Teresa A. Sullivan, will begin June 1st, a search for a permanent UL could begin by Fall. There is little

information about the search except that it will be a national search. The committee has not been formed.

**ERO search:**

We are in the process of recruiting an Electronic Resources Officer who will coordinate and support the purchasing of electronic resources. Interviews began this week and run through March 24th.

**Spanish Language News Service:**

UM recently launched a Spanish language News Service that "distributes stories on groundbreaking scientific findings, consumer-oriented health news, and other subjects including social, cultural and economic trends." Stories are distributed in Spanish with English translations. See <http://www.umich.edu/news/index.html?Releases/2006/Mar06/r031306> for more information about the service and <http://www.umich.edu/news/Es/> for the news archive. In 1994 UM launched it's Portal en Espanol (<http://www.umich.edu/Es/index.php>), a Spanish language portal that provides information on Michigan academics, research and student life

**Note:** Reports from Indiana, Iowa and Ohio were sent by email prior to the meeting.