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| Secretary’s Report: Sarah Bowskill  SLAS Grant Schemes and Awards  A significant percentage of SLAS income continues to be reinvested in the form of grants and awards. I am pleased to report far fewer incidences of applications being discounted because the applicants do not meet the criteria. Members are encouraged to apply for these grants and awards and to publicise them to PhD students and colleagues.  Since the AGM 2016 the following awards have been made:   * Postgraduate Travel Grants   Twenty of these grants are available, each worth up to £600 to encourage and assist in overseas fieldwork. A total of 20 applications were received by the single annual deadline in February. The number of applications was markedly fewer than in the previous two years. 17 awards were made to:  Pamela Bernales (Bath)  Leonardo Bevolocque (Oxford)  Melany Cruz (Birmingam) Felicia Fricke (Kent)  Soledad Giardili (QMUL)  Xaviera González Wegener (UCL)  Marco Gottero (De Montfort)  Francisca Irrazabal González (Bristol)  Eileen Karmy Bolton (Glasgow)  Quintijn Kat (UCL)  María López Yanez (Goldsmiths)  Kazuma Mizukoshi (UCL)  Francisco Moller (Birmingham)  Delia Murguía (Edinburgh)  Denise Quiroz Martinez (UCL)  Sjamme Van der Voort(Nottingham)  Peter Watson (Sheffield)   * Postgraduate and Postdoctoral Conference Grants   Twenty five grants were available, each worth £200. The postgraduate and postdoctoral schemes were merged. SLAS continues to recognise the need to support postdoctoral researchers through this scheme but there were few applications from postdoctoral students this year. As last year we did not receive as many applications as one might expect. 17 awards of £200 were made to:  Matha Avalos-Pelaez, Sheffield  Eileen Bolton, Glasgow  Alejandra Díaz de León, Essex  Guadalupe Elias, St Andrews  Quintijn Kat, UCL  Rupert Knox, Sheffield  Rodrigo Liceaga, Bristol  Britta Matthes, Bath  Diana Morales-Arcila, Newcastle  Maria-Teresa Pinto, Bristol  Ignacio Rivera, Goldsmiths  Isabel Seguí, St Andrews  Richard Smith, Liverpool  Giuseppe Troccoli, St Andrews  Peter Watson, Sheffield  Sanne Weber, Coventry  Ana Laura Zavala Guillen, Sheffield  **‘Latin American Scholar’ Grants**  18 applications to this scheme were received. Following the introduction of new criteria three awards went to early career scholars who are within five years of completion of their thesis/dissertation Five awards of £1000 were made to:  Pablo Lanza, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina  Julia Monárrez Fragoso El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Mexico  David Quitián Roldán, Universidad Nacional Abierta y a Distancia- UNAD, Colombia  Johannes M. Waldmueller, Universidad de las Américas Quito, Ecuador  Guillermo Williams, Universidad Nacional de la Patagonia, Argentina  **Conference and Event and Seminar Grants Support**  The funding for these schemes was combined to enable us to better respond to demand. A total of £4000 was available under these schemes this year. There was a single annual deadline this year with a view to enabling the committee to make awards to the best applications and prevent a situation where money is held back for later rounds. 6 applications were made. Again, the number of applications is lower than it was when there were two deadlines in a year. 6 awards were made:  Alexander Curry (SAS) ‘The Anthropology of Political Violence in Colombia: A Masterclass with Aldo Civico’ (up to £250)  Jack Webb (ILAS) ‘Revisiting the Ends of Empire: Memory and Transnationalism in Caribbean Decolonisation’ (up to £1000)  David Wood (Sheffield) ‘Sport and Gender: Latin America in the Global Arena’ (up to £500)  Pablo Calderón Martínez (Aston) ‘Innovation(s) in Latin America’ (up to £500)  Paul Merchant & Lucy Bollington (Cambridge) ‘The Limits of the Human in Latin American Visual Culture’, University of Cambridge (up to £1000)  Peter Wade and James Scorer (Manchester), ‘Cultures of Anti-Racism’ (up to £500)  **Postgraduate Overseas Conference Grant**  Eight of these grants are made available each year, each worth up to £500 to enable students to present a paper at an overseas conference. This year there was a single deadline in February. About half the number of applications were received this year compared to last. The following awards were made:  Lucy Bollington, Cambridge  Eileen Karmy Bolton, Glasgow  Valentina Caruso, Sheffield  Axel Elías, KCL  Natalia Garcia Bonet, Kent  Tatiana Sánchez, Essex  **The Blakemore Prize** of £600 was awarded to Alberto Mart (Nottingham) for his essay entitled: ‘Reconcentration camps and counter-insurgency in Latin America: early reverberations of the Cuban War of Independence’.  Elections to the SLAS Committee  The Secretary reported on the outcome of the 2017 elections.  The following posts were available:  President: standard two-year post  Vice President: standard two-year post  2 x Ordinary Members: standard two-year post  By the deadline, valid nominations had been received as follows:  President: David Wood (Sheffield)  Vice-President:  Ana Margheritis (Southampton)  Patience Schell (Aberdeen)  An online election was held for the position of vice-president at a cost of £15.50 and Patience Schell was duly elected.  After the first deadline, no nominations were received for the positions of Ordinary member. After the extended deadline the following nominations were received and the candidates duly elected:  Eamon McCarthy (Glasgow), Thea Pitman (Leeds).  The Committee would like to thank all of the candidates for putting themselves forward and also thanks to outgoing Committee member Ana Dinerstein for her service. |
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