



## CENTER FOR LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STUDIES

Fostering engagement between the people of Michigan and the Latin American and Caribbean scholars, activists, and artists who make up our global community

The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) at the University of Michigan is committed to promoting a broader and deeper understanding of the region—its cultures, histories, languages, and peoples. The center provides a venue for faculty, students, the community, and overseas partners to learn and share knowledge. LACS is a U.S. Department of Education National Resource Center and home to U-M's Brazil Initiative. We offer an undergraduate major and minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies and a graduate certificate program. We also sponsor three active student organizations, which work to develop community-based partnerships in the region.

The center trains outstanding scholars, professionals, and citizens, providing opportunities for students to pose and investigate pressing questions related to Latin America and the Caribbean. LACS works to connect our campus to scholars and communities in the region, supporting our students and faculty who do research abroad and bringing partners to Ann Arbor to teach, collaborate, and take advantage of our outstanding libraries and research facilities. We are national leaders in many fields, including Quechua and Nahuatl language training; literary and cultural studies; the study of race, ethnicity, and gender and sexuality; and law and human rights.

LACS is distinctive among leading peer institutions as no other university works consistently across such a wide range of schools and programs. Serving as a collaborative research hub for many departments in the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, LACS has strong ties with schools and colleges across the university, including Medicine, Law, Engineering, Public Health, Music, Theater and Dance, and Environment and Sustainability. Also, LACS has active partnerships with several Brazilian universities and foundations and a longstanding intellectual collaboration with the University of Puerto Rico. Gifts to LACS will help guarantee that U-M students have an opportunity to study and engage with the cultures, histories, languages, and peoples of this region.

## DISTINGUISHED VISITING FACULTY PROGRAM

To remain one of the nation's leading centers within the field of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, we need to join our peer institutions and launch a distinguished visiting faculty program that would bring expert scholars from the region to U-M to diversify our students' educational experience and enhance the center's outreach mission at the local and state level. These visitors would also provide opportunities for our faculty to engage in collaborative research and would facilitate public workshops for community members in Ann Arbor and the surrounding area. An endowed investment of \$1M or of \$60,000 annually is needed for this vital program.

## STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

The very best way a student can gain a thorough knowledge of a language and a culture is to spend time studying abroad to experience full linguistic and cultural immersion. LACS seeks annual contributions of \$10,000 to \$50,000 to provide students with fellowships to support language study, research, workshops, and internships and collaborations in the region.

## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

LACS is a leading resource for enriching the work of globally minded students, K-12 educators, and community college faculty. Many of the university's internationally based projects take place in Latin America and the Caribbean, focusing on issues such as health education, environmental sustainability, and global migration. We seek annual funding of \$20,000 to \$60,000 to build new outreach programming, support systems, and courses to integrate training in indispensable linguistic and cultural competencies into this exciting and expanding arena of project-based learning throughout the region.

## WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

Your partnership connects the college's rich past to a boundless and bright future. You can change lives with gifts of cash, pledges, or appreciated securities, and create a meaningful legacy through your bequest, trusts, gift annuities, and other planned gifts. Your generosity makes an impact on what's next, for a better tomorrow.



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