HILA 106/Winter 2014 WLH 2209 Christine Hunefeldt Department of History – 0104

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This is a new class, a merger of sorts of HILA 101 and HILA 102, with a fresh perspective on environmental changes over the past couple of centuries in Latin America. How do we perceive changes and continuities in the history of a region? Through which lenses? How can environmental history add new dimensions to our understandings of Latin American history throughout the past centuries?

Old and new research and readings will lead us through our discussions:

John Chasteen. <u>Born of Blood and Fire: A Concise Introduction to Latin American History</u> (New York: Norton), 2000.

Alfred W. Crosby, Jr. The Columbian Exchange (New York: Greenwood Press), 1972.

Warren Dean, "The Tasks of Latin American Environmental History." In <u>Changing Tropical Forests:</u> <u>Historical Perspectives on Today's Challenges in Central & South America.</u> Eds. Harold K. Steen, and Richard P. Tucker (Durham, North Carolina: Forest History Society), 1992

Julie Sloan Denslow, "The Tropical Rain-Forest Setting." In <u>People of the Tropical Rain Forest</u> (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press), 1988

Shawn William Miller, <u>Fruitless Trees: Portuguese Conservation and Brazil's Colonial Timber</u> (Stanford: Stanford University Press), 2000 (+ review by Stuart McCook (H-Latam, November 2000)

Sidney Mintz, Sweetness and Power (New York: Penguin Books) 1986 (1985)

Andrew Revkin: The Burning Season: The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the Amazon Rain Forest (New York: Plume), 1990.

CLASSES:

Wk 1 Pre-Columbian Landscapes

Chasteen, Chapter 1

Optional: Eduardo Galeano, <u>The Open Veins of Latin America: Five Centuries of the Pillage of a</u> Continent ;

Google "Epilogue", a discussion on Galeano's work in a conversation with Oxford historian Alan Knight and Peruvian journalist Javier Farje

Wk 2 Conquest and The Columbian Exchange

Alfred W. Crosby, <u>The Columbian Exchange: Biological and Cultural Consequences of 1492</u>, (Greenwood Press), 1972; Praeger Publishers, 2003

Chasteen, Chapter 2

Optional: Alfred Crosby, <u>Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe</u> (Cambridge University Press), 1993, 2nd edition 2004

Or, Children of the Sun: A History of Humanity's Unappeasable Appetite for Energy (W.W. Norton), 2006

Wk 3: Labor and the World Economy

Sidney W. Mintz, <u>Sweetness and Power: The Place of Sugar in Modern History</u> (Penguin Books), 1986

Chasteen, Chapters 3, 4, and 5

Optional: Immanuel Wallerstein, Mercantilism and the Consolidation of the European Worldeconomy 1600-1750, vol. 2 of The Modern World System (Berkeley:University of California Press), 2011 (first edition 1980)

Wk 4: Other Commodities

Stanley J. Stein, <u>Vassouras: A Brazilian Coffee County</u>, 1850-1900: The Roles of Planter and <u>Slave in a Plantation Society</u> (Cambridge: Harvard University Press), 1957

Optional : Sophie Coe and Michael Coe, <u>The True History of Chocolate</u> (London: Thames & Hudson Ltd.), 1996, second edition 2007

Wk 5: Paths to Modernity I

Mike Davis, <u>Late Victorian Holocausts</u>. <u>El Nino Famines and the Making of the Third World</u> (New York: Verso), 1997 (?). Check for review by Amartya Sen (1998 recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science)

Chasteen, Chapter 6

Optional: Jarred Diamond. <u>Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies</u> (W.W. Norton & Co.), 2005

Wk 6: Paths to Modernity II

Myrna Santiago, "Rejecting Progress in Paradise: Huastecas, the Environment, and the Oil Industry in Veracruz, Mexico, 1900-1935." Environmental History 3, no. 2 (April 1998). 169-188.

Chasteen, Chapter 7.

Optional: Warren Dean, <u>With Broadax and Firebrand: The Destruction of the Brazilian Atlantic Forest</u> (Berkeley:University of California Press), 1995. Also see Jose Drummond's review of Dean's book, in H-environment (June, 2000) https://h-

<u>net.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=8128962120768</u>; AND Robert M. Levine's review in H-LatAm, H-Net Reviews. February, 1995. **URL:** http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=21

Wk 7: Twentieth Century Transformations

Robert W. Wilcox. "'The Law of the Least Effort': Cattle Ranching and the Environment in the Savana of Mato Grosso, Brazil, 1900-1980." Environmental History 4, no. 3 (July, 1999), 338-368

Mark Healey, "The Fragility of the Moment: Politics and Class in the Aftermath of the 1944 Argentine Earthquake," *International Labor and Working-Class History* 62 (2002): 50-59

Chasteen, Chapter 8.

Optional 1: Stephen Bell, <u>Campanha Gaúcha: A Brazilian Ranching System, 1850-1920</u> (Stanford: Stanford University Press), 1998

Optional 2: Peter Boomgard, "Exploitation and Management of the Surinam Forests, 1600-1975," in *Changing Tropical Forests: Historical Perspectives on Today's Challenges in Central and South America*, edited by Harold K. Steen and Richard P. Tucker (Durham: Forest History Society, 1992), 252-264

Wk 8: Pobrecitos Gente, Plantas, Animales ... Sistemas

Andrew C. Revkin, <u>The Burning Season: The Murder of Chico Mendes and the Fight for the</u> Amazonian Rainforest

Also: check out "Chico Mendes"

Rodrigues, Gomercindo & Rabben, Linda, Walking the forest with Chico Mendes: struggle for justice in the Amazon (University of Texas Press), 2007

Chasteen, Chapters 9 and 10

Optional 1: Darryl Cole-Christensen, <u>A Place in the Rain Forest. Settling the Costa Rican Frontier</u> (University of Texas Press), 1997

Optional 2: William H. Durham, <u>Scarcity and Survival in Central America: The Ecological Origins of the Soccer War</u> (Stanford: Stanford University Press), 1979

Wk 9: Urban causes of environmental harm

Diane Davis. "The Social Construction of Mexico City: Political Conflict and Urban Development, 1950-1966." Journal of Urban History 24, no.3 (March 1998). 364-415.

Julio César Pino, "Dark Mirror of Modernization: The Favelas of Rio de Janeiro in the Boom Years, 1948-1960." Journal of Urban History 22, no. 4 (May 1996). 419-453.

Jonas Rabinovitch, "Curitiba: Towards Sustainable Urban Development." In Helen Collinson, ed. Green Guerrillas: Environmental Conflicts in Latin America and the Caribbean. (London: Latin American Bureau, 1996). 230-31.

Chasteen, Chapter 11.

Optional: William Cronon, Nature's Metropolis,

http://faculty.washington.edu/chalana/urbdp565/NatureMetroFinal-1.pdf , OR "The Trouble with Wilderness" http://www.uvm.edu/rsenr/rm240/cronin.pdf

Wk 10: Summary Discussion

David Barton Bray, Marcelo Carreón, Leticia Merino, and Victoria Santos, "On the Road to Sustainable Forestry." <u>Cultural Survival Quarterly</u> 17, no. 1 (Spring, 1993). 38-41.

Ian A. Bowles, R. E. Rice, R. A. Mittermeier, and G. A. B. da Fonseca, "Logging and Tropical Forest Conservation." Science 280, no. 5371 (June 19, 1998). 1899-1900

David Kaimowitz, "The Political Economy of Environmental Reform in Latin America." Development and Change 27, no. 3. (Fall, 1996). 433-452.

Evaluation:

- in class participation
- no mid-term, but a one-page of 'specialization' readings/historiography
- final essay-exam, on Tu 03/18/2014

During office hours we will discuss individual interests and concentrations for the final essayexam.