All Events Are Open To The Public

* Dinner and lunch will be hosted for alumni, majors, concentrators, faculty and special guests of the Latin American Studies Program at Carleton College.

Please RSVP for dinner and/or lunch to Mary Tatge at mtatge@carleton.edu or at 507-222-4252 by April 2, 2012.

For further questions, contact this year’s Foro Latinoamericano organizer Professor Silvia López, slopez@carleton.edu, x4240
Each year, students, faculty and alumni of the Latin American Studies Program convene to share in an academic experience that brings to the fore and to campus a major topic, event, and country of Latin America. Originally designed as a capstone experience for the students of the program, we have expanded the Foro to include our alumni and the program’s entire faculty in order to give it a truly communal sense. The Foro will also provide the Carleton community at large with the opportunity to participate in a major event involving Latin America.

The 2012 Foro Latinoamericano will focus on the writing of Latin American history. We have invited distinguished historian Greg Grandin to address the methodological and political challenges faced by historians of Latin America. The political responsibility that marks the historian’s work in a region with a long and vexed relationship with the United States has been a distinct mark of Professor Grandin’s writing. This year’s Foro format includes a keynote address, as well as an interdisciplinary roundtable discussion on his book *Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford’s Forgotten Jungle City*, which was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award in 2010.

**Friday, April 20**
5:00 p.m. Welcome
Professor Beverly Nagel, Dean of College

**Keynote Address**
Professor Greg Grandin, NYU
“American Exceptionalism is Dead, Long Live American Exceptionalism”

Reception to follow

**Dinner**

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**Saturday, April 21**
9:30 a.m. Coffee and rolls

10:00 a.m. *Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford’s Forgotten Jungle City*

**Round Table Discussion:**
Professor Beverly Nagel, Dean of the College
Professor Andrew Fisher, History
Professor George Vrtis, History and Environmental Studies
Professor Ernesto Capello, Macalester College
Professor Greg Grandin, NYU
Moderator: Professor Silvia L. López, Spanish

**Lunch**

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*Dinner and Lunch for invited guests only

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**Greg Grandin**

Greg is a public intellectual and professor of history at NYU. He writes extensively on US foreign policy, Latin America, genocide, and human rights. He also served as a consultant to the United Nations truth commission on Guatemala and has been the recipient of a number of prestigious fellowships, including the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship. His books include *The Blood of Guatemala: A History of Race and Nation* (2000), *The Last Colonial Massacre: Latin America in the Cold War* (2004), *Empire’s Workshop: Latin America, the United States, and the Rise of the New Imperialism* (2006) and *Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford’s Forgotten Jungle City* (2009), which was picked by Sir Ferdinand Mount of the *Times Literary Supplement* as best book of 2010. His most recent book, edited with Gil Joseph, *A Century of Revolution: Insurgent and Counterinsurgent Violence during Latin America’s Long Cold War*, was published last September. Professor Grandin was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2010.