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PROGRAM

2:00 PM

Welcome

Jeremy Travis

President

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Stephen Handelman

Director

Center on Media, Crime and Justice

Launch of Fall Issue — *Americas Quarterly*

Introduction of keynote speaker

Christopher Sabatini

Editor-in-Chief

Americas Quarterly

Keynote Address

**“Unconventional Security Threats in the Hemisphere:
We’re All in This Together”**

Admiral Jim Stavridis

U.S. Navy Commander

U.S. Southern Command

Question & Discussion

THE CENTER ON MEDIA, CRIME & JUSTICE

The Center on Media, Crime & Justice was established at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in 2006 to serve as a resource for journalists covering criminal justice issues in the U.S. and overseas. Its principal collaborators are the Institute of Justice and Journalism at USC/Annenberg School for Communications, Criminal Justice Journalists, and the CUNY Graduate School of Journalism.

AMERICAS QUARTERLY

Americas Quarterly, a new independent quarterly journal supported by the Americas Society of New York, covers innovative policy issues across the hemisphere. The forthcoming Fall issue (November 2007) focuses on crime and security dilemmas in Latin America, including an analysis of the impact of crime on business and investment by Lorraine Orlandi, and a regional overview of how public concerns are affecting regional politics by Sao Paulo-based pollster Clifford Young.

The hosts wish to thank John Jay College, the Americas Society/Council of Americas, and the Open Society Institute Justice Fund for making this event possible.

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

An international leader in educating for justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice of The City University of New York offers a rich liberal arts and professional studies curriculum to upwards of 14,000 undergraduate and graduate students from more than 135 nations. In teaching, scholarship and research, the College approaches justice as an applied art and science in service to society and as an ongoing conversation about fundamental human desires for fairness, equality and the rule of law. For more information, visit: www.jjay.cuny.edu.

CHRISTOPHER SABATINI

Editor-in-Chief

Americas Quarterly

Christopher Sabatini oversees the Americas Society/Council of the Americas research and publishing programs. He joined the AS/COA in November 2005. In his capacity at the AS/COA he has managed working groups and published reports on the rule of law in the hemisphere and Cuba. In April 2008, Dr. Sabatini launched the AS/COA's policy journal, *Americas Quarterly*, and he is now the Editor-in-Chief of the journal.

From 1997 to 2005, Dr. Sabatini was the Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the National Endowment for Democracy (NED). He has also served as an advisor to the World Bank and the U.S. Agency for International Development. Dr. Sabatini has published numerous articles on Latin America, democratization, security and defense, political parties, and the effectiveness of international programs to support democratic development. His most recent works include: a forthcoming article in *American Interest* on political movements in the Andean Region; a book chapter on citizenship and democracy in Latin America; and a book chapter on human rights and elections in post-transition Latin America titled "Advocacy, Ideology and Partisanship: Human Rights in the Electoral Arena." Mr. Sabatini has a PhD in Government from the University of Virginia and has been an adjunct professor at American University.

JAMES STAVRIDIS

Admiral, United States Navy

Commander, U.S. Southern Command

Admiral James Stavridis assumed command of the United States Southern Command on October 19, 2006. A 1976 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and a native of South Florida, Admiral Stavridis has served with distinction on U.S. Navy deployments to Haiti, Bosnia and the Arabian Gulf. From 2002-2004, he commanded Enterprise Carrier Strike Group, conducting combat operations in the Arabian Gulf in support of both Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Ashore, the Admiral has served as a strategic and long range planner on the staffs of the Chief of Naval Operations and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. At the start of the Global War on Terror, he was selected as the Director of the Navy Operations Group, DEEP BLUE. He has also served as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and the Senior Military Assistant to the Secretary of Defense.

Admiral Stavridis earned a PhD and MALD from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in International Relations in 1984, where he won the Gullion Prize as outstanding student. He is also a 1992 distinguished graduate of the National War College. He holds various decorations and awards, including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal and five awards of the Legion of Merit. He is author or co-author of several books on naval shiphandling and leadership, including *Command at Sea*.

3:00 - 3:20 PM

Conversation with the Media

Admiral Jim Stavridis

U.S. Navy Commander

U.S. Southern Command

3:30 PM

Gangs, Youth and Violence: A New Challenge to Latin America's Democracies

Moderator

Stephen Handelman

Director

Center on Media, Crime and Justice

Panelists

Professor Desmond Arias

Department of Government

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Professor Athanasios Hristoulas

Transnational Network

ITAM, Mexico

Alfredo Corchado

Bureau Chief

Dallas Morning News, Mexico City

Question & Discussion

Reception to follow

BIOGRAPHIES

DESMOND ARIAS

Associate Professor of Government
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Professor Desmond Arias is the author of *Drugs and Democracy in Rio de Janeiro: Trafficking, Social Networks, and Public Security* (2006, University of North Carolina Press). He holds a BA from the Johns Hopkins University and a PhD from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is currently completing a multi-country study of police reform in Latin America that has received funding from the Tinker Foundation. In 2008, he will begin a study of conflict in Latin America with support from a Fulbright Fellowship and a grant from the American Council of Learned Societies. With research interests focusing on security and politics in developing societies, he has published articles on the politics of crime, NGOs, social mobilization, and human rights in *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, and *The Journal of Latin American Studies*.

Professor Arias has also published a chapter on academic freedom in Latin America in *Academic Freedom at the Dawn of a New Century* (Stanford University Press 2006). He currently teaches classes on comparative politics and comparative criminal justice, and is a member of the Doctoral Faculty in Criminal Justice at the CUNY Graduate School.

ALFREDO CORCHADO

Mexico Bureau Chief
The Dallas Morning News

Alfredo Corchado is a 2007 winner of the Maria Moors Cabot Prize for outstanding reporting on Latin America and the Caribbean. In announcing his award, the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism singled him out for “extraordinary bravery and enterprise.” Mr. Corchado, currently the Mexico City bureau chief for the *Dallas Morning News*, covers drug-related crime and violence along Mexico’s border with the United States – a beat that has left a toll of at least six (and as many as 18) journalists killed or disappeared in the last seven years. Mr. Corchado’s achievements include exposing the Zetas, former Mexican military commandos now working as a private army for drug lords. A native of Durango, Mexico, Mr. Corchado graduated from the University of Texas at El Paso with a degree in journalism in 1986.

Prior to joining *The Dallas Morning News* in 1993, he worked for *The Wall Street Journal* (1986 to 1990) and *The El Paso Herald-Post* (1990 to 1993). He has been honored with awards from the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors, the National Association of Hispanic Journalists, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and the Press Club of Dallas. He currently lives in Mexico City, but he calls the border home.

STEPHEN HANDELMAN

Director, Center on Media Crime & Justice
John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Stephen Handelman, director of the Center on Media, Crime and Justice at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, is an award-winning journalist and author whose work has appeared in scholarly journals, magazines and newspapers around the world. A former *Time Magazine* columnist and correspondent for *The Toronto Star*, he has reported from Latin America, Canada, the former Soviet Union, Europe, Africa and the Middle East over a 25-year career. He holds a Master’s in Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, and the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London.

A fluent Spanish speaker, he served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala (1970-1972) and was awarded an InterAmerican Press Association grant for research in Peru (1976). He also serves as Managing Editor of *Americas Quarterly*, and is an adjunct professor at the Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers University-Newark, as well as an Associate Fellow at the Harriman Institute of Post-Soviet Studies at Columbia University.

ATHANASIOS HRISTOULAS

Professor of International Relations
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

Professor Hristoulas is a member of the Transnational Network Team that recently conducted interviews with hundreds of Maras gang members as part of a groundbreaking study on youth violence in Central America and Mexico. He is currently coordinator of the diploma course on National Security at ITAM. Professor Hristoulas received his PhD in Political Science from McGill University in 1996, and served as Military and Strategic Studies Post Doctoral Fellow at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs in Ontario, Canada before moving to Mexico. His research interests include North American Security cooperation and border politics, Mexican National Security policy, and Mexico-Canada bilateral relations. He has previously published in journals such as the *Journal of Politics*, *Etudes Internationales*, *Comercio Exterior* and *Foreign Affairs en Español*. He also has made numerous chapter contributions in various edited volumes.