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Introduction

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an honor to serve as the Association for Borderlands Studies President this past year 2009-2010. Together with our Executive Secretary, Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, and the staff at the University of Victoria, we have made enormous strides in moving the Journal of Borderlands Studies to a new academic level. The negotiations are still in place and surely our next President, Dr. Javier Durán, will likely sign the documents to finish that process in the year 2010-2011.

Another great task for the coming year will be the search for a new home for the Executive Secretariat. Many of you will be called upon to help in this search.

Please, help me congratulate our new President, Dr. Durán, and acknowledge the unparalleled service that our Executive Secretary, Dr. Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly has given the ABS, and the Board for its vision and hard work.

I am looking forward to our Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada this month. The program looks terrific and I am sure we will continue to have a productive dialogue on the ever changing nature of borders.

Sincerely,

Tony Payan,
ABS President 2009-2010





Message from the President Elect and 2010 Conference Chair

Dear ABS Members,

Our annual conference in Reno, Nevada April 14-17, 2010 promises to be another exciting academic event. Once again, ABS, as an allied organization meeting concurrently with the Western Social Science Association Conference (WSSA), will have the largest presence with 30 panels. As the 2010 conference Chair and incoming President, I want to thank all of those who submitted papers and proposed panels. Special thanks go to Larry Gould, WSSA's Executive Director, Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly, ABS Executive Secretary and to the ABS Board of Directors, and to Malcolm Compitello, Head of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Arizona for providing valuable support for the conference. I also take this opportunity to thank my graduate assistant Mr. William Costley for his help in articulating the program.

Our conference program shows a diverse and multidisciplinary participation. The program also reflects ABS global presence including participants from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe. This presence demonstrates that the ABS conference is the largest gathering of border scholars in the world. Your presence and participation makes the ABS stronger.

I would like to invite you to attend the presentation of the film *389 Miles* by Luis Carlos Romero-Davis and the follow up discussion on Thursday at 6:30 pm. This independent film captures and engages with current and complex issues as experienced along the Arizona-Mexico borderline. You are also cordially invited to our annual reception where we will present our annual book award. Dr. Thomas Sheridan (University of Arizona) will deliver the keynote address. The reception will take place on Friday, April 16 in the McKinley Room at 8 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you in Reno, I want to thank you again for your participation and for making our annual conference a success.

Javier Durán
President Elect and 2010 Conference Chair





Message from the Vice President

Dear ABS Members,

I am looking forward to taking on the role of President Elect and 2011 Conference Chair of the ABS for the next year. The work promises to be challenging, but also exciting, particularly as the number of events, initiatives and ABS members has grown tremendously over the past few years.

I am prepared for a year which promises to bring still more new members and new initiatives to the ABS, which continues its excellent work in the area of borderlands studies. If there is one particular initiative which I hope to encourage in my year as the lead person for the 2011 conference, it is to include more student panels in our annual program.

Sincerely,

Dr. Heather Nicol

ABS Vice President 2009-2010



2009 Executive Secretary and Treasurer Report

Dear ABS members and friends,

The UVic team is now concluding its fourth year as Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS). We were involved in numerous activities this past year which we are pleased to report on :

The Executive Secretary is responsible for the following activities:

- Running annual elections;
- Managing the annual membership campaign;
- Maintaining the ABS membership database and e-mail listserve;
- Producing the bi-annual newsletter *La Frontera*;
- Managing the annual book award process;
- Maintaining the ABS website;
- Managing finances including transferring funds to support JBS as required.

Election

This fall 2009, past presidents James Scott (Joensuu, Finland) and Manuel Chavez (Michigan State, US) co-chaired the electoral committee: Dr. Christine Brenner (Rutgers, US) and Dr. Victor Konrad (Carleton, Canada) were elected and nominated to stand as president elect for 2011 and 2012 respectively. In 2010, our incoming president is Dr. Javier Duran (Arizona, US),



and our 2011 conference chair will be Dr. Heather Nicol. Dr. Christine Brenner will be vice president for 2010 and conference chair for 2012. Dr. Victor Konrad will serve as deputy vice president in 2010, vice president in 2011 and conference chair in 2013. This process strengthens the ABS executive because it gives more time for incoming ABS presidents to gain experience since they participate in Board decisions for nearly 30 months rather than 10 (as in the past).

Membership and List Serve

We completed 2009 with 195 members (152 regular members, 40 student members, 1 honorary and 2 book award memberships). At the end of December we had 25 members signed up for 2010; JBS managed an additional 115 library subscriptions in 2009. ABS currently has over 900 individuals on its ListServe.

Book Award

We managed the ABS/JBS book award process this spring. All in all, our Journal of Borderlands Studies reviewed nine books in 2008-09, and three were preselected for the awards. The award will be presented at the ABS meeting in Reno at our April 16th reception. The past presidents' book award committee is chaired by 2009 winner, Tom Sheridan (Arizona).

Website Enhancements

This past year we updated the ABS/CIBR border bibliography and moved 280 articles published in JBS since inception online.

Ian Madison from the University of Victoria in Canada, updated the **Border Bibliography** we developed with CIBR (Ireland) in 2007. Ian added nearly 400 new references to our ABS/CIBR Border Bibliography. Please remember that this is a partnership with Liam O'Dowd, Director of the Centre for International Borders Research (CIBR) at Queen's University, Belfast. The ABS/CIBR bibliography link is available on the ABS web-site home page at <http://www.absborderlands.org>. ABS added about 650 new references in 2007, and 350 in 2008, 350 in 2009, and nearly 400 in 2010 – this brings the number of border and borderland works referenced in this bibliography to over 2000. The ABS executive is committed to updating the ABS bibliography annually and is working towards making this an even more useful research tool by providing opportunities for members to submit recent publications and links. Tony Payan, our president, and I would like to thank Ian (Uvic Canada) and our Irish colleagues at Kings College, Dublin for making this project a reality.

Also, in 2008 the **Journal of Borderland Studies** moved ONLINE for our members only. Paid members now have access to online copies of the JBS via a password protected site accessed off the Journal page <http://www.absborderlands.org/2JBS.html> on the ABS website, at <http://journals.uvic.ca/index.php> in a new ONLINE format – the **JBS ONLINE**. Note please that we are implementing a “moving wall” of one year between the paper/published JBS and the electronic version of JBS, so that each year the number of published articles available through the online versions will increase. Therefore, for 2009, members will see everything up to Volume 23.





Finances

UVic began to manage the ABS treasury in February 2007. The final transfer of the balance of funds from the previous Treasurer of ABS took place in September 2007. Please find below the ABS treasury situation for 2009 :

**Association for Borderlands Studies January - December 2009
Financial Summary**

Note: All funds reported in Canadian Dollars

ACTIVITY	REVENUE	EXPENSES	BALANCE
Account Balance at January 1, 2009			\$15,938.35
Membership dues received by UVic	\$14,303.66		
HSD Dean contribution for 08-09	\$3,000.00		
Cash difference adjustment by UVic Acct	-\$1.38		
Credit card commissions	-\$233.57		
Incorporation documentation		\$36.90	
Couriers and Mail		\$71.23	
Photocopying in Albuquerque		\$6.36	
ABS Reception in Albuquerque		\$2251.77	
Baldomero Garcia travel Albuquerque		\$200.00	
Total Revenue	\$17,068.71		
Total Expenses		\$2566.26	
Account Balance December 31, 2009			\$30,440.80
			50% transfer of total revenue to JBS
			\$8500.00
			10% transfer of total revenue to Secretariat
			\$1700.00
			Balance \$20,240.80



**Finances continued...
Membership Summary**

2009 Memberships

Regular paid memberships	152
Student paid memberships	40
ABS Book Award Winner(s)	2
Honorary Member for Life	1
Total memberships for 2009	195

2010 Memberships as of April 15

Regular paid memberships	104
Student paid memberships	34
Non OECD online only members	3
ABS Book Award Winner	1
Honorary Member for Life	1
Total memberships	143

Note: ABS membership numbers and funds do not include JBS institutional members or JBS financials (revenue and expenses).

Labour

All work done by the Executive-Secretary is performed as an in-kind service to the organization by staff members of the School of Public Administration, Centre for Public Sector Studies at the University of Victoria. This past year, approximately 1000 hours or the equivalent of a part-time employee were spent supporting ABS.

Please also note that Arielle Guetta started work on the editorial production of the *Journal of Borderland Studies*.

The ABS Secretary-Treasurer looks forward to serving its members over the coming year. Please contact Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly at ebrunetj@uvic.ca should you have any questions about this report.

Tony Payan,
ABS President

Emmanuel Brunet-Jailly,
Executive Secretary &
Treasurer



Member News

Book Award 2010

The Association for Borderlands Studies **Past Presidents' Book Award committee 2010** has preselected the following three books:

Roxanne Doty, *The Law Into Their Own Hands: Immigration and the Politics of Exceptionalism*, The University of Arizona Press (2009)

Julie Mostov, *Soft Borders. Rethinking Sovereignty and Democracy*, New York: Palgrave MacMillan (2008)

Chris Rumford, *Cosmopolitan Spaces. Europe, Globalization, Theory*, London: Routledge (2008)

The ABS book award consists of a plaque, a certificate and a year's free membership in ABS.

In addition, the winner of the 2010 book award chairs the book award committee for 2011.

Book award committee members: Professors Tom Sheridan, (Arizona/Chair), Stephen Mumme, (Colorado State/Co-chair), Manuel Chavez (Michigan State), Tony Molina (North Texas).

Joan Anderson

Joan has retired from the University of San Diego and has received the designation of Professor Emerita in Economics of that institution.

Richard M. Donnelly

Recently completed his master's thesis in Journalism and Mass Communications on a topic specific to the Cascadia Region, *American television for a Canadian audience Rogan Jones and the establishment of KVO5-TV*, University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/kvosthesis>

Bryan Meadows

Presented a paper which drew on his recently completed dissertation study at the US/Mexico border. *Locating 'Nation' in an English language classroom: An ethnographically-sensitive critical discourse analysis of nationalist reproduction at the Mexico/US border*, was presented at the American Association of Applied Linguistics annual conference in Atlanta, GA March 2010.

Randy Widdis

Was awarded the Visiting Scholar Position in Canadian Studies at Carleton University for the period January 1-April 30, 2011, an opportunity which allows him to teach a graduate class on the Canada-U.S. borderlands and present a number of talks on the history of the borderlands around campus. In addition, he has been invited by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, American Folklife, and the Canadian Embassy to deliver along with **Victor Konrad** the opening presentation of the Border Lines/Borderlands: Culture and the Canadian-U.S. International Boundary Symposium to be held at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. this June.





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Arts, B., Arnoud Lagendijk and Henk van Houtum Eds (2009) *The Disoriented State: Shifts In Governmentality, Territoriality and Governance* (Berlin: Springer Science + Business Media B.V.).

Donelson, Angela J. and Adrian X. Esparza (2010) *The Colonias Reader: Economy, Housing and Public Health in U.S. – Mexico Border Colonias* (The University of Arizona Press) Link: <http://www.uapress.arizona.edu/BOOKS/bid2210.htm>

Gattinger, Monica and Geoffrey Hale Eds (2010) *Borders and Bridges: Canada's Policy Relations in North America* (Toronto: Oxford University Press Canada) Link: <http://www.oupcanada.com/catalog/9780195432008.html>

Spener, David (2009) *Clandestine Crossings: Migrants and Coyotes on the Texas-Mexico Border* (Cornell University Press) Link: www.trinity.edu/clandestinecrossings

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Lundén, Thomas (2009) "Valga-Valka, Narva – Ivangorod Estonia's divided border cities – cooperation and conflict within and beyond the EU", in J. Jańczak (ed.) *Conflict and Cooperation in Divided Towns and Cities* (Logos Verlag: Berlin), pp.133- 149.

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Mumme, Stephen P. (2009) "Reflections on Public Participation in Environmental Protection Policy on the U.S.-Mexico Border" in Juan Manuel Rodríguez Esteves, coordinador, *Retos Ambientales y Desarrollo Urbano en la Frontera México-Estados Unidos* (Tijuana: El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF)).

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The following is a list of publications provided by the University of Arizona Udall Center for Public Policy Research (<http://udallcenter.arizona.edu/>):

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Gans, Judith (2009) "Demographic Profile of Mexican-Born Living in the United States" Tucson: Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy. See: <http://udallcenter.arizona.edu/publications/ipp.php>

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Wilder, Margaret (2009) "Political and Economic Apertures and the Shifting State-Citizen Relationship: Reforming Mexico's National Water Policy" in Dave Huitema and Sander Meijerink (eds.) *Water Policy Entrepreneurs: A Research Companion to Water Transitions Around the Globe* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing), pp. 79-86.





Upcoming Conferences

International Geographical Union (IGU) Regional Conference

Tel Aviv, Israel

12-16 July 2010

Bridging Diversity in a Globalized World:
The Changing Geopolitical Structures of the Mediterranean and
the Middle East

See: <http://www.igu2010.com/>

27th Meeting of Brazilian Anthropology (RBA)

Belem - PA, Brazil

1-4 August 2010

“Plural Brazil: Knowledges, Traditional Wisdom and Diversity
Rights”

See: <http://www.abant.org.br>

50th Anniversary European Congress of the Regional Science Association International Conference 2010

Jönköping, Sweden

19-23 August 2010

“Sustainable Regional Growth and Development in the Creative
Knowledge Economy”

See: <http://www.ersa.org/ersa-congress/>

Tourism and Seductions of Difference Conference

“Borders, unfamiliarity and (im)mobilities”

Lisbon, Portugal

9-12 September 2010

International Critical Tourism Studies Conference

[http://sites.google.com/site/tourismcontactculture/project-
definition](http://sites.google.com/site/tourismcontactculture/project-definition)

2010 European Conference of the Association for Borderlands Studies

Department of Spatial Planning and Development,

Aristoteleion University of Thessaloniki

Veria, Greece

23-25 September 2010

“The Multifaceted Economic and Political Geographies of Internal
and External EU Borders”

See: <http://plandevol.web.auth.gr/>

International Conference “A Borderless Europe?”

Sonderborg, Denmark

30 September—2 October, 2010

Department of Border Region Studies at the University of Southern
Denmark

www.sdu.dk/Om_SDU/Institutter_centre/I_Graenseforskning.aspx

2nd Conference of the Asian Borderlands Research Network

Chiang Mai University (RCSD), Thailand

5-7 November 2010

Asian Borderlands: Enclosure, Interaction and Transformation

See: <http://asianborderlands.net/>

RISC 2010 Conference (Consortium for Comparative Research on Regional Integration and Social Cohesion)

Luxembourg

11-13 November 2010

“Development, Poverty and Global Crises: Reinforcing Governance”

See: <http://www.risc.lu/>





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