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**LASIG's first year:  
A Note from the Chairs**

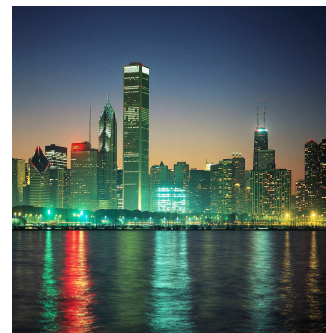
Dear Friends,

We were delighted to celebrate LASIG's first year of being an official group of CIES. As many of you know, this group started as an idea in CIES 2006 (Hawaii), and 2010 was a very enriching and rewarding experience for us. On behalf of the LASIG committee, we would like to extend our gratitude to all the presenters, panel participants, reviewers, and SIG members for joining us in the 2010 CIES Conference! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

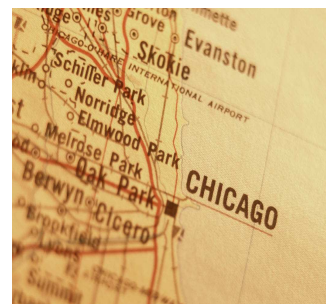
The turnout for panels and our reception on our first LASIG year was wonderful (go to the LASIG site to view the album—[www.cies.us/groups.htm](http://www.cies.us/groups.htm)). In keeping up the SIG's momentum, we are putting together this bulletin of the group's endeavors at the conference, as well as to inform you of upcoming activities and deadlines. The information in this report stems primarily from our business meeting conducted on Monday, March 1, 2010 in Chicago.

We again thank you for the patience, help (in kind and financially), and many encouragements, and we certainly look forward to receiving your inputs, submissions, and effervescent support!

Un cálido abrazo,  
Claudia & Fernanda



*Our first year started in the jazzy town of Chicago, Illinois*



Ana Luisa Muñoz, SUNY Buffalo (left), Fernanda Pineda, FIU (center), and Claudia Grigorescu, FIU (right)



Francisco "Cisco" Ramos, Program Chair 2009-2010

**The 2009/10-2011 Committee**

**Fernanda Pineda**, 2009-2011 LASIG founder and Co-Chair; Doctoral Candidate in Curriculum and Instruction (International and Intercultural Education) at Florida International University in Miami.

**Claudia Grigorescu**, 2009-2011 Co-Chair; Doctoral Candidate in Curriculum and Instruction (Bilingual Education/International-Intercultural Education) at Florida International University in Miami.

**Francisco "Cisco" Ramos** 2009-2010, Program Chair ; Doctoral Student, Indiana University in Bloomington.



## LASIG Business Meeting Report – March 1, 2010

### Reviews, Submissions, and Panels

**Review process:** We had 4 reviewers volunteering for our 2010 Conference reviewing process. The CIES review standards were used to review the papers, and the papers were randomly distributed to the reviewers. Each reviewer had 3 to 4 papers. The process occurred in the time allotted by CIES. Thank you for your assistance in reviewing! If you want to become a reviewer, just send us an email to [lasig.cies@gmail.com](mailto:lasig.cies@gmail.com). We will be making a call for reviewers in the upcoming months, shortly after the CIES 2011 CFP.

**Submissions:** We had 14 papers and one panel submission. Submissions were all considered, yet inclusion on a panel was determined by two main principles: Rejection/Acceptance by review committee members as per CIES review process, and LASIG membership dues. The latter was a CIES regulation implemented for 2010. This might be also the case for 2011, though the CIES Board of Directors has not confirmed it. We believe we were very successful for our first year, and we are excited for the upcoming 2011 submissions. We are eager to hear your feedback! Please write to us ([lasig.cies@gmail.com](mailto:lasig.cies@gmail.com))

**Panels:** Due to sufficient submissions and membership payments, we were able to host 3 panels, and 1 panel featuring academic work and research in Mexico. Although the panels did not have thematic titles, the LASIG committee put an effort into aggregating them thematically. With your reviewing and input this year, we will come with titles in 2011! We await your comments, suggestions, and feedback with regards to the panels.

To view the LASIG panels, please go to [cies2010.msu.edu](http://cies2010.msu.edu), where you will find the online program of the conference.



Jonathan Stern, Rebecca Tarlau (UCLA Berkeley), Anita Sanyal (U. of Maryland), and Ana Muñoz (SUNY Buffalo), during the LASIG session

## Membership & Financial/Treasury Report

### Membership:

LASIG membership (\$10), as well as your CIES membership, is annual. Until CIES offers an option to renew SIG membership together with CER membership, our SIG membership will go from conference to conference, and we will collect dues in two ways: 1) through the CIES 2011 conference website, as done this year, and 2) via check (in between conferences) made and send to **CIES** (CIES Secretariat, ZEB345B, College of Education, Florida International University, 11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33199). Please let us know if you have any difficulties with mailing a foreign check.

### Finances 2009-2010:

#### Income: \$920 (2009-2010)

\$480 (memberships collected through the Secretariat, including 2006-2009 payments, and donations for reception as of Dec '09)

\$350 (memberships collected through the conference reg. system, March '10)

\$90 (fund raising)

### Expenses: \$836

\$450 (4 panels at CIES 2010)

\$386 (half of the reception costs; the other half was covered by the Japan SIG)



**Donations for LASIG are always welcomed!**

## Elections

### 2010-2011:

LASIG is ideally seeking volunteers for the 2010-2011 cycle for the following positions: Treasurer, Secretary, Program Chair, Website Coordinator (optionally), and Newsletter Editor (optionally). At the business meeting in Chicago we suggested a 2-year term for SIG chairs and committee members. Since we are at the initial stage, the current chairs will finish the 2010-2011 year, and bring on board interested members/volunteers. However, elections will take place this fall, so as to have the new committee members in place for the 2011-13 cycles. In this manner we

(Claudia and Fernanda) can assist in the transition process. We will upload the description of each position and the process of elections on the LASIG site soon.

### 2011-2013:

All Vacancies available (Chair/s, Treasurer, Secretary, and Program Chair)

LASIG will begin the election process for this cycle in August and close in late October 2010. This committee will officially begin in August 2011 (very likely a month before the CFP for CIES 2011). However, the newly selected committee needs to meet with current committee to ensure a smooth transition. All the positions described are currently available for 2011-2013, and we will

include in the e-ballot candidates who have received a minimum of 2 nominations (self-nominations are accepted). Please note that all nominees must be current CIES members and LASIG members. To check your CIES membership, please go to: <http://cies.us/membership.htm>.

The process for elections will be as follows:

- Send your nominations for 2011 to [lasig.cies@gmail.com](mailto:lasig.cies@gmail.com) by July 31, 2010
- We will prepare an e-ballot to be sent to LASIG members ONLY.
- We will count the votes and announce the results via email and through our website.



**Feedback?  
Comments?  
Questions?**

Please contact us:

[lasig.cies@gmail.com](mailto:lasig.cies@gmail.com)

Please visit the LASIG's website at [www.cies.us/SIGS/LASIG/LASIGindex.html](http://www.cies.us/SIGS/LASIG/LASIGindex.html) to view the full album and our 2009-2010 full report. Thanks!

## Heads up: Spring Newsletter

Would you like to have a LASIG newsletter in Spring and Fall?

Please send your announcements, publications, reactions and reflections, PPTs, pictures, links, updates, and other messages you would like to share with the LASIG community to [lasig.cies@gmail.com](mailto:lasig.cies@gmail.com) by April 30, 2010.

## (Some) CIES 2010 Pictures



Isabela Cabral (FIOCRUZ/UERJ), Daniel Salinas (PSU), Chantal Figueroa (UMN), Christian Perez Centeno (Soc. Argentina de Estudios Comp. en Educación), Carlos Aburto (Editorial Norma, Perú), Patricia Gaviria (McGill U) and Becky Tarlau (UCLA) and colleagues during the LASIG



Daniel Friedrich (WISC) and Cisco Ramos (Indiana U) during the LASIG session 1



Erwin Epstein (Loyola University– Chicago) and Patricia Gaviria (McGill U) - LASIG Session 1



Carlos Ornelas (UAM, Mexico), Alejandra León (OSU), and Bryan Jensen (Bard College) during the LASIG session 2—Panel titled: Contemporary Challenges in Mexican Public Education: Improving Literacy Learning and Addressing Youth Migration



Regina Cortina (TC) during the LASIG session 2



Carlos Ovando (ASU) and Fernanda Pineda after the LASIG session 4



Miguel A. Valdivieso (Fundación Ecuador), Carlos Aburto, Tristan McCowan (IOE, London) and colleague, during the LASIG session 4 chaired by Jorge Delgado (U. of Pitt).

“I really enjoyed presenting in the LA SIG. It was much more of a community than presenting on a random panel, and... the presentations were much more prepared and critically thought out than the majority of presentations at CIES”

- Becky Tarlau, UCLA– Berkeley

“...gracias por la hospitalidad. Realmente regreso muy contento de lo aprendido en el Congreso y con ganas de implementar lo aprendido.”

- Carlos Aburto, Editorial Norma, Perú



Ezequiel Gómez Caride (WISC) (left) and Steve Locke (UWyo) during the LASIG session 4



Claudia Grigorescu (FIU), chairing the LASIG session 3



Anita Sanyal (right) presenting with Becky Tarlau (center) and Jonathan Stern during the LASIG session 3



Ale León (OSU) in LASIG session 2

We made it! Thank you everyone! See you in Montreal 2011.

Warmly — Fernanda Pineda



During the LASIG reception—¡Riéndose con ganas!