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Introduction

Prepared by Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, USNS PAIGH President and Paul Cooper, USNS Vice-President

The United States of America National Section (USNS) of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) is pleased to submit this report of USNS activities for the period of October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. Included are reports from the Geography, Cartography, History, and Geophysics Commissions from within the USNS, summaries of significant activities and meetings, and the USNS roster.

The USNS appreciates having the honor of two members serving in leadership positions within PAIGH. Patricia Solis serves as President of the Geography Commission and Jean Parcher as Vice President. The USNS is grateful to both Patricia Solis and Jean Parcher for serving as Authorities and providing leadership and direction for the organization. They have provided a new vision for the Geography Commission that serves to enhance communication and collaboration across member countries. We are confident that the Institute will continue to benefit from their dedication, credibility, and enthusiasm.



The USNS leadership team members include Benjamin Barron, Department of State Liaison; Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, USNS President and U.S. Census Bureau Geography Division Chief; and Paul Cooper, USNS Vice-President. Ally Johnson, long serving as USNS Executive Secretary, announced her resignation effective June 2019.

The USNS greatly appreciates Ally Johnson's commitment and contributions to PAIGH. A new USNS Executive Secretary will be named in the future.



The leadership of the USNS actively participated in PAIGH-related events throughout the reporting period. In October 2018, Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop had the honor of attending the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM) Americas Meeting. The meeting was held in Mexico City and included a visit to the PAIGH Headquarters Office. The beautiful stained glass window of our hemisphere is a centerpiece of the entry to the Secretariat.

In November 2018, PAIGH held its Directing Council Meeting in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. United States delegates included Helaina Stein, Patricia Solis, Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, and Ally Johnson.

In August 2019, Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop led a delegation of 18 professionals to the 9th Session of the Committee of Experts on UN-GGIM. UN-GGIM promotes international collaboration in global information



management and reports to the UN Economic and Social Council. PAIGH and some of its member states are members and contributors. At this venue, she led a sidebar meeting to further the integration of spatial and statistical data in Central America.

Additionally, USNS Member John Nyberg is Co-Chair of the UN-GGIM Working Group on Marine Geospatial Information. The key program goal is to significantly increase the availability of high quality, timely, and reliable geospatial information for the marine environment in support of national development priorities and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The USNS is actively involved with several other important initiatives:

- Members of the USNS continue to support the Integrated Maps of Central America, South America and North America. Members have begun discussions on the development of an Integrated Map of the Caribbean.
- Members of the USNS assisted the Secretariat in hosting a forum on the “Advantages of PAIGH Participation and Membership” in conjunction with the American Association of Geographers (AAG) Meeting in Washington DC, April 2019.
- Leaders of the USNS met with Senator Tim Kaine’s (VA) staff to introduce PAIGH. Senator Kaine is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
- PAIGH is making an effort to engage private industry in mutually beneficial arrangements or memorandum of understanding. Each National Section has been asked to reach out to their potential national partners to develop relationships. Esri, of Redlands, CA and PAIGH signed the first memorandum of understanding under this new initiative and Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop was requested to represent PAIGH at the signing.
- PAIGH Secretary General requested the USNS to present its Annual Report to the OAS in May 2019.

Ambassador Carlos Trujillo, U.S. Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States, arranged for payment of the assessed 2019 US contribution in the amount of \$323,900 USD to PAIGH.

This report is neither comprehensive nor exhaustive of the activities conducted by the USNS members, but it is representative of the nature of involvement and contributions that the USNS makes to PAIGH direct activities, goals, and strategic priorities.

PAIGH USNS Annual Meeting

The 2019 USNS Annual Meeting was held April 3, 2019 at the United States Census Bureau Headquarters in Suitland, MD. Welcoming remarks were delivered by Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, USNS President, and Paul Cooper, USNS Vice-President. The gratitude of the USNS extended to the Census Bureau for their generosity in hosting the meeting and lending of their very comfortable training facilities. Special thanks are given to Paul Riley for his logistical planning and to Ally Johnson for her organizational support of the annual meeting.



The meeting had many invited presentations, including updates regarding the 2017, 2018, and 2019 technical assistance projects. For a full listing of presentations provided, see Appendix 1, 2019 PAIGH USNS Annual Meeting Agenda.

Additionally, the members of the USNS continue to participate in monthly teleconferences to discuss ongoing business of the National Section.

The USNS continues to benefit from the expertise of the extremely active USNS members. The USNS is grateful to each Principal Commission Representative that has faithfully maintained their respective position over the past few years:

- ☐ Eric van Praag, Esri, serves in the role of the principal U.S. Representative to the Commission on Cartography;
- ☐ David Salisbury, University of Richmond, serves as the principal U.S. Representative to the Commission on Geography;
- ☐ Erick Langer, Georgetown University, is the principal U.S. Representative to the Commission on History; and
- ☐ Jorge Bajo, SBA Communications Corporation, serves in his role as principal U.S. Representative to the Commission on Geophysics. Their reports follow.

Cartography Commission

Prepared by Eric van Praag, USNS Principal Representative to the Cartography Commission.

The mission of the Cartography Commission is to promote the exchange of technical knowledge in Cartography, and to develop collaborative partnerships among member countries and between the PAIGH and other multi-national institutions. During 2019, the USNS Cartography Commission supported activities related to the development of the Regional Map of the Americas, supported the GeoSUR Program, and supported the preparation and signature of a memorandum of understanding between Esri and PAIGH.

Integrated Map of the Americas

In 2009, PAIGH provided funding and supported the work of the U.S. Geological Survey and the mapping agencies of Central America to harmonize and integrate their digital mapping data for the region at the 1:250,000 scale (MIAC Project). The MIAC Regional Map was completed in 2013, is currently being hosted by GeoSUR, and is available for viewing in the GeoSUR Regional Portal.

This project led to the development of an Integrated Map of the Northern Andes (MIAN), with financial and technical support from CAF (the Latin American Development Bank), Spain's National Institute of Geography, the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The MIAN digital map was completed in 2016, is currently being hosted by GeoSUR, and is available for viewing in the GeoSUR Regional Portal.

The third component of this project was the production of the Integrated Map of South America (MIAS), the last piece needed to complete a seamless digital map of Latin America (excluding parts of Mexico and the Caribbean Region). The project completed in the first quarter of 2019. This dataset will be hosted via the GeoSUR Regional Portal in the near future. USNS Member Roberto Lugo provided technical assistance and support for the MIAS project during this reporting period.

Work on the production of the fourth component of the Regional Map of the Americas, the North American Regional Map, comprising Mexico, the US and Canada is underway and is slated for completion in 2020.

The Integrated Map of the Americas will produce a digital geographic data base at 1:250,000 scale that covers basic and fundamental topographic themes: Administrative Boundaries, Hydrography, Villages, Roads, Morphology and others (Points of Interest) using official geographic information provided by the national mapping organization of each country.

All the data produced as part of this project will be available for viewing in the GeoSUR Regional Map Service - and potentially in the Living Atlas operated by Esri.

Esri - PAIGH Memorandum of Understanding

Esri and PAIGH completed and signed a memorandum of understanding and associated annex in July 2019. The purpose of this memorandum of understanding is to provide a framework for exchange of geographic, cartographic, and scientific expertise to strengthen and continue the development of regional and national Spatial Data Infrastructures (SDIs) and enterprise Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in the Americas.

The purpose of the Annex is to establish Esri as a Cooperating Partner of the PAIGH and to support the development of the Integrated Map of the Americas. As part of this support, Esri will be donating to PAIGH one annual ArcGIS Online subscription for a period of five years and will also provide ArcGIS Desktop term licenses in support of future map integration workshops.



Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, representing the Secretary General of PAIGH, participated in the memorandum of understanding signing ceremony that took place at the 2019 Esri User Conference in San Diego, California.

Geography Commission

Prepared by David Salisbury, USNS Principal Representative to the Geography Commission.

This past year, the USNS Geography Commission advanced activities focused around the Research and Education Committees of the now four-fold committee structure of PAIGH.

The role of the USNS Geography Commission is to help foster collaboration among geographers of the Americas through its member activities and its participation in PAIGH programs.

The USNS Geography Commission is strengthened by two members who lead PAIGH's Geography Commission as the President, Patricia Solís, and Vice-President, Geographer Jean Parcher. Their leadership ensures an active representation of the USNS commission at the highest level.

Work Plan

The work plan of the Geography Commission emphasizes the aim of championing geographic research at the Pan American level, spurring the educational community towards collaborative production of scientific and geographic knowledge, and backing the goals of the PAIGH 2010-2020 Pan American Agenda in interdisciplinary coordination with the other Commissions. Implementation of the work plan is to be interactive and strengthen communication with Member States.

USNS Geography Commission Members are contributing leadership to the Pan American Working Groups by participating in three projects with PAIGH funding:

- Taller del Grupo Geográfico Transfronterizo de la Amazonia Sudoccidental (GTASO) para Mitigar los Desafíos Ambientales en la Amazonía Peruana y Brasileña;
- Desarrollo Colaborativo del Atlas del Cambio Climático de las Américas: Taller Participativo 1; and
- PAIGH Technical Assistance Project for the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information in Central America.

Conferences and Meetings

The American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting

The American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting was held April 3–7, 2019 in Washington, DC. This conference hosted over 8,500 geographers, GIS specialists, environmental scientists, and other registrants from around the world sharing the very latest in research, policy, and applications in geography, sustainability, and GIScience. The featured themes of the week-long event were: Geography, GIScience, and Health: Building the International Geospatial Health Research Network (IGHRN); Geographies of Human Rights: The Right to Benefit from Scientific Progress; and Physical Geography in Environmental Science. This year, attendees

A wide-angle photograph of a large, crowded conference hall during the opening ceremony of the 2015 World Water Congress. The audience, consisting of people of various ages and backgrounds, is seated in rows, facing a stage. The stage features two large projection screens displaying the event's logo and sponsors, including the International Association of Great Lakes Researchers (IAGLR) and the International Association of Great Lakes Researchers (IAGLR). The hall is well-lit with warm overhead lights, and the atmosphere appears to be formal yet welcoming.

International Reception, AAG Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, USA.

2019 Projects with Significant USNS Geography Commission Participation

The Transboundary Geographic Group of the Southwestern Amazon's (GTASO) Workshop to Mitigate Environmental Challenges in the Peruvian and Brazilian Amazon



The Transboundary Geographic Group of the Southwestern Amazon's (GTASO) 2019 workshop (July 1-5, 2019) included 27 professionals from 18 governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations, and academic institutions from Peru (Ucayali, Madre de Dios) and Brazil (Acre). The Puerto Maldonado, Peru based workshop produced transboundary maps of climate scenarios, socio-environmental threats, vulnerable zones, transboundary Indigenous culture corridors, and protected areas. The workshop also identified the technical challenges and key knowledge gaps impeding collaborative geospatial analysis of a bio culturally diverse region threatened by climate change, deforestation, expanding road networks, and uncontrolled resource extraction. Results demonstrated the importance of collaborative transboundary regional workshops in sharing geospatial knowledge for improved decision making in a remote and threatened borderland.

Videos of the 2019 GTASO Workshop:

- [English Video 2019 GTASO Workshop \(3 minutes\)](#)
- [Español Video 2019 GTASO Taller \(2 minutes\)](#)



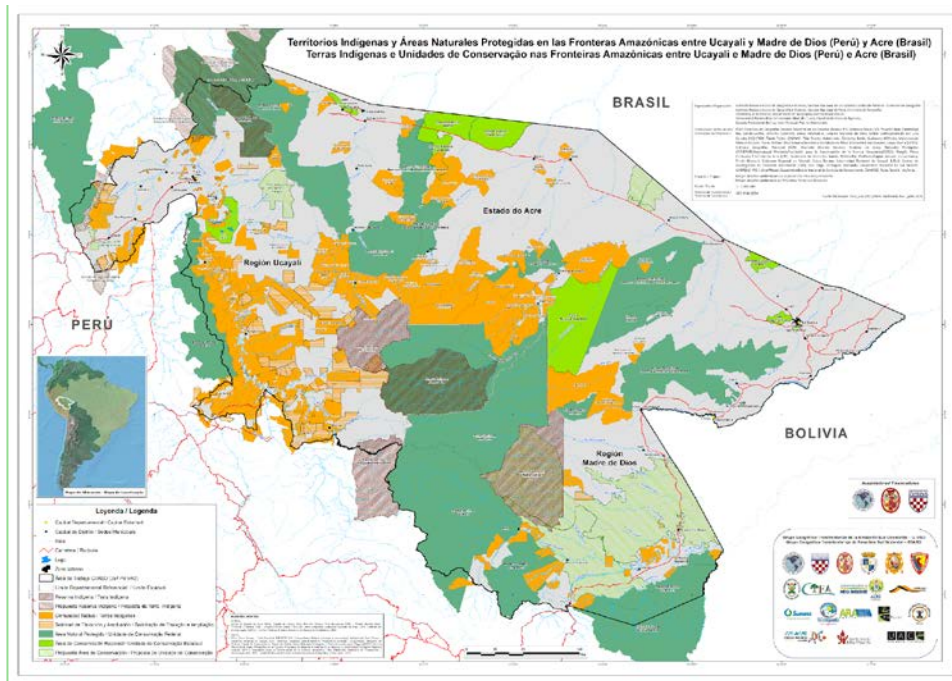
Participants from Acre, Ucayali, and Lima reviewing draft maps



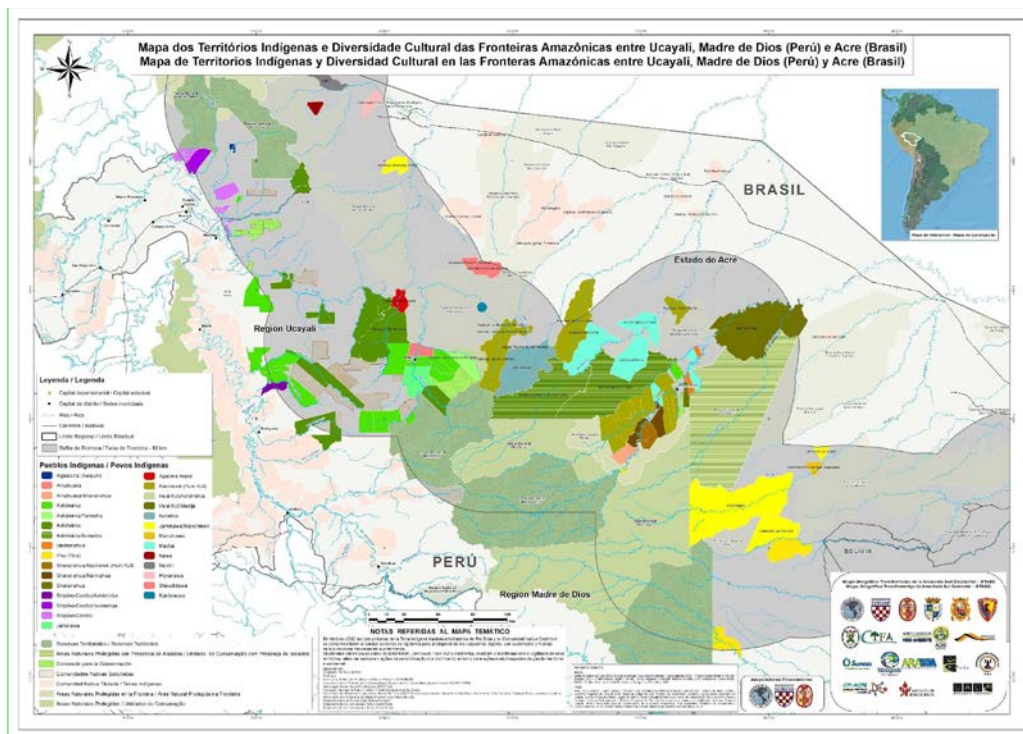
GTASO on the UNSAAC campus, Puerto Maldonado, Peru



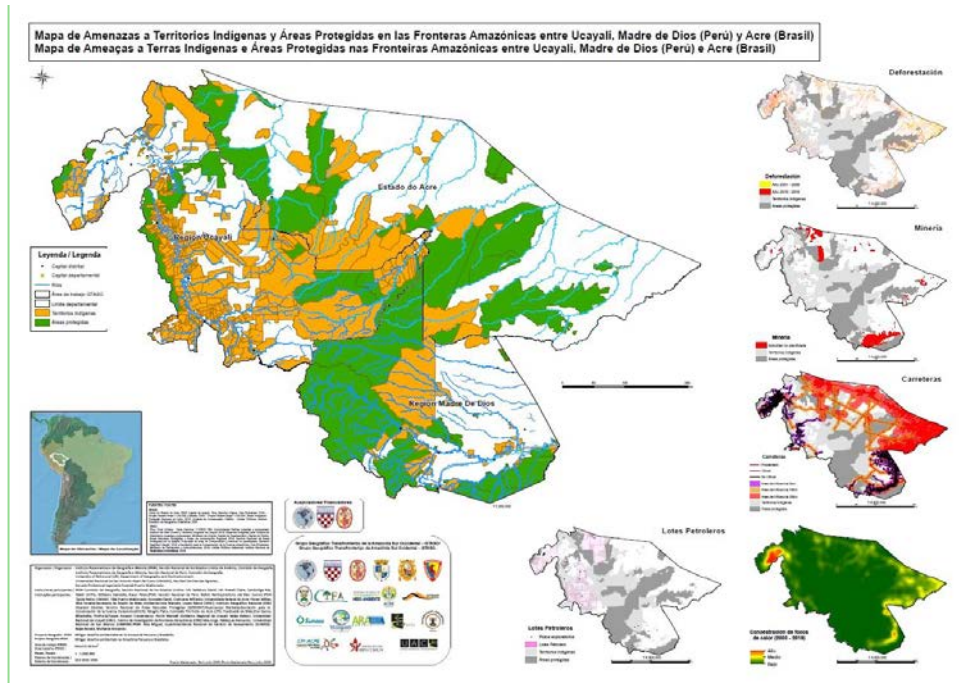
GTASO members from Brazil, Peru and the US analyzing GIS mapping and database



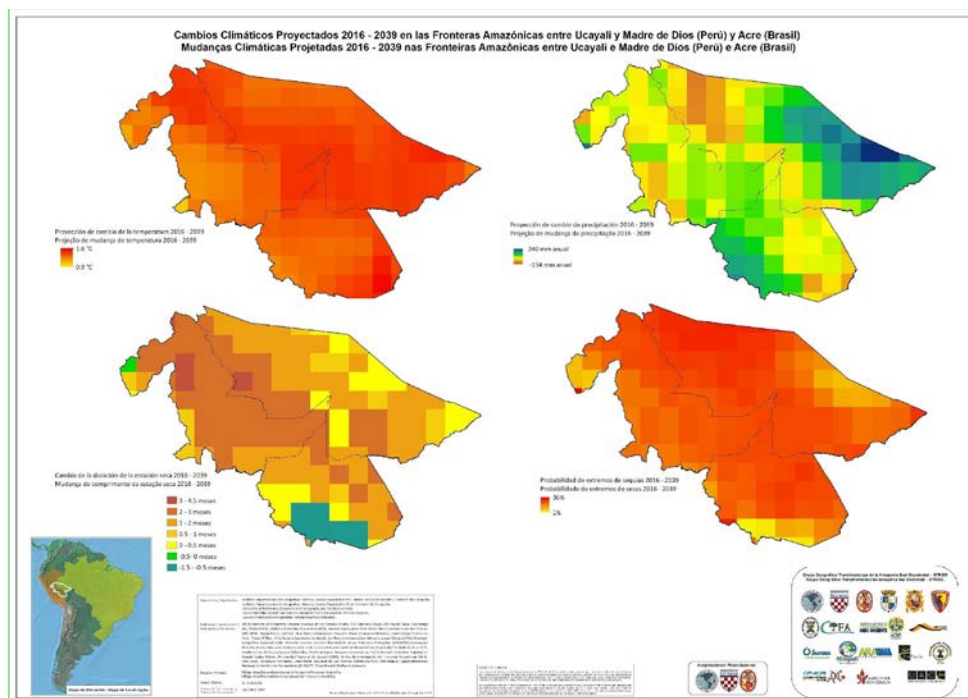
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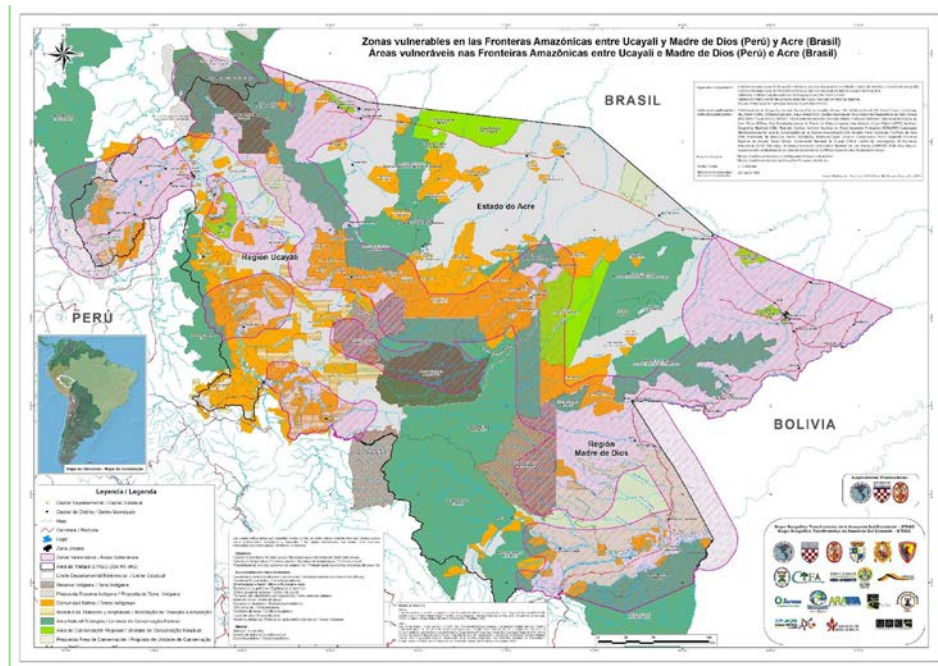
Indigenous Territories and Cultural Diversity on the Amazon Frontiers between Ucayali, Mother of God and Acre



Threats to Indigenous Territories and Protected Natural Areas in the Amazonian Frontiers in the Ucayali, Mother of God and Acre



Climate changes between 2016 and 2039 in the Amazonian Borders between Ucayali, Madre de Dios and Acre



Vulnerable Zones in the Amazon Borders between Ucayali, Mother of God, and Acre

Project for the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information in Central America

Progress is being made on the 2019 PAIGH Technical Assistance Project for the Integration of Statistical and Geospatial Information in Central America. Invitations were sent to representatives from statistical, geospatial and academic organizations from each Central American country. The participants identified were then sent a questionnaire that focused on the logistics of planning virtual and in-person meetings, agencies' current status of data integration and challenges inhibiting integration, software preferences, and what problem or issue participants would like to see addressed as part of the project. Meetings to further discuss the project with participants and plan for 2020 integration are being planned for Fall of 2019.

Collaborative Development of the Atlas of Climate Change in the Americas: Participatory Workshop 1

The Climate Change Atlas of the Americas project's participatory workshop is scheduled for October 14-17, 2019 in Santiago, Chile. The workshop will bring together participants to develop both the hemispheric wide mapping of climate trends, and a dynamic web atlas of case studies.

Journal of Latin American Geography (JLAG) receives the 2019 AAG Publication Award from the American Association of Geographers

In 2017 the digital edition of *JLAG* logged nearly 29,000 article views on Project MUSE alone with over 20,000 views of older articles through JSTOR and other resource outlets. *JLAG* is one of the highest-ranking journals that focuses on Latin American studies. Google Scholar ranked it sixth among these journals with an h-5 score of 11, placing it higher than other notable journals such as *HAHR: Hispanic American Historical Review*, and journals that are published by larger,

multidisciplinary organizations such as *Latin American Research Review*. [More information here.](#)

Geography Commission Individual Accomplishments related to PAIGH objectives

□ Research Committee (Principal David Salisbury)

○ Tim Trainor

- President of the International Cartographic Association (elected July 2019 for 4-year term). ICA has 12 Latin American countries who are current members.
- Keith C. Clarke, J. Michael Johnson & Tim Trainor (2019) Contemporary American cartographic research: a review and prospective, *Cartography and Geographic Information Science*, 46:3, 196-209.
- Timothy Trainor, forward to *GIS and the 2020 Census: Modernizing Official Statistics*, (Redlands: Esri Press, 2019), vii.
- Contributions to UN on the development of an Integrated Geospatial Information Framework (IGIF), (<http://ggim.un.org/UN-GGIM-Intergrated-geospatial-information-framework/>).

○ David Salisbury

- Chair, Department of Geography and the Environment, University of Richmond
- Salisbury, David S., Aguirre, C. N., Gudiño, M.E., López Martín, F., Pyszcsek, O. L., Sanabria, R., Snaider, P. P. 2018. El Atlas del Cambio Climático de las Américas. *Revista Geográfica* 159: 109-126.
- Powell, Claire, Salisbury, David S., Balbín Ordaya, Bertha O., and Pedro Tipula. 2019. Informe Técnico Final: Taller del Grupo Geográfico Transfronterizo de la Amazonía Sud-Occidental (GTASO) para Mitigar Desafíos Ambientales en la Amazonía Peruana y Brasileña.” “Corredores Socio Ambientales en la Amazonía Sud Occidental.” 10 pp. Puerto Maldonado, Madre de Dios, Perú: Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia.
- Board Member Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers (CLAG).

□ Participatory Initiatives and Integrated Projects (Principal Vacant)

○ Patricia Solís

- Executive Director, Knowledge Exchange for Resilience, Arizona State University.
- 2015-2019 *Principal Investigator* Mapping for Resilience University Consortium of three founding universities: Texas Tech University, George Washington University (CoPI Nuala Cowan), and West Virginia University (CoPI Brent McCusker), to cultivate a generation of young people to become leaders in creating resilient communities and empowering them to define their world by mapping it. Program objectives include supporting and engaging students and other university actors in creating new, quality, localized geospatial data in unmapped places of the world, ensuring that the new data is open and accessible to the public, and

conducting research and analysis using OSM data to address international development challenges. In its first 8 months of network building, the consortium grew to 36 universities in 12 countries and made more than 4 million map edits for projects such as disaster relief in Ecuador, malaria prevention in Mozambique and Kenya, food security in Ghana and Bangladesh, and peace building in Colombia. Funded by the US Agency for International Development, \$999,000.

- Solís, Patricia, Brent McCusker, Nwasinachi Menkiti, Nuala Cowan, and Chad Blevins. 2018. Engaging Global Youth in Participatory Spatial Data Creation for the UN Sustainable Development Goals: The Case of Open Mapping for Malaria Prevention. *Applied Geography* 98:143-155. DOI: 10.1016/j.apgeog.2018.07.013.
- Solís, Patricia, Niem Tu Huynh, Philippe Huot, Marcela Zeballos, Astrid Ng, and Nwasinachi Menkiti. 2018. Results of an Overdetermined Design for High School Girls' Learning in Geospatial Technologies for Climate Change. *International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education*. DOI: 10.1080/10382046.2018.1513447.

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In the coming year, the U.S. Geography Commission will continue to pursue appropriate activities within these priority areas. These activities will continue to add value to and support both the USNS work and the direction of PAIGH in terms of geographic research, geographic education, and the strengthening of institutions of geography in academic, public, and private sectors.

History Commission

Prepared by Erick D. Langer, USNS Principal Representative to the History Commission.

The USNS of the History Commission has been active on a number of fronts. Three projects stand out; one that is now finished and the other two ongoing.

The History Commission thought it vital that the USNS have an official archive, so that USNS leaders could check information on the Section's activities and that perhaps historians in the future may use the archive to recreate the history of the USNS and PAIGH in general. As a result, in 2016 the USNS created a committee to design a strategy to store its archives. The committee was composed of Jim Siekmeier, Tim Schultz, Ally Johnson, the Executive Secretary, and Jorge Bajo, from the Geophysics Committee. At first, the committee considered Georgetown University as a recipient of the archives and later analyzed whether U.S. government entities or GeoSUR might be able to maintain these records. However, a number of issues involving privacy and access made this impossible. As a result, the committee decided that the USNS should keep its own records, but in electronic format. The committee developed a records schedule, purchased a hard drive, and Ally Johnson, who was in possession of the extant records, digitized/transferred records to the hard drive. This hard drive will be passed on to the next Executive Secretary and will remain the place where all relevant documents that the USNS continues to generate. In other words, this hard drive will be both the historical record and remain an active archive, with items continuously added to it. Many thanks to all who contributed to this project!

The USNS History Commission is working with Patricia Galeana, the PAIGH President of the History Commission, on creating a plan for creating visual documents for recreating the historical trajectory of PAIGH, which eventually can be used for the 100th anniversary of the organization. This includes posters with photographs and other visual evidence to document the trajectory of PAIGH over time. Graciela Sandoval, a member of the USNS Geography Commission, is working on this project with the History Commission.

The *History of the Americas* project continues. One of the co-editors of the project, Andre Figueiredo, has been nominated as the President of the Brazilian National Section, which will facilitate this project. The three co-editors, Dr. Figueiredo, Dr. Galeana and Dr. Langer met at the 4th Annual Technical Meeting in Santo Domingo, where we determined that we would meet in Bogotá, Colombia, where Dr. Galeana is presently the Mexican Ambassador to continue the project and create the TOC and short descriptions of the contents for each chapter. This will occur in October or November this year. Afterwards, the editors will make a call for PAIGH History Commission members to write portions of the chapters, as well as invite Canadian and colleagues from other countries with the Americas to contribute.

Our Commission members have been active in their fields. Thomas Fields just signed a contract with UNC Press for a spring 2020 edited volume entitled *Latin America and the Global Cold War*, eds. Thomas C. Field Jr., Stella Krepp, and Vanni Pettinà. (The other two editors are at the University of Bern and El Colegio de México, respectively). The volume contains fourteen chapters regarding Latin America's Cold War experience, engaging in themes such as nationalism, internationalism, and especially Third Worldism. Contributors come from all over the

world, boasting personal or academic ties to sixteen countries throughout Europe and the Americas.

At the Society for the History of Foreign Relations in Washington, DC last year, Thomas Fields met with various authorities. Below is a photo of Thomas Fields (right) with Marcelo Martinez, the former Consul General of Bolivia in Washington, at the Bolivian restaurant Luzmary in Falls Church, Virginia.



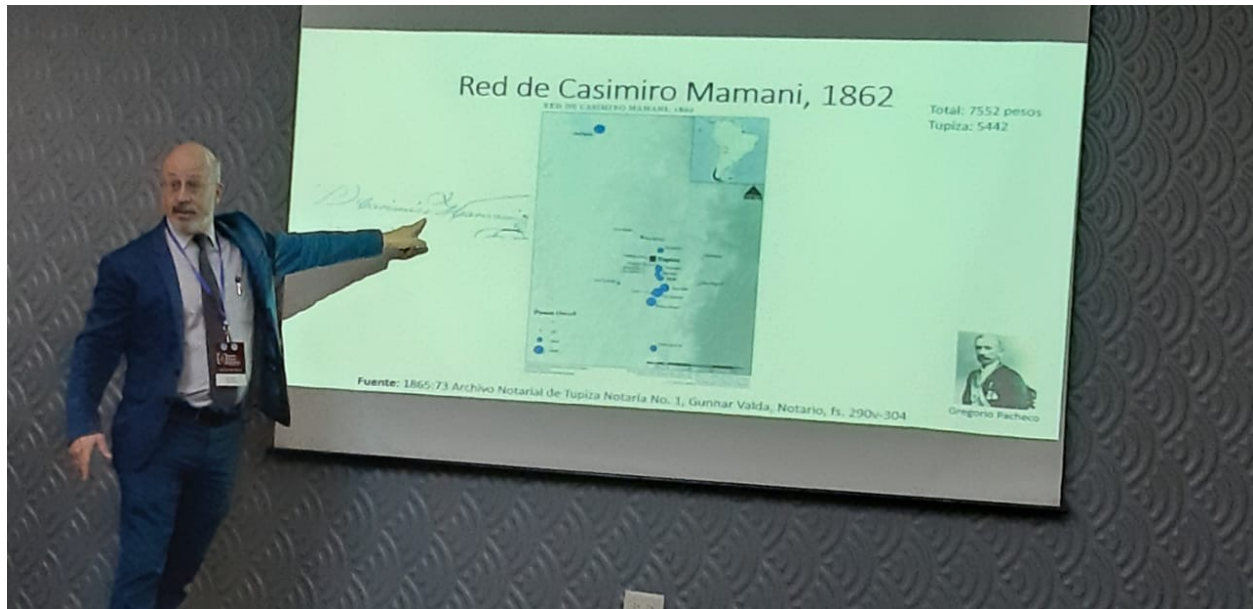
Fields also has an article in press with the *Journal of Latin American Studies*, entitled "Union Busting as Development: Transnationalism, Empire, and Kennedy's Secret Labour Programme for Bolivia," which will appear in early 2020.

Tim Schultz is moving to the D.C. area, taking a job in the Historical Office, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

James Siekmeier has a new publication coming out: "Foreign Policy in the 'Backward': The Historiography of US-Latin American Relations in the Mid-Twentieth Century," in Dietrich, Christopher, ed. *Blackwell Companion to the History of U.S. Foreign Relations, Colonial Era to the Present* (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell, 2020).

Evan Ward, Associate Professor of History at Brigham Young University, contributed to several Inter-American initiatives during the past year. From October through April, Ward prepared the first BYU university team to participate in the Model Organization of American States simulation in Washington D.C. The team represented the nation of El Salvador and had a chance to interact with the country's diplomatic delegation during the week. Ward also published a number of book reviews on Inter-American affairs, as well as an article on Brazilian tourism development.

Erick Langer participated in the 4th Annual Technical Conference of PAIGH in July of this year, representing the USNS. He presented his latest work at the conference, titled "Debts and Geography: Mapping Credit Systems in the South-Central Andes," part of a book project on the economic development of the south-central Andes. Below is a photo of him in action at the meeting.



Langer also co-edited a volume with Milena Santoro, *Hemispheric Sovereignties: Native Identity and Agency in the Andes, Mesoamerica, and Canada*, (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2018) where a chapter of his was included. In other news, he received the Vicennial Medal from Georgetown University for twenty years of service.

Geophysics Commission

Prepared by Jorge V. Bajo Sanchez, USNS Principal Representative to the Geophysics Commission.

The Geophysics Commission welcomes back Daniel Winester and he will resume his activities as the Gravimetry Principal Representative. He works for NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) where he is involved with absolute gravimetry (and associated relative gravimeter and GPS observations). He also cooperates with US and foreign agencies and universities. In PAIGH Member States, he has worked with a wide range of geophysical and gravimetric data from El Salvador, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Brazil.

Mario Ruiz Romero and Alexandra Alvarado Cevallos of Ecuador are still the President and Vice-President of the Geophysics Commission. During the 4th Technical Meeting conducted in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the Commission came to the following recommendations:

- In regards to all the Commissions, the Geophysics Commission voted to maintain the current structure of four commissions as stated in Article 25.
- It also recommended to update and modify from Chapter II: “De los fines de las Comisiones” the following:
 - “Estudiar las propiedades físicas y dinámicas de la Tierra, incluyendo el espacio exterior, en especial aquellas que tiendan a prevenir y mitigar los perjuicios que los fenómenos naturales o antrópicos puedan acarrear a las poblaciones o al ambiente de los Estados Miembros;”
 - “Promover el desarrollo y difusión del conocimiento en el campo de la geofísica y su aplicación al bienestar económico y social sostenible de los Estados Miembros;” and
 - “Promover la cooperación entre las instituciones públicas y/o privadas dedicadas a los estudios geofísicos en América, así como las organizaciones internacionales afines.”
- Recommendations regarding grants and internships, the Commission suggests to create agreements with universities, and research groups and centers to create more academic opportunities to individuals that are part of a participatory National Section. The Universidad Nacional de San Juan (Argentina) has expressed interest in being part of one of these agreements.
- It also recommended that the Secretaria General del IPGH mediate to obtain free online access to gravimetry data for each country member.

Christopher L. Castro is the Principal Coordinator for the Climate Change Committee for the PAIGH Geophysics commission and has been very active with several projects in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

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2019 Meeting of the U.S. National Section
Pan American Institute of Geography and History
U.S. Census Bureau Building
Suitland, MD
April 3, 2019

Phone: 1-866-692-3158 Participant Code 1208700

Skype for Business: Individual meeting invites sent separately

Census Bureau Building, Room T-6

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| 8:45 – 9:00 | Optional light refreshments (Juice, coffee, pastries, fruit) |
| 9:00 – 9:10 | Welcoming Remarks & New Member Welcome |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Deirdre Bishop, USNS President |
| 9:10 – 9:20 | Opening Remarks |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Cooper, USNS Vice-President |
| 9:20 – 9:30 | USNS Discussion Items |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> USNS Roster Update – Ally Johnson |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> USNS Annual Report Instructions – Ally Johnson |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> USNS Action Items Follow-up – Ally Johnson |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | U.S. Permanent Mission to the Organization of American States - State Department |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Helaina Stein/Dan Cento, U.S. Mission to the OAS, Department of State Liaison |
| 9:55 – 10:35 | Invited Presentations by USNS Guests |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduction and Engagement – PAIGH Secretary General, César Rodríguez Tomeo |
| 10:35 – 10:50 | Break |

10:50 – 11:50	Commission Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Geophysics – Jorge Bajo <input type="checkbox"/> History – Erick Langer <input type="checkbox"/> Cartography – Eric Van Praag <input type="checkbox"/> Geography – David Salisbury
11:55 – 12:00	Group Photo
12:00 – 1:00	U.S. Delegation Lunch
1:00 – 1:15	Discussion led by USNS Member <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> PAIGH 100th Anniversary – Ways to Celebrate - Chely Sandoval & Erick Langer
1:15 – 1:30	Status of Approved 2017 Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Archiving Project – Ally Johnson
1:30 – 1:45	Status of Approved 2018 Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pan American-Geography/Online (GeoPanAm) - 2018-2020 (Objective. To develop an international online geography program (GeoPanAm) for teachers who do not have experience in online teaching and learning in their universities of the Region.) – Osvaldo Muniz
1:45 – 2:30	Status of Approved 2019 Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated Map of North America – Jean Parcher and Mike Tischler <input type="checkbox"/> Geographic Transborder Working Group of the Amazonian South Occidental (GTASO) to mitigate the environmental challenges in the Peruvian and Brazilian Amazon – David Salisbury <input type="checkbox"/> UN-GGIM: Regional Americas Committee of the United Nations over the Global Geospatial Information for the Americas – Integration of Statistical and Geographical Information in Central America – Jeff Ocker, Jennifer Zaroni, Jessie Files
2:30 – 2:45	Potential 2020 Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> 2020 Projects – Deirdre Bishop
3:00 – 3:15	Break
3:15 – 4:30	Discussions led by USNS Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Canada Progress Update – Paul Cooper <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean Project Update – Paul Cooper <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorming – Paul Cooper
4:35 – 5:00	USNS Discussion Items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Action Items recap – Ally Johnson
5:00	Depart for dinner
6:30	Delegation Dinner – Lebanese Taverna, Washington, D.C.

Thursday, April 4 (Optional)

American Association of Geographers (AAG) Conference

Omni Shoreham and Wardman Marriott Hotels, Washington DC

5:00 – 6:40 Panel Session

- ☐ How You Can Benefit from Participation in the Organization of American States System

International Reception directly following Panel Discussion