CALL FOR PAPERS
Fall 2020 Special issue of DeRLAS

Responses and reactions to Pandemic and Natural Disasters (hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods, tornadoes) in and around the Western Hemisphere.

The unexpected development of COVID-19 and natural disasters has been devastating everywhere, including North, Central, South America and the Caribbean. Latino communities throughout the United States have been disproportionately affected by the pandemic with 73 cases out of 10,000 people as of July 5, 2020, according to the New York Times. Reports from the Southern border document the disruptions in migration flows. Likewise, the Western Hemisphere has experienced multiple national disasters in recent years. The severity of these crises and the range of responses from states have exacerbated social fragmentation across all of the Americas and the Caribbean.

The special issue of the DeRLAS journal solicits papers (written in English, Portuguese or Spanish) that aim to understand the social, economic, or cultural impact and various responses to the pandemic and national disasters as well as the acts of community resistance and solidarity.

Our journal welcomes papers from all disciplines which support a discernable argument with evidence-based research and follow our standards of academic rigor. We are particularly interested in reviewing papers that address one or more of the following questions:

1. How do the pandemic and national disasters manifest in Western Hemisphere societies? How have these developments affected vulnerable socio-economic and ethnic groups within each country; i.e., Indigenous peoples and African descendants.
2. What factors account for and what are the lasting effects of the responses we have witnessed?
3. How have institutions, including the political state/political leaders, responded to these crises?
4. What are some of the meanings of the acts of kindness and solidarity we have seen and experienced during the pandemic or after natural disasters?

Authors wishing to submit papers to be considered for publication should send an abstract of 200 words (maximum), accompanied by their names, affiliation and contact information to Professor Enrique S. Pumar (epumar@scu.edu). Abstracts related to Brazil should be sent to our Portuguese-language editor Daiane Tamanaha (daiane@princeton.edu). DeRLAS will accept abstracts until August 25, 2020. Proposed papers accepted for publication are expected by October 30, 2020.