Amazon Week 2008

March 4-10
The University of Texas at Austin

Tuesday, March 4
**Panel. Conceptualizing Amazonia**
Texas Union 3.116, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Moderator: Dr. Gregory Knapp, Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

*Intellectual Division of Labor in the Handbook of South American Indians (1938-1948)*
Dr. Priscila Faulhaber Barbosa, Museu Goeldi and UCLA

*The Amazon, Tropicality and Euclides da Cunha: From "Lands without History" to a Tropical Civilization*
Dr. Susanna Hecht, UCLA

*Geographers and the Making of the Brazilian Amazon, 1930-1945*
Dr. Seth Garfield, Department of History, UT Austin

Wednesday, March 5
**Roundtable Discussion. Research Opportunities in the Amazon Basin**
Hackett Room, SRH 1.313, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Moderator: Dr. Susanna Hecht, UCLA

*Approaches to Studying Language and Cultural Traditions*
Dr. Pattie Epps, Department of Linguistics, UT Austin

*Overlapping Claims in the Peruvian Amazon: Indigenous Groups and Petroleum Concessions*
Mariana Montoya, Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

*Examining Community Ecology in the Eastern Amazonian Rainforests*
Jesse Lasky, Department of Plant Ecology, UT Austin

Thursday, March 6
**Panel. Indigenous Land Use Patterns**
Texas Union 4.110, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
Moderator: Dr. Rodrigo Sierra, Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

*Estimating Indigenous Population in the Pre-Columbian Amazon*
Luis Fujiwara, LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT Austin

*Linguistic Clues to Ancient Puzzles: Indigenous Foraging and Farming in Amazonia*
Dr. Pattie Epps, Department of Linguistics, UT Austin

*A Household-based Resource Demand Model: A Spatial Assessment of Indigenous Production Systems in Western Amazonia*
Santiago Lopez, Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin

*Comparing Indigenous and Mestizo Land-Use Systems in the Rural-Urban Interface of the Iquitos Region, Peruvian Amazon*
Mario Cardozo, Department of Geography and the Environment, UT Austin
UT events are free and open to the public. For more information about Amazon Week, e-mail the Brazil Center at brazil@uts.cc.utexas.edu.

The Texas Union (UNB) is located at 24th and Guadalupe. Parking is available in the San Antonio Garage (SAG) at 2420 San Antonio Street. Sid Richardson Hall (SRH) is located on Red River south of Dean Keaton. Parking is available in the LBJ Library Visitor Parking Lot on Red River.

Sponsored by the Brazil Center, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, College of Liberal Arts, and the Brazilian Consulate in Houston.

In a parallel event, They Killed Sister Dorothy will premiere in competition at the SXSW Film Festival at the Austin Convention Center.

**Sunday, March 9, 1:45 p.m.**  
**Monday, March 10, 1:30 p.m.**

On February 12, 2005, Sister Dorothy Stang, a Catholic nun from Dayton, Ohio, was shot six times and left to die on a muddy road in the Brazilian Amazon. Who was this woman? Why was she killed? And what will be done about it? The answers may hold the fate of the rainforest itself.

Just Media presents They Killed Sister Dorothy, a new feature-length documentary following the incredible events in the wake of Stang’s murder in Brazil. Produced by Oscar-winner Nigel Noble and narrated by Martin Sheen, They Killed Sister Dorothy captures the battle and the thorny social realities behind tropical deforestation and its solutions in a suspenseful and surprising film.

Director Daniel Junge and cast members will attend both screenings.