Latin American Studies Program

- The Galapagos Islands
  PHOTO EXHIBIT by Maryellen McGrath, award-winning professional photographer and photo editor with The New York Times
  MON., NOV. 5 – FRI. NOV. 16
  Perkins Student Center Gallery
  Organized by Suzanne Tierney-Gula, FLLT, suztgula@udel.edu

- Galapagos: Problems in Paradise
  TALK by Galapagos Islands Naturalist Guide and Scuba Instructor Peter Freire
  WED., NOV. 14
  7-9 pm  •  Perkins Student Center Gallery
  The Galapagos Islands belong to Ecuador and are located 600 miles off their coast, in the Pacific Ocean, at the equatorial line. Nearly 30,000 people live in the islands, and are joined every year by thousands of tourists who come to hike, bird-watch, snorkel and scuba dive. Can the islands survive this human activity? Mr. Freire will discuss this and other issues he has personally observed during his life in the islands.
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- Marine Protected Areas in the Caribbean: An Interdisciplinary Approach
  PANEL DISCUSSION
  MON, NOV. 26
  5:30-6:45 pm  •  Gore Hall 103
  Reception will follow, 6:45-8:00, Gore Hall
  Panel Speakers: Manuel Valdez-Pizzini: Professor of Social Sciences at the Interdisciplinary Center for Coastal Studies, University of Puerto Rico-Mayaguez
  Shirley Fiske: United States government and independent consultant
  Panelists in this session address the complexities faced by MPAs in the Caribbean by focusing on the ecological, social, economic, and institutional challenges of these areas.
  Organized by Carla Guerrero Montero, Anthropology, cguerrero@udel.edu
  Sponsored by the Office of the Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs and International Programs, the Latin American Studies Program, the Anthropology Department, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, and the University Faculty Senate Committee on Cultural Activities and Public Events.
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MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPAs) are areas designated for special protection to improve the management of marine resources around the world. MPAs occupy less than one percent of the world marine environment. However, extensive research on the subject has demonstrated that marine protected areas and reserves support the conservation of marine resources as part of larger coastal and marine area management programs. Management of MPAs is complex, as it includes the development of effective management plans along with appropriate response to challenges that result from social, economic, and institutional structures.

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