



Summer Institute for Educators *Teaching Hispanic Cultures of the Americas*

June 18-22, 2007

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Room 133-F Erickson Hall, Michigan State University

Web: www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal/Americas.htm

- **Focus on Latin American/Hispanic culture**
- **For K-12 and pre-service teachers**
- **Hispanic cultures in many regions of Latin America**
- **Led by MSU faculty from the Department of Spanish & Portuguese**
- **Free teaching materials**
- **Meet other educators who teach Latin America**
- **2 SBCEU credits available**

Description

This one-week, intensive summer institute aims to broaden and deepen K-12 educators' knowledge of and resources for teaching about Hispanic (Spanish-speaking) cultures of the Americas.

Sessions will include presentations and discussions led by MSU faculty, K-12 resources and teaching ideas, and opportunities to network with MSU faculty and teachers. Teams or groups of educators from the same district are encouraged to participate (in particular, Spanish, social studies, world history and ESL teachers). SBCEU credits are available.

Participant's Commitments

- Attend all 5 half-day sessions of the summer institute
- Complete a brief questionnaire
- Complete one module (individual or group) on a theme/region
- Continue integrating Latin America/Hispanic cultures into the curriculum where possible.

In this summer institute we will explore the following topics and regions with particular attention to "reading" or critically examining how Latin America/Latin American-ness is represented and how stereotypes may be reinforced in K-12 textbooks and curricular resources.

Agenda

Day 1: Introduction, International Resources
& Andean South America

Day 2: Southern Cone & Central America

Day 3: Caribbean & Continental Caribbean

Day 4: Mexico & Tour International Studies & Programs

Day 5: Hispanics in the US, Presentation of Small
Group Projects & Lunch

Topics and Themes

These themes will be threaded throughout the institute:

- Race, ethnicity, social stratification and class
- Language: Spanish and indigenous languages in society
- The place of religion in culture and society
- Creative and performing arts, artisans
- Gender roles in society: machismo, motherhood, parenthood

Instructors

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Sponsors

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