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The event will be led by Daniel Shapiro, Editor; with remarks by Dr. Ángel Estévez, Chair, Classical and Modern Languages & Literatures; followed by a conversation, in English, with Prof. Will H. Corral, Guest Editor; author Eduardo Lalo; and translator Andrea Rosenberg.

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Review 107, guest edited by scholar Will H. Corral, presents contemporary nonfiction by the most current generations of Spanish American writers. Corral’s introduction emphasizes the dialogues the contributing authors have with other literary traditions, and also considers the nature of the genre of nonfiction. Articles, by scholars Carlos Burgos, Corral, Marcela Croce, and Antonio Villarruel, address topics including the state of the essay in Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, and the Andean countries, as well as that of the crónica in Latin America. Creative texts showcase essays as well as an interview on a broad array of topics by prominent and emerging authors, among them, Gabriela Aleman, Jazmina Barrera, Carmen Bouilosa, Horacio Castellanos Moya, Mariana Enriquez, Ariana Harwicz, Julián Herbert, Eduardo Lalo, Patricio Pron, Mayra Santos-Febres, Samantha Schweblin, Juan Gabriel Vásquez, and Alejandro Zambra. The texts have been translated by a breadth of renowned translators, among them Ezra Fitz, Sean Manning, Megan McDowell, Christina MacSweeney, Andrea Rosenberg, and Samantha Schnee. The nonfiction presented in Review 107 underscores the truly international character of Latin American literature and its place in world literature. The issue includes two Features—a memorial piece, by translator and board member Elizabeth Lowe, on Brazilian novelist Nélida Piñon; and excerpts from Mexican playwright Sergio López Viguera’s Tartarus. Reviews cover titles in translation by João Almino, Homero Aridjis, Amanda Berenguer, Sergio Missana, Angelina Muñiz-Huberman, and Verónica Zondek, as well as of the Gego exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum. Cover: Emma Luna, El nido (The Nest), 2010. Cover design: Daimys García.

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Will H. Corral (Ecuador; Ph.D. Columbia) has taught at UMass-Amherst, Stanford, and other universities. In 2014, he held the Cátedra Abierta Roberto Bolaño in Chile. He is the author or co-author of sixteen books, including Theory’s Empire (2005) with Daphne Patai and Peajes de la crítica latinoamericana (2023; Tolls of Latin American Criticism). Corral’s essay, “Logbooks for a New Latin American Nonfiction,” introduces the scholarly and creative contents in the issue, including his own additional essay, “Hispanic Caribbean Essayistic Writing: Somewhere beyond the Sea.”

Eduardo Lalo, Puerto Rican writer, essayist, visual artist, photographer, and film producer, is the author of more than a dozen books, such as the novels La inutilidad (2004; Uselessness, 2017) and Simone (2011, winner of the Rómulo Gallegos International Novel Prize; Simone, 2015). His essays include Los países invisibles (2008; The Invisible Countries), El deseo del lápiz: castigo, urbanismo, escritura (2010; The Pencil’s Desire: Punishment, Urbanism, Writing), and Intervenciones (2018; Interventions), from which “News of the Deluge,” his essay in Review 107, translated by Sean Manning, was taken. He is a professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

Andrea Rosenberg is an acclaimed translator who has translated novels and graphic narrative by Manuel Vilas, Tomás González, Aura Xilonen, Marcello Quintanilha, and Ana Penyas, among others. Her most recent translation is Paco Roca’s Return to Eden (Fantagraphics, 2024). Rosenberg’s translations of two essays are featured in Review 107: Mariana Enriquez’s “The Law of the Border,” on U.S. novelist Cormac McCarthy; and Leonardo Valencia’s “Three Notes on the Novel, in Free Fall.”

All the participants have contributed to Review 107 (Contemporary Latin American Nonfiction).

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