

2010-2011 Faculty Grants for International Connections

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Connecting with the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú: Philosophy and Archaeology.

The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (PUCP), in Lima, is the premiere university in Peru. I am proposing to create connections between Lehigh University and this university at the level of Faculty (Philosophy and Archaeology) and Students (mostly general undergraduate students but with the possibility of some graduate student involvement).

(a) Professional and Personal Goals for this Visit.

My current research project, at the most general, is an effort to recover a stream of analytic philosophy that was flowering in the 1950's, but was sadly uprooted in the 1960's. I am providing the foundations for a sensual semantics. In December 2010, I was in Peru at the PUCP participating in a conference on Wittgenstein's mature work on experiencing the meaning of a word. Wittgenstein scholars have not been suspicious enough of Wittgenstein's rejection of experiential analyses of meaning, and recovering this experiential dimension of our linguistic life is what I will be doing in Peru.

(b) Expected Outcomes: short term and long term

Victor Krebs, my contact at the PUCP, has been urging Wittgenstein interpretation in the same direction. Our work together in the Summers of 2011 and 2012 will permit us to present our suspicious interpretation of Wittgenstein's mature work in seminars and in publications. We hope that this exchange of ideas will open a flow of undergraduates between PUCP and LU. In the long term we hope to involve other faculty in the Lehigh Valley. In the first instance, I have already spoken with Matt Bush, Asst. Prof. of Spanish at LU, whose research involves Peru, and Ben Carter, Visiting Asst. Prof. of Anthropology at Muhlenberg an Andean Archaeologist, most of whose work is currently in Ecuador, but who has contacts already at PUCP. I have also spoken with Tanya Saunders, Asst. Prof. in the LU Dept of Sociology and Anthropology; she is primarily a Caribbeanist and won't be able to participate until after tenure.

Prof. Krebs is the co-editor of *Seeing Wittgenstein Anew* (Cambridge 2010), and our work with in the summer 2011 would very likely appear in another collection he is already planning *Una nueva Forma de Ver: Wittgenstein y el pensamiento del silo XXI*.

(c) Nature of Interaction.

Our plan is to run a short (2 week) seminar, "The Wittgenstein Experience," in the Summer of 2011 at PUCP, Centro de Estudios Filosóficos, for graduate and undergraduate philosophy students at PUCP, and then we would run an analogous seminar at LU in the summer of 2012. At Lehigh, we would try to involve 5 grad students and 1 faculty member from other institutions, and 1 have added those expenses in our budget below. (There are no Philosophy grad students at LU.)

The intensive seminar will be modeled on intense architectural studios in which 2 weeks of furious invention produces models of architectural energy. The participants in this seminar will be given the task to produce an interpretation of the nature and position of experience in Wittgenstein's later philosophy, and they will be expected to present their work to the group by the end of the seminar. The meetings of the seminar will therefore be in the line of working together on texts of Wittgenstein that are unavoidably significant for the work at hand.

(d) Pre-Planning.

My contact at PUCP is Dr. Victor J. Krebs Profesor Asociado, Departamento de Humanidades, PUCP. When I was there for a conference in December 2010, we both spoke with Dra. Pepi Patrón, the Vice Rector for Research at the PUCP and she was excited by this proposal. I have attached an e-mail from Prof. Krebs extending an invitation outlining in concrete terms the proposed joint activities during at PUCP during the Summer of 2011, and articulating his expectations for the interaction.

(e) Expected Follow-Ups on return to LU.

I look forward to bringing my work in Peru back to Lehigh.

(f) Proposed budget.

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| Summer 2011 (Bearn to Lima, 14 days) | Summer 2012 (Krebs to B'hem, 14 days) |
| Flight: round trip to Lima: \$1200 | est flights to B'hem \$1200 |
| Hotel: 14 nights \$1300 in lima | est hotel in B'hem \$1300 |
| Meals at \$50/day: \$700 | meals at \$50/day: \$700 |
| | extra expenses for 1 faculty visiting faculty member and \$400 support each for 5 grad students, total: \$4,000 |
| Summer 2011 total = \$3,200 | Summer 2012 total = \$7,200 |

Combined total Summers 2011 and 2012 = \$10,400



Lima, February 15th, 2011

Dr. Gordon C.F. Bearn
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Dear Professor Bearn,

I am very pleased to invite you to be my co-host for a 2 week seminar on "The Wittgenstein Experience", to be held at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) between August and September of 2011.

Our host will be the Department of Humanities at PUCP, which will provide the facilities for this intensive seminar. We look forward to the impact it will have on our common research as well as on the intellectual growth of our students, and hope that this first exchange will yield other longer term interaction between our programs.

It is summer vacation now in Peru, so I am writing on my own pen; but you should expect a letter from my department head within the week.

I believe this is an extremely promising project, which I hope will be the beginning of fruitful relations between Lehigh and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Professor Bearn,

It is a pleasure to invite you to join Professor Victor J. Krebs as co-host for a 2 week seminar on "The Wittgenstein Experience", to be held at the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) between August and September of 2011. The Humanities Department will provide the facilities necessary for this event.

We hope you are able to join us, and hope this will serve as a first step towards building a long-term relationship between Lehigh and the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Sincerely yours,


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