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FROM: D Ryan Lynch ([drlynch@ucsb.edu](mailto:drlynch@ucsb.edu))

RE: Report on LAUC Presentation & Travel Award, 2017

I was the recipient of a LAUC Presentation & Travel Award this year for \$350. This contributed to my travel expenses to attend Latin American Studies Association Annual Convention hosted by the Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú in Lima, Peru, from April 29-May 7, 2017. I presented a paper, "Becoming Brazilian: Japanese-Brazilian negotiations of space in São Paulo, 1950-1980", as part of the panel, "Migración internacional y ciudad" ["International migration and the city"]; panel info [here](#); no slideshow created; revised paper to be submitted to journal in winter 2018].

At the conference, I had the opportunity to attend four presentations by UCSB faculty members and graduate students; participated in the Scholarly Communication and Research meeting; meet faculty and librarians from around the world; acquire materials at local bookstores; and acquire books at the La Independiente, a book fair featuring independent publishers. Additionally, I met with a Peruvian student completing a research project on Japanese-Peruvians, providing research assistance and advice on gaining access to the archive. This experience was important in that it allowed me to get a broad vision of new directions in Latin American Studies scholarship in the U.S., Europe, Latin America, and beyond. Joining the Scholarly Communication and Research group for the first time allowed me to connect with this group and begin to strategize on new directions for the organization. It also connects with my role as Communications and Outreach Committee Chair for Latin Americanist Research Resources Project, an initiative of CRL.

The visits to important bookstores in Lima as well as the independent publisher book fair gave me a more in-depth knowledge of the Peruvian publishing scene than I had previously. It will help me better serve the UCSB community as I continue to collect in this area. In particular, it has already facilitated conversation on collecting with a faculty member in the History Department.

LAUC's funding support was crucial in facilitating this scholarly and professional development opportunity.

**Original Abstract**

In the 1950s-1970s, thousands of Japanese Brazilian youths migrated from the countryside to São Paulo in pursuit of educational and economic opportunities. By looking at social and student clubs, records from newspapers, firsthand accounts, and other historical documents, this paper will examine how these young people—especially students—negotiated neighborhoods in the city, both as “Japanese” spaces but also as “Brazilian” spaces. Ultimately, the paper examines how these youths’ negotiation of space reflects their understandings of ethnic, regional, class, and national identities.

**Final Budget**

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| Meals and Incidentals | \$216.00  |
| Lodging               | \$200.00  |
| Transportation        | \$629.00  |
| Registration          | \$220.00  |
| Grand Total           | \$1265.00 |