

## **LAST100: Introduction to Latin American Studies**

Final Examination. December 11, 2014, 8:30-11am, Room B210.

You must complete both parts of the exam. Do leave time to check over your work.

### PART I (40%)

Choose *six* of the following concepts, and in each case write a brief (paragraph or two) definition and description. In your account, you should both a) say something about the concept as it applies to the region in general and b) give at least one specific example.

- a) Bolivarianism
- b) casta
- c) caudillos
- d) gender
- e) left turns
- f) mestizaje
- g) neoliberalism
- h) populism
- i) resource extraction
- j) revolution

### PART II (60%)

Choose *one* of the following questions as the topic of a written essay.

- a) What is Latin America? Is there “one” Latin America or many? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss the ways in which Latin American can be defined or described, and the problems (if any) inherent in such definitions.
- b) What is the history and impact of modernity and modernization in Latin America? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss how the region has been affected by modernity (a concept you will have to define), and also perhaps the ways in which it may challenge (some) conceptions of modernization.
- c) What is Latin America’s future? Drawing on specific examples and particular texts where relevant, discuss the recent history and present situation of the region, the tendencies and trends that are in operation, and assess possible outcomes. Are things looking up or down for Latin Americans?

*Good luck!*