

Macalester professor receives two grants to support research next year in Latin America

St. Paul, Minn. – Geography Prof. Eric D. Carter has received a pair of prestigious grants to support his upcoming research and teaching in Latin America: an American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship and a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award.

For a book project entitled "The Health of the People: A History of Latin American Social Medicine," Carter will conduct archival research in Argentina, Chile, and Costa Rica from 2015-2016. The main goals of the project are to understand the ideological roots of socially conscious health policies in Latin America and the institutional and interpersonal networks that sustained them, from the 1920s onward.

“The prominence of social medicine, as an intellectual, social, and political movement, may help to explain why some Latin American countries have become national health 'success stories,' achieving population health outcomes above what their economic indicators might predict,” said Carter.

This new project builds on Carter’s previous research on the history of public health in the region, particularly the book *Enemy in the Blood: Malaria, Environment, and Development in Argentina* (University of Alabama Press, 2012).

With his Fulbright, Carter will be teaching a graduate-level course for three months on "Health, Society, and Environment" at the Advanced Social Studies Institute at the National University of Tucumán, in Northwest Argentina.

“I’m looking forward to teaching in a new setting, engaging in scholarly conversations with my Latin American colleagues, and bringing back new insights to my teaching in Geography, Community and Global Health, and Latin American Studies at Macalester,” said Carter.

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