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**Incarceration across the Americas:  
Transnational Perspectives on the  
Prison Industrial Complex and Globalization**  
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Contemporary studies of the prison industrial complex often note the impact of globalization on developing trends in carceral policy, patterns of criminalization, and the maintenance of carceral facilities and their corresponding corporate networks worldwide. Among the top ten nations with the largest total prison populations, three (the United States, Brazil, and Mexico) are located within geopolitical contexts of the Americas. Moreover, according to the World Prison Brief, five of the top ten nations with the highest rates of incarceration per capita are located in the Americas. With respect to gender, according to the Institute for Criminal Policy Research, while prison populations rise throughout the Americas, the rates of incarceration for women are rapidly outpacing those of men across Latin America, Canada, and the U.S. Lastly, regarding resistance to these trends, efforts to address the structural racism, heteronormativity, and forms of political repression operating through the prison industrial complex are often transnational in scale and scope as well.

In light of these recent trends and the many possibilities for resistance to the expansion of the prison industrial complex, the theme of the 2017 Annual Bill Brown Conference at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte will be *Incarceration across the Americas: Transnational Perspectives on the Prison Industrial Complex and Globalization*. We thus invite individual papers, panel proposals, and workshop proposals on this theme.

**As always, we also welcome submissions on any topic within Latin American and Caribbean Studies.** We especially encourage graduate students, and students and faculty from underrepresented groups in higher education to submit their work as well.

We ask that all interested participants submit a 500-word abstract outlining their paper topic, panel theme, or workshop topic/structure by **December 23rd, 2016** to [2017brownconference@gmail.com](mailto:2017brownconference@gmail.com).