

2024 LASA Student Section Annual Report

Student Section Business Meeting

On June 14, 2024, at 5:40 PM COT, the Student Section held its annual business meeting, attended by three members. Laura Cucchi and Veronica Valencia Gonzalez will continue as co-chairs until June 30, 2024. Koby Hansen was nominated and will assume the chair position on July 1, 2024.

Membership Growth

We actively campaigned to expand our membership, and we are delighted to report that the Student Section now has 81 members, reflecting significant growth.

Panels and Member Achievements

In 2024, we organized panels at the LASA Congress on funding and publishing. We highlighted member achievements on social media through monthly calls for accomplishments.

Travel Grant Award

This term, we awarded a travel grant to Ana Lucia Pelaez Echeverría from the University of Cambridge for her work on hydroelectric conflicts in Guatemala. The selection committee included Laura Cucchi and Veronica Valencia Gonzalez.

Collaboration with the US Library of Congress

We worked with the US Library of Congress on a focus group to understand students' bibliographical research needs. Participants shared experiences and provided feedback on improving the HLAS resource.

Plans for the Upcoming Year

In the coming year, we will continue to highlight the achievements of our section members and spotlight those entering the job market. The upcoming year the section will have two paper awards—one for undergraduates and one for graduates. Additionally, we aim to host workshops and working groups to support our members' professional development.