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Santiago Center Hosts Palestinian Film Festival

Columbia Global Centers | Latin America (Santiago), the Center for Palestine Studies at Columbia University, the Center for Arab Studies at Universidad de Chile and the Cineteca Nacional hosted the first Palestine Film Festival in Santiago de Chile at Cineteca Nacional in June.

Faculty Visits to the Santiago Center

During the last week of May, **Don Melnick**, professor and director of the Center for Environment and Society, was in Chile to begin his projects with Universidad Católica. He is one of the Teams awarded by [Chile-Columbia Fund Grant 2014](#) ("Building a natural and social science collaboration to implement a new innovative science-based model for long-term sustainable development of Chile temperate rainforests").



In developing this project, Melnick was in Chile with Professor **James Warfield**, deputy director of the Center for Environment and Society. They visited temperate forest in the south of Chile and hold meetings with forest business in Santiago. The Center held a seminar entitled "[The Rain Forest Standard](#)" on May 26 featuring him and his local counterparts (public, private and academic). The standard is the first which integrates carbon credits for forest conservation, including biodiversity and sustainability. The idea is to implement it in temperate rainforest (this standard has been applied in tropical forests).

Columbia Chaplain **Jewelnel Davis** visited Chile May 25 to June 6 with three students under the initiative of the Kraft Global Fellow program. This program was initiated last year. They worked on the following issues: the role of Catholic Church in the post dictatorship period; the rise of evangelical movement; and the views of youth on the Pinochet dictatorship. They held different meetings with government and non-governmental organizations in poor neighborhoods of Santiago.

The last week of May, two professors from the School of Social Work at Columbia University were in Chile: **Yamile Marti** and **Ellen Lukens**.

Lukens was invited as a researcher on Community Mental Health by Universidad de Chile, and Marti participated in several meetings with non-governmental organizations related with women's issues and human rights. Both professors had a meeting with professionals from the Social Development Ministry of Chile to analyze possible joint projects.

