





George has been invited to deliver a plenary address to the XII Congreso Internacional de Mayistas, which convenes at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in Mexico City from June 25 to July 1, 2023. The theme of the conference is *El legado de los conquistados*, which fits nicely the subject matter of George's most recent book, ***Death in the Snow. Pedro de Alvarado and the Illusive Conquest of Peru***. George's plenary address, like the book itself, highlights the tragic loss of life of hundreds - if not thousands - of Maya conscripts taken by Alvarado from their homelands in Guatemala and forced to serve in his calamitous, little-known attempt to muscle in on the conquest of Peru. A Spanish-language edition,

La Conquista del Perú, is to be published in Ecuador later this year by the Universidad Andina Simón Bolívar in Quito.

George has also assumed interim editorship of *Mesoamérica*, which he co-edited with his Mexican colleague, Armando J. Alfonzo, for the years between 1998 and 2008. A special double issue of the journal will be launched at the annual meeting of the Guatemala Scholars Network, which convenes in Antigua Guatemala July 6-8 and which George will attend and reprise his Mexico City plenary address. The cover of *Mesoamérica* 60/61, depicting Maya musicians from a late colonial-period mural, is shown above.



Congratulations to the record-breaking six graduate planning students who received SSHRC-CGS Awards. The SURP Students are [Amanda B. B. B.](#), [C. C. C.](#), [D. D. D.](#), [E. E. E.](#), [F. F. F.](#), and [G. G. G.](#). We look forward to hearing about the results of your SSHRC-supported research.

Kudos to [H. H. H.](#) (MPL graduating student - class of 2023) for receiving the Stanley Lash Award for the best paper in a SURP course. His paper entitled "Kingston's Vision Zero Safety Plan" was completed for Ajay Agarwal's Transportation Course. Well done, all!



