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"Ruinas de una iglesia en Concepción, Chile tras el terremoto de 1730". Dumont d'Urville, Jules.

Voyage au Pole Sud et dans l'Océanie sur les corvettes L'Astrolabe et La Zeelee. Atlas pittoresque. Paris, Gide et Cia, Éditeurs, 1846, tomo I, lámina 35.

## Dealing with Natural Disasters in Colonial Andes

Wednesday, October 28 | 2:00 pm (EST)

### Part of LACC's Andean Studies Program Lecture Series

Natural events have impacted human societies for centuries. It is precisely their interaction with human societies that convert them into disasters when they drastically alter the normal performance of these communities. Natural disasters expose political, economic, and social elements of affected communities, that remained unquestioned under normal circumstances. In early modern times, natural disasters caused extraordinary damage to societies, whose perceptions of catastrophes differed from current ones. Located over the Ring of Fire, the Andean region has constantly been afflicted by earthquakes and volcanic activity, in addition to other various natural events such as floods, droughts, and epidemics. This roundtable will feature scholars who will dialogue about the political and cultural responses of people and authorities when dealing with natural disasters in the early modern Andean region.

#### Panelists:

**Nelson Fernando Gonzalez Martinez, Ph.D.** is Assistant professor at the Universidad del Norte (Colombia).

**Alfredo Palacios Roa, Ph.D.** faculty at Universidad Santo Tomas in Chile, who studies disasters produced by natural events and humankind, particularly in Chile.

**Julio Aguilar**, PhD Candidate at UC Davis, who specializes in environmental and social history in the Andes.

**Maria Luisa Avendaño, M.D.** is a board-certified cardiologist in Bolivia specializing in Chagas-Mazza disease.

**Moderator: Judith Mansilla, Ph.D.** is Assistant Teaching Professor in the Department of History at Florida International University.

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**Event will be in Spanish with simultaneous English interpretation.**

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