

BIS300A Introduction to Interdisciplinary Studies
Spring 2006 **C. Jackels**

Reading Assignments: see syllabus for week 2

Make dated journal entries as you do the readings.

Journal pages will be due on Wed April 5.

Writing Assignment #1 will be due at 6 AM, Friday April 7. Make appointments at the Writing Center for week 3. Complete the Writing Center's self evaluation before going to your conference. *After your conference, turn in a copy of your writing plan to me in order to get credit for your writing assignment.*

Preparation for Library Workshop I on April 10:

Each workgroup is to prepare two questions for library research before attending the Workshop on April 10. One question is to be based on the natural history/hydrology/science side of the material covered during the first two weeks of class. The second question is to be based on the political, social, cultural, history, economic side of this same material. Each group should have this discussion either live or via e-mail and come to the workshop with the questions written down *and a copy available to hand in at the start of the workshop.*

Discussion on April 5. Each group has a short discussion topic (10 min) for leadership in class on April 5. This is not an involved presentation. Rather, the group should identify a small number of salient points about their discussion topic and nominate one of the members to present them. Don't prepare slides or anything like that. Just write your points on the board, state your understanding of them, and invite discussion. If you have questions about these points, *ask them of the class.* You are not posing as experts, but simply as discussion leaders.

- Group I: Hydrology and History of Lerma R. Basin – Mexico.
- Group II: Stakeholders/politics/regulation of Lerma R. Basin – Mexico.
- Group III: Hydrology and History of St. Thomas.
- Group IV: Stakeholders/politics/regulation of St. Thomas.