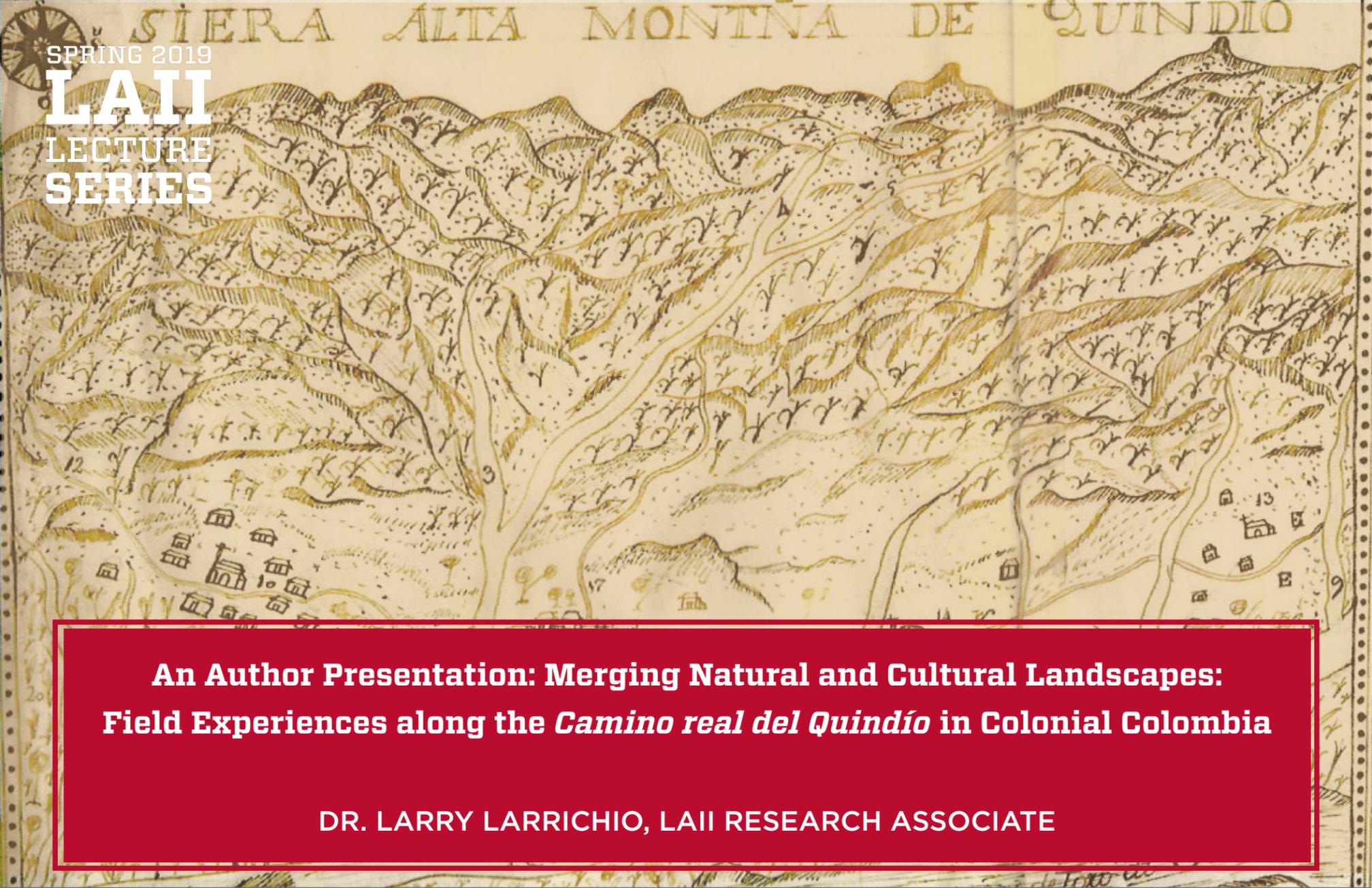


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# LAI LECTURE SERIES



## An Author Presentation: Merging Natural and Cultural Landscapes: Field Experiences along the *Camino real del Quindío* in Colonial Colombia

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Join us for an author presentation with Dr. Larry Larrichio, LAII Research Associate, as he discusses the fieldwork he undertook to complete the research for his dissertation. His dissertation was recently revised, translated into Spanish, and published in Colombia as *La construcción multicultural de una economía colonial*.

Larrichio spoke at the 2018 Feria del Libro in Pereira, Colombia in October where his book was officially launched. It was published through an academic press affiliated with La Universidad Tecnológica de Pereira where he is affiliated as a Visiting Professor. His study focuses on the region of Colombia known as the Eje Cafetero (The Coffee Zone) which lies within the Middle Cauca Valley, an area he is quite familiar with, having previously worked there as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the 1960s.

In prehistoric times the region was the center of numerous indigenous chiefdoms. Following conquest, Cartago emerged here as an important city along the camino real between Santa Fe de Bogotá and Quito. The Native American cultural landscape here changed forever after the arrival of Spaniards and Africans. A small indigenous community survived conquest on lands designated as a resguardo well into the nineteenth century. Fueled by fertile agricultural lands that sustained intensive mining activity in the nearby rich gold fields of the rainforests in the Chocó, the local and regional economy grew substantially and opportunities within the growing realm of labor abounded.

For over fifty years, Dr. Larrichio has traveled and worked extensively in this region. In his research, he has utilized an interdisciplinary methodology, including the review of archaeological surveys, geography, ecology and environmental studies to complement the extant historical record, gaining insight into demographic change and the evolution of a new, multicultural society.



Dr. Larry Larrichio earned a PhD at The University of New Mexico (UNM) in Latin American Studies, and currently teaches undergraduate classes in Southwest Studies, New Mexico History, and Latin American Studies at UNM. His classes have a strong interdisciplinary focus, utilizing the disciplines of archaeology, linguistics, environmental studies, gender studies, and ethnography. As a specialist on the northern Andean region, he has published one book on the regional history of the Middle Cauca Valley of Colombia, and numerous articles on environmental and transportation studies of the region. His research has included extensive work in archives in Spain, Colombia, and Mexico.