

Fall 2012

# HST 397B: Colonialism, Revolution, and Dirty War



Pancho Villa



Professor Jonathan Truitt

M W / 3:30–4:45 p.m.

This course will use games to explore three critical junctures in the history of Latin America. In the first game students will take on the role of Spanish colonists and Native Americans working for or against the establishment of colonial society in New Spain (now Mexico). In the second, students will play the role of Mexican revolutionaries at the beginning of the 20th century. Students will endeavor to establish a stable Mexico and to bring it out of the violence and chaos following the exile of long time dictator/president Porfirio Díaz. In the final game of the semester students will play the role of Argentine students just after the end of the Dirty War. In this scenario students attempt to understand what happened during the previous dictatorship and what it means to them individually, and the country as whole, as everyone tries to move beyond the atrocities committed by the military junta.

