

NAVIGATING VIOLENCE

RESISTANCE AND RADICAL POTENTIALS FOR HEALING WITHIN
LATINX AND LATIN AMERICAN COMMUNITIES



The 13th Annual La Academia del Pueblo
Latina/o/x and Latin American Studies Research Conference



WAYNE STATE
UNIVERSITY
Center for Latina/o and
Latin American Studies

Friday, April 21, 2023
12 to 4 p.m.

Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies

Mission

Our mission is to transform the academy, and ultimately society, by providing equitable access to a quality university education to students interested in U.S. Latino/a and Latin American cultural studies while enhancing diversity on campus.

Our mission has four main components:

- Student support services
- Internal university advocacy
- Outreach to local communities
- Research on U.S. Latino/a and Latin American topics

Research Showcase

This year our theme explores the challenges of navigating violence in relation to Latina/o/x and Latin American peoples. Students in LAS 1420: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Latino/a Studies Research examined the contemporary abolitionist discourse examining notions of violence ranging from its monstrous interpersonal intimacies to its structural execution, including but not limited to, censorship, ecocide, health, gender, economic and racial inequalities, identity erasure and the undermining of democratic systems, including through technological means. Students and community members will discuss the complexity of violence through the experience of community service and academic research.



Conference Overview

Friday, April 21

WSU Student Center Building

12 p.m. REGISTRATION

12:30 p.m. CLLAS WELCOME

Dr. Jorge L. Chinae, Director, Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies, Wayne State University

UNIVERSITY WELCOME

Mark Gaffney, Chair, Board of Governors, Wayne State University

OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Mark L. Kornbluh, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Wayne State University

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Reparation of the Imagination: Imagining Latinx Futures Beyond Violence"

Dr. Yomaira Figueroa-Vásquez, Associate Professor of Global African Diaspora Studies, Department of English, Michigan State University

1:30 p.m.

STUDENT AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS RESEARCH PANELS

Hilberry A

"Navigating Violence Through the Lens of Generation Z"

Moderator: Nathan Chavez

Student Panelists:

Citlalli Cervantes Alvarado, La Casa Guadalupana

Yeslireth Fabian, Community Health and Social Services (CHASS)

Alex Freeman, Office of Multicultural Student Engagement

Hilberry B

"At the Altar of Our Abuelas, Madres y Tías: Ancestral Wisdom for Healing Our Past and Naming Our Futures!"

Moderator: Estenia Gomez-Elisevich

Panelists:

Dalia Reyes, Visual Artist, Curator/Owner, Gallery Camille

Amelia Duran, Executive Director, Garaje Cultural

Violeta Donawa, LMSW and Community Healer

Rev. Terri Montgomery, MDiv, MBA, The Episcopal Church

Hilberry C

"Accompanying Immigrant Children Through Structural Violence"

Moderator: Dr. Zach Morales

Panelists:

Veronica Beltran, Clinic Program Attorney, WSU Law School

Tracy Gallardo, MSW, Mental Health Specialist, Urban Neighborhood Initiatives

Sierra Yslas, Esq. Staff Attorney-Unaccompanied Children's Team, Michigan Immigrant Rights Center

**2:30 p.m.
Ballroom**

LAS 1420 STUDENT POSTER SESSION

**3:30 p.m.
Ballroom**

AWARDS CEREMONY



SCHOLARS POSTER SESSION

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

LAS 1420 Scholars

"Graphic Design and Latinx Activism"

Berenice Angulo-Barraza

"Throughout Trimesters: Violence and Pregnant Hispanic Women"

Georgina Ayala

"Perreo y Liberated: Reclaiming Reggaeton to Combat Gender-Based Violence and Machismo"

Bianca Garcia

"Nuestro America y La Resistencia Cultural"

Jessica Garita-Garcia

"Womanhood an Attraction or Slavery"

Laura Gonzalez

"Latinx Murals and Paintings: Life and Emotion"

Octavio Gonzalez

"Growing Up Amidst Gang Violence: The Impact on Child Development"

José Javier Jaramillo

"Las Migraciones Climáticas"

Samantha Jaramillo

"Forgotten Patients: Undocumented Latinos, Trauma and the Healthcare Industry"

Deysi Joven

"Violence Through Education in Latino Communities"

Tiffany Juarez

"The Effects of the Civil War on Salvadoran Children"

Jason Lopez

"Activist Resistance to Femicidio"

Brenda Ortiz

"Families Coming Together After Deportation"

Christian Perez

"Narco-Terrorism: Threatening Mexico's Political Stability and Security"

Carlos Ramirez

"Mexico's Human Capital"

Maximiliano Velazquez

"Spanish At Home, English Everywhere Else: Latinx Potrayals in Social Media and the Chicaxn"

Cassandra Villareal

"The Impact of Violence Among Latinx Youth"

Jamilet Villareal

"Over-Policing: The Slow Poison Prescribed by Our Country"

Michael Zavala

"Narcos and Adolescent Desires"

Andrea Arreguin

"Are We Doomed?: Latino Incarceration in the United States"

Jose Barraza

"The Unspoken Truth: Machismo in Mexican American Families"

Vanessa Briones

"Age and Media Impact Among Latinx"

Sofia Contreras

"Fear Vs. Latinos: Immigration Status and Violent Crime"

Horacio Garcia

“Children and Violence: The Battle Against The United Farm Workers Movement”

Fernanda Jimenez Gamboa

“The Honduran Government and the Selling of the American Dream”

Andrea Lagos

“Mexico and Racism: The Dream of Mexican Race”

Cecilia Lopez

“Managing Human Trafficking at the US-Mexico Border”

Elizabeth Lupercio

“Protecting the Children of Colombia”

Katya Navarro-Evanick

“Social Media and Perceptions of the Latino Community”

Eduardo Navarro

“The Fight for Safer Living”

Alina Ramirez

“The Effects of US Detention Centers on Immigrants”

Isabella Ramirez

“Deportation and Its Impact on Families and Children”

Itzel G. Ramirez

“Living Within a Question: DACA and Emotional Violence”

Michelle Rodriguez

“Micro-aggressions to Murder: Hate and Discrimination Against the Latinx Transgender Community”

Juan Saldana

“Latinos Vs. Guns”

Cristopher Santiago-Garcia

“Latinos in Graphic Novels and Comics”

Jose Tabares

“We Are Not Hurting Anyone, Stop Hurting Us”

M. Tinoco-Malagon

“Detrás del Velo: The Hidden Crime of Child Marriage in Central America”

Isabel Gonzalez Valenzuela

“Latina Women, Empowerment, and Leadership”

Andrea Jimenez

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