THE CENTER FOR LATINO/A AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

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LATINA/O/X NARRATIVES AMID DACA

IN THE END, LOVE YOURSELF AND KNOW THAT JUST BY DOING SO YOU ARE CREATING A REVOLUTION AND WRITING A NEW NARRATIVE...

The 9th annual La Academia del Pueblo
Latino/a and Latin American Research Conference

WAYNE STATE
Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, April 21
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WSU Student Center Building
8:30 a.m. BREAKFAST
Room 285

9 a.m.
Ballroom
LAS WELCOME
Melissa Miranda Morse, assistant director, LAS

MORNING PLENARY SPEAKER
Julio Salgado, visual artist activist and co-founder of DreamersAdrift.com

10 a.m. PANEL SESSION I
Hilberry A
LAS 3710 Panel #1: Race, Culture and Other Mother Girls of Color
Moderator: Micheline Silva, Wayne State University
“‘You Just Don’t Get Me’: Cross-Cultural Othermothering” Alice Santana
“Family Engagement in Child Protection Social Work” Carissa Chacon
“Trust and Openness...Solidarity?” Vanessa Franco
“Supporting Girls in Detroit” Gabrielle Lopez
“The Cultural Bridge between the Mothers and the Other Mothers” Noribeth Mariscal

Hilberry B
LAS 3710 Panel #2: Challenges Faced by Health Care Professionals
Moderator: Tannia Rodriguez-Valenzuela, Wayne State University
“Challenges Faced in the Occupational Therapy Field” Tatyana Rios
“Challenges Faced by Spanish Interpreters in the Health System” Fabian Chavez
“Missing People and Mixed Words: Challenges Faced Within Coordinating Transitional Care” Maricruz Moya
“Healthy Parents, Healthy Kids” Amanda Reyes
“In and Out: From Student to Dental Professional” Camila Rodriguez
Hilberry C  Cuentos in the Time of DACA  
Moderator: Zach Morales, Wayne State University  
“DACA and the DREAM Act — Past, Present and Future”  
Prof. Sabrina Balgamwalla, Wayne State University  
“Immigration Advocacy in a Post-Trump Era: Moving Away from Deserving and Undeserving Narratives” Nick Espitia, Catalina Rios and William Lopez, University of Michigan  
“Telling the Stories of DACA Recipients”  
Adonis Flores, Michigan United  

11:30 a.m.  
LUNCH  
Room 285  

12:30 p.m.  
UNIVERSITY WELCOME  
Ballroom  
Annmarie Cano, Professor of Psychology and Associate Dean of the Graduate School  

KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
“Counter-Documents: Migrant Activists, Mobility and the Politics of Visibility” Prof. Rebecca M. Schreiber, University of New Mexico, author of The Undocumented Everyday: Migrant Lives and the Politics of Visibility  

1:30 p.m.  
SCHOLARS POSTER SESSION  
Ballroom  
LAS 1420 and Guest Scholars  
Book signing by Rebecca M. Schreiber  

Hilberry D  Getting Into Grad School 101, McNair Scholars Program Info Session  
Bianca Suarez, Wayne State University  
Snacks will be available in Room 285 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.  
PANEL SESSION II  
Hilberry A  LAS 3710 Panel #3: The Root of All Evil: Funding Challenges and Solutions  
Moderator: Micheline Silva, Wayne State University  
“Poverty in Senior Programs” Juan Martínez  
“Funding in Southwest Detroit” Gilberto Botello  
“It’s No Fun When There’s No Fun(ding) for Community Services” Jonathan Guevara  
“‘Participatory’ Budgeting?” Marangelis Rosado

Hilberry B  LAS 3710 Panel #4: Immigration Across Disciplines  
Moderator: Delbert Trafny, Wayne State University  
“Lawyer Minorities Among Immigration Law” Oscar Palomino  
“The Inner Workings of an Immigration Law Firm in Michigan” Isabelle Rios Colón  
“Data Collection and Integrity on Immigrants’ Legal Cases” William Esparza  
“Personal Stories Behind Immigration” Alvaro Herrera

Hilberry C  Cuentos of Latina and Native Women  
Moderator: Elsie Aquino, Wayne State University  
“The Nahua Philosophy of Teaching and Learning: A Kalpulli to Kalpulli Cultural Revitalization Project”  
Prof. Sandra M. Gonzales, Wayne State University  
“Decolonization Stories: Indigenous Women Building Resistance Through Existence” Sarah Maria Acosta Ahmad, DePaul University  
“La Loca Narrative: Storytelling as a Path to Sustainable Healing for Mad Racialized Latinx” Gabi Mundaka/Riquelme, Wayne State University  
Content note: Sensitive topics related to mental health will be discussed.

Hilberry D  Getting Into Grad School 101, McNair Scholars Program Info Session  
Bianca Suarez, Wayne State University
3:50 p.m.  PANEL SESSION III  
Hilberry A  
LAS 3710 Panel #5: Challenges to Addressing Health Disparities in the Latino Community  
Moderator: Tannia Rodriguez-Valenzuela, Wayne State University  
“Teamwork Makes the DREAM Work: Improving Health Outcomes for LatinX Patients Through Mutual Education”  
Cara Mitrano  
“Barriers to Effective Health Service Delivery” Consuelo Garcia  
“Problemas Crecientes: The Latino Community’s Attitude Towards Health” Jose Arizmendi-Gomez  

Hilberry B  
LAS 3710 Panel #6: Advocating the Importance of Healthy Living to Youth  
Moderator: Delbert Trafny, Wayne State University  
“Advocating the Importance of Healthy Living to Youth”  
Rocio Contreras  
“Woodmere Community Garden Project” Hector Hernandez  
“Growing Through City Streets: the garden project” Mariah Pino  

Hilberry C  
Cuentos in Schools and Online  
Respondent: Prof. Pablo Mitchell, Oberlin College  
“Reclaiming Bad: Telenovela Villanas in Digital Spaces”  
Rocio Leon, Purdue University  
“Lessons Taught by Young Men of Color in Chicago’s Public Schools” Brian Cabral, Oberlin College  

5 p.m.  Ballroom  
AWARDS CEREMONY  

SCHOLARS POSTER SESSION  
1:30-2:30 p.m.  

LAS 1420 Scholars  
“Latino Latinx Scholars”  
Jasmin Perez  
“Do You See Yourself?”  
Lucy Arias  
“Islamidad: Latinx Cultural Influences on the Practice of Islam in the Americas”  
Fatima Tayebi  
“The Latinx Music That Speaks”  
Gabriela Lupercio  
“Perceptions on Domestic Violence Among Latinx”  
Pamela Esperza  
“@DonaldTrump #DACA”  
Tiera Jorah  
“Express Yourself: Latinx Influence on the LGBTQ Culture and Community”  
Sara Ybarra  
“Our Art, Our Story: The Evolution of Latinx Art from Indigenous to Modern Times”  
Ricardo Rodriguez  
“Where is Oscar? (Nuestra Gente vs. El Average Hollywood Stereotype)”  
Erica Perez  
“Baseball...Life or Death”  
Noah Johnson  
“Social Media Impacts DACA Reception: An Empirical Report”  
Jorge Fernandez  
“Movies, TV, and Video Games, Oh My!”  
Vincent Hinojosa  
“Latinx in American Media: On Both Sides of the Spectrum”  
Sergio Sandoval Valle  
“The Importance of Latinx Representation in Modern & Historical Literature”  
Isabella Buentello  
“How Stereotypes Spared the Latinx Community From the Opioid Crisis in the U.S.”  
Daisy Diaz  
“LGBTQ Identities in U.S. and Latin American Television”  
Cindy Hurtado  
“How Has Fashion Evolved Over the Years?"  
Valeria Gonzalez  
Juan Torres  
“The Impact of Student Activism in the Wake of DACA”  
Andrea Gutierrez  
“Does America Care at All?”  
Guillermo Martinez  
“Substance Abuse and Its Severity within Latinx”  
Evelyn Rios  
Jose Gonzalez  
“El Poder de Arte: The Unheard Voices Given Prominence Through Artistic Works”  
Mariela Gallegos-Banuelos  
“Frontiers Que Nos Dividen”  
Mariana Beltran
“Brown Is the New Army Green?”
Cristina Rodríguez

“A Disaster of the Latinx Mind”
Juan Castillo-Jaramillo

“LatinX Activism in the DACA Era”
Paulina Torres

“Are We Invisible? Few Roles and Frequent Stereotypes”
Andrea Meza

“The Music That Has Influenced Our Latinx Identity”
Alfonso Garcia Rivera

“Instagram Poets: How Latinx and Social Media Are Changing Poetry”
Marianne Samano

“Small Representation = Misguided Stereotypes”
Rocio Tula Ramstrom

“Half & Half: The Perception of Afro-Latinx Identities”
Jay Johnson

“The Survival of the Mexica Belief System: Political and Social Impacts”
Robert Torres

“Latinx in the Military: The Few, The Underepresented”
Ezequiel Olvera

“Present-Day Protectors: The Latinx Heroes That Represent the Population in Important Social Issues in the Age of DACA”
Anthony Cervera

“Peru: What You Don’t Know and What Can You Do to Help”
Leslie Ortiz

“Impact of Body Image on Latina Identity”
Ashley Garcia

“Fake News in the Era of DACA”
Marissa Mata

“#EmbraceLatinx”
Karla Huerta

“America: Home of the Brave & Undocumented”
Leandra Pinero-Parada

“White Washed Media: Latinx Stereotypes”
Marissa Powers

“Protecting Our Future: Long-Term Financial Security of Latinos Home and Abroad”
Sergio Muñoz

“Untold Struggles: First Generation Latinx and African American College Students”
Luis Lopez

Wayne State University Scholars

“Effects of Increased Accessibility to Ocular Health Care and Education in a Predominantly Latino/Hispanic Population”
Tannia Rodriguez-Valenzuela and Samantha Arsenault

Ferris State University Scholars

“Risk Factors of Diabetes Within the Hispanic Community in Michigan”
Maria Alvarado, Taylor Flannigan and Anuli Njoku

“Frida Kahlo: Representative of Mexican Culture and Identity”
Daniel Rivera

“Roosevelt Park Assessment”
Samantha Sanchez-Rivera

“Best Practices for Health Communication in the Latino Community”
Amanda Sanchez

“Latinos in Higher Education”
Bryan Salinas and David Perez

“Narrative Paradigm of Differentiating Immigrant Experiences from Holland, MI”
Lezley Rodriguez, Cristian Gomez-Canchola and Sandra Ramirez Espinoza

“Difficulties of Hispanic/Latinos Entering and Retaining in the Education Field”
Jackie Calzada

“Drag Queen Culture in Brazil: Political and Social Climate”
Julia Castillo

“The Influence of Latin American Music”
Juan Ramirez-Diaz and Rogelio Nino-Vazquez

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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 culture

C2C: The College to Career Vision

The Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies’ C2C program, a two-year professional and leadership development plan, has a goal of increasing graduation rates for students at Wayne State University by connecting LAS students with established professionals. The program uses a multifaceted approach, combining career mentorship, community-based research and service-learning with professional development and graduate school preparedness.

LAS 3710, a capstone course for LAS students, places upper-division students in nonprofit and social service organizations. Students collaborate with these agencies on community-based participatory research projects, thus building partnerships between academia, community organizations and residents. This course concludes with today’s conference, the 9th annual La Academia del Pueblo, and offers research presentations by students and organizations.

The Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies extends a thank you to all conference presenters and attendees!

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