

Alicia Diaz

Alicia Díaz is an instructor for the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies. Recent courses taught include Introduction to Latino/a Studies Interdisciplinary Research, Introduction to Latinx Speculative Fiction, and Community Engagement and Narrative through the Practice of Ofrendas.

Alicia also is the director of the documentary short “Dangerous Times, Rebellious Responses,” for which she received a Knight Foundation Detroit arts grant. The film examines Detroit’s role as a sanctuary for Central American refugees in the 1980s.

A lifelong Detroiter with African American and Puerto Rican roots, Alicia received her bachelor’s and J.D. degrees from Wayne State University.



Daniela Tilson

Daniela Silva Tilson teaches math and Spanish at Southgate Anderson High School and has served as the math instructor for the Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies summer program since 2016.

Daniela is a proud alumna of Wayne State University, where she earned a bachelor's in math with a minor in Spanish and a master's in Math Education. She also participated in the CBS Scholars Program as an undergraduate.

Daniela is currently working toward her doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. During her spare time she enjoys biking, reading, kickboxing and traveling.



Elia Hohausen-Thatcher

Elia Hohausen-Thatcher was raised in Ferndale, Michigan and currently lives in Hamtramck. He is a Ph.D. Student studying Rhetoric and Writing at Wayne State University on the traditional lands of the Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, and Wyandot peoples. He enjoys soccer, poetry, punk music, and cooking.



Steve Ingham

Steve has been teaching public speaking courses since 2015. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Saginaw Valley State University, Master of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati, and is currently completing his Ph.D. at Wayne State University, all in Communication. Steve has a wide range of teaching experience, including teaching public speaking courses for students in high school as well as students coming to Wayne State University Athletics Department's Bridge Program. When not teaching and working on his dissertation, Steve enjoys golfing, bowling, and reading new perspectives on historical events.



Estenia Elisevich

Estenia Elisevich is the new Academic Advisor at the Center of Latino/a and Latin American Studies. She was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and moved to Michigan in 2019 with her husband. She is currently enrolled in the Master of Social Work program at Wayne State University. Estenia enjoys listening to reggeaton, playing with her daughter, and going to the movies.

