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“Charting New Futures:
Rethinking Race and Gender in LatinX U.S.A. and Beyond”

The 8th Annual La Academia del Pueblo
Latino/a and Latin American Research Conference
Saturday, April 29, 2017
Wayne State University
Detroit, MI 48202
Conference Overview

Saturday, April 29
WSU Student Center Building

9 a.m.  REGISTRATION, NETWORKING and BREAKFAST

10 a.m.  WELCOME and MORNING PLENARY (Ballroom)
Emcee – Melissa Miranda Ellison
Assistant Director, CLLAS
Dr. Jorge L. Chinea – Director, CLLAS

MORNING PLENARY SPEAKER
Dr. Esperanza Cintrón – Educator, poet and author of three collections of poetry: Chocolate City Latina, What Keeps Me Sane and Visions of a Post-Apocalyptic Sunrise

11 a.m.  PANEL SESSIONS: TRACK I
LAS 3710 Panel #1 (Hilberry A)
“Effective Communication in Demanding Environments”
• Itzel Garcia, “Nursing: The Profession of Many Hats,” Pre-Nursing, Wayne State University
• Assaad Said, “Beyond the Chaos: Teamwork in Accounting,” Economics, Wayne State University
• Ana Ramocan, “Documenting the Hard Work: Films in Nonprofits,” Film, Wayne State University

“Looking Toward the Future: LatinX Youth Redefine Gender and Relationships” (Hilberry B)

Presenters
• Dalila Valdovinos, Jessie Urban, Samantha Santos, Alondra Alvarez, Yasmine Gonzalez, Elizabeth Ramos-Gomez, Giselle Torres-Villa, Arely Martinez, Ana Lisa Alvarez and Jesus Cruz-Navarro, Community Health and Social Services Center Youth Council
“Intersectionality: How and Where Blacks and LatinX Meet” (Hilberry C)
Moderator: Dr. Jorge L. China, Director, CLLAS
• Ber-Henda Williams, Educational and Community Coalition
• Ozzie Rivera, Musical and Cultural Arts
• Alicia Diaz, Black and Central American Underground Movements
• Dwayne Carrero-Berry, Afro-LatinX Perspectives

“Criminal Justice: Enforcement, Education and Community Building” (Hilberry D)
Moderator: Dr. Zach Morales
• Willie G. Council, “Human Trafficking/Opiates Dilemma Impacting Communities,” Office of Public Affairs, FBI Detroit Division
• Officer Alfonzo Ruiz, Neighborhood Police Officer Program, 4th Precinct
• Ebonie Byndon-Fields, Lecturer, Department of Criminal Justice, WSU

Noon
LUNCH and KEYNOTE ADDRESS (Ballroom)
Dr. Keith E. Whitfield – Provost, Wayne State University
Dr. Jorge L. China – Director, CLLAS, Wayne State University
Dr. Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes – Associate Professor of Spanish, University of Michigan, and author of Queer Ricans: Cultures and Sexualities in the Diaspora

2 p.m.
POSTER SESSION (Ballroom)
LAS 1420 and guest scholars
Book signing, Dr. Esperanza Cintrón and Dr. Lawrence La Fountain-Stokes (Outside ballroom)
4 p.m.  PANEL SESSIONS: TRACK III

LAS 3710 Panel #3 (Hilberry A)
“Nuestras Oportunidades Limitadas…Por Ser Latino/as?”
- Jacqueline Orozco, “The Barrier Between the Benefits,” Pre-Social Work, Wayne State University
- Jasmin Maciel, “The Misrepresentation of Our Latino Youth,” Political Science, Wayne State University

“Whore Stories: Combating Stigma, Violence, and Paternalism in the Erotic Labor Industry Through Community Building” (Hilberry B)
Moderator: Zee St. James, Gender, Sexuality and Women’s Studies, WSU
- Crysta Heart, President, SWOP Michigan
- Juniper Fleming, Artist, Cranbook Academy of the Arts graduate
- Michelle Williams, Sex Worker Advocate

5 p.m.  AWARDS CEREMONY and RAFFLE (Ballroom)
SCHOLARS POSTER SESSION

2-3 p.m.

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY – CENTER FOR LATINO/A AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES SCHOLARS

Maroon Kingdoms 17th Century and Beyond
Presenter: Dwayne Berry

Puerto Rican Influence on the Drag Scene
#BoricuaRealness
Presenter: Jaydaliz Cardona

Women’s Education in Cuba and the United States
Presenter: Dora Castro

LatinX in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics)
Presenter: Amulfo Cazares

Health Disparities Among Indigenous Groups in the United States
Presenter: Rocio Contreras

Fighting for My Rights in the LatinX Community
Presenter: Sierra Cortez

Home Field Advantage
Presenter: Rania Deebah

The Expectations in the LatinX Community
Presenter: Serena Duran

La Pared; Dias Contados
Presenter: Yaritza Espinoza

The Woman Minority in Engineering
Presenter: Jose Flores

Portrayal of LatinX Communities in Immigration
Presenter: Lizette Galvan

Latino/as in the Media: An Analysis
Presenter: Prosper Garcia

Current Implementation of Deportation Laws: Are They Unfairly Targeting LatinX Communities?
Presenter: Rudy Garcia

¿Dios? Atheism Among Latinos
Presenter: Vanesa Gonzalez

Masculinity vs. Machismo and Latino Men
Presenter: Karina Ramirez

Gender Discrimination in Professionals
Presenter: Victoria Rico

Portrayal of Women in Telenovelas From Latin America
Presenter: Luz Roque

Health Disparities in the U.S. and in Mexico
Presenter: Esmeralda Samano

Afro-Latinidad/Cultural Identity and Clothing/ Exploration of What Is LatinX and Where Is It Going?
Presenter: Cynthia Sanchez

Mexican Indigenous Migrants
Presenter: Alice Santana

Revolutionary Art
Presenter: Enrique Sawicki

The Destined Ones
Presenter: David Silva

Fall of Pinochet
Presenter: Gregory Silva

Looking in the Mirror: Becoming the Ideal LatinX Woman
Presenter: Jesmarie Soto

LatinX and Political Power: Alliances and Conflicts
Presenter: Guillermo Suarez

Evolution of LatinX Identity and Its Impact Within a Multiracial America
Presenter: Irvin Vicente

College Dropout Rates Among Latino/as
Presenter: Ricardo Vidal

The Changing Role of Gender in Immigration
Presenter: Adriana Villarreal

The Power of Women: LatinX Men and Feminism
Presenter: Roel Villarreal

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

The Medical Implications of Discrimination on the Haitian People Living in Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic
Presenters: Kavya Davuluri, Naseha Chowdhury and Syed Kazi

Differences in Education Standards and Establishments in Detroit as Compared to Those in the Dominican Republic
Presenters: Mahmoud Hijazi and Kay Dedicatoria

Gender-Less, Race-Less, and Class-Less Society Post 1912 Race Riot in Cuba
Presenter: Hamad Mirza

A New Cost-effective Method in Clinical Cancer Diagnosis
Presenter: Sabrina Pakula

Community-based Vision Health Intervention
Presenters: Tannia Rodriguez-Valenzuela and John Michael

FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS

Cyber-bullying Among Latino Populations
Presenter: Tyrell Austin

Dia de los Muertos or Day of the Dead
Presenter: Paige Kevnick

Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Presenter: Breanna Kociba

Hispanic or Latino? A Struggling Identity
Presenter: Daniel Rivera
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 CBS Scholars 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 CBS Scholars, 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 8th Annual La Academia del Pueblo, and offers research presentations by students and organizations.

The Center for Latino/a and Latin American Studies would like to thank the following faculty and staff members for their participation

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And we would like to thank all of our panelists!