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Presents

Afrolatinidad

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A CELEBRATION OF
AFRO-LATIN/AFRO-HISPANIC HERITAGE



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National Hispanic Heritage Month honors the history and achievements of Latin/Hispanic peoples.

BSC invites you to explore a compilation of works authored by Afro-Latin scholars from around the region and featured events happening right here at Harvard.

September 15 - October 15, 2021

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AFRO-LATIN SCHOLARS

Podcasts, Publications, Webinars and More



MICHELLE REID- VASQUEZ PhD

*Associate Professor of Africana Studies
at the University of Pittsburgh*

Dr. Reid-Vasquez is an Associate Professor in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh, and currently a Global Studies Center Fellow for her project: Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad. Her

research and teaching specializations are the African Diaspora in the Caribbean, Latin America, and the Atlantic World, and Afro-Latinx History in the U.S., with an emphasis on race and gender relations, politics, migration, and identity. She is the Director of the Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative at the University of Pittsburgh. Along with her book, *The Year of the Lash: Free People of Color in Cuba and the Nineteenth-Century Atlantic World* (2011), she has published numerous articles in a variety of edited volumes and journals, and present regularly at national and international conferences. Current projects explore the Caribbean in the age of revolution, family history and memory in Haiti, Cuba and South Carolina, and Afro-Latinxs in the Rust Belt region.

Podcast – Dialogues in Afrolatinidad

Dialogues in Afrolatinidad explores history, culture, and contemporary issues in Afro-Latin America and U.S.-Afro-Latinx communities. The podcast features interviews with scholars, writers, educators, artists, and community leaders who share their passion for Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies, the significance of their intellectual, creative, or community engagement, and resources for learning more.

Webinar Series - Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad

The Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad project seeks to expand transnational, transregional, and interdisciplinary research, education, and programming in the global arenas of Afro-Latin American Afro-Latinx studies



PAUL JOSEPH LÓPEZ ORO, PhD

*Assistant Professor of Africana Studies
at Smith College*

Paul Joseph López Oro teaches Black Latin American and U.S. Black Latinx social movements, Black diaspora theories and ethnographies, and Black feminisms/queer theory. His research interests include Black

politics in Latin America, the Caribbean and U.S. AfroLatinidades, Black Latinx LGBTQ movements and performances, and Black transnationalism. He is working on his first book manuscript, *Hemispheric Black Indigeneity: The Queer Politics of Self-Making Garifuna New York*, is a transdisciplinary study analyzing oral histories, performances, social media, film, literary texts and visual cultures to unearth the political, intellectual, cultural and spiritual genealogies of Garifuna women and subaltern geographies of Garifuna LGBTQ+ folks at the forefront of Garifuna transnational movements in New York City. *Hemispheric Black Indigeneity* offers new ways to approach questions on the multiple ways in which Garifuna New Yorkers of Central American descent queerly negotiate, perform, contradict and articulate their Black, Indigenous and Latinx subjectivities.

Article - Oro, P. J. (2021). A love letter to indigenous blackness. *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 53(3), 248–254. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10714839.2021.1961442>

Podcast - [“What’s wrong with signs that say ‘Latinxs for Black Lives?’”](#)

LatinXperts, the official podcast of Latino Studies at University of Texas Austin, is hosted by Karma R. Chávez, associate professor and chair of the Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies at UT. Chávez and Oro discuss, “What’s wrong with signs that say ‘Latinxs for Black Lives?’”

Presentation - [Indigenous Blackness in Ambas Américas: The Queer Politics of Self-Making Garifuna New York](#)

This recorded presentation from Spring 2021 Lecture Series on Changing Global Connections: New Formations of Identity, Place and Region on how today’s changing geopolitics is creating new configurations across regions and in the field of international studies. Sponsored by The Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies, the Center for Global Studies, and the African Studies and Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the University of Washington.



ADOLFO G. CUEVAS, PhD

*Gerald R. Gill Assistant Professor of
Race, Culture and Society,
Community Health*

Adolfo G. Cuevas, Ph.D., is a community psychologist and Director of the Psychosocial Determinants of Health (PSDH) Lab at Tufts University, where he, along with a

multidisciplinary team of researchers, investigate the interrelationship between race/ethnicity, psychosocial stressors, and health-related outcomes within multiple social contexts (e.g., community, health system). Dr. Cuevas has received funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Cancer Disparities Research Network to investigate the biobehavioral pathways linking psychosocial stress and obesity among Hispanics/Latinos and Black Americans. His work has been published in a number of scientific journals such as *Health Psychology*, *Cancer Causes and Control*, *American Journal of Public Health*, and *Cardiology Clinics* and featured in *Huff Post* and *NPR's Code Switch*. He recently received the Tufts CTSI Career Development Award (KL2) to examine the effects of psychosocial stressors on obesity disparities. For his research work on race, racism, and health, Dr. Cuevas was selected as one of the National Minority Quality Forum's 40 Under 40 Leaders in Minority Health.

Publications

Cuevas, A. G., Dawson, B. A., Williams, D. R. (2016). Race and Skin Color in Latino Health: An Analytic Review. *American Journal of Public Health* 106, no. 12: pp. 2131-2136.

<https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2016.303452>

Cuevas, A. G., Wang, K., Williams, D. R., Mattei, J., Tucker, K. L., & Falcon, L. M. (2019). The Association Between Perceived Discrimination and Allostatic Load in the Boston Puerto Rican Health Study. *Psychosomatic Medicine*, 81(7), 659–667.

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Cuevas, A. G., Abuelelam, N. N., Chan, S. W. C., Carvalho, K., Flores, C., Wang, K., Mattei, J., Tucker, K. L., Falcon, L. M. (2021). Skin Tone, Discrimination, and Allostatic Load in Middle-Aged and Older Puerto Ricans. *Psychosomatic Medicine*. Sep;83(7):805-812. DOI: 10.1097/psy.0000000000000969. PMID: 34297007.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Harvard
University



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AURORA VERGARA

Friday, September 17, 2021

12:00pm to 2:00pm

ALARI Seminar Series
Inauguration Lecture with
Aurora Vergara-Figueroa,
Associate Professor of Sociology,
Universidad Icesi, Colombia

DETAILS ➤

ARTIST TALK:

Monday, October 11, 2021

12:00pm to 2:00pm

Afro-Cuban Art In collaboration
with Darryl Chappell Foundation

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NOHORA ARRIETA

*Friday, October 15, 2021
12:00pm to 2:00pm*

In collaboration with Brazil
Studies Program and Cuba
Studies Program at David
Rockefeller Center for Latin
American Studies

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