TWENTY-THIRD LATINO/A/X ISSUES CONFERENCE
FEATURING THE eSTRELLA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

March 21, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Bowen-Thompson Student Union | Bowling Green State University
We welcome you to the 23rd Latino/a/x Issues Conference. Bowling Green State University’s first Latino Issues Conference was held in 1995. It featured a keynote by Dr. Felix Padilla, a sociologist best known for his studies of Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans living in Chicago. Our campus hosted 21 conferences between 1995 and 2014 featuring keynotes from a wide range of artists, activists, professors, and community members. The mission of this conference was to “explore, identify, and research those issues impacting/pertaining to the needs of the Hispanic/Latino/a community.” The three faces logo, that we use here, was developed in 2005 for the Latino Issues Conference. The logo refers to the diversity within the Latino/a/x community. In recent years, the conference was organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the Division of Student Affairs.

Since 2009, the Latin American and Latino/a Studies Cluster in the Institute for the Study of Culture and Society has organized student research conferences, most recently under the name eSTRELLA Research Conference. Estrella means star in Spanish, and in the conference name stands for Student Research on Latino/a/x and Latin American Studies. The research conferences organized by this faculty cluster provided a venue for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research in Spanish and/or English. For two of these years, the cluster also hosted the regional Ohio Latin Americanist Conference featuring research presentations from BGSU students alongside scholars and students from throughout the region.

In 2016, these two efforts combined into one joint conference, and the organizational hub of the conference is now based in the School of Cultural and Critical Studies. The ICS Latin American and Latino/a Studies Cluster, the Department of Ethnic Studies, and La Union de Estudiantes Latinos (Latino Student Union) have collaborated with other members of the Organizing Committee to bring you a bilingual research conference. Our goal is to support student research, to increase the visibility of Latino/a/x cultures, politics, and interventions in BGSU and our region, and to provide a venue for the recognition of the accomplishments of our Latino/a/x communities.

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La Union de Estudiantes Latinos

La Union de Estudiantes Latinos (Latino Student Union/LSU) is proud to be co-organizing the Latino/a/x Issues Conference. Our members have proudly served on the steering committee of this conference from its first effort in 1995. LSU was founded in 1972 with the purpose of stimulating the common interest, advocating for civil liberties and improving the quality of life for all Latinos. The primary goal of LSU is dedicated to the enhancement of students’ lives utilizing social, communicational, political, legal, and cultural programs, activities, and relationships. LSU also places a priority on educating and informing the general public about Latino culture and issues, networking with other student organizations/local groups, and serving BGSU and the Bowling Green community.

LSU meets every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m. in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 208. Our meetings consist of familia time, updates on campus events/activities, as well as weekly Political Action Chair presentations. These presentations allow us to focus on current event issues impacting the Latino community and provide education and awareness for our members. LSU is open to everyone who has an interest in Latino culture and issues, and anyone looking for a “home” away from home at BGSU. Remember: Not Latino? Not a problem!

To learn more about LSU:
Shenikqua Martin
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The Institute for the Study of Culture and Society’s Latin American and Latino/a Studies Cluster is an interdisciplinary group of faculty at BGSU who work in the fields of Latin American Studies and/or Latino/a Studies. The Cluster works to increase the visibility of Latin American and Latino/a Studies on campus through programming initiatives, curriculum development, and research. Faculty in History, World Languages and Cultures, and Ethnic Studies participate in the Cluster.

The Department of Ethnic Studies is part of BGSU’s School of Cultural and Critical Studies. Ethnic Studies originated as a program/center in 1970, before being recognized as an independent department in 1979. Ethnic Studies offers an interdisciplinary examination of race in society, including a strong emphasis on the intersection of race with gender, sexuality, and class in national and global contexts. The department offers a minor in Latino/a Studies as well as an Ethnic Studies major, minor, and graduate certificate. The Ethnic Studies Department is proud to be collaborating with the Organizing Committee on this important event.

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Favianna Rodriguez is an interdisciplinary artist and activist based in Oakland, California. Her various works address issues such as migration, economic inequality, gender injustice, and patriarchy. Her mission is to create profound and lasting social change through her art, and she leads lectures and workshops globally on the power of art and cultural organizing. She has partnerships with a variety of social movement groups around the world to create transformational, inspirational, and radical art. In addition to her work as an artist, Favianna Rodriguez co-founded Presente.org, an online network dedicated to politically empowering Latino communities, and has also served as the Executive Director of CultureStrike, a national arts organization for migrant rights.
8:30 a.m.
CHECK-IN FOR REGISTERED GUESTS
Outside of 202A Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Check-in for registered guests will remain open until 2:30 P.M.

9:00–9:20 a.m.
OPENING SESSION
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Prof. Susana Peña and Prof. Michaela Walsh
Presentation of Manny Vadillo Scholarship by Yolanda Flores and Gabe Lomeli, Latino Networking Alliance of BGSU
Poetry Reading by Alexis Schoonard-Saborio

9:30–10:20 a.m.
PANEL: Studies of Spanish and Indigenous Languages
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Prof. Cindy Ducar (Spanish in World Languages and Cultures, BGSU)
Nof! Un análisis de la / f / en posición final de palabra como marcador discursivo en el español ecuatoriano
Hannah Jesberger (BGSU alumna)
Transnational Resource Extraction, Tourism, and Minority Languages in Guatemala
Robert Barnes (Virginia Tech graduate student, BGSU alumnus)
Heritage Language Courses in Columbus, Ohio
Heidi L. Baxter (educator from Columbus)

PANEL: Perspectives on Mexican, Mexican-American, and Latino/a/x Cultures, Societies, and Politics
315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Prof. Michaela Walsh (Ethnic Studies in School of Cultural and Critical Studies, BGSU)
The Mexican-United States Border: A Transnational Space Where Women’s Rights are Forgotten
Megan Smith (BGSU graduate student)
Behind the Skull and Candles
Diego Martinez (BGSU undergraduate student)
Cluster Analysis of Latino/Hispanic Populations and Median Household Income in the United States and Ohio
Valerie Schweizer (BGSU undergraduate student)

PANEL: Experiencias de vida, Literature and Translation
316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderador: Prof. Francisco Cabanillas (Spanish in World Languages and Cultures, BGSU)
Las manos de mi mamá
Megan Miner (BGSU undergraduate student)
The Tree
Alysa Pipkin (BGSU undergraduate student)
Un estudio de caso: la traducción de un poema caribeño
Jacqueline Osborn (BGSU graduate student)

10:30–11:20 a.m.
PANEL: Shades of Latino: Personal Testimonies of Latino/a/x Students at BGSU
315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Alexis Schoonard-Saborio (BGSU graduate student)
Fahlen Santiago (Latino Student Union Treasurer, BGSU undergraduate student)
Jade Alexis Hernandez (LSU Vice President, BGSU undergraduate student)
Sadi Troche (LSU President, BGSU undergraduate student)
Xavi Boes (LSU Public Relations Chair, BGSU undergraduate student)
Megan Miner (LSU member, BGSU undergraduate student)
PANEL: Representaciones de la mujer en el cine y la literatura hispana
316 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderador: Prof. Pedro Pablo Porbén (Spanish in World Languages and Cultures, BGSU)
La mujer silenciada dentro de la máquina patriarcal
Melody Freeland (BGSU undergraduate student)
La representación del estatus de mujeres por el cine y la literatura
Savannah Campbell (BGSU undergraduate student)
La mirada masculina sobre la mujer en el cine hispano
Essma Kheiry (BGSU undergraduate student)
Las identidades y características de la representación de mujeres en 4 películas
Micaela Deogracias (BGSU undergraduate student)

PANEL: Exploring the Intersections of Art and Activism: Voices from Northwest Ohio (Part I)
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Prof. Thomas Javier Castillo (Theater and Film, BGSU)
Emanuel H. Enriquez (Local Artist)
Emily Aguilar (BGSU faculty and Artist)
Taylor Balderas-Burciaga (Executive Director, Sofia Quintero Art & Cultural Center)

11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
KEYNOTE LUNCHEON FEATURING PRESENTATION BY FAVIANNA RODRIGUEZ
Grand Ballroom, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
11:30 AM Doors open, lunch available
12:00 noon Program begins
MCs: Prof. Susana Peña and Jade Alexis Hernandez
University Welcome from BGSU President Rodney Rogers
Presentation of Latino/a/x Issues Conference Awards by Prof. Niki Kalaf-Hughes and Trinidad Linares
Introduction of Keynote Speaker by McKenna Ray Freeman
Keynote Address by Favianna Rodriguez

1:30–1:50 p.m.
Merchandise signing by Favianna Rodriguez
Grand Ballroom, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
BGSU departments and local organizations will staff informational tables

1:50–2:20 p.m.
POETRY WORKSHOP: Poetry in Motion: La Poeta Aya
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Alexis O. Schoonard-Saborío (BGSU graduate student)

2:30–3:20 p.m.
PANEL: Insights into Mexican and Latinx Photography, Art and Spirituality
315 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Prof. Luis Moreno (Ethnic Studies in School of Cultural and Critical Studies, BGSU)
Spaces of Spiritual Intimacy: Deities as Cultural Translators in the Zuni Mission Church
Meg LeMoine (BGSU graduate student)
Arte latino e identidad: David Maung y Favianna Rodriguez

McKenzie Moss (BGSU undergraduate student)

PANEL: Exploring the Intersections of Art and Activism: Voices from Northwest Ohio (Part II)
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Prof. Emily Aguilar (Theatre and Film, BGSU)
Francisco Aguilar (Local Artist)
Linda Parra (Founder-President of Nuestra Gente Community Projects, Inc and Nuestra Gente 96.5 FM)
José Luis Castillo Treviño (Local Artist)
Delfina Zapata (Local Artist)

3:30–4:20 p.m.
PANEL: Stories of Survival of Immigrants and Migrants
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Prof. Khani Begum (English, BGSU)
The Human Side of DACA
Anna Collignon (BGSU undergraduate student)
El Paseo de Muerte: The Unaccompanied Migrant Children of Central America
Savanna Brown (BGSU undergraduate student)
Migrant Daughter
Arwa Elabd (BGSU graduate student)

4:30–5:50 p.m.
PANEL: US Latinos/as/x(s) in Higher Education
Sky Bank Room, 201 Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Moderator: Rocío Sotelo Arce (BGSU graduate student)
Nobody’s at the Golden Door: The Effect of Xenophobia on US University Enrollment
Abhijeet Shirsat (BGSU graduate student)
The Current State of Affairs of Latino Students at BGSU
McKenna Freeman and Carlos Resstel (BGSU alumna and undergraduate student)
Programas de mentoría: la clave para la retención de los estudiantes latinos en la educación superior
Claudia García (BGSU graduate student)
El papel de los papás latinos en el logro de la educación superior de sus hijos/as
Jacqueline Campbell (BGSU undergraduate student)

6:00–8:00 p.m.
LATINO/A/X MIXER
202B Bowen-Thompson Student Union
Organized and sponsored by La Union de Estudiantes Latinos (Latino Student Union)
CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

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  Trinidad Linares
  Megan P. Miner
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  Dr. Susana Peña
  Catheline Longoria-Pérez
  Dr. Pedro Porbén
  Carlos Felipe Resstel do Amaral
  Mariia Spirina
  Dr. Michaela Walsh

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