

# eSTRELLA: 7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF STUDENT RESEARCH ON LATINO/A/X AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES

**WEDNESDAY MARCH 29, 2017**

**PALLISTER CONFERENCE ROOM, JEROME LIBRARY, BGSU**

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

### **9:30am: Comida y colonialidad en América Latina**

Moderador: Dr. Francisco Cabanillas

**Laura Reyes**, Spanish MA

"Contribuciones literarias al discurso sobre el hambre, la comida, la clase y la colonialidad en América Latina: una lectura de *Los abismos desiguales*

**Nicola Rovizzi**, Spanish MA

"Comida, ciencia y política: los transgénicos y la privatización desde Argentina a Michigan"

**Nanosh Lucas**, Spanish & History Dual MA

"La agricultura transgénica en Argentina, Brasil y México: comida, ciencia y política"

**Seth Hopkins**, Spanish MA

"La colonialidad del poder y el cambio de la agricultura latinoamericana"

### **10:30am: Issues in Education, Leadership and Identity**

Moderator: Dr. Amy Robinson

**Ivonne Mendoza**, MA in Organizational Leadership (Lourdes University)

"Latinos and Their Experience as Emerging Leaders in the Workforce"

**McKenna Freeman**, Psychology and Spanish majors

"Self Esteem in Spanish Speaking Latinos in Toledo, Ohio"

**Thomas Morgan**, Spanish MA

"Explícito o implícito: Estudio de la enseñanza del voseo"

**Rebecca Paskiet**, MA in Cross-Cultural and International Education (MACIE)

"Discussing the Identity in Haitian and Dominican Adolescents in America's Public Schools"

### **11:30am: Stories of Immigration**

Moderator: Dr. Khani Begum

**Elena Aponte**, MA in Literary & Textual Studies

"The Failure of Masculinity in Junot Díaz's *Drown*"

**Washieka Torres**, PhD in American Culture Studies

"We Must Tear Down Every Wall, Including Our Own"

**María Reyes**, Spanish major

"Understanding Mexican Immigration in Northwestern Ohio"

**Olivia Paredes**, Communications major

"Latina University"

### **12:30pm: Health and Nutrition throughout History**

Moderator: Dr. Amílcar Challú

**Hali Kivari**, Spanish MA

"Pre-Hispanic Vegetarianism in Latin America, the European Dietary Influence and its Consequences, and the Practice of Latin American Vegetarianism Today"

**Cailyn Davish**, Biochemistry and Spanish majors

"La medicina azteca"

**Matthew Wright**, History major

"A Study on the Impact of Skin Complexion in Colonial and Post-Colonial Mexico"

**Dominique Seo**, History major

"How Geography, Education, and Race effect Heights in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Peru"

### **1:30pm Workshop with Prof. Emily Aguilar: "Storytelling as a Community Building Practice"**

Spoken word poetry is a form of writing and performance that combines poetry, gesture, rhythm, and storytelling. In this interactive workshop, Emily will take participants through a spoken word poetry workshop to highlight how storytelling and witnessing can build community. She will also illustrate how she has combined this form of performance with Digital Storytelling to give space for marginalized stories to be seen and heard. Participants are invited to bring a writing utensil and a willingness to play.

### **2:30pm: Subcultures and Resistance in Literature, Culture and Politics**

Moderator: Dr. Michaela Walsh

**Ian Russell**, Spanish and Psychology majors

"The Serpent of Sensemayá"

**Dennis Sloan**, PhD Theater & Film

"'Stick to Your Own Kind:' *West Side Story* and the Doomed Interracial Relationship in the American Musical"

Co-presenters:

**Catheline Longoria**, Human Development and Family Studies major

**Erika Heck**, Journalism major

**Jessica Eylem**, English Literature major

"Chola to Scholar: Keeping the Attitude but with the Education"

**Max Funk**, International Studies and English majors

"The Dangers of Ignoring Opposing Viewpoints in the Debate over Increased Latinx Immigration into the United States"

### **3:30pm Roundtable: Developing Strategies to Mobilize Our Communities**

Moderator: Dr. Luis Moreno

**Beatriz Maya**, La Conexión de Wood County

**Eugenio Mollo**, Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE)

**Zaynab Alfaham**, Welcome Toledo Lucas County (TLC)

### **4:30pm: Border Stories in Music, Art, Poetry and Theater**

Moderator: Dr. Valeria Grinberg Pla

**Nicolas Cabanillas**, AYA Social Studies major

"Trans-Border Music Mix: Molotov, Los Mocosos and Lil'Moco"

**Ryan Taylor**, Film Production major

"Between the Lines"

**Caitlyn Echardt**, Communication major

"The Indigenous Woman"

**Andrew Alvarez**, Media Studies major

An original play: TBA

### **6:00pm Screening of 2004 film: *A Day Without a Mexican***

Introduction and Moderation of Q&A by Dr. Michaela Walsh

**Reception to follow** with light refreshments (food and beverages)