



# FIRST ISLAC GLOBAL SYMPOSIUM

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MAPPING CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES  
IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

APRIL 11 & 12, 2024

USF COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, TECO HALL  
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College of Arts & Sciences

# DIRECTOR'S WELCOME

Latin American and Caribbean (LAC) studies have grown significantly since the 1960s, adapting to the forces of globalization, encompassing transnational migrations, international trade, and global partnerships.

In commemoration of its upcoming 30th anniversary, the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC) welcomes you to its first Global Symposium, highlighting USF's achievements and featuring global experts discussing contemporary issues in LAC communities across the world.

Thank you for joining us!

Sincerely,

**Beatriz Padilla, PhD**

**Director, Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean (ISLAC)**

**Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences**



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

APRIL 11, 2024

8:30 a.m.

## Registration and Check-in

9:00 a.m.

## Opening Remarks

**Beatriz Padilla**, ISLAC Director

**Prasant Mohapatra**, Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

**Betty Castor**, Former USF President

**Magali Cornier Michael**, Interim Dean College of Arts & Sciences

**Maura Barrios**, Community Historian of Tampa Bay

9:45 a.m.

## Institutes and Centers for the Study of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latinos: Roles and Challenges

*Moderator: Alejandro Márquez, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC*

**Angelina Cotler**, Johns Hopkins University: “The main challenges programs in Latin American and Latinx studies face in the current political climate in the U.S.”

**Angela Vergara**, University of Central Florida: “Navigating Success: The Impact of Latin American Student Presence on Academic Achievement in a Hispanic-Serving Institution”

**Beatriz Padilla**, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC: “Centers and Institutes: International Comparative Perspectives”

10:45 a.m.

## BREAK

11:00 a.m.

## Migrations Across the Americas

*Moderator: Beatriz Padilla, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC*

**Luciana Gandini**, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México: “Migration policies and prolonged transit in the Americas: the contemporary mobility context”

**Betilde Muñoz Pogossian**, Organization of American States: “Regional agenda for the inclusion of migrants and refugees in the Americas”

**Arlene Calvo**, USF College of Public Health: “Migrants’ Route in Latin America and its Impact in Public Health”

12:00 p.m.

## LUNCH BREAK

1:00 p.m.

## International Experiences in Education

*Moderator: Lauren Braunstein*, USF College of Education  
**Michelle Angelo-Rocha**, USF College of Education: “Navigating Educational and Migration Borders: Experiences of Emergent Multilingual Latinx and Caribbean Mothers in K-12 Public Schools”

**Glenda Maria Vaillant Cruz**, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC: “Constructing a Place Within Spanish Universities: Unpacking the Ethnoracial Experiences of Latino, Latin American, Afro-Latino, and Afro-Latin American Students”

**Lindy Davidson**, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College: “To Make a Long Story Short: Faculty Study Abroad Experiences in Latin America”

**Liliana Villavicencio, Omar Guerra, Wilfrido Moreno**, USF College of Engineering: “Leveraging Latino Immigrant Youth for Future STEM Success in the USA”

**Emely Matos Pichardo**, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences: “Exploring Integration: A Systematic Literature Review of Newcomer Programs Serving Latinx Adolescents Education Policies”

2:00 pm

## Latin Americans in the Diaspora

*Moderator: Kersuze Simeon-Jones*, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies/ISLAC

**Edlin Veras**, Swarthmore College: “Caribbean Apartheid: Race, Racism, and the Law in the Dominican Republic”

**María Auxiliadora González Malabet**, UNINORTE, Colombia: “Impact of the Political Incidence School for Migrant Women: A Case of Social Integration between Venezuelan Migrants and Colombian Leaders in the Colombian Caribbean Coast”

**T. Adam Golob**, Gulf Coast State College: “Central American Criminal Justice: Nuances of Exploitation, Impunity, and Victimization”

3:00 p.m.

## BREAK

3:15 p.m.

## Borders, Crime, and Mobilization

*Moderator: Molly Hamm-Rodriguez*, USF College of Education  
**Alejandro Márquez**, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/ISLAC: “Deter-care chain: how the state creates, and

the immigrant rights movement addresses, the migrant care crisis on the US-Mexico border”

**Richard Kernaghan**, University of Florida: “Rivers in nomos: sounding law from transit through Western Amazonian terrains”

**Anastasia Bermúdez Torres**, University of Seville, Spain: “The Colombian diaspora in Europe and the Truth Commission: the role of exiled women in the political space”

4:15 p.m.

## Poster Presentations

**Matheus Ivanesciuc**, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College: “Poorly Functioning Institutions Undermine Development in Latin America: A Comparison Between Two Perspectives on the Same History”

**Fidel Galaura**, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College: “HIV stigma within the Dominican Republic”

**Julianna Heitman**, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College: “Game of Bones: Orthopedic Injuries and Outcomes in the Dominican Republic”

**Courtney Bauer**, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College: “Health and Hygiene in the Dominican Republic: Unveiling Structural Violence”

**Ana Medeiros**, USF Judy Genshaft Honors College: “Development and Economy in Latin America: A comparison of Kingson and Svampa’s books”

**Samantha N. Carrera**, USF Economics: “The Mobilization of Indigenous Communities in the Wake of Twenty-First Century Socialism in Ecuador”

**Geeti Anwar**, USF Sociology & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences: “Latinx Youth in Education: Transitions and Trajectories Beyond High School”

**Julissa Maria Ramirez Perez**, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies: “The Law that Targeted a Group: Immigration Law in Costa Rica and its Impact on Nicaraguan Immigrants”

**Anabela Cibele Villach Vaquer**, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies, Master of Arts in Latin American and Caribbean Studies: “Paradiplomacy in Argentina and Brazil: A perspective from their federal governments”



## APRIL 12, 2024

- 8:30 a.m. Registration and Check-in**
- 9:00 a.m. Hybrid/Interactive Panel: Exploring the Cultural Contributions of Virtual Global Exchange: Students from the University of South Florida and the Universidad Marista de Mérida de México (UMM)**  
Margarita Altuna, Rachel Hipkins, Tyler Green, Milysha Castaneda, USF World Languages  
Victoria Albertos González, Martha Villalón, Alessandra Rivero Baeza and Eduardo Xool, UMM Departamento de Idiomas
- 10:00 a.m. Social and Civic Transformation “Here” and “There” - Teaching About and Engaging with Latin America and the Caribbean**  
Molly Hamm-Rodriguez, USF College of Education: “Language and Social Justice: Youth Participatory Action Research in the Dominican Republic”  
Patriann Smith, USF College of Education: “Reading and Writing Transnational Worlds: The Liberatory Imaginaries of Caribbean Youth”  
Clarence Walker, Jr., USF College of Education: “16 Shades of Blackness: Afro-Mexicans, Justice, and Citizenship”  
Bárbara Cruz and Deanna Michael, USF College of Education: “Oral Histories in the Secondary Classroom: Teaching about Latin America and the Caribbean”
- 11:00 a.m. BREAK**
- 11:15 a.m. Democracies and Regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean**  
*Moderator: Angelina Cotler*, Johns Hopkins University  
Luis Felipe Mantilla, USF School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS): “Mobilization and Repression in a Weak Democracy: The Post-December 7th Protest Cycle in Peru”  
Harry Vanden, USF SIGS: “In Peru, the urban elite trembles as challenged by the mobilized masses”  
Aaron Augsburger, USF SIGS: “Plurinationalism and the temporalities of revolution in Bolivia”
- 12:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00 p.m. Migration and Health**  
*Moderator: Mahmooda Khaliq Pasha*, USF College of Public Health  
Olga Aranzabal, USF College of Public Health: “Navigating the Unseen Path: Understanding the Health Challenges of Women

and Children Immigrants Crossing the Darien Gap”

**Santiago Hernandez Bojorge**, USF College of Public Health: “Outcomes of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Panama: impact of country of origin and clinical data”

**Tailyn Osorio**, USF College of Arts and Sciences/Salud Latina: “Exploring the mental health status of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic”

**Rolando Trejos**, USF COPH: “Levantando la Voz for Climate Justice, Latino Health, and Latino Cancer: Advocating for Change Through the Activist Lab”

2:00 p.m.

## History and Culture

*Moderator: Adriana Novoa*, USF Department of History/ISLAC

**Zachary Kuntz**, USF Department of History: “Bananas, Revolutions, and Riots: Ecuador during the Cold War, 1959-1960”

**Benjamin Puterbaugh**, USF Department of World Languages Linguistics: “Emerging narratives about the Haitian Other in Dominican social media”

**Donnie Ibn Malik Ali McClendon**, USF Department of English: “Theft, Trial, and Treason: The Curious Case of Santiago Duarte and the St. Augustine Uprising of 1795”

2:50 p.m.

## BREAK

3:00 p.m.

## Culture and Literature

*Moderator: Roberto Jiménez*, USF Department of World Languages/ISLAC

**Evguenia Davenport**, USF Department of English: “Intellectual and Power: Anti-Establishment Discourse in Jacobo Timerman’s Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number”

**Victoria Cuomo**, USF Department of English: “Transformation of the Myth: La Llorona and Redefining Cultural Norms”

**Nicholas Colecio**, USF Department of English: “Asexuality in Ana Cristina Rossi’s Science Fiction”

**Alyssa Sotelo**, USF Department of English: “Latine Feminist Potential in Pat Mora’s Poetry”

**Katrina Sandefer**, USF Department of English: “Horror as a Disruptor in Modern Latin American Literature”

**Morgan Hunter**, USF Department of English: “Maybe she’d gone mad. Bodies and madness in Moreno-Garcia’s Mexican Gothic”

4:00 p.m.

## FINAL CLOSING REMARKS

**RECEPTION:** Join us for a reception in the Rotunda (next to TECO).

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