

**University of South Florida,
Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean
First ISLAC Global Symposium
Mapping Contemporary Challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean
April 11th & 12th, 2024
TECO HALL, COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

Thursday, April 11

8:30 AM Registrations

9:00 AM Opening panel

Prasant Mohapatra, USF Provost
Magali Michael, Dean College of Arts & Sciences
Betty Castor, Former USF President
Maura Barrios – History of Tampa & ISLAC
Beatriz Padilla, ISLAC Director

9:45 AM Keynote Panel “Institutes and Centers for the Study of Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latinos: Role and challenges.”

Moderator: Alejandro Marquez (USF-Sociology/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/ISLAC) *“Centers and Institutes: international comparative perspectives”*

10:45 AM Break

11: 00 AM Keynote Panel - Migrations across the Americas

Moderator: Beatriz Padilla (USF)

Luciana Gandini (UNAM, Mexico) *“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 Health-COPH) *“Migrants’ Route in Latin America and its impact in Public Health”*

12:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00 PM International experiences in education

Moderator: Lauren Braunstein (COE)

- **Michelle Angelo-Rocha** (USF) “Navigating Educational and Migration Borders: Experiences of Emergent Multilingual Latinx and Caribbean Mothers in K-12 Public Schools”
- **Glenda Maria Vaillant Cruz** (USF-Sociology/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) “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 Keynote Panel Latin Americans in the Diaspora

Moderator: Kersuze Simeon-Jones (USF-SIGS Africana/ISLAC)

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

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Borders, crime and mobilization

Moderator: Molly Hamm-Rodriguez (USF-Education)

- **Alejandro Márquez** (USF-Sociology) “Deter-care chain: how the state creates, and the immigrant rights movement addresses, the migrant care crisis on the US-Mexico border.”

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

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

4:15 PM Posters 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) “*The Mobilization of Indigenous Communities in the Wake of Twenty-First Century Socialism in Ecuador*”

- **Geeti Anwar** (USF-Sociology) “*Latinx Youth in Education: Transitions and Trajectories Beyond High School*”

- **Julissa Maria Ramirez Perez** (USF-MALACS) “*The Law that Targeted a Group: Immigration Law in Costa Rica and its impact on Nicaraguan immigrants*”

- **Anabela Cibeles Villach Vaquer** (USF-MALACS) “*Paradiplomacy in Argentina and Brazil A perspective from their federal governments*”

Friday, April 12

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM Exploring the Cultural Contributions of Virtual Global Exchange: Students from the University of South Florida and the Universidad Marista de Mérida de México.

Victoria Albertos González, Martha Villalón from UMM, Rachel Hipkins from UMM and USF, Margarita Altuna.

Hybrid and Interactive Panel

10:00 AM Social and Civic Transformation “Here” and “There”: Teaching about and Engaging with Latin America and the Caribbean, USF College of Education

- **Dr. Molly Hamm-Rodriguez** (USF-Education) *“Language and Social Justice: Youth Participatory Action Research in the Dominican Republic”*
- **Dr. Patriann Smith** (USF-Education) *“Reading and Writing Transnational Worlds: The Liberatory Imaginaries of Caribbean Youth”*
- **Dr. Clarence Walker, Jr.** (USF-Education) *“16 Shades of Blackness”: Afro-Mexicans, Justice, and Citizenship*
- **Dr. Bárbara Cruz and Dr. Deanna Michael** (USF-Education) *“Oral Histories in the Secondary Classroom: Teaching about Latin America and the Caribbean”*

11:00 AM Break

11:15 AM Keynote Panel on Democracies and regimes in Latin America and the Caribbean

Moderator: Angelina Cotler (Johns Hopkins University)

- **Luis Felipe Mantilla** (USF-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 Augsburg** (USF-SIGS) *“Plurinationalism and the temporalities of revolution in Bolivia”*

12:15 PM Lunch Break

1:00 PM Migration and Health

Moderator: Arlene Calvo (USF-Health, CPH)

- **Olga Aranzabal**, Abraham Salinas, Arlene Calvo, Dinorah Martinez Tyson, Ismael Hoare, Ricardo Izurieta (CPH) *“Navigating the Unseen Path: Understanding the Health Challenges of Women and Children Immigrants Crossing the Darien Gap”*
- **Santiago Hernandez Bojorge**, Abraham Salinas, Arlene Calvo, Dinorah Martinez-Tyson, Ismael Hoare, Ricardo Izurieta (CPH) *“Outcomes of hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Panama: impact of country of origin and clinical data”*

- **Tailyn Osorio**, Abraham Salinas, Arlene Calvo, Dinorah Martinez Tyson, Ismael Hoare, Ricardo Izurieta (COPH/Salud Latina) *"Exploring the mental health status of healthcare workers during the COVID-19 pandemic"*

- **Rolando Trejos** (COPH) *"Levantando la Voz for Climate Justice, Latino Health, and Latino Cancer: Advocating for Change Through the Activist Lab"*

2:00 PM - History and Culture

Moderator: Adriana Novoa (USF-History)

- **Zachary Kuntz** (USF-History) *"Bananas, Revolutions, and Riots: Ecuador during the Cold War, 1959-1960"*

- **Benjamin Puterbaugh** (USF-Linguistics) *"Emerging narratives about the Haitian Other in Dominican social media"*

- **Donnie Ibn Malik Ali McClendon** (USF-English) *"Theft, Trial, and Treason: The Curious Case of Santiago Duarte and the St. Augustine Uprising of 1795"*

- **Yasmeen Armoush** (USF-MALACS) *"Promoting folklore, culture and traditions"*

2:50 PM Break

3:00 PM Culture and literature

Moderator: Roberto Jiménez (USF-World Languages)

- **Evguenia Davenport** (USF-English) *"Intellectual and Power: Anti-Establishment Discourse in Jacobo Timerman's Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number"*

- **Victoria Cuomo** (USF-English) *"Transformation of the Myth: La Llorona and Redefining Cultural Norms"*

- **Nicholas Colecio** (USF-English) *"Asexuality in Ana Cristina Rossi's Science Fiction"*

- **Alyssa Sotelo** (USF-English) *"Latine Feminist Potential in Pat Mora's Poetry"*

- **Katrina Sandefer** (USF-English) *"Horror as a Disruptor in Modern Latin American Literature"*

- **Morgan Hunter** (USF-English) *"'Maybe she'd gone mad.' Bodies and Madness in Moreno-Garcia's Mexican Gothic"*

4:00 PM Closing Remarks and Reception in the Rotunda (next to TECO)