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LatinxConnect

Elevating Latinx Identities
& Contemporary Issues

Featured Event

Media as Activism & Advocacy within the Latinx Community

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 | 9:00-10:15AM EST

Director, speaker, and activist, Eduardo Chavez, grandson of civil rights activist Cesar Chavez and Cuban revolutionary Max Lesnik, will be joined by scholar-activist-educators to discuss how they use film, social media, and podcasts as media for advocacy and activism with and for the Latinx community. Panelists will discuss contemporary issues such as immigration, worker rights, and intersectional activism within the Latinx diaspora. They will also address the complicated legacy of Cesar Chavez.



MODERATOR

LD Ortis

Director, Student
Programs & Engagement
Carnegie Mellon University

PANELISTS



Eduardo Chavez

Film Director & Activist
Co-founder Latindia
Studios



Michelle Espino

Associate Professor, Student
Affairs, and Latinx
Intelligentsia podcast host



Jose Aguilar-Hernandez

Associate Professor, Ethnic &
Women's Studies
Cal Poly Pomona



Jacqueline Mayorga

TikTok influencer
School Coordinator, Latino
Network

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POLICY & ADVOCACY PANEL

Current LatinX Affairs in Pennsylvania

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 | 4:00-5:30PM EST

MODERATOR



Keila Grinberg

Director, Center for
Latin American Studies

What does it mean to be Latinx in Pennsylvania? How are this diverse group's needs being addressed? This panel brings together people working directly with Latinx throughout the state to discuss ways the community can be elevated and promote change that consolidates their place as stakeholders.

PANELISTS



Mayor Eddie Morán

Reading's 84th mayor
First Latino elected mayor
in a Pennsylvania
municipality



Luz Colon

Executive Director, Governor's Advisory
Commission for Latino Affairs



Caelan Hidalgo Schick

Latinx Constituency Director,
Pennsylvania Democratic Party



Monica Ruiz-Caraballo

Executive Director,
Casa San José



Diego Chaves-Gnecco

Paediatrician, Associate
Professor, and Director and
founder of the Salud Para Niños

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ACTIVISM IN LATIN AMERICA: *Cultivando Conocimiento Juntos* FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 | 12:15-1:30PM EST

This session will focus on various forms of activism in Latin America. With a range of social issues happening all over the world, our panelists will share their experiences and work with activism in various aspects from women's rights and indigenous rights, to the deconstruction of colonialism. With no "right way" to do activism, join us in this discussion of what activism can look like in Latin America and the influences it has in the United States.

CO-MODERATORS



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LAGOS President



Shekina Gonzalez-Ferrer

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LAGOS Programming Chair

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Jennifer Karen Ponce Cori

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**Alexandra-Marie
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Activist, Co-creator of La Clara,
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ACTIVISMO EN AMÉRICA LATINA: *Cultivando Conocimiento Juntos* VIERNES, OCTUBRE 15, 2021 | 12:15-1:30PM EST

Esta sesión se centrará en diversas formas de activismo en América Latina. Con una variedad de problemas sociales que ocurren en todo el mundo, nuestros panelistas compartirán sus experiencias y proyectos con activismo en varios aspectos, desde los derechos de las mujeres y los derechos indígenas, hasta la deconstrucción del colonialismo. Sin una “manera correcta” de hacer activismo, únase a nosotros en esta discusión sobre cómo puede verse el activismo en América Latina y las influencias que tiene en los Estados Unidos.

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Advocacy at the Intersection of Latinx, Queer, & Trans Identities

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 | 3:30-4:45PM EST

This session features Latina Transgender speaker and activist Bamby Salcedo who will deliver the closing keynote address for the inaugural Latinx Connect conference. Bamby will be joined by scholar-activist-educators to discuss activism and advocacy within the Latinx community at the intersection of multiple identities including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and immigration.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Bamby Salcedo

Latina Transgender speaker and
activist

MODERATOR



**Angelica Perez-
Johnston**

Chief Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Officer

PANELISTS



**Rosalynne (Rose)
Montoya**

Advocate, content creator,
model, actor, public speaker,
and makeup artist



Anita Revilla

Associate Professor and
Director of Women's
Studies



Eddy Alvarez

Assistant Professor,
Chicana and Chicano
Studies

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Latinx Data: Historical Civil Rights Advocacy and Contemporary Intersectional Insights

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021 | 9:00-10:15 AM EST

This session will explore the complexities of data and the Latinx community, the contemporary challenges regarding inequitable Latinx data representation, and the ways the Latinx community has created and used data as advocacy. This critical conversation is important as we think about how the Hispanic/Latinx community is demographically complex and data are inadequate for accounting for the needs of such a diverse ethnoracial group.

PANELISTS:



Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz

*Author of **Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change***

Michael's talk, "Data, Demographics, and the Making of National Latino Civil Rights Advocacy" will provide a historical overview of data-driven group advocacy that has contributed to social change for Latinx communities in the United States.



Amalia Z. Dache

*Lead editor of **Rise Up! Activism as Education***

Amalia's talk, "Cartographies of Afrolatinidad: Limits and Possibilities" will explore the limitations and possibilities of using publicly available data to understand the social conditions of AfroLatinx and Afro-Latin American populations in the U.S.

MODERATOR:



Lisa Ortiz

Assistant professor of language, literacy, and culture

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