

The Future of Afro-Latinx Studies
December 4, 2020
The Latinx Project

Symposium Program
3pm - 5:35pm (EST)
12pm - 2:35pm (PST)

Symposium Welcome Remarks

3:00 pm - 3:05 pm (EST) / 12:00 pm - 12:05 pm (PST)

Omaris Z. Zamora, Miriam Jiménez Román Fellow and Assistant Professor, Departments of Latino and Caribbean Studies and Africana Studies

PANEL 1: (Re)Defining Blackness Through Writing and Visual Arts

3:05 pm - 3:50 pm (EST) / 12:05 pm - 12:50 pm (PST)

Moderator: Lorgia García-Peña, Latinx Studies Scholar and Writer

- 1) Presentation: "The Trickster Figure Migrates North: An Examination of 21st Century Afro-Mexican Literature in the United States"

Nancy Vera, Ph.D. Candidate, Comparative Literature, University of Maryland

- 2) Presentation: "Ancestral Kinships: Finding Freedom from La Hispaniola's enslaved past in Danticat's *Farming of Bones*"

María Elizabeth Rodríguez Beltrán, Ph.D. Candidate, Comparative Literature, Rutgers University

- 3) Presentation: "Visualizing Afro-Latinx Appetites: Decolonizing 'Eating the Other'"

Tashima Thomas, Visiting Assistant Professor, Latin American & Caribbean Art, Pratt Institute

PANEL 2: The Spaces of Afro-Latinx Identity

3:50 pm - 4:45 pm (EST) / 12:50 pm - 1:45 pm (PST)

Moderator: Zaire Z. Dinzey-Flores, Associate Professor, Departments of Sociology and Latino & Caribbean Studies, Rutgers University

- 1) Presentation: "Black Boricua Beauty Worlds Online and on the Island"

Miari Taina Stephens, Ph.D. Student, African & African American Studies, Harvard University

- 2) Presentation: "Miami's Forgotten Brazilians: Racialization and the Politics of Exclusion of AfroBrazilians in South Florida"

Carolyn Silva, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Education, University of Florida

- 3) Presentation: “Darla's Loophole: Black Space in [Black]Califas”

Andrea del Carmen, Ph.D. Student, Department of Education, University of California

- 4) Presentation: “Black Panamanian Hoop Dreams & The Realities of Basketball Trafficking”

Javier Wallace, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Texas at Austin

PANEL 3: Feminism, Intersectionality, and Afro-Latinx Womxnhood

4:45 pm - 5:30 pm (EST) / 1:45 pm - 2:30 pm (PST)

Moderator: Amarilys Estrella, ACLS Emerging Voices Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, Johns Hopkins University

- 1) Presentation: “Mi Cuerpo y Mi Pajón: Afro-Latinx Caribbean Women's Body Image”

Narolyn Mendez, Counseling Psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University

- 2) Presentation: “Tarot, Reiki, and Bombazos: Community Healing in Chicago”

Michaela Machicote, PhD candidate, Department of African and African Diaspora Studies, University of Texas at Austin

- 3) Presentation: “Racialized Violence, Sexualized Bodies: Understanding the Transnational Intimate Partner Violence Dominican Women Experience”

Cruz Caridad Bueno, Assistant Professor, Department of Black Studies, State University of New York-New Paltz

Symposium Adjournment: 5:30 pm - 5:35 pm (EST) / 2:30 pm - 2:35 pm (PST)

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