

AA Update: Serving Latinidad October 3, 2023



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE Serving Up Latinidad

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Dear Academic Affairs Colleagues,

This week I will be hosting a lunch to thank the ~fifteen Science Dept faculty who participated in the VO project last year. Together they are creating asset-based pedagogies in science courses at all levels that Hispanic students engage with their learning in culturally responsive ways. Prof Lissette Delgado-Cruza wrote the NSF grant that created this opportunity. You'll see other aspects of how she supports Latinidad. In fact, there is so much Hispanic "[servingsness](#)" at John Jay that I cannot capture all of the excellence. But I'm excited to share some exemplary research, pedagogies, activities, and student outcomes below.



SEEING RAPE Centers Sp
Barbara Cassidy, Shonna Tri
and two John Jay Latinx stud
Jadeline Munoz and Bianca
[published an article](#) about the
Spanish in *Seeing Rape* for
students and for all students
College --a total of 544 last y
-but over the years, more the
students have seen Spanish
on the stage.

**Cristina Lozano Arguelles
Galore!**
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...serving it up with grants: one research new methods of language placement tests for heritage speakers, one with Aída Ma Gomez to improve interpretation courses for heritage speakers in Spanish, and one to investigate vocabulary knowledge index proficiency in Spanish Heritage speakers.

At left she and Prof Javier M (MOD) taking translation and interpretation students to visit and talk to interpreters.

Latinx Students Thriving in Honors/Macaulay

Four Latinx students, Sarah Arguelles, Britney Brito, Mai and Taina Valentin, won the Outstanding Honors Capstone Common Good award in Spring for their research on sense of belonging among John Jay students. Their research, based on surveys and interviews, found that four Latinx students report the second highest sense of belonging, behind Black students, among populations of students in the John Jay Honors community.

Latinx Honors/Macaulay students are doing exciting things. For example:

- Stefany Quiroz worked with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez as part of the Black, POC, and Asian Caucus CUNY Scholarship Program, and is continuing to work with AOC in NYC
- Anna Fisher participated in a New York State Legislative Internship and was hired to continue as an employee
- Alex Rosario was a DePaul Fellow at Propel Capital and secured employment with the Government Litigation Department at Pfizer
- Jacqueline Chimboraz was one of the co-Directors of the Latinx Honors Committee and a board member of the Latinx Center, while interning with the Bronx



office

- Britney Brito, John Jay Macaulay alum, is in the Brennan Center

Spanish Heritage Language Learning

Rocío Carranza Brito (MOD new language coordinator, v includes all Spanish language sections. Part of her role is to redesign the Spanish for Heritage Speakers curriculum. She was of a training pilot on text-based pedagogy, by the Center for Integrated Language Communication at the Graduate Center, CUNY member of SHLDNet (Spanish Heritage Language Direction Network), a network of schools all over the country who create and share their knowledge, theoretical materials, and support to principals and instructors immersed in Spanish to heritage speaker levels.



Prof Gallegos Highlights Latin American and Latinx Thinkers

Sergio Gallegos-Ordorica (PhD) published four articles in 2022 featuring Mexican philosopher [Juana Inés de la Cruz](#), [Vicente Palacio](#), and [Luis Villoro](#). Read



Lisandro Pérez (LLS) Publishes Personal History of Cuba

Prof Pérez's new book tells of Cuba's history through the intergenerational stories of his family. I can attest – this is a great read!

This fall Prof Pérez is teaching 130 Introduction to Latin American

History, which enrolls primary students and gives them an opportunity to satisfy one of GenEd requirements by learning the history of their region of origin.

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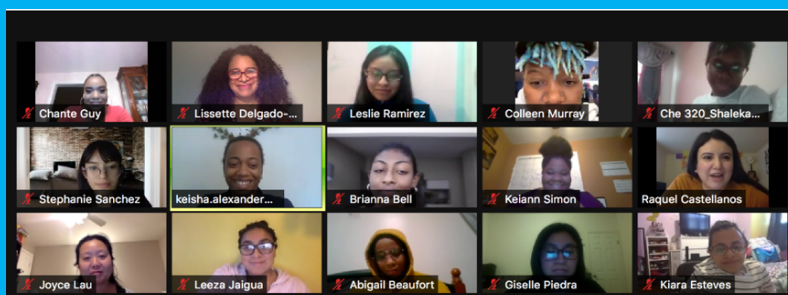
- Mejora tu nivel y aprende vocabulario nuevo
- Diviértete en el aula hablando español
- Prepárate para carreras bilingües
- Demuestra a tus padres tus habilidades profesionales

Offering Social Science Courses in Spanish

Starting last spring Prof. Ma Victoria Pérez-Ríos (POL) has been teaching SOC 101, and Prof. Rosemary Barberet (SOC) teaches SSC 325 (Research Methods in Spanish). Prof Pérez-Ríos filmed a documentary with her SOC 101 students about gender equality. She submitted it to a film festival. In SSC 325 presented research posters last spring at the Research and Creativity Expo, and two were later chosen for the first CU Undergraduate Research Symposium event at BMCC. Students, who are mainly Latinx and heritage speakers of Spanish, enjoy using and expanding their Spanish language skills in their respective disciplines. This coming spring we will be offering courses to POL 101 in Spanish.

Prof Delgado-Cruzata (SCI) STEM Mentoring for New Latin American Students

Female Empowerment through Mentoring Minorities in STEM (FEMMS) is a peer-mentoring program supporting Latinas and African American first year female students by pairing them with a junior or senior Latina or African American female student. The program supports students through their first college year and it aims at providing space for them to become familiar with support structures at the college, creating connections with other students and learning about professional and internship opportunities.



LLS Dept Serves Every Day

The Department Latin American Latinx Studies is relaunching its abroad program in the Yucatán Peninsula of Mexico under Prof. Brian Montes in the winter of 2024.

Prof. Jodie Roure has been working with colleagues in the Department of Languages to offer translation and legal services to recently arrived immigrants in New York City. This program, run in collaboration with the Department of Law, gives students real-world experience dealing with immigration law, helping some of the newest New Yorkers.



Prof. Belinda Rincón, José Morín, Brian Montes, and Juan Rodríguez have been helping students on campus restart their important student organizations: Voz and the Latin American Student Organization (LASO). Both organizations are recruiting new members in the fall and have plans for public events this academic year.

Plans are already underway for the Department of Latin American Latinx Studies' annual Day of the Dead celebration in our offices on the 11th floor of the New Building. This year's celebration will take place at the end of October and the entire John Jay community is invited to attend.

SEEK is Serving

The SEEK program is running the Hispanic Heritage Showcase this month. They are also presenting a paper at the Mentoring Institute Conference at University of New Mexico called "[Creating Opportunity: Faculty Mentored Research at a Hispanic Serving Institution.](#)"

In addition to receiving an O'Connell Award for their work,



explore graduate school for Latinx students, SEEK is building a pipeline for Latinx students to attend the University School of Social Work scholarships.



Student, Professor and Student Publish Article on Student Internships

Prof Amy Adamczyk (SOC), Crawford (CCPD) and Yuna (student) conducted a study on Jay's internship students that they published with the [Journal of Higher Education](#)



Economists Focus on Latin American Seda-Irizarry research on the ongoing Economic Crisis in Puerto Rico. He has also taught courses related to this topic in the past, including the process of developing new economic models including a general education course on Pirates and a general education course on Sugar, Rum, and Rum. He has a recent publication with Quinones on "The Current Political Economy of Puerto Rico" and is currently working on a book length manuscript on the crisis in Puerto Rico. He recently gave a lecture at the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras.

Lygia Sabbag Fares research on Capitalism, labor and gender particularities in underdeveloped countries, especially focused on Latin America. She will be teaching a graduate course this spring on the Political Economy of Latin American Development. Professor Sab

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also has published two recent articles: "Free to Choose? The Gendered Impacts of Flexible Working in Brazil" and "Who Cares? Gendered Impacts of Unpaid Domestic and Care Work in Brazil during the Pandemic."

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