

# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on the Americas

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**DAY 1**

**Friday, February 17, 2023**

**Check-in at Registration Desk, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Miller Learning Center from 12 Noon**

**12:30 – 1:30 pm (ET)                      Special Workshop                      Room: 251**

## **The Ins and Outs of Applying for Funding to the National Science Foundation**

**Prof. Enrique S. Pumar**, Program Director, Division of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences, National Science Foundation.

Objectives: 1) walk participants through the basic steps of preparing a submission and the review process at the NSF and 2) provide an overview of programs in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Division. In particular, ongoing efforts to promote social sciences research among minority serving institutions will be discussed. Finally, the workshop plans to examine different NSF funding opportunities for social scientists.

**1:30 – 2:45 pm (ET)                      Session 1A                      Room: 369**

## **Education and Teaching Paradigms in Latin America and the Caribbean**

**Chair:** Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia

**DEI, a Caring Pedagogy and the Global Pandemic-Why Faculty Inclusion Matters**

Dr. Carolyn Walcott & Dr. Melany Chambers, Clayton State University

**Preservice teachers' previous experiences and goals for working with English language learners in STEM: An Analysis before participation in a science methods course and summer program**

Dr. Max Vazquez Dominguez, Mrs. Arcelia Dalton & Dr. Romola Bernard, University of North Georgia

**Indigenous Languages of Latin America**

Mr. Eric Kendrick, Georgia State University - Perimeter College

**Language Attitude Influence: Association of Quechua with English Increases Positive Attitudes Toward Quechua**

Ms. Erin Hannahan, University of Georgia, Department of Romance Languages

**1:30 – 2:45 pm (ET)                      Session 1B                      Room: 372**

## **Regional Economics and the Environment**

**Chair:** Ms. Sara Wofford, University of West Georgia

**Financialization, Complexity, and Market Ideology**

Dr. Dwight Wilson, Dr. Rana Gautam & Dr. Diogo Pinheiro, University of North Georgia

**Youth Entrepreneurship and Gender in the Caribbean**

Prof. Donna Dannels, University of North Georgia

**A Blockchain Approach to Credit Information Sharing in Emerging Markets**

Dr. Kamilah Williams & Dr. Jason Porter, University of North Georgia

**2:45 – 3:00 pm**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda**

**3:00 – 4:15 pm (ET)**

**Session 2A**

**Room: 368**

**Panel: LatinX Leads Unidos: Supporting Latino trends in higher education; leadership, arts and culture**

*Chair: Prof. Maria Jose Maguire, University of North Georgia*

**A Dialogue Between AI and Latinx**

*Prof. Maria Jose Maguire, University of North Georgia*

**Latin American Immigrant Artists in Metro Atlanta: Melvin Toledo and Pedro Fuertes**

*Dr. Ana Pozzi Harris, University of North Georgia*

**LatinX in Education**

*Dr. Luis Mora, Georgia Gwinnett College*

**Amazónicas (Poems and Aphorisms)**

*Dr. Juan Carlos Galeano, Amazónicas, Florida State University*

**3:00 – 4:15 pm (ET)**

**Session 2B**

**Room: 369**

**Health and Developmental Concerns in Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Chair: Dr. Chad Howe, University of Georgia*

**Assessment of Summer 2022 Pharmacy Dispensing Log for Mobile Pharmacy Clinic in the Farm Worker Family Health Program in Rural Southwest Georgia**

*Ms. Dayana Pimentel, PharmD. Candidate, Ms. Valery Cepeda, PharmD. Candidate, Mr. Bryan Alejandro Jimenez, PharmD. Candidate, Dr. Kenneth Mueller, PharmD, BCPS, University of Georgia, College of Pharmacy*

**Clinical utility of periodic outreach clinics in a small Caribbean Island nation**

*Dr. Andrew K Sobering, Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership*

**Women's Health Study Away Program in Belize: A timely experience for UGA pre-health students**

*Dr. Amy Baldwin, Augusta University/University of Georgia Medical Partnership, Dr. Hilda Mata & Ms. Amanda Spohn, University of Georgia*

**"We had to take care of ourselves": Community-based strategies against the Covid-19 pandemic in Latin America**

*Mr. Apoena Mano, Columbia University, Institute of Latin American Studies*

**3:00 – 4:15 pm (ET)**

**Session 2C**

**Room: 372**

**Migration, Culture and Identity**

*Chair: Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of North Georgia*

**Transcending social abjection to achieve autonomy: An analysis of Todo sobre de mi madre and Princesas**

*Ms. Ysa Duenas, Georgetown College*

**Unraveling (Luso)Latinidad: Children of Brazilian immigrants' racial(ized) experiences in the U.S.**

*Ms. Luisa Bridi Dacroce, University of Florida*

**Solo Éramos Niños**

*Ms. Shelby Lopez, Angel Lopez, and Dr. Jane McPherson, University of Georgia*

# CONFERENCE ON THE AMERICAS

## Opening Plenary

4:30 pm to 6:00 pm: Room 171

**Welcome & Introduction of Provost Hu:** *Dr. Amy Ross, Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute*

**Remarks & Introduction of Keynote Speaker:** *Provost Hu, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, University of Georgia*



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*Opening Plenary*

## Indigenous Women and Latin American Futures

**Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 PM**

*Miller Learning Center, Room 171 - Open to All*

*Note: Panel will be in Spanish with simultaneous interpretation into English  
Attendees needing interpretation should bring headphones & device with Zoom*

*Plenary Panel Moderator:*



**Dr. Patricia Richards**

*Director of the Institute for Women's Studies*

*Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies*

*Affiliate faculty member with the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute and the Institute of Native American Studies*

*Plenary Panel Speakers:*



**María de los Ángeles Aguilar**

*Guatemalan Maya-K'iche' historian Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer at the Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies (CLAIS) at Yale University*



**Alejandra Flores Carlos**

*Regional Coordinator of Health and Indigenous Peoples for the Ministry of Health in the Region of Tarapacá*



**Pamela Calla**

*Clinical Associate Professor at the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) at New York University*

## CONFERENCE RECEPTION

**6:00pm - 7:30pm: 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda**

**Opening remarks: Dean Nuss, AU/UGA Medical Partnership**

**Join us for snacks, drinks, and cultural performances  
by Dr. Alvaro Torres-Calderon and the Bossa Nova Trio Clouds**

## Day 2

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

**8:30 – 9:45 am (ET)**

**Session 3A**

**Room: 368**

### Language, Literature and Social Displacement

*Chair: Dr. Alvaro Torres Calderon, University of North Georgia*

**Raza, clase y género en la última novela de Guillermo Arriaga, *Salvar el fuego***

*Dr. Maria Calatayud, University of North Georgia*

**El arco del imaginario nacional de la Revolución Nacional de 1952 . *Vuelve Sebastiana (1953) y La Vertiente (1959) en la construcción de la modernidad boliviana***

*Dr. Jaime Salinas, University of North Georgia*

**La influencia de la pobreza multidimensional en la desnutrición y complicaciones de salud de los indígenas panameños**

*Mr. David Burke, University of North Georgia*

**8:30 – 9:45 am (ET)**

**Session 3B**

**Room: 369**

### The Arts and Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean

*Chair: Mr. Ed Sperr, University of Georgia*

**Polvo de Gallina Negra: Performance, Politics, and Motherhood in Mexico**

*Ms. Alejandra Velazquez, The George Washington University*

**Healers and plants: the vegetal thinking in a pajé's autobiography**

*Mr. Ivo Cruz, University of Georgia*

**Brazilian Repertoires, (anthropological) places and black feminism in "Cinco mil litros," by Jarid Arraes**

*Mr. Michel Soares do Carmo, Portuguese Program, Romance Languages Department, UGA*

**Ballroom as gambiarra: the Latin American anthropophagy of culture**

*Ms. Elisa Bedê Braga, University of Georgia*

**8:30 – 9:45 am (ET)**

**Session 3C**

**Room: 372**

### Violence, Crime and Politics in Latin America and the Caribbean

*Chair: Prof. Donna Danns, University of North Georgia*

**The Gangs Crises in Latin America and the Caribbean Countries**

*Prof. George K Danns, University of North Georgia*

**Gangs in Latin America and its National Security Implications to the United States' Homeland**

*Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz, Georgia Southern University & U.S. Army War College Center for Strategic Leadership Homeland Defense & Security Issues*

**Corporal Punishment in LAC Countries: Focus on Guyana's Schools, Issues, Controversies, and Problems**

*Prof. Brenda I Gill, Alabama State University*

**Crime rates and court performance: An empirical interrogation of Rational Choice Theory**

*Mr. Jevon Henry, The University of the West Indies, Mona, & Dr. Denarto Dennis, Supreme Court of Jamaica*

**9:45 – 10:00 am**

**COFFEE BREAK**

**4<sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda**

**10:00 – 11:00 am (ET)**

**Session 4A**

**Room: 368**

**Panel: Linguistics analysis of indigenous languages spoken in Latin America**

*Chair: Mr. W. Ernie Guyton, Georgia State University Perimeter College*

**A Cusco School as a Community of Practice**

*Katie Galyon, University of Georgia*

**Uncovering indigeneity in a corpus of colonial Quechua**

*Dr. Chad Howe, University of Georgia*

**Imperatives in Chuj**

*Seaira Lett, University of Georgia*

**10:00 – 11:00 am (ET)**

**Session 4B**

**Room: 369**

**Panel: How to Better Support Latin X College Students in Georgia Universities**

*Chair: Dr. Efren Velazquez, University of North Georgia*

**Panelists/Discussants**

***Undergraduate students at the University of North Georgia:***

*Mauricio Picazo-Garcia*

*Fatima Santillan*

*Evelyn Tello-Mendoza*

*Guadalupe Jimenez*

***Graduate Student at the University of Georgia***

*Ximena Luna*

*Madison Rodriguez*

**10:00 – 11:00 am (ET)**

**Session 4C**

**Room: 372**

**Politics, Policy and Injustice in Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Chair: Dr. Brenda Gill, Alabama State University*

**Assessing Livelihood Resilience to Climate Variability by Land Tenure Status of Pastoralists in the Chaco Salteño**

*Mr. Alejandro Collins & Dr. Jesse Abrams, University of Georgia*

**Where to find justice? The limits of the indigenous right to free, prior, and informed consent as a way to challenge gold mining in the Venezuelan Amazon**

*Ms. Laura Botero, Master of Latin American Studies - University of Florida*

**The Problem of White Supremacy in Latin America**

*Mr. Sean Martin, Valdosta State University*

**11:15 – 12:30 pm (ET)**

**Session 5A**

**Room: 368**

**Arts, Language and Literature**

*Chair: Dr. Carolyn Walcott, Clayton State University*

**The Men Who Killed My Mother**

*Dr. Gordon McNeer, University of North Georgia*

**Depicting Bolivian Garment Workers in Television and Film from Argentina and Brazil**

*Dr. Dorian Lee Jackson, Kennesaw State University*

**Latin America of the last century, women and old age in Violeta by Isabel Allende**

*Dr. Alvaro Torres Calderon, University of North Georgia*

**Franz Boas in Puerto Rico (1915): Folk Tales from the Hills of Puerto Rico**

*Dr. Rafael Ocasio, Agnes Scott College*

**11:15 – 12:30 pm (ET)**

**Session 5B**

**Room: 369**

**Migration, Migrants and Identity**

*Chair: Mr. Eric Kendrick, Georgia State University - Perimeter College*

**Introducing a Model to Explain the Central American Migration to the USA**

*Dr. Clemente Quinones, Georgia Gwinnett College*

**The Hyphenated Black-British Identity: A Dilemma & The Afro-English Solution**

*Dr. Anique John, California State University Long Beach*

**Inclusive Development: Lessons from the Dominican Republic**

*Dr. Enrique S. Pumar, Santa Clara University*

**Creating in a Transnational Artistic Diasporan Consciousness Setting**

*Dr. Alix Pierre, Spelman College*

**11:15 – 12:30 pm (ET)**

**Session 5C**

**Room: 372**

**Religion, Politics and Organization Change in Latin America and the Caribbean**

*Chair: Prof. George K Danns, University of North Georgia*

**The Role of Religion in Promoting Linguistic and Cultural Connections to the Community**

*Dr. Kristi Hislope, University of Georgia*

**The Americas and Beyond (Blind Sided or Blind to History)**

*Mr. Mario E. Delgado, Retired*

**“Stressing Progress: The US Information Agency’s Effort to Explain Segregation and the Civil Rights Movement in the United States to the Cuban Public During the 1950s”**

*Dr. Hector Montford, College of Coastal Georgia*

**Sustaining Organizational Change: Applications in the Caribbean Context**

*Ms. Leslyn Alexis Beckles, University of Georgia College of Education*

**12:30 pm: Lunch - 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Rotunda**

**Announcement & Presentation of Student Paper Competition Award Winners**

***Ms. Sara Wofford, University of West Georgia***

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## Closing Plenary

1:30 pm to 2:30 pm: Room 171

**Co-Chairs:** *Drs. Donna Danns & Amy Baldwin*

**Remarks:** *Dr. José de Arimatéia da Cruz, Professor of International Relations and Comparative Politics, Georgia Southern State University, & Chair, Americas Council, USG*

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker:** *Dr. Amy Ross, Director of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute*



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## Reproductive Justice in the Americas: Past, Present, & Future

**Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 1:30 PM**  
*Miller Learning Center, Room 171*  
*Open to All – Registration not required to attend*



**Dr. Cassia Roth** is Associate Professor of History and Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the University of Georgia. Prior to that, she was a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland and a Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholar at the Fundação Oswaldo Cruz in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Her book, *A Miscarriage of Justice: Women's Reproductive Lives and the Law in Early Twentieth-Century Brazil* was published in 2020 with Stanford University Press. It won the Murdo J. MacLeod Prize from the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association and the Choice Outstanding Academic Title from the American Library Association. She researches on diverse topics from feminist scientists to cesarean sections. She teaches courses on Brazilian history, gender history, slavery, and medicine and is the faculty adviser to UGA's oldest student organization, the Demosthenian Literary Society.

### **-Vote of Thanks-**

**Co-Chair:** *Dr. Amy Baldwin, AU/UGA Medical Partnership*