



2023 LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

Illinois State University's Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program invites you to reflect and celebrate the contributions of Hispanic/Latina/o/x immigrants and their families in U.S. society.



Visit the National Museum of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture.

The Politics of Labels: Latino, Latinx, Hispanic and What Else; The View from the Heartland

**7 p.m., September 12
McLean County Museum of History**

Moderator
Raylene Gómez,
Illinois Wesleyan University

Presenters
Nicte Rivadeneyra-Braswell, Illinois State University (geology major)
Mario Jasso, Illinois State University (business administration major)
José Patiño, Normal Community High School
Sonny García, activist, community organizer and artist
Micaela Harris, McLean County Museum of History

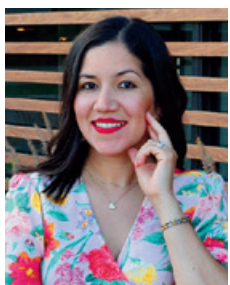
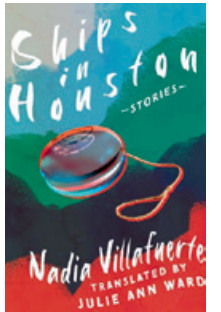
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Book Launch: Ships in Houston by Nadia Villafuerte

**7-8:30 p.m., October 5
Publications Unit, Williams Hall Annex**

Nadia Villafuerte's *Ships in Houston* offers a profound exploration of life along Mexico's southern border, shedding light on characters navigating the challenges and uncertainties of this shared yet often overlooked reality, as translated into English by Julie Ann Ward, inviting readers to engage with the indomitable human spirit amidst adversity.

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Art Exhibit: "We Are the Latinos En Blono: Our Stories in Words & Photographs" by Yolanda Alonso

**10 a.m. to noon, September 16-November 4
Grand Opening Reception: Saturday, September 16
Illinois Art Station**

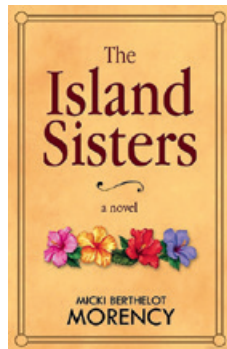
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Book Launch: The Island Sisters by Micki Berthelot Morency

**4 p.m., September 18
Publications Unit, Williams Hall Annex**

The Island Sisters by Haitian American author Micki Berthelot Morency is a compelling narrative that celebrates the unbreakable bond of four women who triumph over abuse and adversity, showcasing the universal theme of resilience, empowerment, and the pursuit of freedom.

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Conversando Entre Nosotros: Dominican Art Education and the Myth of Racial Democracy

Dr. Felix Rodriguez Suero, assistant professor of art education at Illinois State University

**3 p.m., October 13
Williams Hall 314**

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Ecological Knowledge and Sustainable Practices in Afro-Puerto Rico

Dr. Hilda Lloréns, associate professor, University of Rhode Island

**7 p.m., October 17
Felmley Hall Annex 133**

Dr. Lloréns will discuss how Afro-Puerto Rican women, at the forefront of their communities, combat various challenges, including climate change and racism, drawing on local ecological knowledge and cultural practices essential for their survival, highlighting the intergenerational wisdom that enables them to not just survive but thrive.

Dean of Students Office; Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program; African American Studies; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program; Department of Geography, Geology, and the Environment; Department of Sociology and Anthropology



Art Exhibit: Exploring Cuba by Shea Grehan

**4:30-6 p.m., September 21
Schroeder Hall Gallery**

Sponsored by Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Wonsook Kim School of Art, and Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program

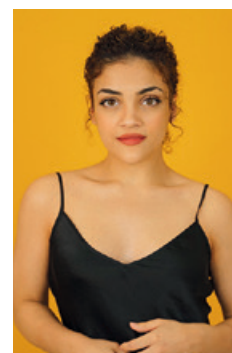
College and Career Planning: Confronting the multiple issues for Latina/o/x's after Higher Education

**6 p.m., September 22
Williams Hall 314**

Moderators
Dr. Rocio Rivadeneyra (College of Arts and Sciences)
Dr. Maura Toro-Morn (Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program)

Panelists
Simon Rodríguez Jr '13, youth services manager, City of Aurora. President of Latinx Alumni Network.
Lorena Lopez '16, student retention manager, Waubonsee Community College. Vice President of Latinx Alumni Network.
Erika Jimenez '21, first grade dual language teacher, West Chicago School District 33. Secretary of Latinx Alumni Network.
Kelly Moreno '22, credit risk analyst, JPMorgan Chase. Communications, Latinx Alumni Network.
Jose Cardona '09, category management analyst, Chicago Pepsi Co. Treasurer of Latinx Alumni Network.

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Latino Cultural Dinner

Laurie Hernandez, Olympic Gymnast

**5 p.m., October 30
Brown Ballroom, Bone Student Center**

Laurie Hernandez is a second-generation American, as her grandparents are from Puerto Rico, making her the first U.S.-born Latina to make the U.S. team since 1984. As a fierce mental health advocate, she has partnered with multiple campaigns and initiatives to encourage support and awareness for all.

Tickets

Students with a meal plan can get a ticket for one meal swipe. Must purchase online in advance. Please visit [Housing.IllinoisState.edu](https://housing.illinoisstate.edu) for more information. \$25 for Illinois State University alumni, staff, and faculty without a meal plan and non-ISU community members. Tickets are non-transferrable.

Art Curator: Carla Acevedo-Yates, Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago

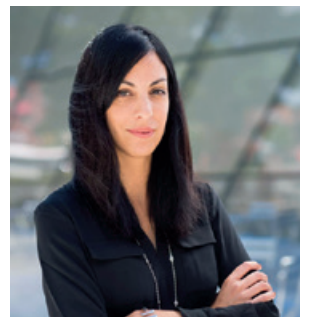
**Noon, November 1
University Galleries**

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Día de los Muertos Celebration

**4-7 p.m., November 1
McLean County Museum of History**

For more information, please visit mchistory.org or contact Micaela Harris.



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