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Welcome from the Director

Welcome to La Nueva Voz! This new digital newsletter will continue to be a platform for us to showcase our work and to share our thanks for the support that we receive from esteemed partners and friends. In particular, we extend a warm welcome to our Latina/o and Latin American studies alumni, and invite you to share your news with us.

This year we welcomed Alexandros (Alex) Valiantis to the Institute, following the retirement of long-time administrator Anne Theriault in 2018. Alex brings new energy, skill, and imagination to the job, as well as a strong dedication to Latinx issues and initiatives. When you are next at El Instituto, please give him a warm welcome.

Samuel Martínez
Director of El Instituto and Professor of Anthropology

Recent News
A Note from Your Librarian

Humanities and social sciences librarian Marisol Ramos discusses her trip to the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico.

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Learning to be Latino

Students, friends, and faculty gathered in the UConn Puerto Rican and Latin American Cultural Center in October to get a preview of Assistant Professor Daisy Verduzco Reyes’ book, Learning to Be Latino.

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Illuminating the Path with Maria Hinojosa

The NPR host joined PR/LACC Director Fany Hannon at Jorgensen Auditorium this fall, where she shared her experience as a journalist and media entrepreneur.

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Robert G. Mead Lecture Series

Kevin Johnson, dean of the UC Davis School of Law and long-time expert on immigration law, delivered the 2018 Mead Lecture on “Immigration in a Time of Trump.”
Tertulia con Scott Wallace

Scott Wallace, UConn associate professor of journalism, gave a talk on his recent *National Geographic* cover story, which focused on the protection of isolated tribes in the Amazon.

Tertulia Con Solsiree del Moral


The U Turn

Filmmaker Luis Argueta visited UConn in September to screen his 2016 documentary, which focused on the arrest of 389 immigrant workers in the Agriprocessors meat-packing plant in Postville, Iowa.

Tinker Spotlight

UConn graduate student Victoria Almodóvar discusses her recent study that examines the access and utilization of mental health services
among Latino communities in the United States.

Puerto Rican Studies Association

Read highlights from the Puerto Rican Studies Association’s 13th biennial conference, which was held at Rutgers University in 2018.

Upcoming Events

Eyzaguirre Lecture: Lázaro Lima, University of Richmond
Tuesday, March 5
4:00-6:00 p.m.
Homer Babbidge Library, Class of 1947 Room
Storrs Campus

HACHA: Alternative Hour for a Hospitable Community of Border-Crossing Academics
Wednesday, March 13
12:00-2:00 p.m.
El Instituto, Ryan Building
Storrs Campus

Tertulia with Amanda Guzman: “From Island to Museum: Narrating Puerto Rican Museum Object Itineraries”

Wednesday, March 27
12:00-2:00 p.m.
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Storrs Campus

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Wednesday, April 10
12:00-2:00 p.m.
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