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Welcome from the Director

Many of the articles in this issue of La Voz feature powerful feminist voices. Our Latinx community at UConn is blessed with women leaders at all levels: faculty, administration, staff, and students. Both of our marquee public talks of this academic year, the Mead and Eyzaguirre lectures, will highlight the scholarly contributions of women. Among the other special events planned for this spring semester, El Instituto is proud to include a visit by two representatives of Puerto Rico’s pathbreaking activist group, La Colectiva Feminista en Construcción, who will be in residence at UConn the week of March 23.

As the intersections of gender, racial, and class exclusions are exposed through our scholarship, so, too, is the centrality of vocally affirming gender inclusivity at El Instituto and in our wider UConn and Connecticut Latinx communities. To find out more about these and other exciting Instituto events in spring 2020, sign in to our events distribution list, keep an eye on El Instituto’s events calendar, or follow us on Facebook.

Samuel Martínez
Director of El Instituto and Professor of Anthropology
Recent News

**Multi-Media Artist Begins Year-Long Residence at UConn**

In February 2020, Alejandro de la Guerra, a Nicaraguan artist and art teacher, began a planned year-long residence as a visiting fellow at UConn’s School of Fine Arts.

**Graciela Mochkofsky Presents the 2019 Mead Lecture**

A native of Argentina, Mochkofsky is the author of six nonfiction books in Spanish, two of them about the relationship between the press and political power in her home country.

**La Comunidad Intelectual Learning Community Presents Research at Virginia Tech Conference**

Student leaders presented their case study, “Profiles in Courage, ‘Ganas,’ and Belonging at a Major University,” at the annual Conference on Higher Education Pedagogy in February.

**Costa Rica Education Abroad: Why It’s**
Worth the Trip
Sixteen students describe their recent three-week trip to Costa Rica, where they had an intensive, six-credit experience studying human rights in Central America.

Music Professor Publishes Book on Global Mexicanidades

Decentering the Nation: Music, Mexicanidad, and Globalization, edited by El Instituto affiliate faculty member Jesús Ramos-Kittrell, was published by Rowman & Littlefield in December 2019.

La Colectiva Feminista Comes to UConn

During their visit in March, the feminist collective will demonstrate how black feminism; LGBTQIA and women’s rights; and the intersections of race, capitalism, and patriarchy impact the Puerto Rican community and the Caribbean at large.

More Institute News

Featured Events

Feminist Struggles in a Colony: Women,
Community & Activism in Puerto Rico

Tuesday, March 24, 2020
5:00-7:15 p.m.
Hartford Public Library Atrium
Hartford Campus

Tertulia: Street Protests and Hashtags: El Verano del 2019 in Puerto Rico

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
12:00-1:30 p.m.
Homer Babbidge Library, Heritage Room
Storrs Campus

Workshop: Multi-sited Collaboration to Document Spontaneous Events in the 21st Century
The Case of #RickyRenuncia y el Verano Puertorriqueño del 2019

Thursday, March 26, 2020
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Homer Babbidge Library, Visualization Studio, Room 1101
Storrs Campus

Workshop: Multi-sited Collaboration to Document Spontaneous Events in the 21st Century
The Case of #RickyRenuncia y el Verano Puertorriqueño del 2019

Friday, March 27, 2020
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Homer Babbidge Library, Visualization Studio, Room 1101
Storrs Campus

Full Events Calendar