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## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LATINO COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

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## 9TH ANNUAL LATINO COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE



This year’s theme “*Tendiendo Puentes / Extending Bridges: Working to Unite our Communities,*” aims to critically address the issue of immigration and the importance of supporting and strengthening the Latina/o community in the current environment. In response, this year we have added the new track, “Immigration and Citizenship,” providing more space to engage, discuss and enrich the understanding of Latina/o issues. We hope that you will have an enriching experience of learning and collegiality during this conference.

### Tracks

- 1) **Humanities:** Performing and Visual Arts, Languages, Cultures, Literature and History;
- 2) **Education:** Issues in the Classroom and Community, English Language Learning (E.L.L.) and Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math (S.T.E.A.M.);
- 3) **Professional Services:** Health, Social Work, and Justice Systems;
- 4) **Social Sciences:** Politics, Economics, Anthropology, and Sociology;
- 5) **Co-Curricular Opportunities:** Personal, Career and Community Development;
- 6) **Immigration and Citizenship:** Immigrants, Undocumented Migration, Border Studies, Immigration Policies and Enforcement.

## Thursday, Sept. 28

8:00-9:00	Sykes Lobby	<b>Registration – <i>café y pan dulce</i></b>
9:00-9:20	Ballroom A	<b>Welcome Remarks</b> Dr. Miguel Ceballos and Dr. Daniela Johannes, Conference Co-coordinators Dr. Jeffrey Osgood, Senior Vice Provost
9:30-10:45	Ballroom C	<b>Session 1</b> <i>Latina Maternal Health and Immigrant Status in Southeastern Pennsylvania</i> Miguel Ceballos, WCU Sociology; and León Arredondo, WCU Anthropology
	Ballroom A	<i>Immigrant Rights are Human Rights</i> Linda Stevenson, WCU Political Science
	Ballroom B	<i>Puerto Rican Art; Civilization, Colonization, Identity &amp; the Global Stage</i> Daniel De Jesus, Taller Puertorriqueño
11:00 – 12:15	Sykes Theatre	<b>Session 2: KEYNOTE SPEAKER</b>  <b>“The Trouble with My Name”</b> <b>Dr. Javier Ávila</b>
		
12:30-1:45	Sykes 255	<b>Session 3</b> <i>The Illegality of Immigration</i> Miguel Ceballos, WCU Sociology; and Daniela Johannes, WCU Languages and Cultures
	Sykes 252A	<i>Silence is not Golden: Unveiling Intimate Partner Violence in a Medical Home</i> Mary B. Wirshup and Miriam P. Geiger, Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM)
	Sykes 254	<i>Latinos and Agriculture: A Changing Demographic</i> Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch, Penn State Extension Educator Horticulture Team
	Sykes 209	<i>Breaking the Language Barrier through Service Learning Projects</i> Andrea Varricchio, WCU Languages and Cultures; and Kathleen Langshultz, WCU student

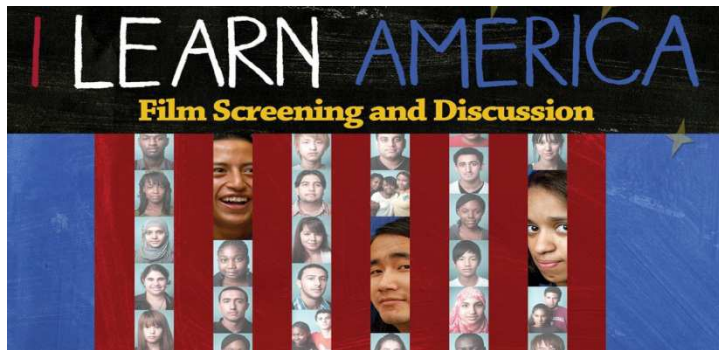
## Thursday, Sept. 28

2:00-3:15	Ballroom A	<b>Session 4</b> <i>Philadelphia: Sanctuary City Basics</i> Miriam Enriquez, Executive Director Offices of Immigrant Affairs; and Joanna Otero-Cruz, Deputy Managing Director, Community Services, Philadelphia Mayor’s Office
	Sykes 255	<i>Leaving the Comfort Zone: Social Work Students’ Stories of Building Bilingual, Bicultural Competence</i> Michele Belliveau, WCU Social Work; and Kimberly Alegria, WCU student
	Sykes 254	<i>100 Years of Citizenship: Colonial Violence and the Puerto Rican Promise</i> Iliana Pagán-Teitelbaum, WCU Languages and Cultures
	Sykes 252	<i>Human Rights in Latin America Panel and Exhibition</i> León Arredondo, WCU Anthropology; Megan Corbin, WCU Languages and Cultures; Michael Di Giovine, WCU Anthropology; Sebastián Guzmán, WCU Sociology; Daniela Johannes, WCU Languages and Cultures; and Linda Stevenson, WCU Political Science
3:30-4:45	Ballroom A	<b>NETWORKING RECEPTION</b>
4:00 – 4:50	Sykes 210	<b>Session 5</b> <i>Organizing for Immigrant Rights</i> Jessica Culley, Farmworker Support Committee (CATA); and Kaolin Workers Union (KWU)

**Thursday, Sept. 28**

**Session 6**

- 5:00 – Old Library *Human Rights in Latin America Exhibition Tour*  
 5:30 Building Michael Di Giovine, WCU Anthropology; and  
 Atrium WCU students: Chris Di Maria, Aaron Gallant,  
 Gabrielle Longreen, and Emily Rodden
- 5:00 – ***Learn America*** – *Film Screening and Discussion*  
 7:00 Sykes Theatre *of a Documentary about Immigrant High School*  
*Students Adapting to the United States*  
 Jean Michel Dissard, Film Director/Producer (via  
 Skype); Carmen Pacheco and Christina Salazar,  
 English Language Learner teachers, West Chester  
 Area School District; Innhwa Park and Jelena  
 Colovic-Markovic, WCU Languages and Cultures,  
 TESOL Program



**Friday, Sept. 29**

- 8:00- Sykes Lobby **Registration – *café y pan dulce***  
 9:00
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- 9:00- **Session 7**  
 9:50 Ballroom A *Left Behind: The Affective Meaning of Trash at*  
*the US-Mexico Border*  
 Daniela Johannes, WCU Languages and  
 Cultures
- Ballroom C *Welcoming Schools*  
 Maria Sotomayor-Giacomucci, Pennsylvania  
 Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC)
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- 10:00- **Session 8**  
 10:50 Ballroom A *Current Challenges Facing Undocumented*  
*Immigrants in Chester County and Beyond*  
 Lindsey Sweet, Esq. and Alicia Anguiano Esq.,  
 Immigration Attorneys
- Sykes 255 *Ugh! Not Another Diversity Workshop!*  
 Justin Brown, WCU Residence Life and  
 Housing Services
- Sykes 252A *Revolución Arte: Social Transformation in the*  
*Villa Inmigrante*  
 Obed Arango, Holly Link, and Diana Lugo,  
 Centro de Cultura, Arte, Trabajo y Educación  
 (CCATE)
- Sykes 254 *Creating Service Learning Opportunities for*  
*Public Health Students in a Latino Community:*  
*Strengthening Community-Campus*  
*Collaborations*  
 Debra Bill and Whitney Katirai, WCU Health  
 &  
*Reducing Health Disparities and Improving*  
*Birth Outcomes*  
 Milena Lanz, Executive Director, and Cecilia  
 Arce, Director of Projects, Chester County  
 Maternal and Child Health Consortium (MCHC)

## Friday, Sept. 29

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11:50

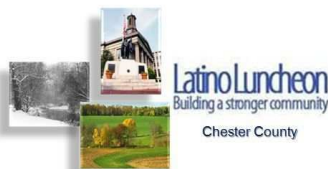
### Session 9

- Syke 254 *Perspectivas de la canción de autor y sus posibilidades didácticas (The Author's Song: Perspectives and its Didactic Possibilities)*  
Ángel Carrión Tavárez, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Río Piedras (English translation / interpretation will be available)
- Ballroom A *WCU Admissions 101*  
Stephanie Allen, WCU Admissions for Multicultural Student Recruitment and Community Outreach
- Sykes 255A *Latino and \_\_\_\_\_*  
Angiliska Morell, WCU Latino American Student Organization
- Sykes 252A *Honorando las Raíces Familiares: A Sociometric Exploration of Personal Immigration History*  
Maria Sotomayor-Giacomucci, Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC); and Scott Giacomucci, Trauma Treatment Specialist & Experiential Therapist

12:00 – 1:30

### Luncheon

***With the Latino Professional's Luncheon of Chester County***  
presentation of scholarship awards to West Chester University and Immaculata students. Greetings from WCU Provost Lorraine Bernotsky and Immaculata President Barbara Lettiere.



## Speakers and Abstracts

**Keynote Speaker: Dr. Javier Ávila**, professor of English at Northampton Community College (NCC). He is a poet and novelist, born and raised in Puerto Rico, and has published a dual-language anthology *Vapor: Selected Poems/Poesía selecta* in 2014. Dr. Avila has received numerous awards including the 2016 Hispanic Leader of the Year by the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce, the 2015 Pennsylvania Professor of the Year Award sponsored by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

The high-octane, poignant, and hilarious one-man show ***The Trouble with My Name*** consolidates Ávila's talents as a poet and professor. It is a tour-de-force that will make audiences laugh, cry, and embrace the autobiographical journey of a man who moves between cultures to provide a fascinating perspective of American Latinos who struggle to dispel misconceptions about their identity and place in the world. *The Trouble with My Name* examines the issues of language, race, and social justice and engages the audience as he tells the story of his life and reads poetry that illustrates what it means to be the American of the future. The message transcends boundaries of race, ethnicity, and geography. It is a show not to be missed.



## Speakers and Abstracts – Thursday, September 28

### **Latina Maternal Health and Immigrant Status in Southeastern Pennsylvania**

This study examines maternal health disparities among Latina mothers living in Chester County. It analyzes maternal and infant health data of Healthy Start Program participants to better understand those factors associated with postpartum depression including, maternal health, social support, home conflict, socioeconomic determinants, immigration status, and community characteristics.

*Miguel Ceballos, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Sociology at WCU.*

*León Arredondo, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at WCU.*

### **Immigrant Rights are Human Rights**

This session's title situates the current national and international debates about legal and illegal migrants in an International Relations framework. Under what conditions are migrants' rights considered human rights? And when should they be? The theoretical debates are illustrated with analyses from local town and Philadelphia to national and international examples. Discussion to be held about recent changes under the Trump administration and civil society responses.

*Linda Stevenson, Ph.D. is Professor of Political Science at WCU.*

### **Puerto Rican Art; Civilization, Colonization, Identity & the Global Stage**

A survey of Artistic movements from the era of the Tainos to the works of contemporary artists Allora & Calzadilla. The presentation looks at artists that explore the cultural identity of an island nation under colonization constantly reanalyzing its place in the world.

*Daniel De Jesús, Taller Puertorriqueño.*

### **The Illegality of Immigration**

This session will discuss the meaning and effects of illegality and undocumentedness for Mexican and other Latino-origin immigrants in the United States. Illegality as a socially constructed status is generally accepted as a fact, which harms not only the perception towards Latinos, but their status in society, and their daily embodied experience. This presentation aims to denaturalize illegality, and to unveil the complex, inconsistent, and sometimes perverse nature of U.S. immigration law and its history in constructing immigrants as "illegal".

*Miguel Ceballos, Ph.D. is Associate Professor of Sociology at WCU.*

*Daniela Johannes, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures at WCU.*

### **Silence is not Golden: Unveiling Intimate Partner Violence in a Medical Home**

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is often unrecognized and under addressed in the medical setting. We will review the IPV screening methods with a special focus on the Hurt, Insult, Threaten, Scream (HITS) screening method. We will also share the details of Community Volunteers in Medicine's Bilingual Behavioral Health Screening form, which screens for depression, anxiety, substance use, and IPV. We will close with a discussion of our HITS screening results from the last two years and the methods of culturally sensitive intervention we use when we encounter a positive screening. Recognizing and treating IPV can improve the lives of patients.

*Mary B Wirshup and Miriam P. Geiger, Community Volunteers in Medicine (CVIM).*

### **Latinos and Agriculture: A Changing Demographic**

Penn State Extension is actively reaching out to Latinos and providing statewide educational programs in agricultural business management and development to potential Spanish-speaking new farmers throughout the state. This presentation intends to increase participant's awareness, of the increasing need of bilingual Extension Educators, the career opportunities for students interested in Agriculture and related fields, and Penn State's current programming for helping Latinos farmers in Pennsylvania.

*Maria Gorgo-Gourovitch, M.S., is an Extension Educator and works for the Horticulture team at Penn State Extension.*

### **Breaking the Language Barrier through Service Learning Projects**

West Chester University students of Spanish hone their Spanish language skills while serving Latinos at the Community Volunteers in Medicine and in the ESL program at Upper Merion Area Middle School. As an introduction to a student presentation, Dr. Varricchio will present a brief over-view of the academic requirements of service learning and explain how the methodology was implemented in a Spanish Phonetics course and in the Language Internship course of the Department of Languages and Cultures at WCU.

*Andrea Varricchio, Ph.D. is Professor of Languages and Cultures at WCU.*

*Kathleen Langshultz is a WCU student.*

### **Philadelphia: Sanctuary City Basics**

This presentation will discuss Philadelphia's efforts in welcoming immigrants and refugees as well as update on current issues around so called Sanctuary Cities.

*Miriam Enriquez, Executive Director Offices of Immigrant Affairs.*

*Joanna Otero-Cruz, Deputy Managing Director, Community Services, Philadelphia Mayor's Office.*

### **Leaving the Comfort Zone: Social Work Students' Stories of Building Bilingual, Bicultural Competence**

Discusses themes from interviews with graduates of the BSW program. Given the needs of the growing Latino community in the region, the multiple opportunities for field placements and employment, and the need to infuse a global perspective into our curricula, professional programs must develop innovative ways to promote language fluency in our graduates.

*Michelle Belliveau, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Social Work at WCU.*

*Kimberly Alegria is a WCU undergraduate Social Work student.*

### **100 Years of Citizenship: Colonial Violence and the Puerto Rican Promise**

This presentation explores the historical causes of the current crisis in order to understand the recent migration of almost a million Puerto Ricans to the US mainland. The session analyzes the violent effects of colonialism and the anti-democratic

*Iliana Pagan-Teitelbaum, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures at WCU.*

### **Human Rights in Latin America Panel and Exhibition**

WCU faculty panel covering multiple dimensions of human rights in Latin America. Presenters will discuss cultural aspects of political opposition and social justice movements, memory and resistance, education and human rights, the impact of the war on drugs on human rights, undocumented migrants and border crossings, and museum practice and representation of human rights. Panel complemented by a student guided tour of the Old Library Atrium Museum exhibit.

*León Arredondo, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Anthropology.*

*Megan Corbin, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures.*

*Michael Di Giovine, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Anthropology.*

*Sebastián Guzmán, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Sociology.*

*Daniela Johannes, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures.*

*Linda Stevenson, Ph.D. is Professor of Political Science.*

### **Organizing for Immigrant Rights**

In these challenging times for immigrants living in the U.S., what can be done? This will be a session for individuals and groups interested in developing strategies and collaborative efforts to organize locally around immigrant rights.

*Jessica Culley, Farmworker Support Committee (CATA) and Kaolin Workers Union (KWU).*

### **Human Rights in Latin America Exhibition Tour**

Student co-curators under the direction of Professor Michael Di Giovine will lead visitors on a special behind-the-scenes tour of the exhibit *Human Rights in Latin America, 1967-2017*.

*Michael Di Giovine, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at WCU.*

*WCU students: Chris Di Maria, Aaron Gallant, Gabrielle Longreen, and Emily Rodden.*

### **I Learn America – film screening and discussion of a documentary about immigrant high school students adapting to the United States.**

In the documentary *I Learn America* five teenagers strive to master English, adapt to families they haven't seen in years, and create a future of their own while coming of age in a new land. After the film a panel of local high school students will discuss their own experiences as English Language Learners adapting to the United States while attending high school.

*Jean Michel Dissard, film director/producer (via Skype).*

*Carmen Pacheco and Christina Salazar, English Language Learner teachers, West Chester Area School District.*

*Innhwa Park, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of TESOL at WCU.*

*Jelena Colovic-Markovic, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of TESOL at WCU.*

## Speakers and Abstracts – Friday, September 29

### **Left Behind: The Affective Meaning of Trash at the US-Mexico Border**

This session offers an interactive approach to picked-up objects that have been left behind by migrants at the US-Mexico border. It focuses on the association of material waste with border-crossing bodies, which has led to qualify otherness as “trash.” In the collision of human matter with non-human matter, the disposability of objects and people requires a reimagining of life, death, and the politics of migration.

*Daniela Johannes, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Languages and Cultures at WCU.*

### **Welcoming Schools**

This workshop is intended to provide students, parents, community members and schools with the tools for affirming a school’s dedication to ensuring that all students, regardless of immigration status, are welcome, safe, and protected in the school environment. The Welcoming Schools Toolkit offers sample resolutions and policies representing proactive steps that schools can take to keep children K-12 and institutions of higher education safe from immigration enforcement raids, protect student privacy, and affirm a commitment to acceptance and inclusiveness.

*Maria Sotomayor-Giacomucci, Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC).*

### **Current Challenges Facing Undocumented Immigrants in Chester County and Beyond**

The change in Presidential Administrations has caused sweeping changes to the way that immigration enforcement is carried out nationally, and specifically in Chester County and the Delaware Valley region. This panel will discuss what is happening on the ground locally to undocumented immigrants and how immigration attorneys are attempting to defend their rights in these difficult times.

*Lindsey Sweet, Esq. and Alicia Anguiano Esq., Immigration Attorneys.*

### **Ugh! Not Another Diversity Workshop!**

An interactive Workshop: The purpose of Diversity Awareness Programs is to promote diversity and cultural awareness in all aspects of life to students, faculty and staff on a university campus. Come to be open, express, share and truly grow.

*Justin Brown, M.A. is a resident director at WCU Residence Life and Housing Services.*

### **Revolución Arte: Social Transformation in the Villa Inmigrante**

This presentation aims to share with audience members CCATE’s work towards community empowerment and social transformation and to open-up dialogue between presenters and audience members about collaborative, participatory methods for meeting these goals.

*Obed Arango is the Founder and Executive Director of CCATE; Holly Link and Diana Lugo, Centro de Cultura, Arte, Trabajo y Educación (CCATE).*

### **Creating Service Learning Opportunities for Public Health Students in a Latino Community: Strengthening Community-Campus Collaborations.**

The workshop will describe how service learning opportunities were developed, implemented and evaluated in a Latino community in Kennett Square. The Community-Campus collaborative consisted of West Chester University (WCU), Department of Health-- MPH Program in Community Health, and the WCU Office of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs, and *La Comunidad Hispana*.

*Debra Bill, Ph.D. is Professor of Health at WCU.*

*Whitney Katirai, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor of Health at WCU.*

### **Reducing Health Disparities and Improving Birth Outcomes**

The MCHC works to ensure that all pregnant and parenting women in Chester County have access to high-quality health care regardless of race, language, insurance status, or immigration status. Its mission is to improve maternal and child health through the collaborative efforts of individuals, providers, and policy makers and implementing evidence-based solutions to the social and economic barriers to health care access and early education for women, children, and families.

*Milena Lanz, Executive Director, and Cecilia Arce, Director of Projects, Chester County Maternal and Child Health Consortium (CCMCHC).*

### **Perspectivas de la canción de autor y sus posibilidades didácticas**

(The Author's Song: Perspectives and its Didactic Possibilities)

Discusión académica en torno a la canción de autor, su viabilidad como recurso para la enseñanza y el aprendizaje, y una muestra de canciones de este género para apoyar los asuntos esbozados.

This presentation provides an academic discussion about the “author’s song” genre, it’s viability as a resource for teaching and learning, and a sample of songs to illustrate the matter.

*Ángel Carrión Tavárez is Professor at Universidad de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Río Piedras.*

### **WCU Admissions 101**

West Chester University is dedicated to fostering and developing an inclusive and welcoming campus community to Latinos and all minority students. This session will be geared toward prospective students who may be interested in attending West Chester University. WCU undergraduate application procedures and the admissions process will be reviewed and discussed.

*Stephanie Allen, WCU Admissions for Multicultural Student Recruitment and Community Outreach.*

### **Latino and \_\_\_\_\_**

Being Latino is an identity most of us are proud of. However, it is not the only aspect of our identity. This program will discuss social identities, how they intersect, and how this concept of intersectionality is viewed through a Latino lens.

*Angiliska Morell, WCU Latin American Student Organization.*

### **Honorando las Raíces Familiares: A Sociometric Exploration of Personal Immigration History**

An immigrant activist and an experiential trauma therapist will bridge the gap between the political and the personal using action methods. This workshop explores the experience of immigration as both a personal trauma and personal loss while focusing on community strengths and Post-Traumatic Growth by utilizing sociometric tools.

*Maria Sotomayor-Giacomucci, Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC).*

*Scott Giacomucci, Trauma Treatment Specialist & Experiential Therapist.*

### **Latino Professionals Luncheon of Chester County**

The Latino Luncheon is a professional group whose main focus is to become acquainted with other Latinos in Chester County and the surrounding areas. The group's mission is to improve Chester County diversity competence and to maintain a positive environment by providing a forum for people from similar backgrounds, culture, and interests to come together to network, develop personally and professionally, identify issues of concern, and provide mutual support and advocacy. The Latin Luncheon will present scholarships awards to four West Chester University and Immaculata University students.

## **2017 Conference Organizers**

### **Latino Communities Conference Co-coordinators**

Dr. Miguel Ceballos (Sociology)

Dr. Daniela Johannes (Languages and Cultures)

### **Latino Communities Conference Organizing Committee**

#### **Faculty and Staff**

Dr. Leon Arredondo (Anthropology)

Dr. Michele Belliveau (Social Work)

Dr. Marcos Campillo-Fenoll (Languages and Cultures)

Jairo Henao (Multicultural Center)

Hiram Martinez (Office for Social Equity)

Dr. Chris Przemieniecki (Criminal Justice)

Dr. Linda Stevenson (Political Science)

Dr. Maria Urrutia (Dance)

Dr. Claire Verden (Special Education)

#### **Students**

David Reyes-Farias, Graduate Student in Spanish

Angiliska Morell, President, Latino American Student Organization

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- ❖ West Chester Latino Professionals Luncheon
- ❖ Mas Flow Dance Team: Angiliska Morell, Victor Moody, Jade Jones, Anibal Serrano, Matthew Irizary, Kaylah Gooden

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