

# Committee on Hispanics

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## *2016–2017 Membership*

Amy Oliver, chair (2017)

Robert K. Garcia, associate chair (2017)

Natalie P. Cisneros (2017)

Jose Jorge Mendoza (2017)

John W. Kaiser Ortiz (2017)

Kim Diaz (2018)

Cynthia M. Paccacerqua (2018)

Robert E. Sanchez Jr. (2018)

Juan J. Colomina (2019)

Ana K. Diaz (2019)

Lori Gallegos (2019)

Carlos Alberto Sánchez, newsletter editor

**APA Committee on Hispanics**  
*2017 Report*  
*September 29, 2017*  
*Submitted by Amy A. Oliver*

Membership:

Amy A. Oliver, Chair	American University
Juan J. Colomina	University of Texas
Ana K. Diaz	Montana State University Billings
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Robert K. Garcia, Assoc. Chair	Texas A&M University
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Robert E. Sanchez, Jr.	Mount St. Mary's University

Carlos A. Sánchez                      San Jose State University, Editor  
*Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues*

The members of the APA Committee on Hispanics engaged in the following activities during the 2016-2017 academic year.

We organized two sessions for the 2017 APA Eastern Division meeting:

**I. Author Meets Critics:**

***In-Between: Latina Feminist Phenomenology, Multiplicity, and the Self***  
**by Mariana Ortega**

Chair: Cynthia Paccacerqua (University of Texas Rio Grande Valley)

Critics:

Linda Alcoff (Hunter College)

Gail Weiss (George Washington University)

Author: Mariana Ortega (John Carroll University)

**II. Author Meets Critics:**

***Latin American Philosophy: From Identity to Radical Exteriority***  
**by Alejandro Vallega**

Chair: Ernesto Rosen Velasquez (University of Dayton)

Critics:

Ernesto Rosen Velasquez (University of Dayton)  
Eduardo Mendieta (Pennsylvania State University)  
Linda Alcoff (Hunter College)

Author: Alejandro Vallega (University of Oregon)

We organized two sessions for the 2017 APA Pacific Division meeting:

### **I. Book Symposium**

**José Antonio Orosco's *Toppling the Melting Pot: Immigration and Multiculturalism in American Pragmatism***

Chair: Alejandro Vallega (University of Portland)

Speakers:

José Jorge Mendoza (University of Massachusetts Lowell)  
Natalie Cisneros (Seattle University)  
Grant J. Silva (Marquette University)  
José Antonio Orosco (Oregon State University)

### **II. Creolizing Hegel**

Chair: Katharine Loevy (Pacific University)

Speakers:

Shannon Mussett (Utah Valley University)  
"Crossing Boundaries: Hegel, Beauvoir, and Hooks on Exclusion and Identity"  
Michael J. Monahan (Marquette University)  
"On Creolizing (Theoretical) Praxis"  
Carlos Alberto Sánchez (San Jose State University)  
"The Future is Now: Leopoldo Zea's Hegelianism and the Liberation of the Mexican Past"

We also co-sponsored four sessions:

**III. Institutional and Attitudinal Barriers**

**IV. Inclusiveness in Crisis: How Do We Address Social and Political Flashpoints in Philosophy Courses?**

**V. Outreach and Issues of Recruitment/Retention**

**VI. Inclusion and Diversity in Hiring Practices**

On July 1, 2017, Robert K. Garcia of Texas A&M University became Chair of the APA Committee on Hispanics and assumed responsibility for organizing sessions of the Committee beginning with the APA Eastern Division Meeting in January 2018.

The *Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* published two fascinating and timely issues:

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GUEST EDITORS Amy Reed-Sandoval and Caroline T. Arruda

*Interview with Eduardo Mendieta*

ARTICLES

Mariana Ortega *Mentoring, Praxical Thinking, and World- Making: Reflecting on the Space of the Roundtable on Latina Feminism*

Alex Madva *Implicit Bias and Latina/os in Philosophy*

Iván Sandoval-Cervantes *Understanding Latino Masculinities in the Classroom*

Yolanda Chávez Leyva and Amy Reed- Sandoval

*Philosophy for Children and the Legacy of Anti-Mexican Discrimination in El Paso Schools*

Jim Maffie

*Teaching Aztec (Mexico) Philosophy: Discussion and Syllabus*

Jim Maffie

*Aztec (Mexico) Philosophy Course Syllabus*

BOOK REVIEW

Edward S. Casey and Mary Watkins: *Up Against the Wall: Re-Imagining the U.S.-Mexico Border*

Reviewed by Emma Velez

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FROM THE EDITOR

Carlos Alberto Sánchez

DISCUSSION

José Antonio Orosco

*The Solace of Mexican Philosophy in the Age of Trump*

Susana Nuccetelli

*Repealing Obamacare: An Injustice to Hispanics*

José Jorge Mendoza

*Latinx and the Future of Whiteness in American Democracy*

ESSAYS

L. Sebastian Purcell

Winner, Essay Prize in Latin American Thought 2016:

*Eudaimonia and Neltiliztli: Aristotle and the Aztecs on the Good Life*

Manuel Bolom Pale, edited and translated by Carlos Alberto Sánchez

*Tsotsil Epistemology: An Intangible Inheritance*

Mario Teodoro Ramírez, translated by Carlos Alberto Sánchez

*Luis Villoro: Universal Mexican Philosopher*

Django Runyan

*In Search of the Philosophical Impulse: Zea and the Greeks*

Essay Prize in Latin American Thought 2017

Members of the Committee on Hispanics reviewed numerous essays for the 2017 APA Prize in Latin American Thought, and provided feedback to those who submitted essays. This year's prize was awarded to:

Francisco Gallegos (Georgetown University), "Surviving Social Disintegration: Jorge Portilla on the Phenomenology of Zozobra"

Heartfelt thanks are once again due to Ernesto Rosen Velasquez of the University of Dayton for skillfully managing the listserv:

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Over the past three years, aided by very slight demographic improvements, summer institutes such as PIKSI, which encourage continued study of philosophy by underrepresented students, growth in Indigeneity, Latin American and Latinx Studies, and newly published translations of Latin American philosophy, there has been increased participation in professional philosophy by Hispanic/Latinx scholars. In addition to the Committee's limit of two sessions per division meeting along with some co-sponsored sessions, there are now regular sessions of the Society for Mexican American Philosophy (SMAP) at the APA and outside (the first, free-standing SMAP conference was held at Texas A&M University in May 2017). Independent conferences are proliferating such as "Philosophy Across the Americas: Thinking *La Frontera*," planned by South Texas College and the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley for November 2017. Much remains to be done, but Hispanics/Latinx in philosophy are moving in the right direction.