

Committee on Hispanics

2013-2014 Membership

Mitchell Avila, chair (2014)

Amy Oliver, associate chair (2014)

John Carvalho (2014)

Luciana Garbayo (2016)

Jorge Gracia (2014)

Vicente Medina (2016)

Carlos Montemayor (2014)

Grant Silva (2015)

Ernesto Velasquez (2016)

Rocio Zambrana (2015)

Carlos Alberto Sánchez, newsletter editor

APA Committee on Hispanics

2014 Report

October 20, 2014

Submitted by Amy A. Oliver

Membership:

Amy A. Oliver, Chair	American University (2017)
Elena F. Ruiz	Florida Gulf Coast University (2015)
Grant J. Silva	Marquette University (2015)
Rocio Zambrana	University of Oregon (2015)
Luciana S. Garbayo	University of Texas El Paso (2016)
Vicente Medina	Seton Hall University (2016)
Ernesto Rosen Velasquez	University of Dayton (2016)
Natalie P. Cisneros	Gettysburg College (2017)
John W. Kaiser Ortiz	Millersville University (2017)
Jose J. Mendoza	Worcester State University (2017)
Carlos A. Sánchez	San Jose State University, Newsletter Editor

As the incoming chair (July 2014) of the Committee on Hispanics, I would like to report briefly to the Executive Committee of the American Philosophical Association about the committee's activities in 2014.

Through the efforts of Grant J. Silva (Marquette University), the committee organized two sessions at the Pacific Division Meeting in San Diego (March 27-30, 2014):

The first, a book session, provided those in attendance an in-depth opportunity to re-evaluate a previously understudied work by a Mexican philosopher who belonged to the Hyperion Group in the 1950s:

APA Committee Session: Book Symposium: Carlos Sánchez,
The Suspension of Seriousness: On the Phenomenology of Jorge Portilla
Arranged by the APA Committee on Hispanics

Chair: Grant J. Silva (Marquette University)
Speaker: Carlos Alberto Sánchez (San Jose State University)
Commentators: Francisco Gallegos (Georgetown University)
Michael J. Monahan (Marquette University)
Amy A. Oliver (American University)
Cynthia Paccacerqua (University of Texas–Pan American)

The second, a session on contemporary Latin American and Latino/a issues, featured vibrant discussion and a large, attentive audience:

APA Committee Session: Issues in Latin American and Hispanic Philosophy
Arranged by the APA Committee on Hispanics

Chair: José Jorge Mendoza (Worcester State University)
Speakers: Lori Gallegos de Castillo (Stony Brook University)
“A More Organic Empathy: Challenging Colonial Conceptions of Psychological Well Being”

Kim Diaz (Sam Houston State University)
"Awareness and Trust in Paulo Freire's *Conscientização*"
J. Angelo Corlett (San Diego State University)
"Reflections on U.S. Immigration Reform"
Grant J. Silva (Marquette University)
"The Racial and Colonial Dimensions of the Immigration Debate"

Carlos A. Sánchez, the continuing editor of the *Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues*, published the spring issue. The contents of VOLUME 13 | NUMBER 2, SPRING 2014, are as follows:

FROM THE EDITOR

Carlos Alberto Sánchez

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE APA COMMITTEE ON HISPANICS

ARTICLES

Robert Elí Sánchez, Jr.

Strengthening the Case for Latin American Philosophy: Beyond Cultural Resources

Christian Matheis

On Various Notions of "Relations" in Enrique Dussel's Philosophy of Liberation

BOOK REVIEWS

José Medina:

The Epistemology of Resistance: Gender and Racial Oppression,

Epistemic Injustice, and Resistant Imaginations

Reviewed by Lori Gallegos

Enrique Dussel:

Ethics of Liberation in the Age of Globalization and Exclusion

Reviewed by Don T. Deere

Members of the Committee on Hispanics reviewed essays for the Essay Prize in Latin American Thought. This year's prize was awarded to:

Philip Mack (Marquette University)

"Should a Concept of Truth be attributed to Nahuatl Thought? Preserving 'the Colonial Difference' between Concepts of the West and Nahua Philosophy"

Phil Mack will present his paper at the Pacific APA in Vancouver.

The committee is sponsoring two sessions at the Pacific APA in Vancouver, one of which is co-sponsored with the Committee on Inclusiveness. We also plan to submit panels for the Eastern and Central meetings in 2016.

With the assistance of Ernesto R. Velasquez (University of Dayton), I am attempting to expand significantly the number of listserv recipients. An updated list will benefit the activities of the Committee on Hispanics and the APA Task Force of Diversity and Inclusion, which is establishing databases of underrepresented populations in philosophy.

I look forward to an active 2015 for the Committee on Hispanics.