Abstract
This proposal is for the 2023 Latinx Philosophers’ Conference. The first conference was organized by Latin American philosophy graduate students Mariana Noé, Ignacio Ojeda, and César Cabezas at Columbia University in 2016. Since then, the conference has been held at Rutgers, Marquette, MSU Denver, and Temple University. This is a yearly conference that brings together Latinx Philosophers from all around the United States. The conference provides a space for Latinx philosophers to share their philosophical work, earn valuable conference-related experience, network with their peers, and establish mentorship relationships. The 2023 conference will be held at Temple University in April 2023. The keynote speakers are Mariana Ortega (Penn State) and Manuel Vargas (UC San Diego).

Basic Information
Project Coordinator(s)
Cesar Cabezas

Steering Committee
N/A

Funding Amount Requested
$1,250

Expected Project Completion Date
April 2023

Project Description
The conference will have two keynotes by Mariana Ortega (Penn State) and Manuel Vargas (UC San Diego), 8 paper presentations, a poster session by Temple undergraduate students, as well as a practical panel on professional and career advice. We will release a call for papers ahead of time to select the 8 paper presenters. Based on previous experience, we expect many submissions to focus on Latin American philosophy and Latinx social and political issues. That said, the call for papers is open to all philosophy subfields and traditions. Our goal is to represent the variety of research interests among philosophers who identify as Latinx. While the call for papers will be open to Latinx philosophers at all career stages, we will pay special attention to submissions by graduate students and early-career philosophers.

The poster session will be comprised of Temple undergraduate students enrolled in the Spring 2023 Latin American philosophy course at Temple University. The instructor (César Cabezas) has designed the course to make undergraduate students active participants in the conference. The class will have a conference assignment that students will be able to meet in various ways: giving a poster presentation, interviewing conference attendees, attending a talk and writing a report, etc.
Project Impact
The Latinx Philosophy Conference aims to address two important issues for Latinx philosophers in the U.S. First, the scarcity of Latinx philosophers, coupled with their scattered distribution across philosophy departments in the U.S., limits the spaces for camaraderie and collaborative work among this underrepresented group. The conference addresses this issue by creating one of these spaces and by promoting the creation of many more. We aim to provide a platform for the discussion of diverse aspects related to the Latinx experience from a philosophical perspective. In this way, we aim to contribute to the development of a philosophical environment more inclusive of the concerns of minority groups. Second, there is a shortage of Latinx philosophy faculty in the U.S. In order to increase the representation of Latinxs in faculty positions, we need to expand their opportunities for professional development. Our conference aims to provide such opportunities by encouraging early-career Latinx philosophers to earn valuable experience as conference participants, as well as receiving mentorship from more established Latinx colleagues. While these career development opportunities can help Latinxs who are already in academic philosophy, we also aim to address the pipeline problem at the level of undergraduate education. There is a problem in the way that philosophy presents itself as a discipline that prevents Latinx undergrads from seeing themselves as philosophers who belong to the academy. This conference gives them an opportunity to meet and interact with other Latinx philosophers whom they can identify with. Thus, one of the goals of this conference is to demystify philosophy for undergraduates and show that this is an accessible path for them.

Project Goals
• To provide a space where Latinx philosophers can present their work and comment on each other’s work in a supportive environment.
• To offer professional development opportunities to early-career Latinx philosophers through the panel on career advice, as well as mentorship relationships with more established scholars.
• To contribute to the diversification of academic philosophy at the undergraduate level.

Project Timeline
June 2022: Confirm keynote speakers
August 15, 2022: Release Call for Papers
December 15, 2022: Review Paper Submissions
January 15, 2022: Notify Selected Submissions’ Authors
February 1, 2022: Finalize Conference Program
March 2022: Guide undergraduate students on preparing their poster presentations
April 14-15, 2022: Hold Conference
Project Outreach
We will post the CFP on Philevents, as well as relevant listservs (e.g. Minorities and Philosophy). We will also contact philosophers who identify as Latinx in the UP directory. Event details, updates, and reminders will be shared on our Facebook page, the conference website, as well as Temple’s philosophy department website. We will also send the CFP and the finalized conference program directly to departments in the GPPC (Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium). Our promotion materials will highlight the broad range of philosophical topics and traditions that will be featured at the conference.

Accessibility Plan
Temple University is ADA compliant. We intend to reserve the 1st Floor Event Space in Charles Library at Temple University. The building is Temple's new library and is fully accessible. In line with Temple’s values, we are committed to providing participants with access to the facilities, the technology, and the information they need to have a successful conference experience. A sign interpreter will be available if needed. All presentations will be oral, and we will work with presenters to distribute accessible handouts in advance. A quiet room will be available for participants who require silence and/or are sensitive to light and sound. A lactation room, which is accessible by elevator, is available in the building. We will be confirming any food allergies and/or dietary preferences with participants in advance.

The conference organizers will serve as Accessibility Coordinators. We will work with Temple’s department of Disability Resources and Services to accommodate those with special needs. Conference registrations will include the following statement: “The conference organizers are committed to providing participants with access to the facilities, the technology, and the information they need to have a successful conference experience. Please contact us privately so that we can make the necessary accessibility arrangements with Temple’s Disabilities Resources and Services Center.”

We will work with the following experts:

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Temple University will procure accommodation at no cost. For more information, please see: https://disabilityresources.temple.edu/
**Evaluation Plan**

Goal 1: To provide a space where Latinx philosophers can present their work and comment on each other's work in a supportive environment. To assess this goal, conference organizers will collect data on conference participants and add it to our existing database of participants at previous conferences. We will then analyze the data to determine the extent of our reach to Latinx philosophers with respect to geographic location, career stage, and research interests.

Goal 2: To offer professional development opportunities to early-career Latinx philosophers through the panel on career advice, as well as mentorship relationships with more established scholars. To assess this goal, we will ask conference participants to fill out a short survey to rate the effectiveness of the career advice and mentorship provided at the conference, as well as suggestions for how to improve it in the future.

Goal 3: To contribute to the diversification of academic philosophy at the undergraduate level. To assess this goal, we will ask undergraduate students to submit a short essay (1-2 pages) recounting their experience at the conference and how it shaped their understanding of philosophy.

**Online Presence**

Audience: our primary audience is people interested in philosophy. We also think that the conference will appeal to people interested in Latin American Studies.

Advertising: we will post the CFP on Philevents, as well as relevant listservs (e.g. Minorities and Philosophy). We will also send the CFP to departments in the area. Event details will be shared on our dedicated Facebook page, as well as Temple's philosophy department website. We will contact philosophers who identify as Latinx in the UP directory. Finally, we will work with the GPPC (Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium) to advertise the conference in the Greater Philadelphia area.

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**Budget Narrative**

Hotel ($1,800.00): 3 nights for 2 keynote speakers for a total of 6 nights, hotel room per night is $300

Flights ($1,200.00): 2 flights ($600 on average) for keynote speakers

Dinner ($2,400.00): 2 dinners for 20 conference participants ($60 per person).

Breakfast ($500.00): breakfast catering for 25 participants

Refreshments ($400.00): coffee and snacks for coffee breaks

Advertisement ($50.00): flyers

Conference Supplies ($50.00)

Honoraria for keynote speakers ($500.00): $250 per keynote speaker
Poster Printing ($350.00): 10 undergraduate posters

5 need-based travel stipends for grad students and underfunded scholars ($1250): $250 each

**Other Funding Sources**

- Temple Philosophy: $1800 (funding confirmed)
- Temple College of Liberal Arts: $1000 (funding confirmed)
- Temple Latin American Studies Program: $300 (funding confirmed)
- Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium: $3000 (funding confirmed)
- Charles Library at Temple: $150 (plan to apply for funding)
- Center for the Humanities at Temple: $500 (plan to apply for funding)
- Minorities and Philosophy: $500 (plan to apply for funding)

Total confirmed funding: $6100
Total plan to apply for funding: $1150
Total expected funding: $7250
Total Budget: $8500

Request from APA Small Grants Fund: $1250 (this will allow us to cover the need-based travel stipends)