Latinx Philosophy Conference

Abstract
This proposal is for the 2023 Latinx Philosophers' Conference. The first conference was organized by Latin American philosophy graduate students Mariana Noé, Ignacio Ojea, 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 John Jay College in April 2024. The keynote speakers are Carolina Sartorio (Rutgers) and Nelson Maldonado-Torres (U-Conn)

Basic Information
Project Coordinator(s)
Sergio A. Gallegos-Ordorica

Funding Amount Requested
$2,400.00

Expected Project Completion Date
April 2024

Project Description
The conference will have two keynotes by Carolina Sartorio (Rutgers) and Nelson Maldonado-Torres (UConn), 6 individual paper presentations, and two panels by two different Latinx philosophical societies (the Society for Mexican-American Philosophy and Theorema-Sociedad Peruana de Investigación Filosófica). We will release a call for papers ahead of time to select the 6 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. In addition, the conference organizer (Sergio Gallegos-Ordorica) is scheduled to teach Latin American Philosophy in the Spring 2024 semester, and he 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 interaction and collaborative work among members this underrepresented group. The conference addresses this issue by creating a forum of collaboration and discussion 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 an environment more inclusive of the concerns of Latinx people. 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, particularly in Hispanic Serving Institutions. Philosophy often presents itself as a discipline hostile or, at best, indifferent to the concerns of undergraduate Latinx students. 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 make accessible and friendly philosophy for Latinx undergraduates, and show that this is an accessible path for them.

**Project Goals**

- To create a supportive space where Latinx philosophers can not only present their work and receive feedback, but also interact and collaborate with others.
- To promote mentorship opportunities for Latinx graduate students as well as Latinx early-career faculty by promoting conversations with distinguished senior Latinx scholars.
- To encourage the diversification of the profession at the undergraduate level by allowing Latinx undergraduate students to meet and interact with figures that they can relate to.

**Project Timeline**


**Project Outreach**

The CFP for the conference will be posted on Philevents, as well as on 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 John Jay’s website. We will also send the CFP and the finalized conference program directly to departments in the New York area (NYU, Columbia, CG-CUNY, Fordham, New School, etc.). Our promotion materials will highlight the broad range of philosophical topics and traditions that will be featured at the conference.

**Accessibility Plan**

John Jay College is ADA compliant. We intend to reserve the Moot Court (Room 6.68) in the New Building at John Jay College. University. The room and the building are fully accessible. In line with John Jay’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 John Jay's Office of Accessibility
Services (OAS) 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 John Jay's Office of Accessibility Services."

We will work with the following experts:

Nadia Griffith-Allen. Director of Accessibility Services and Children's Center Services. Phone: 212-237-8119
Email: ngriffith@jjay.cuny.edu

Gabriela Leal. Director of Compliance and Diversity/ Title IX Coordinator.
Email: gleal@jjay.cuny.edu. Phone: 646–557-4674

John Jay College will procure accommodation at no cost. For more information, please go to: https://new.jjay.cuny.edu/student-life/wellness/accessibility-services

**Evaluation Plan**

Goal 1: To create a supportive space where Latinx philosophers can not only present their work and receive feedback, but also interact and collaborate with others. To assess this goal, the conference organizer 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 promote mentorship opportunities for Latinx graduate students as well as Latin early-career faculty by promoting conversation with distinguished senior Latinx scholars. To assess this goal, the conference organizer will create and circulate a brief survey to gather information from conference participants regarding their exchanges at the conference.

Goal 3: To Encourage the diversification of the profession at the undergraduate level by allowing Latinx undergraduate students to meet and interact with figures they can relate to. To assess this goal, Latinx undergraduates attending the conference will be asked to write a brief report detailing how the conference modified their view of philosophy. The organizer will subsequently gather and compile these reports in an on-line portfolio.

**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 and Latinx 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 John Jay's philosophy department website. We will contact philosophers who identify as Latinx in the UP directory. Finally, we will work with philosophy departments in the New York area (e.g., NYU, Columbia, GC-CUNY, Fordham, New School, etc.) to advertise the conference.
**Budget Narrative**

Hotel ($1,800): 3 nights for 2 keynote speakers for a total of 6 nights, hotel room per night is $300. Train tickets or transportation for keynote speakers (300$). 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): 6 need-based travel stipends for grad students and underfunded scholars ($2400): $400 each.

**Other Funding Sources**

Organizer Junior Research Fund: $2000

John Jay College Philosophy Department: 1000$ (funding confirmed)

John Jay College Office for the Advancement of Research: 1500$ (funding confirmed)

John Jay Latinx and Latin American Studies Department: 850$ (funding confirmed)

Request from APA Small Grants: $2400 (this will enable us to cover need-based travel stipends for graduate students and underfunded scholars)
## 2024 Latinx Philosophy Conference Proposed Budget

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Sergio Armando Gallegos-Ordorica
Curriculum Vitae

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Academic positions

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
New York, New York, August 2018-Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Metropolitan State University of Denver,
Denver, Colorado, 2013-2018

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy, Denison University,
Granville, Ohio, 2012-2013

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, Queens College,
Flushing, Queens, 2002-2012

Areas of Specialization

Contemporary Latin American Philosophy, History of Philosophy (particularly, 17th century
Novohispanic Philosophy), Philosophy of Science, Feminist Philosophy, Philosophy of Race

Areas of Competence

Ethics, Ancient Philosophy, Indigenous Philosophy

Education

Ph.D. in Philosophy (with Honors), GC-CUNY, 2001-2011.
B.A. in Philosophy (with Honors), Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM),

Scholarly Publications

Journal articles

(2023) Responding to microaggression with irony: the case of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz. *Journal of Social Philosophy*, 1-20 (co-authored with Javiera Pérez Gómez)


(2021) Arte Culinario y Creación Poética en Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, *Crítica. Revista Hispanoamericana de Filosofía*, 53 (157), 13-44 (co-authored with Sofía Ortiz Hinojosa)
(2020) Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz on self-control. *Philosophy Compass*, 15 (10), 1-10


**Book chapters**


**Articles in Newsletters**

The Foundations of a Mexican Humanism in Emilio Uranga's *Analísis del Ser del Mexicano*. *APA Newsletter on Hispanic/Latino Issues in Philosophy* 20 (1), 13-18


**Book Discussions and Book Reviews**


Book review of *The Bloomsbury Companion to Analytical Feminism*, *Hypatia Reviews Online*


**Work currently under review**

Book manuscript submitted

Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (under contract with Cambridge University Press for the Cambridge Element series on Early Modern Women Philosophers; manuscript currently being revised to incorporate changes suggested by reviewers)
Journal articles submitted

Andrés Bello’s proto-pragmatic conception of truth” (under review at the Transactions of the Charles S. Peirce Society)

“Ekphrastic Moral Mirrors in New Spain: Sor Juana’s Neptuno Alegórico and Sigüenza’s Teatro de Virtudes Políticas” (revise and resubmit at the Journal of Modern Philosophy)

"Two Aesthetic Philosophies Born of Struggle: Alain Locke and José Carlos Mariátegui on the nature art and its emancipatory power” (revise and resubmit at Inter-American Journal of Philosophy)

Work in preparation

Journal articles

Rational love and reciprocity in Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz.

The Insurrectionist Ethics of Ricardo Flores Magón in Tierra y Libertad.

Bridging the gap between monstrosity and midwifery in Plato’s dialogues (co-authored with Madeline Martin-Seaver).

Selected Conference and Workshop Presentations

"Rational love and reciprocity in Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz", Brooklyn College Philosophy Series, September 2021

“Microaggressions, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz and the Value of Irony”, Extending New Narratives workshop (on-line), March 2021

“The Insurrectionist Ethics of Ricardo Flores Magón in Tierra y Libertad”, Struggle and Liberation Today conference (on-line), March 2021

“Vasconcelos’ Bolivarianism”, 117th American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (on-line), January 2021

“Hermila Galindo’s Pragmatist Feminism”, 117th American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Meeting (on-line), January 2021

“A Paradigm of Inter-American Philosophy for the 21st century: the 1926 Harris Foundation Lectures of José Vasconcelos and Manuel Gamio”, Southeast Roundtable In the Philosophy of the Americas UNC-Charlotte (on-line), September 2020
"A Model of Inter-American Philosophy: the 1926 Harris Foundation Lectures of José Vasconcelos and Manuel Gamio”, Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, Hacienda Santa Clara, San Miguel de Allende (March 2020)

"A Model of Inter-American Philosophy: the 1926 Harris Foundation Lectures of José Vasconcelos and Manuel Gamio”, NY Pragmatist Forum at Fordham University (February 2020)

“The Socratic Pedagogy of Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz”, Teacher's College (February 2020)


“Hermila Galindo's Constitutionalist Feminism”, Hispanic Heritage Month Colloquium, Borough of Manhattan Community College (November 2019)

“Philosophical Lessons from a Mexican Labor leader: Vicente Lombardo Toledano’s contributions to Indigenismo”, Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Grand Valley State University (November 2019)

“Royce and Caso: two parallel visions of the ideal of a Universal Community”, Douglas MacDonald Conference On Royce and His Students, Vanderbilt University (October 2019)


“Emilio Uranga and the analysis of Zozobra”, 2019 Graduate Center-CUNY Workshop on Emotions, May 3rd 2019


"Guerrilla Archiving: the Philosophical Foundations of an Anti-Hegemonic Philosophical Paradigm" (with Katrina Vandeven), 13th Radical Philosophy Association Conference, UMass Lowell, November 9th 2018

"Juxtaposing the aesthetic views of Alain Locke and Jose Carlos Maria”, Philosophy Born of Struggle Conference, Hamilton College, November 3rd 2018.
"En Mexico no hay negros, no hay negras": Afro-Mexican Women's practices of resistance against silencing", California Roundtable on Philosophy and Race, Emory University, October 7th 2017


“The Socratic Pedagogy of Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz” (with Adriana Clavel-Vasquez), Oxford Seminar on Early Modern Philosophy, March 14th, 2017.


“Standpoint and Healthcare: the Zapatista Experience”, 10th World Congress of Feminist Approaches to Bioethics, June 24th, 2014.


'Methodological Ethical Naturalism as Scientism: some criticisms”, All you need is science? Scientism and our multifaceted knowledge of reality, January 24th, 2014.

“Measurement as location on logical space: a defense of Van Fraassen” 29th Boulder Conference on the History and Philosophy of Science, November 2nd, 2013

“Externalism, Privileged Self-Knowledge and Slow-Switching” 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for Exact Philosophy, October 12th, 2012

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor, John Jay College
Whiteness at the Margins: Hernandez v Texas and Latino Racial Politics in the US (Spring 2023)
Philosophy of Comedy (Fall 2020)
Independent Study: Korean Philosophy (Spring 2020)
Senior Seminar in the History of Philosophy: Early Modern Women Philosophers (Spring 2020)
What is the common good? (Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2022)
Ethical Foundations (Fall 2019, Fall 2020)
Native American Philosophy (Fall 2020)
Latin American Philosophy (Spring 2019)
Philosophy of Science (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021)
Judicial and Correctional Ethics (Fall 2018)

Assistant Professor, MSU Denver
History of Modern Philosophy (Spring 2017)
Philosophy of Race (Fall 2016)
Philosophy of Religion (Spring 2016, Spring 2015)
Metaphysics (Fall 2015)
Latin American Philosophy (Fall 2014)
Introduction to Ethics (Summer 2014)
Philosophy of Science (Spring 2014)
Introduction to Philosophy (Fall 2013)
Logic, Language and Persuasion (Fall 2013)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Denison University
Freshman Year Seminar: Self-Knowledge (Fall 2012)
Metaphysics (Fall 2012)
Philosophical Issues in Science (Spring 2013)
Lecturer, Drew University,
Philosophy of Language (Fall 2011)
Introduction to Ethics (Fall 2011)
Queens College, Department of Philosophy, August 2002-August 2012
Introduction to Philosophy (8 sections)
Introduction to Ethics (4 section)
Modern Logic (3 sections).
Philosophy of Language (1 section)

Service to the Philosophy Department and to John Jay College

Philosophy Department Representative to UCASC (Fall 2019-Spring 2021, Fall 2002-Present)
Curriculum Committee, Philosophy Department (Fall 2019-Spring 2021, Fall 2002-Present)

Professional Activities and Services to the Profession

Member of the Executive Board of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2021-Present
Co-Chair of the Program Committee of Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2022-2023.
Member of the Coss Dialogues Committee of the Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy, 2019-2021.
Organizer of the 9th Annual Conference of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers at the University of Colorado-Boulder, 2017.
Organizer of the First conference on the Philosophy of Liberation at MSU Denver, April 2014
Faculty Advisor to Episteme, the Student Philosophy Journal of Denison University, 2012-2013
Organizer of the 2nd Annual Conference of the American Association of Mexican Philosophers at the City College of New York, CUNY, 2009.

Professional Memberships
  American Philosophical Association
  American Association of Mexican Philosophers
  Society for the Advancement of American Philosophy

Honors, Awards, & Fellowships

  Humanities Unbounded Faculty Visiting Fellowship at Duke University ($93000), 2021-2022
  Summer Stipend, Project on Embodied Religion-John Templeton Foundation ($3000), 2016
  Glenn C. Joy Award-First Prize, New Mexico-Texas Philosophical Society ($750), 2016
  International Travel Award, MSU Denver ($1000), 2013
  CUNY Sue Ronsenberg Zalk Student Travel Award (500$), 2007
  CUNY Writing Fellowship at the CUNY Law School (20K) 2005-2007.
  CUNY Tuition Award 2004, 2005
  CONACYT Fellowship, 2001-2005.
  SEP Complementary Fellowship, 2001-2003
  Norman Sverdlin Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis in Philosophy, 2001.