Feliz Año from the Research Center for the Americas

With a new year comes a fresh start, and the RCA wishes you a happy and healthy 2022. We are pleased to accept applications for dissertation writing support and registration for professional development webinars for graduate students this quarter. We are also hosting two virtual events in our "Mobilities and Belonging" series with Dr. Rosina Lozano of Princeton University and Dr. Viviana MacManus of Occidental College.

As you'll see in the newsletter, we welcomed a new member to the RCA team and in November 2021, we hosted visitors from France who are doing stories about the work of the Human Rights Investigations Lab. We also want to congratulate the Fall award recipients who expand the impact of the RCA around the world. 2022 marks our 30th anniversary so save-the-date of October 20, 2022 for an amazing celebration with award-winning journalist Maria Hinojosa.

Thank you for your continued support of the RCA. We look forward to welcoming you at our upcoming events and invite you to check out our 2020–21 annual report.

Saludos,
Sylvanna M. Falcón
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WINTER VIRTUAL EVENTS
We are pleased to present two events as part of “Mobilities and Belonging.” Our events are free and open to the public. Closed captioning and an ASL interpreter will be provided.

**Dr. Rosina Lozano: “Archives in Plain Sight: Researching Latina/o/x History”**

**Thursday, January 20, 2022**
**12:00 noon–1:30 p.m. PST**
**Virtual Event – REGISTER today!**

Come join us as Dr. Rosina Lozano will be in dialogue with Dr. Kirsten Silva Gruesz, professor of Literature at UC Santa Cruz and RCA Steering Committee member. More information can be found on our website.
Dr. Viviana MacManus: "Disruptive Archives: Feminist Memories of Resistance in Latin America’s Dirty Wars"

Thursday, February 24, 2022, 12:00noon–1:30 p.m PST
Virtual Event – REGISTER today!

The RCA is proud to host Dr. Viviana MacManus in dialogue with Dr. Sylvanna Falcón, RCA Director and Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at UC Santa Cruz. More information can be found on our website.

WINTER WORKSHOPS

UC Santa Cruz Graduate Students
We are pleased to provide access to three webinars to UC Santa Cruz graduate students by The Professor Is In.
* For Grad Students Only: Turning Your Ph.D. Into a Job
RCA Winter Newsletter: Grant Recipients, Events, & Student Support

* Productivity Kickstart and Strategy Session
* LinkedIn Without Fear: An Intro for Academics

Please register by February 1, 2022 to be provided access to these webinar links.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

UC Santa Cruz Graduate Students Dissertation Writing Support
Back by popular request, and with support from the Latin American and Latino Studies Department, we are co-sponsoring at least five Ph.D. candidates writing dissertations in the fields of Chicano/Latina Studies and/or Latin American Studies to have one chapter professionally copyedited. See our webpage for more information and to apply. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2022.

RCA's WORK IN THE WORLD

UC Santa Cruz hosted Virginie Roels, the Editor in Chief of La Chronique, Amnesty International-France’s magazine and journalist/filmmaker Paul Moreira in November 2021. They traveled from Paris, France to learn about the Human Rights Investigations Lab, which is housed in the Research Center for the Americas. The Dean of Social Sciences Katharyne Mitchell welcomed them to campus and they interviewed several people at UC Santa Cruz, including Dr. Sylvanna Falcón (director of the RCA and the HRI Lab), Dr. Fernando Leiva of Latin American and Latino Studies, Dr. Saskia Nauenberg Dunkell of The Humanities Institute, as well as several student researchers in the lab, including Ph.D. candidate Monica Mikhail of Anthropology. It was an exhilarating visit and we look forward to seeing their upcoming stories later this year!
You can read more about the RCA’s Human Rights Investigations Lab in the latest issues of UC Santa Cruz Magazine and Inquiry @ UC Santa Cruz Research Magazine.

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP)

Whiteness and International Academic Mobility
This URAP project is under the supervision of Dr. Patricia Pinho, RCA Steering Committee member and associate professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at UC Santa Cruz. This research project examines the intersections of race, mobility, and international education by analyzing whiteness in the context of “Science without Borders” (SwB), a program of the Brazilian federal government that funded the international academic mobility of over 93,000 college students between 2012 and 2016. The Institute for Social Transformation's Building
Belonging Program is sponsoring the undergraduate student, Alma Munguia-Galvan (double major in Latin American & Latino Studies/Legal Studies, Kresge College, senior).

The Impacts of COVID-19 on Racial Inequality
Under the supervision of Dr. Robert Fairlie, RCA faculty affiliate and professor of economics at UC Santa Cruz, this URAP project focuses on understanding the impacts of COVID-19 on racial inequality in economic outcomes by drawing on large datasets from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The undergraduate student researcher, Julian Barragan (combined major in economics/environmental studies; minor in Latin American and Latino Studies, College Nine, senior) is being sponsored by The Institute for Social Transformation's Building Belonging Program, will be analyzing and interpreting the findings with the goal of improving public policy.

WELCOME to the RCA Team
Yoselyne Cerros, the new program and events assistant for the RCA, is a fourth year undergraduate student majoring in Latin American and Latino Studies/Politics and minoring in legal studies. Born in Los Angeles, CA, Yoselyne is the proud daughter of Mexican immigrants and hopes to advocate for the Latinx community through her work at the RCA. She was part of the inaugural cohort for the Human Rights Investigations (HRI) Lab in Fall 2019 and is now an undergraduate team manager for the HRI Lab. Her interests include legal advocacy and criminal justice reform, which she hopes to pursue in her professional career.
AWARD WINNERS

The RCA is thrilled to support research by UC Santa Cruz faculty and graduate students as well as sponsor Research Clusters. Congrats to our award winners.

Individual Faculty Research Awards

- **Dr. Josefina Bittar**, Department of Languages and Applied Linguistics, "Guaraní Corpus Improvement."
- **Dr. Sara Niedzwiecki**, Politics Department, "Immigrants’ Access to Social Policy in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and the Dominican Republic."
- **Dr. Patricia Pinho**, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, "Whiteness and International Academic Mobility: The Impact of Living and Studying Abroad on the Racial Identity and Network Capital of White Brazilians."
- **Dr. Alicia Riley**, Sociology Department, "Loss and Survivorship: Social Impacts of COVID-19 Mortality in Latinx Spanish-speaking Communities."

Graduate Student Grants

- **Theresa Johnson**, Sociology, "When We Travel: Transnational black feminist curricula and liberatory geographical imaginaries in community-based roots travel organizations."
- **Monica Mikhail**, Anthropology, "Forget Bolivia, Remember God: Transnational Belonging through Social Service Provision by the Coptic Church in Bolivia."
- **Marina Segatti**, Feminist Studies, "Queer and Trans Digital Activism in Brazil: Democracy and Sexuality."

Research Cluster Awards

- "Concepts of Indigeneity in the Twenty-first Century Reading Group" Participants: Amando Arugeta-Vogel, Ana Flecha, Mario Gomez-Zamora and Anastasie Lenoir, Department of Latin American & Latino Studies.
- "Latin American Biopolitics Reading Group"
A 30th anniversary celebration of the RCA will be an event not to be missed! It will be held at the Cowell Hay Barn on October 20, 2022 and feature keynote speaker Maria Hinojosa. Read more about Maria Hinojosa’s incredible career on our website. Join us for great conversation, good food, dancing, and more!

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