

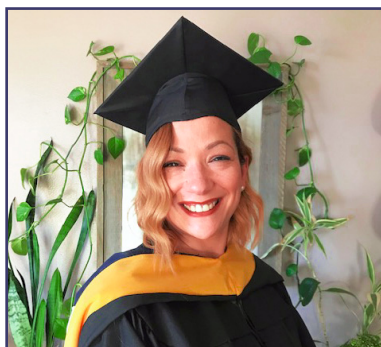
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BRONX COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION OF LATINO FACULTY AND STAFF

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CELEBRATING FACULTY & STAFF 2019-2020 ACHIEVEMENTS

- MILESTONES -



GRISSELLE NADAL

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Grisselle Nadal earned a second master's degree in Human Resource Management in 2020 from the Zicklin School of Business at Baruch College.



DEAN MANNY LOPEZ

STUDENT LIFE

Manny Lopez earned a Ph.D. in Urban Education (Learning Sciences) in 2019 from the CUNY Graduate Center.



DR. RAQUEL A. OTHEGUY

HISTORY

Dr. Otheguy has been named a 2020 National Academy of Education/Spencer Post-Doctoral Fellow.

- ACCOMPLISHMENTS -



DR. CRYSTAL RODRIGUEZ

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Conference Presentations:

Rodriguez, C. C. & Rima, B. (2020). For Our Students: Latinx Pedagogy & Curricula, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rima, B. & Rodriguez, C. C. (2019). *iPresente!* Building a More Inclusive Community College Curriculum. Association for Women in Psychology Annual Conference, Rhode Island.

Rodriguez, C. C., Leyro, S., & Vizcarrondo. (2019). Preparing future practitioners:

Teaching First-Semester Freshman How to Conduct Research. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland.

Hoiland, S. L., Wilder, E. I, & Rodriguez, C. C. (2019). Assessing Numeracy in a Faculty Development Program, The Community College Conference on Learning Assessment, Valencia College, Orlando, Florida.

Rodriguez, C. C. (2018). Infusing Quantitative Reasoning into Criminal Justice, Numeracy Infusion for College Educators (NICE), Hostos Community College, Bronx, New York.

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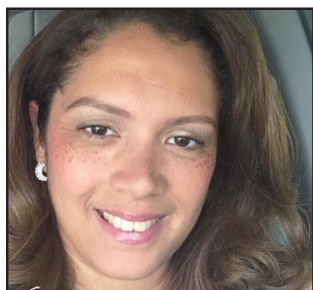
Grant:

Rodriguez, C. C. & Rima, B. (2020-2021) Exploring *iPresente!* Participants Experiences and Assessing Cross-Cultural Competency, PSC CUNY Research Award Grant

Service:

In Fall 2019, with colleagues Angela Wambugu Cobb, Elizabeth Payamps, Claudia Ramirez, Raymond Gonzalez, Tamar Montuma, Tiffany Dubon, and Dr. Rodriguez created the "Social Justice Action Committee" at BCC.

Since January of 2019, Dr. Rodriguez is also a NYC Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer in the Bronx with the Office of Emergency Management.



LEIDY PICHARDO

COLLEGE DISCOVERY



DR. J. JUECHTER

PERKINS TUTORING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO ENHANCE COLLEGE TUTORING PRESIDENTIAL GRANT AWARD

Leidy Pichardo, Academic Support Manager in College Discovery, and J. Juechter, Director of Perkins Tutoring, developed and wrote a BCC Presidential Grant in collaboration with Jan Robertson, Director of the Writing Center, which was awarded to the team in February 2020 for a 12-month period.

The grant's funding is dedicated to a variety of activities designed to enhance and foster high-quality campus tutoring. Two of the grant activities, a tutor exchange with Fordham University and the purchase of library and tutoring center materials, were initiated prior to the quarantine. All of the other activities will resume in September and will include tutor conference support, faculty and tutor workshops, campus newsletters featuring tutor research and programming, tutor exchanges with 4-year colleges, and national certification workshops for tutors.

TUTOR CELEBRATION: A TUTOR RECOGNITION ZOOM CELEBRATION

The Spring 2020 transition from classroom to online tutoring was an extraordinary challenge for BCC tutors across the disciplines. As departments selected various online platforms, (Zoom, WebEx, Bluejeans, Google Docs, Bb Collaborate), tutors had to learn new approaches and innovate strategies to assist students. Leidy Pichardo and J. Juechter worked with Jan Robertson to schedule and deliver an award recognition meeting on June 10, held via Zoom, attended by President Isekenegbe, V.P. Delgado, V.P. Rapalo, Dean Montenegro and Dean Lopez as well as the 25 attending tutors from a variety of disciplines. Accolades from faculty and staff were included and a slide show of tutors in action was presented. Awards were forwarded to the tutors post-event.

DR. BARBARA FLORES-CABALLERO PRESENTS AT THE LATIN AMERICAN COLLEGE BOARD CONGRESS 2019

Dr. Barbara Flores-Caballero (Education and Academic Literacy) represented BCC at the Latin American College Board Congress 2019 in Guadalajara, Jalisco, México on October 4th.

Presentation Title:

Higher Education and Society: Necessary Alliance in Academic Retention

Description:

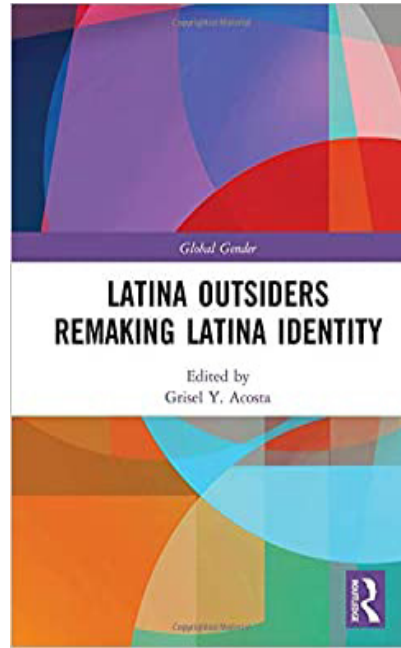
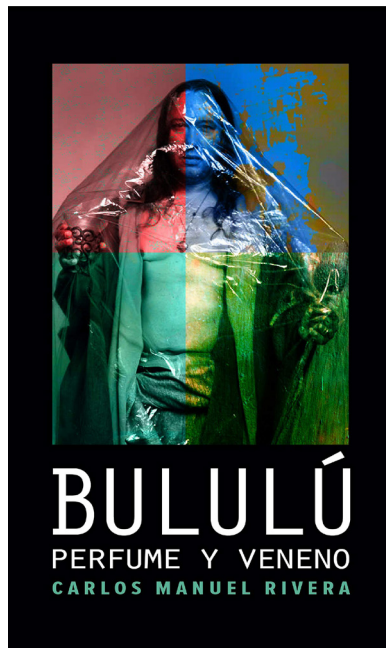
Education arises from the need for different countries to have a better workforce. In turn, learning becomes a right for each individual to become part of society, its family, the community, and the country where he lives. However, schools and institutions of higher education face the problem of how to retain students, furthermore, how to help them finish the academic grade they started.



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- PUBLICATIONS -

Dr. Carlos Manuel Rivera's (World Languages and Cultures) latest book, *Bululú: perfume y veneno*, published by Editora Educación Emergente, offers an anthology of performative texts and textual performances. Bululú is the name of traveling comedians who represented multiple characters in the robust Iberian tradition of street and popular theater.



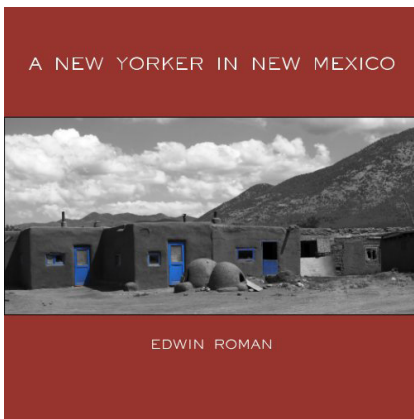
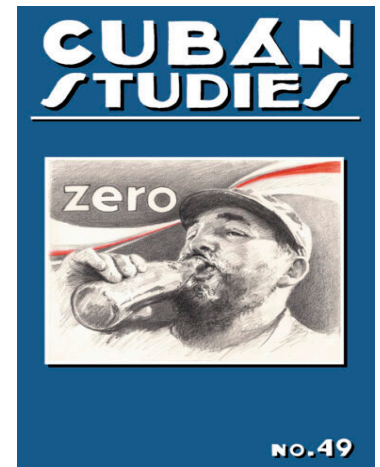
Dr. Grisel Acosta's (English) latest book, *Latina Outsiders Remaking Latina Identity*, published by Routledge, is an exploration of Latinas on the periphery of both Latina culture and mainstream culture in the United States.

Dr. Raquel A. Otheguy (History) published an article titled ""Es de suponer que los maestros sean de la misma clase": What a Nineteenth-Century Teaching Application Reveals about Race, Power, and Education in Colonial Cuba" in the peer-reviewed journal *Cuban Studies*.

Dr. Crystal Rodriguez (Social Sciences) noted the following articles:

Rodriguez, C. C. & Rima, B. (2019). Examining the Perceptions of Community College Faculty Teaching Learning Communities, *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*.

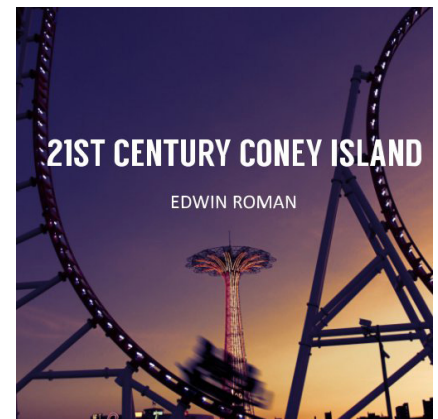
Rima, B., Rodriguez, C. C. & DePaola, T. (2018). Supplementing the 'College Experience' with First Year Program-Based Learning Communities, *Community College Journal of Research and Practice*, 43(12), pp. 840-853.



Edwin Román (Transfer Services) self-published two photography books.

Proceeds from *A New Yorker in New Mexico* will be donated to the While they Wait Fund (coordinated by Brooklyn Defender Services and RAICES), which helps to pay for immigration fees and legal services for those who risked everything to be in the United States.

Proceeds from *21st Century Coney Island* will be donated to Habitat for Humanity Puerto Rico. To learn more, visit his website: edwinroman.com.



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- ASSOCIATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS -

ADELANTE ESTUDIANTES

The Association launched the Adelante Estudiantes student mentoring program via a Presidential grant. Students were mentored by an Association member, as determined by their major or future career aspirations. They also maintained journal entries of meetings with their mentor. Student mentee, Lennin Charalla, noted:

As a mentee of the Latino Association Mentoring Ambassador Program Adelante Estudiantes I had the opportunity to meet a wonderful mentor, Dean Alexander Ott. He helped me to better navigate the transition to distance learning due to the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak. Dean Ott assisted me in many ways such as:

- Meeting with me virtually once a week and via email.
- Assisted and directed me with information about scholarships.
- Helped me to enroll in honors courses for the Fall 2020 semester.
- Assisted me whenever I had any academic questions or concerns.
- Guided me with my resume and cover letter.

I'm glad to be part of the Latino Association Program, and having a mentor who has been in touch with me often helped me to achieve my goals during the complicated Spring 2020 semester.

I would like to also share all of my accomplishments during the spring semester. In addition to participating in ALFS program, I was invited and accepted to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

I also served as a Senator for the SGA 2019-2020 period.

I was elected Senator for the SGA 2020-2021 period and finished the spring semester maintaining a 4.0 GPA.

RELIEF FOR PUERTO RICO

In late September 2017, Hurricane Maria made landfall in Puerto Rico causing devastating damage. The federal government failed to provide adequate assistance. Puerto Rico was still reeling from this when it was hit with a series of earthquakes in January of 2020. The BCC Association of Latino Faculty and Staff responded, just as they had after Hurricane Maria.

Over five thousand items were donated.

Please view the video that details the association's efforts: <https://youtu.be/VOrHiW2hi48>

