Celebrating Latinx Heritage Month

On behalf of the Association for Latino Faculty & Staff, we welcome you to Latinx Heritage Month! This month honors and celebrates the trailblazers who have marked our history and paved the way for all of us today. Let us celebrate all our faculty and colleagues that continue to contribute to our community and prepare the way for our next generation.

Please watch our special welcome video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R2Il__emjo&t=86s

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Dr. Crystal Rodriguez Spearheads Successful Mentoring Program Via ALFS at BCC

The Association of Latino Faculty and Staff, Committee for Faculty & Staff Professional Development started a Professional Mentoring Program in Fall 2020 and are continuing into Fall 2021.

The purpose of this mentoring program is to provide junior faculty and staff with guidance in multiple domains of career development. This is a one-year academic commitment (Fall and Spring, Summers optional). This program meets the BCC's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan “Objective 2.2: Support Excellent Teaching, Scholarship of Teaching/Learning, and Faculty Diversity.” With the guidance of senior faculty and staff, mentees set short- and long-term goals, design a plan, receive constructive feedback, and accomplish their goals. Our goal is to help increase retention and promotion of underrepresented faculty and staff at BCC.

All of our mentors and mentees have volunteered for this program. We are thankful for their commitment and dedication to the advancement of ALFS members. For questions or if interested in joining this professional mentoring program, feel free to contact Dr. Crystal Rodriguez, Chairperson for Faculty & Staff Professional Development at latino.association@bcc.cuny.edu.


Continue to page 4 to view the names of participants from cohorts 1 and 2.

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Fall 2021 Welcome Back Presidential Message from Leidy Pichardo, Academic Support Coordinator at the College Discovery Program

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Check out the Association on social media

https://www.facebook.com/BCCALFS

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Learn About the Association’s Newest Award:

The Leadership and Emotional Intelligence Award Established by Dr. Bárbara Flores-Caballero

The Leadership and Emotional Intelligence Award founded by Dr. Bárbara Flores-Caballero, Assistant Professor in the Education and Academic Literacy Department at Bronx Community College is open for students in the Latino, Latina or LatinX community continuing to pursue their Bachelor’s Degree studies. They are seeking to recognize a student who demonstrates emotional intelligence (ability to identify and manage your emotions while also recognizing others) and the willingness to serve, influence and motivate others to lead by example.

The Leadership and Emotional Intelligence Scholarship’s emphasis is to bring awareness that in order to be a successful and advantageous professional you need to have the necessary tools, strategies and techniques of emotional intelligence to achieve your dreams.

This scholarship will grant the student the opportunity to continue on developing their leadership and emotional intelligence skills with the aim that they can make a difference as a future Latino/a or LatinX leader in any field of study they seek.
Dr. Bárbara Flores Caballero and Fellow Scientists Publish Study on Nomophobia

Do you know what is nomophobia?

Dr. Bárbara Flores-Caballero from the Department of Education and Academic Literacy and fellow scientists in Puerto Rico conducted research on the fear of detachment from mobile phone connectivity. This unique research, conducted by a group of three Puerto Rican scientists, surveyed 100 people to determine whether or not they were aware of nomophobia as well as the health consequences. The study is the first of its kind in Puerto Rico.

A report of the investigation was published on September 14, 2021, by the newspaper El Vocero in the article, “Nomofobia y sus efectos en la salud psicosocial y física en el estudiante universitario.” Translated, the English title is, “Nomophobia and its effects on psychosocial and physical health in university students.” The study can be read at:

https://www.elvocero.com/noticia_rotary/article_586fcdce-11b0-11ec-a5d1-1fbf0348ca09.html

Dr. Grisel Y. Acosta Publishes Things to Pack on the Way to Everywhere

Things to Pack on the Way to Everywhere (2021) by Dr. Grisel Y. Acosta, is a blueprint for Afro-Latinx adventurers who want to keep their sanity in a world that does not value the history or contributions of Black/Latinx women.

The author shares moments of despair, anger, elation, joy, and love, as she pieces together her history and ancestry, while finding catharsis through Black punk revolutionaries like Poly Styrene and the Chicago House movement. Follow her journey toward empowerment while fighting sexism and neoliberalism in the medical industry, academia, and in a world-wide pandemic. Watch as she decides that we all have time for self-care and dance, even as the world descends into chaos.

For more details and comments from prominent writers about the work, please visit the following link:

https://gfbpublishing.org/shop/ols/products/pre-order-things-to-pack-on-the-way-to-everywhere

PUBLICATIONS


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ALFS CABINET MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Professor Nelson Santana & Colleagues Bring LACUNY Institute Conference to BCC for First Time; Provide Platform for Ethnic Studies

Prior to being elected vice-president / president elect of the Library Association of The City University of New York (LACUNY) this past spring (2021), Professor Nelson Santana spent two years co-organizing the LACUNY Institute 2020/2021 Conference. As co-chair, Professor Santana worked with fellow BCC librarian colleagues Professor Nicole Williams, Professor James Watson, and several LACUNY members—all library faculty within the City University of New York.

The two-day conference, held on May 5th and 6th, respectively, included multiple panels related to Ethnic Studies, diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility. BCC President Dr. Thomas Isekenegbe spoke at the opening session. Dr. Lorgia García Peña—a prominent voice within Ethnic Studies—delivered the keynote address.

Program and all conference details are available at the following link:
https://2021lacunyinst.commons.gc.cuny.edu/9-2/theme-program/

Professor Nelson Santana Awarded PSC CUNY Grant

Professor Nelson Santana was awarded a PSC CUNY Traditional A Award. The $3,500 award will allow Professor Santana to travel to the Dominican Republic in order to visit repositories throughout the nation. He expects to visit the Archivo General de la Nación (AGN) and Biblioteca Nacional Pedro Henríquez Ureña, as well as other, more niche repositories. Professor Santana’s project centers around Dominican exiles.

Professor Nelson Santana Named Fellow of CUNY’s Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (FFPP)

In spring 2021, Professor Nelson Santana participated in CUNY’s Faculty Fellowship Publication Program (FFPP). The FFPP is a university-wide initiative that provides untenured faculty the opportunity to work under the guidance of a tenured faculty member and alongside a team of fellows, work toward the “design and execution of writing projects essential to progress toward tenure.” Professor Santana’s project focuses on the work he has done developing the BCC Library’s collection since his arrival in 2017, focused on building a diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible collection.

CONFERENCE & PANEL PRESENTATIONS


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LATINX HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS AT BCC
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During Latinx Heritage Month, we held a series of special events and workshops programmed in collaboration with different organizations and college departments. Please see a list of our events below:

2021 LatinX Heritage Month at Bronx Community College

9/17/21 12:00pm – 2:00pm Salsa Under the Sun with Los Clarinetes Magicos (On Campus Location: Meister Underpass)

9/17/21 2:00pm – 3:30pm BCC’s Constitution & Citizenship Day

9/24/21 12:30 – 2:30pm Let Dreamers Dream

9/24/21 3:00 – 6:00pm The Racism Exhibition

9/28/21 12:00pm – 2:00pm National Voter Registration Day

9/29/21 6:00pm – 8:00pm Book party for Dr. Grisel Y. Acosta, celebration for 10 years of Thesis!

10/8/21 12:00pm – 2:00pm Becca’s y Cafecito (Scholarship Workshop)

10/15/21 5:00pm – 6:00pm BCC Keep Your Distance Comedy Show: LatinX Edition

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