

LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

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=2R2II_emjo&t=86s):
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Fall 2021 Welcome Back Presidential Message from Leidy Pichardo, Academic Support Coordinator at the College Discovery Program



Direct link to [video message](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7WReJEsmKQ):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7WReJEsmKQ>

Dr. Crystal Rodríguez 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.

For mentee experiences, please see the Provost Monthly Report for April/May 2021(pages 4-5): <http://www.bcc.cuny.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/april-may-2021.pdf>

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

Check out the Association on social media

<https://www.facebook.com/BCCALFS>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_oFkmGA5ikHAhKuKP_7Rnw



ALFS AWARDS FOR BCC STUDENTS

Name of Award	Link to GiveGab Donation Page
BCC GRIT Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/grit-award
Dr. Lester Rápalo DACA Student Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/dr-lester-edgardo-sandres-rapalo-award
Edelmira Alers Latinas in Nursing Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/latinas-in-nursing-award
Future Now Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/future-now-award
Leadership & Emotional Intelligence	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/alfs-leadership-and-emotional-intelligence-award
Renacimiento en Fortaleza Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/renacimiento-en-fortaleza-award
Rev. Dr. Samuel Acosta Memorial Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/rev-dr-samuel-acosta-memorial-award
William Coss Award	https://www.givegab.com/campaigns/william-coss-award

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.

FACULTY & STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS [LOGROS]

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

Acosta, Grisel Y. *Things to Pack on the Way to Everywhere*. Get Fresh Books Publishing, 2021. (Book).

Santana, Nelson. Reviewer. Resources for College Libraries. Latino/a Studies Bibliography, Summer 2021. American Library Association. (Bibliography of essential titles in Latinx Studies).

Santana, Nelson and Evelyn Fernandez Ketcham. ¿Cómo viviremos juntos? (How will we Live Together?). DSA - Conexión Oral History Project. Dominican Studies Association. (Exhibited in La Biennale di Venezia 2021 as part of the Dominican Republic delegation led by Carmen Heredia de Guerrero, Minister of Culture Dominican Republic). <https://www.dominicanstudiesassociation.org/conexion>. (Oral history project / exhibit).

Santana, Nelson. "Mexican (In)Visibility: Melissa Castillo Planas's Journey Into New York's Mexican State of Mind." Review of A Mexican State of Mind: New York City and The New Borderlands Of Culture by Melissa Castillo Planas. The Gotham Center for New York City History. (Book review).

Santana, Nelson. Review of Just Immigration in the Americas: A Feminist Account. Choice Reviews, vol. 58, Issue 11, July 2021, pp. 58-3298. (Book review).

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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.commonsc.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

Santana, Nelson. "Crecimiento de los estudios dominicanos en los EE.UU." 17 Oct. 2021. Primera Feria Cultural y XII Feria del Libro Dominicano de Nueva York 2021, George Washington High School, New York, NY. Panelist.

Santana, Nelson. "Evolución de la prensa dominicana: From Journalistic Networks Combating Trujillo's Tentacles Abroad to Transnational Podcasting Activism in the 21st Century." SALALM LXVI: From Hojas Volantes to Podcasts: News from Latin America and the Caribbean, 19 Jul. 2021, New York University / New York Public Library, New York, NY. Panelist.

Santana, Nelson. "Bachata: Its History, Songs, Rhythms, & Literature / Bachata: Su Historia, Canciones, Ritmos y Literatura." White Oak Library District, Crest Hill Branch, 25 May. 2021, Crest Hill, IL. (Invited Lecture).

Santana, Nelson. LACUNY Institute 2020/2021: "Ending the Library Stereotype: Non-traditional practices for the 21st-century, 5-6 May. 2021, Bronx Community College of The City University of New York, Bronx, NY. Conference Organizer.

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EVENTS [EVENTOS]

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

Cohort 1: Fall 2020-Spring 2021

Mentor	Mentee
Dr. Luis Montenegro, Dean for Academic Affairs	Dr. Raquel Otheguy, Assistant Professor, History
Dr. Crystal Rodriguez, Associate Professor, Social Sciences	Luisa "Luchy" Martich, Interim Chief Information Officer, Information Technology
Dr. Nancy Ritze, Dean of Institutional Research	Dr. Devin Molina, Assistant Professor, Social Sciences
Dr. Barbara Flores-Caballero, Assistant Professor, Education & Academic Literacy	Leidy Pichardo, Academic Support Manager, College Discovery
Dr. Alexander Lamazares, Chairperson for World Languages and Cultures	Dr. Grisel Acosta, Associate Professor, English, Language, & Literature
Dr. Alexander Ott, Associate Dean for Curriculum Matters & Academic Programs	Cynthia Suarez-Espinal, Director of College Discovery

Cohort 2: Fall 2021- Spring 2022

Mentor	Mentee
Susana Rivera, Director of College Now	Alixon Delgado, Advisor, College Discovery
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