

Anti-Racism in the Americas

Latino/Latin American Studies Spring 2021 Series



**Zoom Workshop on
“Anti-Oppression and Restorative Justice in
Action: Radical Hospitality as the Intersection:
A Community Mural Project”**

Thursday, January 28, 6:00-7:30 PM

Co-sponsored with Intercultural and International Student Services. This is our kick-off event for both the LLAS event series and for the design process for a mural for Intercultural and International Student Services.

**"Race is About How You're Treated:
Afro-Latina Girls Naming their Blackness"
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 @ 7 PM (CST)**

Link TBA



Whenever conversations of race and Blackness emerge on social media, it is only a matter of minutes before someone exclaims, "Dominicans don't know they're Black!" But what are the contexts upon which visibly-Black young people learn to deny their Blackness? What is the role of anti-Blackness and mestizaje on Latinx identity formation? And what are the spaces where a different kind of Latinx identity can emerge, one where young Afro-Latinxs embrace and affirm their Black identity?

Using ethnographic methods, Salas Pujols examines the Black identity development of Afro-Latina girls. She argues that while these girls must regularly contend with anti-blackness, they may not always see themselves as Black subjects. Once Afro-Latina girls are given the tools to name their racialized experiences, however, Salas Pujols finds that they enthusiastically embrace Black Latinidad. Ultimately, her presentation will call for an understanding of Afro-Latinad that acknowledges the racialized experiences of Black Latina girls despite their self-identification.

Bio: Jomaira Salas Pujols is a doctoral candidate in the department of sociology at Rutgers University, where she uses qualitative methods to study race, place, education, and Black girlhood. Her dissertation examines the consequences of movement on Black girls' perceptions of self, their identities, and their worlds. Tracing the Black identity development of Afro-Latina girls, Jomaira is especially interested in interrogating how homes, schools, social media, and community-based educational spaces produce different forms of racial and ethnic identities among high school-aged Black girls. Jomaira is also a youth worker, community-based facilitator, and founding member of the Black Latinas Know Collective. Her research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and published by the Youth & Society journal.



**53rd Annual Conference of the North Central Council of Latin
Americanists (NCCLA): "Racism, Pandemics, and Other Strug-
gles for Latinxs and Latin America"
An Interdisciplinary Conference**

April 18-19, 2021

The world changed dramatically in 2020. COVID continues to ravage across the world, and it has been especially impactful in Latin America and among the Latinxs community in the United States. The murder of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis brought a racial reckoning in the United States, and the debates about racism and anti-racism have direct repercussions for the Latinx community in the United States as well as in Latin American countries where racism and state violence are commonplace. With these two issues in mind, conference panels and participants will address the pandemic as well as issues related to racism and anti-racism action in the Latinx community and in Latin America. **Panels will include CSB/SJU students and faculty across several disciplines.**