**CLLAS WELCOMES PROGRAM / STUDENT ADVISOR**

We welcome **Dr. Karla Vilchez Neal ’17**, the newly appointed Program/Student Advisor for CLLAS. Dr. Vilchez’s main responsibilities with the Center include assisting with programming, marketing and communications, recruitment, and advising students enrolled in the minor in Latino and Latin American Studies.

Dr. Vilchez comes with over 10 years of experience working in higher education in the areas of student involvement and leadership development, international affairs, and student academic success. Her research interests include underrepresented student academic success, ethnic identity development, and parental influence in education. Stop by the Latino Center and help us give Karla a warm welcome!

**FACULTY ASSOCIATE NEWS**

**Dr. Beatrix Hoffman** from the Department of History has been coordinating a free workshop titled *Teaching Latinx History in the General Education History Survey Course* which will take place on Friday, April 12, 2019 between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Waubonsee Community College’s Downtown Aurora Campus in Aurora, IL. The workshop is geared towards community college and university faculty, graduate students, and pre-service teachers. It is sponsored by the Hainds Humanities Endowment and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Northern Illinois University. Please feel free to share this information with potential participants. For more information: beatrix@niu.edu

**Dr. Mayra Daniel** from the College of Education will be delivering a keynote: *Aprender es divertido y es trabajo!* at the XI International Literacy Conference, Mixco, Guatemala in February.

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STUDENT NEWS

Social and Political Activism Poster Session

On December 05, 2018 the students enrolled in ILAS 100 - Introduction to Latin American Civilizations closed the semester with a Social and Political Activism Poster Session.

In this poster session students explored topics such as Women in Revolutionary Cuba, Women during the Mexican Revolution, La Damas de Blanco (Cuba), and Los desaparecidos en Argentina.

We are proud of their hard work!

FEATURED STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Tau Phi Sigma Multicultural Fraternity, Inc.

The mission of Tau Phi Sigma is to promote higher education, to serve the community, and to provide social and cultural awareness. Their colors are navy blue and silver. Their symbol is the gryphon. The brothers pride themselves in building genuine friendships and connections. They push each other to find a family away from home while at NIU. They strive for multicultural diversity and believe that everyone's background is important and beneficial to their growth as a fraternity.

The brothers help year-round through their national and local philanthropies. Future events they will host and co-sponsor include: Taste of Multiculturalism, Water Pong Tournament, and No Shave November (for breast cancer awareness).
**UPCOMING EVENTS/DEADLINES**

**A MOBILIZED ELECTORATE?**
The Latino Vote in the 2018 Midterm Elections

**DR. RICARDO RAMÍREZ**
Associate Professor of Political Science
University of Notre Dame

Thursday, February 21, 2019
5:00 p.m.
Latino Center, Room 121

*Business Passport Approved*
Sponsored by: Center for Latino and Latin American Studies and Department of Political Science.
For more information contact CLLAS at 815-753-1551.
To request disability-related accommodations, please contact the Disability Resource Center at 753-1503 as early as possible.

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**CUÑAN VISIONS**
**FILM SCREENING**
LGBTQ POLITICS AND GAY MARRIAGE

**COLE HALL, ROOM 100**

**FEB 28 | 07 28 PM**

Short documentary films by Afro-Cuban Queer filmmaker Damián Sainz

- Bateria
- Homenaje
- De Agua Dulce
- Close Up

(all films in Spanish with English subtitles)
Followed by a post-screening presentation by director Damián Sainz and Norge Espinosa, LGBTQ activist, playwright and author

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Co-sponsored by Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, Latino Resource Center, Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, and Media Studies Faculty
For more information, 815.753.1551

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**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

- Robert Marcellin Memorial Award - $500
- Center for Latino and Latin American Studies Scholarship - $500

**APPLICATIONS DUE:**
MARCH 1, 2019 - 4:30 P.M.

Please submit a hard copy of the application to:

ANN NELSON, OFFICE MANAGER, CLLAS
LATINO CENTER
515 GARDEN RD. DEKALB IL

Visit https://niu.edu/latino-studies/resources/scholarships.shtml or call 815-753-1531 for more details

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**FACULTY ASSOCIATE & GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AND TRAVEL GRANTS**

**PROPOSALS DUE:**
APRIL 12, 2019 - 4:30 P.M.
LATINO CENTER

Please e-mail proposals to:

DR. CHRISTINA ABREU
DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR LATINO AND LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES
cabreu@niu.edu

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2019 SPRING EVENTS

* Invited Lecture
Ricardo Ramírez, Ph.D.
"A Mobilized Electorate? The Latino Vote in the 2018 Midterm Elections"
2/21/19 5PM
Latino Center, Room 121

* Cuban Visions Film Screening
LGBTQ Politics and Gay Marriage
2/28/19 7PM
Cole Hall, Room 100

Applications due for Faculty Associate and Graduate Student CLLAS Research and Travel Grants
4/12/19 4:30 PM
Latino Center

* Film Screening Jogo De Corpo
4/16/19 7PM
Cole Hall, Room 100

Latin Jazz Dance Party
4/17/19 7PM
Boutell Memorial Concert Hall

Applications due for CLLAS Undergraduate Student Scholarships
3/1/19 4:30 PM
Latino Center

Spring Reception
4/25/19 5PM
Latino Center

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