



El Centro

Happy Hispanic-Latinx Heritage month! Thank you all who attended our annual gala!



8th Annual Hispanic Film Series@V

WHEN September 17 - October 15 — 7:00PM
WHERE Torgersen 3100 / Fralin Life Sciences Auditorium
Virginia Tech
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019. TORGERSEN 3100

BIRDS OF PASSAGE (COLOMBIA)

In the 1970s, as an American-funded marijuana boom hits Colombia, farmers quickly turn into seasoned businessmen starting a narcos trafficking era known as "La Bonanza Marinorera." In the Guajira desert, one indigenous Wayuu clan takes a leading role guided by matriarch Ursula Puchina, the "Birds of Passage"—drug-runners—face the constant risk of violence and incursion from the outsiders in Northern Colombia. As greed, passion, and honor blend together over the decades, the family's unity, its law, and their ancestral traditions are all put at stake...

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2019. FRALIN AUDITORIUM

EVERYBODY KNOWS (SPAIN)

The story follows Laura (Penelope Cruz), a Spanish woman living in Buenos Aires, who returns with her children to her hometown outside Madrid for a wedding. The mood is festive, and many faces from the past are present for the nuptials, including Paco (Berton), a longtime friend of the family. When Laura's daughter goes missing, and text messages arrive asking for a ransom, a happy reunion takes a hard turn into nightmare territory, bringing forgotten secrets into the open...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019. FRALIN AUDITORIUM

I GIRL (ARGENTINA)

Based on the director's autobiographical experiences, *I Girl* tells the story of Antonia, a little girl who lives with Pablo and Julia whom she believes to be her parents, in an idyllic landscape of lakes, rivers, and forests in southern Argentina. They are neo-Hugos, vegetarians, pacifists, and environmentalists, and have problems with the law. But their existence is more precarious than it seems; cabin has no light, gas, or running water, and they are underprepared for the life they envision for themselves. After a tragedy in forces them to leave their idyllic dwelling and actually interact with the bourgeoisie, Antonia's world starts to gradually open...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019. FRALIN AUDITORIUM

UN TRADUCTOR (CUBA)

Havana, 1980. Russian literature professor Malin receives a mysterious note at the university with orders from the government sending him to a local hospital, where he learns he is expected to act as translator between Cuban doctors and the families of patients from the Chernobyl disaster. He eventually becomes deeply devoted to his patients, but his relationships with his grey wife and young son suffer. Meanwhile, the ground all of them shifts as the "Special Period"—the economic crisis in Cuba that followed the dissolution of the Soviet Union—begins...

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019. TORGERSEN 3100

URGENT LOVE (ARGENTINA)

Agustina and her mother, an introverted, sociable fashion designer, have just arrived in the small town of Rosario in Argentina. Her mother's messy love life has caused Agustina to develop a mental block when it comes to boys. Pedro, a teenage "loser", falls in love with her and gradually manages to chip away at the emotional wall Agustina has erected. *Urgent Love* is a subtle, intelligent and entertaining comedy that dares to be different...

The Spanish Film Series was made possible with the support of Prologis, The Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports of Spain, and IPWH with the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, and the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures.

SUPPORTED BY

8th Annual Hispanic Film Series

Check out the list of movies that are meant to celebrate Hispanic-Latinx heritage month!

Remaining films for Hispanic Film Series

"I Girl" (Argentina)- Tuesday, Tuesday, October 1st, 2019

"Un Traductor" (Cuba) - Tuesday, October 8th, 2019

"Urgent Love" (Argentina) - Tuesday, October 15th, 2019

All will happen in the Fralin Hall Auditorium

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<https://hispanicfilmseries.weebly.com/>



Comida y Comunidad

Come join us for meaningful conversations with the amazing community in El Centro! We will have guest speakers and delicious food! This happens during the first Tuesday and last Wednesday of the month.

What time: 12:00 PM

Where: El Centro, Squires 309

Remaining dates:

October 1st, 2019

October 30th, 2019

November 5th, 2019

December 3rd, 2019



"Potosí, Treasury of the World: Silver, Technological Innovation, and Environmental Degradation in Sixteenth-Century South America"

Dr. Kris Lane

History, Tulane University

October 2 at 4PM in Robeson Hall 210

Soon after the Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire in the Andes region of South America in the early 1530s, an indigenous prospector hit pay dirt in what is today Bolivia. The great Potosí silver bonanza, which began in 1545, vastly expanded the world's silver supply, but on the ground and underground, it also presented numerous technical challenges. This lecture focuses on key technical innovations during this crucial chapter in the history of global capitalism and their consequences, both expected and unforeseen.

This talk is open to all Virginia Tech and Blacksburg community members. Please contact polanco@vt.edu with any questions.



Mark Weiss- "A talk on translation"

Please join us for our guest speaker, Mark Weiss who will have a talk about translation. This will then be followed by his very own reading and poetry.

When: Thursday, October 4th, 2019

Where: El Centro, Squires 309 4-5:00 pm & New classroom building room 210 from 6-7:00



Dr. Felicia Arriaga
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Appalachian State University

**Double Punishment?
U-Visa Certification Challenges in a
Multilayered Jurisdictional Patchwork**

Do you cooperate with ICE? Do you certify U-Visas?

These two questions were often asked of local law enforcement in community meetings throughout North Carolina, but could easily be asked in any community meeting across the country. The first typically prompted an initial yes or no response with limited details—particularly if the community members in attendance were satisfied by the response. The second often was met with additional commentary and information of personnel that could assist in the process. After the 2006 presidential election, more of these local conversations occurred throughout the state in an attempt to curb the fears activated by blatant anti-immigrant and xenophobic rhetoric. Although many scholars focus on the immigration enforcement patchwork (Decker 2012; Pedraza 2013) implied by the first community question, little focus has turned to the role these same offices may have in processes that may be considered more “pro”-immigrant, such as assisting in the process to apply for certain non-immigrant visas.

**Race and Justice
Lecture Series**

**Date: Tuesday,
October 8, 2019**

Time: 1pm

**Where:
ICTAS I - Kelly Hall
Room 310**

**Department of
Sociology**

**Center for Peace
Studies and Violence
Prevention**

**Center for Race and
Social Policy Research**

Criminology Major



Dr. Felicia Arriaga

Assistant Professor of Sociology at Appalachian State University, on the topic of immigration enforcement, community conversations, and how the process of U-Visa approval may be facilitated or inhibited in given jurisdictional environments.

When: October 8th, 2019

Where: Kelly Hall, Room 310

What time: 1:00 pm



Nuestros Colores

Join us during Hispanic- Latinx Heritage month to paint your culture on a piece of tile and showcase it in El Centro!

When: October 10th, 2019

Where: El Centro, Squires 309

What time: 5:00 pm

ENVIRONMENT PANEL

Moderated by Dr. Desiree Poets,
Political Science



Join us for a timely and important conversation about how Latinx communities across North and South America are affected by environmental issues, broadly defined. Light refreshments will be provided.

October 14th
5:00 PM
El Centro

Environmental Panel

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When: October 14th, 2019

When: 5:00 PM

Where: El Centro, Squires 309



The Culture of Fútbol

A talk that will examine questions about:

Culture, race, gender, politics, identity, and religion as they all relate to soccer!
Light refreshments will be provided!

When: October 18th, 2019

What time: 4:30 PM

Where: El Centro, Squires 309



Hispanic-Latinx Symposium

As Virginia Tech works to increase the Latinx student population, the 2019 Latinx Symposium will serve students, faculty, and administrators who want to know more about the Latinx and Hispanic academic experience. The Symposium has the purpose of increasing visibility, providing a forum for conversation and scholarship, and sharing experiences and strategies that benefit Latinx and Hispanic faculty and students.

When? October 25th, 2019

Where? Old Dominion Ballroom in Squires Student Center

Who? Carmen Gimenez Smith (Department of English) and Carlos Evia (Department of Communication), co-chairs; Veronica Montes, symposium coordinator

link: <http://bit.ly/vtlatinxsymposium>

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Have a great rest of your week! We look forward to seeing you soon!

-El Centro and the Latino Association of Student Organizations (L.A.S.O).