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The Origins of Latino Grand Rapids: Community Building and Pan-ethnic Identity Formation from the 1940s to the 1970s.

Thursday, September 22, 2016

2:00pm – 3:30 pm
2263 Kirkhof Center
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Based on primary sources like church and jail records as well as oral histories, Dr. Delia Fernández traces how and why Latinos came to West Michigan. This lecture reveals how Latinos, namely Mexicans and Puerto Ricans, negotiated their relationship with one another and the spaces they lived in to make West Michigan their home. From dances to baseball games to festivals, these two groups formed the origins of a Latino community in the 1940s that has continued to the present.

Hispanic Heritage Celebration Presents: Marisel Herrera

Friday, October 7, 2016

12:00pm – 2:00 pm
2250 Kirkhof Center
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Marisel Herrera is a high-impact certified coach, author, and speaker whose authentic and bold message empowers Latina/o students and youth to live fierce and fearless lives. Marisel's message affirms the power of education, faith, resiliency, culture, and community to transform one's life. Drawing on her journey of grit and grace from the housing projects of New York City to the halls of academia, over 2 decades as an educational leader, she equips and empowers diverse audiences with tangible tools and insight about success. Marisel will share her story and how students can use their strength, grit, and personal experiences to be successful.

Conference on the Americas: Human Rights in the Atlantic World and Beyond

Friday, October 21
Saturday, October 22, 2016

8:00am – 5:00 pm
Eberhard Center
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This joint conference of the Great Lakes History Conference and Conference on the Americas will feature keynote speaker, Héctor Tobar. Mr. Tobar is the author of the critically acclaimed, New York Times bestseller *Deep Down Dark: The Untold Stories of 33 Men Buried in a Chilean Mine and the Miracle that Set Them Free*. Mr. Tobar's work examines the evolving and interdependent relationship between Latin America and the United States. The son of Guatemalan immigrants, Mr. Tobar writes for the Los Angeles Times and holds an MFA in Creative Writing from the University of California, Irvine.

Noche De Los Muertos

Friday, November 4, 2016

8:00 pm
2250 Kirkhof Center

Noche De Los Muertos is an annual dinner and dance event hosted by the Latino Student Union. Come and learn about this meaningful Latin-American holiday and the history and significance of the Day of the Dead. Evening will include entertainment, dinner, dance and prizes.

Events are Sponsored By:

Community Service Learning Center, Division of Inclusion & Equity, Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, History Department, Latin American and Latino/a Studies Department, Latino Student Union, and Modern Languages and Literatures Department.

Events are free and open to the public. For more information on parking or for individuals requiring special accommodations, please contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 616-331-2177. You may also visit our website at www.gvsu.edu/oma or email us at oma@gvsu.edu