

Hispanic Heritage Month 2014

Latino Americans

September 15-19 Episode 1 & 2, 11 am & 2 pm
September 22-26, Episode 3 & 4, 11 am & 2 pm
October 6-10, Episode 5 & 6, 11 am & 2 pm
Office of Multicultural Affairs, 1240 Kirkhof Center

"Latino Americans" is a landmark three-part, six-hour documentary series that aired nationally on PBS in 2013. It is the first major documentary series to chronicle the rich, varied history and experiences of Latinos, who have helped shape the United States over the last 500 years, and have become, with more than 50 million people, the largest minority group in the U.S.

The Power of the Latino Vote

Special Guest: Milinda Ysasi-Castañon (GVSU '03)
Friday, September 26
Noon-1:30pm
2266 Kirkhof Center

OMA will collaborate with Sigma Lambda Gamma to discuss the importance of Latino youth civic engagement. Members of this Latina-based sorority have been very active in Voto Latino's Rep Your Letters Campaign, which has Latin@-based Greek organizations help registering people to vote before midterm elections in November. Milinda Ysasi-Castanon, Grand Valley alumna, will share her personal story about why she got involved politically.

Professionals of Color Lecture Series: Rosa Clemente

Thursday, October 2
6-7:30pm
Grand River Room, 2250 Kirkhof Center

For over 15 years, Clemente has been a community organizer and activist, and a featured keynote speaker, panelist, and political commentator across the United States. In 1995, she developed Know Thy Self Productions, which has since produced four major community activism tours and consults on issues such as hip-hop activism, media justice, voter engagement among youth of color, third party politics, intercultural relations between African Americans and Latinos, immigrants' rights as an extension of human rights, and universal healthcare.

Unaccompanied Children

Tuesday, October 14
Noon-1:00PM
DeVos Campus, Loosemore Auditorium, 122E

With the growing number of unaccompanied children entering the U.S. and being detained, this program will discuss some of the systemic problems that have created these conditions. Bethany Christian Services will discuss how this impacts the local refuge foster care system.

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