

Latino Heritage Month 2009

“Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now”

September 15 – October 15
Free Admission

Latino Heritage Month is a celebration of the history, culture and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. A list of events on the UIC Latino Heritage Month calendar at UIC are listed here.

Sponsors: Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latinos, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Blacks, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Hispanic Center of Excellence, Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services, Office of the Special Assistant to Provost for Diversity, Centers for Diversity (Women's Leadership and Resource Center, African American Cultural Center, Gender & Sexuality Center, Asian American Resource and Cultural Center and Latino Cultural Center), UI Alumni Association, Honors College, Department of Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese, Office of International Affairs, Study Abroad, CHANCE Learning Center, Jewish Studies Program, Department of Anthropology, Department of Art History, College of Art and Architecture, Language and Culture Learning Center, Career Services, UIC Urban Health Program, UIC Graduate College Urban Health Program, Health Oriented Latino Association, Gentlemen Making a Difference: AchijVu, Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Inc., Princeton Review

Tuesday, September 15
Opening Celebration: Vamos a Celebrar!
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Lecture Center Plaza

A celebration of the Latino culture with live musical performances, dance performance, food and informational opportunities regarding Latino resources on campus. Opening remarks by Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares.

Thursday, September 17
Middle Pre-classic Maya Economy, Society, and Culture at Cuello, Belize
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
LCC – Lecture Center B2

Prominent Maya archaeologist, Professor Norman Hammond will give a public lecture with a reception to follow. Topics include the Maya culture, emergence and decline of complex societies and ancient Maya trade.

In collaboration with the Department of Anthropology, Department of Art History and the College of Art and Architecture.

Thursday, September 17
Shifting the Paradigm of Femicide Studies
3:00 p.m.
UIC Forum – Room F

Lecture by Rosa-Linda Fregoso, reception to follow. Presentation includes the development of the concept "femicide" in legal, social, cultural and political terms. Will also discuss multiple approaches and collective actions used to address femicide across Latin America.

Event sponsored by the Underrepresented Faculty Mentoring Program in the Provost's Office and co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Gender and Women's Studies Program and the Office of the Special Assistant to the Provost on Diversity.

Monday, September 21
Dede Mirabal in Chicago
12:30 pm
Hull House Museum (800 S Halsted)

Dede Mirabal will tell the story of her sisters known as "the butterflies", whose assassination resulted in the downfall of the Dominican dictator Rafael L. Trujillo. Their heroic struggle is captured in Julia Alvarez's novel 'In the Times of the Butterflies', which also led the United Nations to designate Nov. 25 as the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women.

In collaboration with the Jane Addams Hull House Museum, Dominican American Midwest Association, Department of Spanish, French, Italian, and Portuguese and Latino Cultural Center.

Tuesday, September 22
Storming the Gates: The Entrance of Blacks & Latinos to Higher Education in Illinois
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
SCE – Illinois Room C

Screening of documentary followed by a discussion with a panel of trailblazers.

In collaboration with the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latinos, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Blacks, Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services, African American Cultural Center and Graduate College Urban Health Program.

September 24-26
IUPLR Siglo XXI Conference:
The State of Latino Studies
For more information: http://www.nd.edu/~iuplr/press_releases.htm

Monday, September 28
East Meets West: Graduate & Professional Informational Health Sciences Fair
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
LCC – Lecture Center B2

An opportunity to learn about educational and career opportunities in the health professions and meet representatives in these fields. Colleges represented include: college of Applied Health Sciences, College of Dentistry, Graduate College, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, School of Public Health.

In collaboration with the UIC Urban Health Program and UIC Graduate College Urban Health Program.

Monday, September 28
Celebrando Con Salsa:
History & Dance Lessons
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
SCE – East Terrace
Salsa dance lessons from professional dancers and a brief historical analysis

Wednesday, October 7
The D.R.E.A.M. Act: Access or Amnesty?
2:30 - 4:00 p.m.
LCC – Lecture Center B2

Discussion and overview of positions on The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act.

In collaboration with the Asian American Resource and Cultural Center and the Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latinos.

Monday, October 12
Rosa Nissan's Like a Bride/Like a Mother: A Sephardic-Mexican Family Romance
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
University Hall – Room 650

Margarita Saona will discuss Rosa Nissan's novels as examples of a growing interest among Jewish Latin American writers to explore issues of national identity. Brown bag lunch.

In collaboration with the Jewish Studies Program.

Wednesday, October 14
Eros and Ethos in the Poetry of Gabriela Mistral and Rosario Castellanos
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
LCC – Lecture Center B2

Professor Olivia Maciel Edelman will discuss some of the similarities and differences in the work of the first Nobel laureate in Latin America, Chilean poet Gabriela Mistral, and renowned Mexican poet and diplomat Rosario Castellanos.

In collaboration with the Honors College.

Thursday, October 15
Closing Celebration: Viva La Cultura!
with UIC Latino Alumni and Friends
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
SSB – Rooms A, B & C

A culmination of Latino Heritage Month with a live musical performance, tango dancers, food and the company of UIC Latino alumni and friends. Opening remarks by Provost R Michael Tanner.

In collaboration with the University of Illinois Alumni Association Chicago.