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## CLABS Colloquium Meeting

Friday, March 12, 2021

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

In Attendance: David Ortiz, Inigo Garcia-Bryce, Delia Valles-Rosales, Alison Newby, Yvette Navarro

- **Spring 2021**

The committee discussed the ongoing spring 2021 colloquium series. Delia suggested to get in contact with March participants with flyers to ensure that things run smoothly. Yvette will send flyers to committee so that they can advertise to their friends and colleagues to hopefully increase attendance.

- **Fall 2021**

Delia suggested more COVID-19 presentations dealing specifically with educators and their challenges during this pandemic. David mentioned that this will be the overarching theme for the symposium, so that it would be best to direct potential speakers to that committee. The committee went over speakers that were recommended by the Board in a previous meeting. Samuel Perez is a potential candidate for fall if he can talk about sustainability in a larger context, and Sonia Toledo, who was suggested by Neil Harvey, might also be a great potential candidate for a talk during the fall. On a phone call with Delia, Efren suggested a presenter from Chihuahua who studies food science and may be able to talk about food and sustainability. Inigo suggested Lois Stanford might be a good addition to this talk. Lastly, Kate Bovie was suggested by Inigo as being part of the colloquium since they are a newer faculty member.

- **Spring 2022**

Inigo suggested Martha Gonzalez, set in California, as a speaker. He suggested that we try to collaborate with Chicano studies, the Hispanic Talk Series at NMSU, or ASNMSU to ensure that we have enough funding to bring this group over. The talk was originally thought to be during Hispanic Heritage month, but the committee agreed that more time would be needed to plan this event and to ensure that this concert could be live instead of via Zoom. Inigo recalled a small group that came from New York to NMSU to perform for his class, citing that it was a big hit. The committee suggested that maybe Cinco de Mayo 2022 might be a better date for the performance. Alison suggested that this event will be extremely beneficial since it can act as a recruiting tool and be interwoven with activism, and therefore, should maybe be more like a festival. Delia knows of a folklorico group that also might be a great addition to this festival. Alison suggested that if we decide to do a festival, it could be an annual event where we focus on specific cultural regions, which can tie back to other things at NMSU such as its museum, but we would need to coordinate this very early. Alison also suggested that it would be interesting to make a panel about Afro-Latinos or Afro-Latin Americans, since a large majority of African slaves were brought to Latin America during the trans-Atlantic slave trade. She said this might be a great thing to do during Black History Month, so that presenters could talk about their experience and how they negotiate their identity. David loved this idea, saying that he might be able to get a sociology scholar who looks at Afro-Latino lesbians.

- **To Do**

Inigo will contact Martha Gonzales and set up a meeting with her so that we can get the logistics of the performance straightened out. David said he will get in touch with different programs that may want to collaborate on this festival. Delia and Alison plan to meet with the Mexican consulate to get their support on our colloquium series. David will also get in touch with Kate Bovie to see if she is interested in being part of our fall 2021 colloquium. The next meeting is set on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.