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Colloquium Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 14th, 9:00 AM

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

- The committee discussed who could potentially speak in our April 2022 colloquium
 - The committee agreed that doing the rest of the talks online would be best but discussed the possibility of hybrid events starting the 2022-2023 school year.
 - Inigo Garcia-Bryce said that it would be great to look at Central America and look at the reasons why people are fleeing. He suggested Victoria Sanford talk about the situation in Guatemala.
 - He said he would contact her, and if she did not agree to April, perhaps she could speak during next year's colloquium.
- Inigo Garcia-Bryce suggested we start thinking ahead about our 2022-2023 lineup.
 - Delia Valles-Rosales said she would contact Delia Arrieta Diaz about possibly giving a presentation next year concerning economics.
 - David Ortiz suggested Alison Newby's idea of an afro-indigenous talk. He mentioned the seminar that LASA had about this topic, suggesting that we invite someone from that seminar to speak at our colloquium.
 - Alison Newby agreed, saying that it would be great to hear about the historical erasure of afro-Cubans.

- Rachel O'Toole was suggested as someone who could speak about freedom in Peru.
- David Ortiz also mentioned that a talk about the peace process in Columbia might be exciting and noted that the Peace Accords Matrix might know of someone who could give a policy talk.
- Alison Newby said if we could find someone to talk about the protests in Cuba, that could be a great opportunity.
- Delia Valles-Rosales suggested that a Ph.D. student named Efren Molina talk about how an Access Program in Nicaragua helps children get immersed in American culture. She said she would reach out to him to see if he would be interested.
- Delia Valles-Rosales also mentioned getting a speaker from the Borderplex, possibly Patricia Sylvia, who could talk about education in the region and workforce development.
 - Alison mentioned that Erica Sorvea from the Center for Community Analysis could talk about the birth to work pipeline, specifically regarding public schools in the Las Cruces community
 - David Ortiz suggested a panel for this talk, where we could bring in Patricia, Erica, and someone from NMSU's College of Education.
- Inigo Garcia-Bryce suggested that once the pandemic is over, he knows of a Peruvian singer who could perform for our colloquium, but it would cost money.
 - David Ortiz agreed that something more significant would be tremendous but said it would have to be a longer-term project so the committee could do proper planning and raise money to pay more people to come.
 - Alison Newby suggested several lectures connected around a theme, where we could include the museum on campus. Still, the committee would have to do it at least a year in advance to schedule the art museum adequately.

- Inigo Garcia-Bryce mentioned Maurica Sage and Alexis Salsa might have connections for an art exhibit.
 - David Ortiz said we should invite Maurica to our next meeting to start preparing and building a partnership.
- David Ortiz suggested organizing it around Hispanic heritage month.
 - Inigo Garcia-Bryce mentioned a group from New York that played music and could talk about the origin of “La Bamba.”
 - Delia Valles-Rosales mentioned a young orchestra group from Juarez that could possibly perform.
- Alison Newby suggested that we bridge with the community with our colloquiums by possibly providing funding to bring school students and doing more outreach in schools.
- Alison Newby said that we need to contact the Mexican Consulate to see if they can help us plan and help pay for particular projects and events.