

CLABS Sub-committee on Symposia and Publications

Meeting on Friday, March 19, 2021

Present: Neil, David Ortiz, David Rutledge, Efren, Blanca and Yvette

Minutes

1. We confirmed that we will organize a symposium on the topic of the impacts, responses and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in Latin America, the Caribbean and the US-Mexico Borderlands, to be held in mid-April 2021 on the NMSU campus
2. The core of the symposium will consist of panels organized around particular aspects of the topic (e.g. government policy responses; impacts on agriculture and economic conditions; impacts in education; public health responses; and, the disproportionate impacts due to class, race, gender and ethnic inequalities). We also want to include contributions from the humanities and the arts.
3. Panels will include presentations from invited scholars and practitioners in our fields (e.g. on public health – Hector; food systems- Efren; education – Blanca and Dave Rutledge; sociology – David Ortiz; government – Neil) (we will come up with a list of possible participants and share them in our next meeting on April 16)
4. We will come up with a budget to cover the various costs of travel, accommodation, food and refreshments, honoraria, translation, etc. and expect many units and departments to make some financial contribution as co-sponsors, along with support from the provost, to cover the estimated costs.
5. We will make an open call for proposals for some sessions and reach out to colleagues at universities that we are already seeking to collaborate with – eg UTEP (CIBS), UACJ, UACH, UANL, etc. as a way of simultaneously organizing this symposium and building those relationships
6. We will invite grad and undergrad student participation, alone or with faculty co-presenters, and organize a poster presentation session. A panel of judges will review the posters and award three prizes of various amounts (e.g. 300, 200 and 100 dollars, in book or gift vouchers) and formally recognize the awardees during the symposium
7. We will contact Don Pepion & Michael Ray, Judith Flores Carmona and Kimberly York, to include presentations and participation from Native American, Chicano/a and Black programs and perspectives.
8. The locations of the symposium will ideally include the Nason House (CLABS), the Native American Center (for smaller meetings and receptions), Honors College, and the Domenici Institute and/or Hardman Jacobs Learning Center, and/or Corbett Center, for the panels and keynote speakers.
9. There will be registration but no registration costs.
10. There will be webinar presentations for those who cannot travel, and as a way of expanding the audience
11. There will be a chance to dovetail symposium participant(s) with the CLABS colloquium speaker series

12. David Ortiz will also discuss collaboration from Chris Erickson and his new Center of Border Economic Development, as well as Dino Cervantes, on economic impacts for the chile industry in our region.
13. Our next meeting will be on Friday April 16 at 10-11 am