

## **2015-16**

Francisca Aparo '17, Sociology/Latina/o Studies Undergraduate Minor  
First Generation College Students at Elite Institutions: Stigma, Inequality, and Intersectionality

Kimberly Cardenas '17, Government/Latina/o Studies Undergraduate minor  
Formations of Politicized Diasporic Identities in the U.S. and France: A Comparative Study

David Cortez, Ph.D. Candidate, Government/Latina/o Studies Graduate Minor  
Between Two Camps: Identity, Duty, Belonging, and the New 'La(tino) Migra'

Alberto Milian, Ph.D. Candidate, History/Latina/o Studies Graduate Minor  
Dreaming under a Perfect Sun: The Ethnic Mexican Experience in Greater San Diego, 1848 – 1970's

Nancy Quintanilla, Ph.D. Candidate, English/Latina/o Studies Graduate Minor  
The Future of Central American-American Studies

## **2014 -2015**

Elena Guzman, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology  
Narratives of blackness among local and diasporic Caribbean communities

Luis Angel Martinez, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of City and Regional Planning/Latino Studies, Anthropology, Sociology  
Minors  
Beyond Mitigating Environmental Risk in Chicago's Little Village: Negotiating Power, Collaboration, and Recognition

Noemi Plaza '15, Biology & Society, Near Eastern Studies/Global Health Minors  
Study of Chicano/a Usage of Cruz-Badianus Medicinal Plants

Nancy Quintanilla, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of English/Latino Studies Minor  
The Future of Central American-American Studies

Valeria San Juan '16, International Agriculture & Rural Development  
The engagement of Latino university students in Latino America study abroad programs.

## **2013 -2014**

Deborah Rose '15, Spanish/Latino Studies Undergraduate Minor  
The role of ESL Instruction and Language Acquisition in Breaking Social Isolation among the Latino Immigrant Farmworker  
Population in Upstate NY

Esmeralda Arrizón-Palomera, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of English/Latino Studies Minor  
Critical Telling: Undocumented Youth, Testimonio, and Coming Out of the Shadows

Diane Wong, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government  
Voices from El Barrio: Gentrification and the Latino Community in New York City

## **2012 -2013**

Jean Carlos Polanco '13, Department of Communications/Latino Studies Minor  
Life in absence of the Public Sphere: The Impact of Virtual Communities on Black & Latino Men who sleep with Men

Luis Angel Martinez '13, Masters, Department of City and Regional Planning/Latino Studies Minor  
Práctica: Interdisciplinary work focusing on Latino communities in the U.S.

Rodrigo Alatraste-Diaz, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Development Sociology/Latino Studies Minor  
Mexican Immigrants in Home Town Associations

Omar Figueredo, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Romance Studies, Hispanic Studies/Latino Studies Minor  
Tender Struggles: Affect and Critical Discourse in Contemporary U.S. Latina/o Fiction

Nancy Quintanilla, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of English/Latino Studies Minor  
Chicano/a Movement within San Francisco

### **2011 -2012**

Edwardo Valero, Ph.D, Candidate, Department of Education/LSP Grad Minor.  
Problematic Playgrounds, Dramatic Designs, Magical Margins: The Making of Rural California Schools, 1950 – Present

Melissa Rosario, Ph.D Candidate, Department of Anthropology/LSP Grad Minor.  
Building Zones of Autonomy: Struggling for the Commons in Contemporary Puerto Rico

Kathleen Sexsmith, Ph.D Candidate, Department of Development Sociology.  
Economic and Social Integration of Guatemalan and Mexican workers into dairying communities in Rural New York

Nancy Morales, '12 Masters, Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA).  
National Day Labor Organizing Network

Luis Martinez '13 Masters, City and Regional Planning.  
The geography of foundation funding for Hispanics/Latinos in the United States and Latin America

Marion Robine '12, Biology and Society.  
Nutrition of Children of Immigrant Families: American and Traditional Ways

### **2010 - 2011**

Orlando Lara, MFA, Creative Writing Program, Dept. of English.  
A Series of Linked Short Stories About a Mexican Family Living Between the Gulf of Texas, Central Mexico, and the South Texas Border

Jimmy A. Noriega, Ph.D. Student, Dept. of Theatre, Film, & Dance/LSP Grad Minor.  
Explore, Witness, Document, and Work with Artists that Strive for Change by Encouraging a Progressive Immigration Reform and a New Model of Performing the Nation

Natalie Yasmin Soto, Ph.D Student, Dept. of English/LSP Grad Minor.  
The Emergence of Arab American Literature as a “New” Field for Literary Investigation

Matthew Stieglitz, Masters, CIPA  
Constructive Engagement: The Need for a Progressive Cuban Lobby in Obama’s Washington

Javier Alvarado, '11, Urban & Regional Studies/LSP Undergrad Minor.  
Interdisciplinary Constructionism: The Need to Re-examine Urban Planning and Economic Development Through an Interdisciplinary Optic in a Time of Neoliberalism

Thu-Huong Nguyen, '11, Urban & Regional Studies/Africana Studies/AAS Minor.  
Political Participation in Changing Suburbs: Latinos in Port Chester, NY as a Case Study

Phoenix Storm Paz, '12, History/Spanish/Latino Studies/American Indian/Latin American Studies Undergrad Minor.  
Youth Migrations: The Undocumented Immigration of Children and Adolescents to the United States

### **2009 - 2010**

Edwardo Valero, Ph.D. Student, Dept. of Education/LSP Grad Minor.  
The Ethnicization of Space and the Spatialization of Ethnicity in the Making of Rural California Schools

Armando García, Ph.D. Student, Dept. of Romance Studies/LSP Grad Minor.  
The Indian in the Archive: Performance, Ethnography and the Colonial Haunting of the Americas

Eduardo Jiménez, Ph.D. Student, Cornell Law School.  
Improving Access to Legal Services for Latina/o Victims of Human Trafficking in Upstate New York

**2008 - 2009**

Edwardo Valero, Ph.D. Student, Dept. of Education/LSP Grad Minor.  
Understanding the ways in which the positionality of school buildings demarcates where/how/why students socially construct spaces on school grounds

Belinda Rincón, Ph.D. Student, Department of English/LSP Grad Minor.  
War's effects on Chicana/o and Mexican culture and gender formation

Xenia Meyer, Ph.D. Student, Science Education.  
Instruction in nature of science and inquiry with underrepresented and English language learning students: Being explicit about science

Mariana Cruz, Ph.D. Student, Department of Education.  
Freely associated learners: Education policies and the production of Puerto Rican political identities on the island and in the U.S.

Chris Zepeda, Masters Candidate, Department of Government/LSP Grad minor.  
Political incorporation and mobilization of Latino immigrants in the U.S.

**2007 - 2008**

Miranda Cady Hallet, Ph.D. Student, Department of Anthropology.  
Nuevo Arkansas: Salvadoran communities in unexpected places

Mariana Cruz, Ph.D. Student, Department of Education.  
Exploring spaces of teaching and learning within Puerto Rican Communities in Central Florida

Sophia Wallace, Ph.D. Student, Department of Government.  
Latino Representation: the representation of Hispanic Americans by their co-ethnic representatives in both Congress and in select state legislatures

Melissa Rosario, Ph.D. Student, Department of Anthropology.  
Local autonomy in a current grassroots environmentalist movement in Puerto Rico

Xenia Meyer, Ph.D. Student, Department of Education.  
Using inquiry and integrated ecological curriculum with English language learners in an urban middle school science classroom

Albery Melo, '09, Department of Human Development/LSP Undergrad Minor.  
First and second generation Dominicans and their adaptations to life in the U.S.