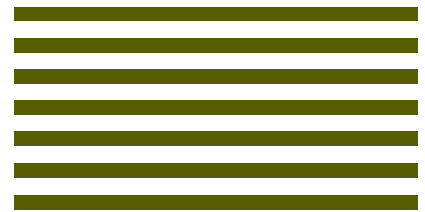


# LALC NEWSLETTER

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*Top row, l to r: Prof. Carolina Castellanos, LALC Chair Prof. Mariana Past, Prof. Amaury Leopoldo Sosa; Middle: Sharaldine Francisco '16, Gabriella Farrell '21, Jacqui Amezcua '19; Bottom: Prof. Maria Bruno, Lizzie Marin '18, Daniela Aldrich '19*

## MEET PROF. AMALIA VILLA PESANTES

On page 3 : An intro to LALC's newest contributing faculty member !

## DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

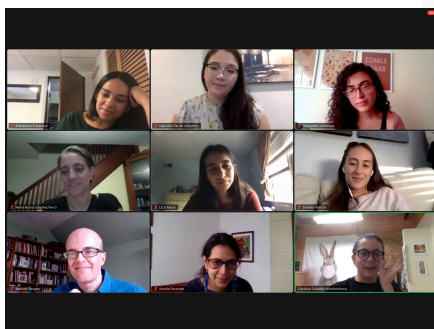
On page 2: LALC celebrates Day of the Dead at the Hartman House

## SPRING 2021 COURSES

On page 3, see our lineup of exciting LALC courses on offer for Spring 2021!

### \*\*\*\*\*LALC TURNS 10!\*\*\*\*\*

On Saturday, September 12, 2020, LALC faculty, students and alumni gathered on



*Bottom row, l to r: Prof. Marcelo Borges, Prof. Amalia Pesantes, Carolina Celedon '22*

Zoom to celebrate LALC's first decade as an official Dickinson program and major. Dickinson College President Margee Ensign was in attendance, as was Provost Neil Weissman. The celebration was a wonderful way for people to whom LALC has meant so much to reconnect, even if only virtually! Current LALC Chair Mariana Past promises that when circumstances permit, we will gather in person to celebrate this milestone once again, and this time, with empanadas!

## LALC CELEBRATES DAY OF THE DEAD ON OCTOBER 30, 2020



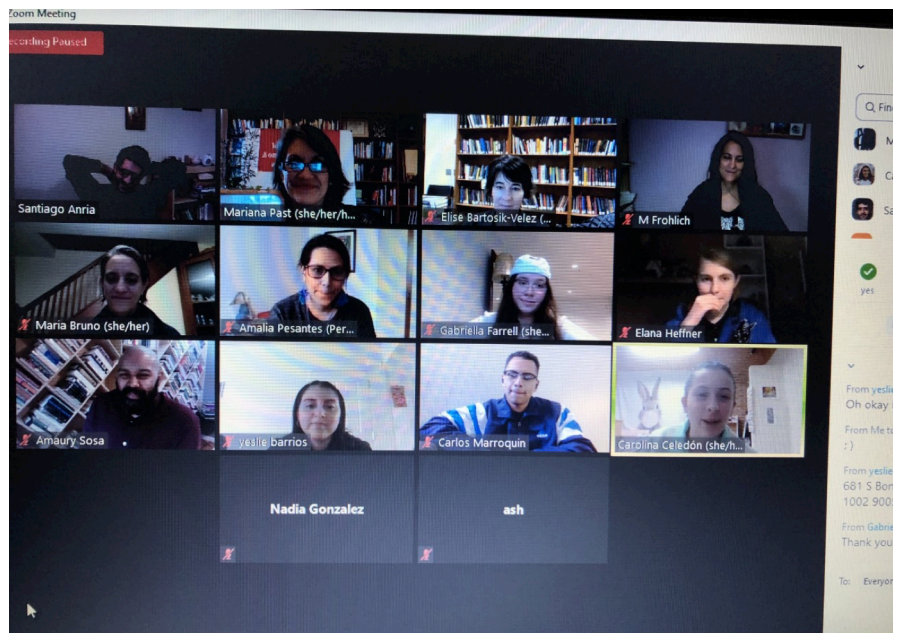
The afternoon was chilly but the rain had stopped and the sun peeked out on Friday, October 30 as LALC faculty and students living on campus gathered (masked and socially distanced) to celebrate a traditional Day of the Dead with a firepit, hot chocolate and pan de muertos. We gathered on the patio of the Hartman House, our traditional gathering-place in the past for LALC Cafes and other get-togethers. The celebration featured a pop-up altar with *ofrendas* to honor the departed; attendees brought photos, special small items, and memories of loved ones to share. It was a special time to share with one another and we were happy to be able to continue this yearly LALC tradition. We look forward to more in person gatherings when more of us return to campus for spring semester 2021.



*LALC Students and Faculty at Day of the Dead celebration, Hartman House*

## LALC HOLDS FIRST LALC CAFÉ OF FALL 2020 ON ZOOM

LALC celebrated its first LALC Café of the 2020-21 academic year remotely on Zoom on Monday, October 26, at 4:30 pm. Faculty, majors and a few prospective majors joined the informal conversation. Once in-person gatherings can resume, we look forward to our once-monthly gatherings, with traditional refreshments like tacos, empanadas and quesadillas. Hope to see you there one day not too long from now!



## SPRING 2021 LALC COURSES

### LALC 101

Intro to Latin American, Latinx & Caribbean Studies  
-01: R 1:30 – 2:45  
-02: F 1:30 – 2:45  
Anria

### LALC 121-01

Intro to Africana Studies  
MWF 10:30-11:20  
Johnson

### LALC 200-01

Black Feminist Thoughts  
MR 1:30-2:45  
Philogene

### LALC 205-01

Brazil in a Latin American Context  
MWF 12:30-1:20  
Pereira

### LALC 231-01

Modern Latin American History Since 1800  
TR 3 – 4:15  
Borges

### LALC 272-01

The Atlantic Slave Trade and Africans in the Making of the Atlantic World, 1450-1850  
TR 10:30-11:45  
Ball

### LALC 295-01

Intro to US Latinx/Chicanx Literature & Culture  
MR 3 – 4:15  
Sosa

### LALC 300-01

The Intersection of Journalism and Fiction in Contemporary Hispanic Literatures  
TR 10:30-11:45  
Aldrich

### LALC 385-01

Intersectional Latinidades  
MR 1:30-2:45  
Sosa

### LALC 490-01

Latin American, Latinx and Caribbean Studies Senior Research Seminar  
M 3 – 4:15  
Borges

### LALC Majors, AY 21:

Julandry Almonte  
Inaya Carrington  
Carolina Celedon  
Daniela Cruz  
Gabriella Farrell  
Ash Garcia  
Veronica Loria  
Carlos Marroquin  
Ellen McInnes  
Cecilia Ribordy  
Maria Smith  
Lizeth Zaragoza-Fabian

## MEET PROF. AMALIA VILLA PESANTES!



LALC's newest contributing faculty member, an assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology & Archaeology, joins us this semester.

### *In her own words:*

I am a medical anthropologist and global health practitioner, and my recent research has focused on access to Primary Health Care among vulnerable communities in

Latin America, particularly Peru. I received my Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology and M.P.H. from the University of Pittsburgh, and a M.A. in International Development from Clark University. My research looks at health inequities among underserved populations. For example, I study the challenges faced by Indigenous people to access culturally-appropriate health care and to have their medical traditions recognized and incorporated into state health services. I also conduct research about the experiences and health needs of individuals with chronic conditions. The ongoing pandemic has shown, again, how health problems disproportionately affect the vulnerable communities and how health policies fail to take care of them. Despite teaching online from Lima during this semester, I have managed to stay connected with the community at Dickinson. The faculty and students from the Anthropology & Archaeology Department as well as LALC have been extremely supportive and welcoming, and even via zoom I have been able to feel part of the community. I hope to meet all of you in person in the near future!

*In our words:* Prof. Villa Pesantes has also been instrumental in assisting with the Comando Matico Fundraiser at Dickinson. The Comando Matico, as described by Anthropology/Archaeology students Kitty Sheridan, Corrine Plunto, and Emma Cole, is “an Indigenous organization that has taken the initiative to provide traditional remedies for free to ailing Indigenous communities in the Amazon during the COVID-19 crisis. The organization's name derives from the name of a local plant, called Matico, which can be used to treat a variety of ailments. While it is by no means a cure, it helps greatly in treating the individual symptoms of COVID-19, particularly those that affect the lungs and other parts of the respiratory system. Despite the success of their initiative, the Peruvian government has provided little to no monetary aid to these groups or any other Amazonian Indigenous populations of Peru.” You can learn more about Comando Matico here (video translated by Gabriella Ferrell LALC '21):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EY\\_mvUBMPGs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EY_mvUBMPGs) You can donate here: <https://gf.me/u/y6jcmf>