

Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative

Established in 2018, the aim of Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative is to enhance interdisciplinary scholarly exchange and programming, community engagement, and personalized academic development in the connective fields of Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies. In doing so, the project seeks to address the historical and contemporary struggles involving race and gender relations, civil rights, migration, representation, adaptation, and socio-cultural expressions to illuminate the Afro-Latinx/o/a populations in the U.S. and Afro-Latin Americans throughout the Caribbean and Latin America from numerous disciplinary angles and comparative locales.

Transnational Dialogues in Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies – 2020-2022

Throughout the Americas, a range of societal shifts have advanced the need for a more transnational framework for studying the hemisphere, particularly the population of African descent in Latin America and its diasporic communities. Notably, contemporary Latin America has witnessed an expansion of social movements and policies addressing race, gender, and citizenship. In the U.S., the Midwest has experienced a dramatic increase in Spanish-Caribbean populations – from 33 percent in Pennsylvania to 229 percent in Ohio (Pew Research Center, 2008). Building on the momentum of the Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative (ALALS), funded by a Pitt Seed Project grant in 2018, *Transnational Dialogues* seeks to expand transnational, transregional, and interdisciplinary research, education, and programming at the core of the ALALS initiative. The core collaborative team includes scholars and specialists from the departments of Africana Studies, History, Hispanic Languages and Literatures, Administrative and Policy Studies in Education, the Center for Latin American Studies, and Hillman Library.

Upcoming Activities:

Webinars:

October 2020

Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad: Migration, Policing, and Political Movements

Spring 2020

Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad: Race, Gender, and Health

Video Podcast:

Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad

Activities – 2019-2020

<https://www.africanastudies.pitt.edu/sites/default/files/ALALS%20INITIATIVE%20-%20EVENTS%20Updated%2012-4-19.pdf>