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Welcome Back & Happy New Year!



The Confluentcenter team hopes that you all had a safe and restful holiday break! We're thrilled to be back and to get started with our regularly scheduled program!

Keep reading to what we have going on this month and some highlights from 2024!

Events

**FROM LOS TIGRES DEL NORTE TO PESO PLUMA:
THE RISE OF NARCOCORRIDOS**

Join us for an exploration of how Narcocorridos have evolved in recent decades and what they reveal about Mexican culture on both sides of the border.

ON ZOOM @ 2:00 PM (MST)
JANUARY 16



Juan Carlos Ramírez-Pimienta,
Professor at SDSU-Imperial Valley



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Register today and join us **tomorrow** for a conversation with scholar [Juan Carlos Ramírez-Pimienta](#) on how Narcocorridos have evolved in recent decades and what they reveal about Mexican culture on both sides of the border.

The Narcocorrido is a subgenre of Regional Mexican corrido genre. This type of music is heard and produced on both sides of the US-Mexico border. 🎵

Professor Ramírez-Pimienta teaches in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at San Diego State University-Imperial Valley. His current research focuses on Mexican popular culture, especially Popular Poetics and Border cultural and literary studies.

Learn more about our speaker and event by clicking [here](#). 📺

[Register Here!](#)



We are still accepting donations to support asylum seekers throughout Sonora, Mexico!

Before the end of the year, [Fronteridades Fellow](#) Juanita Sandoval picked up three boxes and six bags filled with warm clothes, toiletries and gently used shoes for asylum seeking migrants.

Support asylum seekers throughout Sonora, Mexico




WINTER SUPPLY DRIVE

Priority Items:

- **WINTER CLOTHING:** (High need for men's clothing) Baseball caps, beanies, NEW underwear and socks, tennis shoes, Long sleeve shirts, gloves, Jackets/hoodies, pants/leggings
- **COLD WEATHER OUTDOOR SUPPLIES:** Ponchos, blankets and emergency blankets
- **HYGIENE:** Toilet Paper, hand-sanitizer, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel sized shampoo, soap (bar and liquid), maxi pads, diapers any size
- **BACKPACKS AND DRAW STRING BAGS**
- **SHOELACES**

Join Fronteridades Fellow Juanita Sandoval and the Run for the Migrants Fundraiser along with Salvavision collect supplies for asylum seekers in the borderlands of Arizona and Sonora.

DROP OFF AT

<p>Confluence Center 1133 E. Helen St. Tucson, AZ 85719</p>	<p>Marshall Building Suite 280 University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721</p>
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<https://salvavision.org/donate>










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In collaboration with the [Center for Latin American Studies](#), we are working together to support asylum seekers throughout Sonora, Mexico, with a Winter Supply Drive!

[Run for the Migrants](#) and [Salvavison AZ](#) are working together to host a winter clothing and item drive through the Confluentcenter. The items collected will benefit migrant shelters in Sonora and deported asylum seekers directly at the border.

We are in need of warm clothes and items for all ages, but there is a particularly high demand for men's clothing and hygiene products. Many asylum seekers and migrants come from warmer climates and are not prepared for the cold weather. Additionally, when people are deported, they are often returned with nothing but a ziplock bag containing their few belongings. We share a common vision of providing humanitarian aid and promoting migration with dignity across borders.

If you don't have clothes to donate, please consider contributing through the Run for the Migrants [Amazon wishlist](#) or by [sending a donation](#) via the Salvavisonaz Venmo account [@salvavisonaz](#).

Donations can be dropped off at the Confluentcenter on the University of Arizona campus ([1133 E. Helen St., Tucson, AZ 85719](#)). Your generosity will help provide warmth and dignity to those in need this holiday season.

4th AVE COALITION

LA PEÑA DEL SURCO

A LATIN AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC GATHERING
FEATURING ARGENTINE/CHILEAN FOLK MUSIC BY EL SURCO, TRADICIONES & MORE!

FREE ENTRY | **17 JANUARY 2025 | 6PM**

SCAN TO REGISTER

4TH AVE COALITION SPACE
311 EAST 7TH STREET
TUCSON AZ 85705

ADA ACCESSIBLE! ALL ARE WELCOME!
EMPANADAS FOR SALE
BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS!

Interested in sharing something at the Peña?
Contact Dr. Jennie Gubner at jgubner@arizona.edu

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Need Friday plans? Well look no further! Conflucnter is thrilled to cosponsor this Friday's La Peña Del SurCo! Featuring Argentine/Chilean music by El Surco, Tradiciones & more! 🎵

📅 Date: Friday, January 17

🕒 Time: 6:00 p.m.

📍 Location: 311 E 7th Street, Tucson AZ 85705

This is a free and open event to the public for all ages! Bring your friends, family and neighbors to enjoy Latin folk music and Argentine empanadas in good company! 🎵 🇺🇸

[Register Here!](#)

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
CROSSING LATINIDADES
HUMANITIES RESEARCH INITIATIVE

2025 Summer Institute in Latino/a/x/e Humanities Studies Theories and Methodologies
+
Predoctoral Research Fellowship 2025-2026

University of Illinois Chicago
June 20 - 29, 2025

We invite applications from second and third year pre-candidacy Doctoral Students for the in-person Summer Institute, an intensive training on Latino/a/x/e Humanities Studies Theories & Methodologies

Application Deadline: **February 1, 2025**
Notification of Award: **March 1, 2025**
Stipend: **\$3,000**

Participants of the Summer Institute will be considered for the 2025-2026 Predoctoral Research Fellowship which carries a stipend of **\$30,000 + tuition waiver + fees**

Apply directly to the designated Center/Program at your home institution.
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<https://crossinglatinidades.com/summer-institute>

Exciting news! Applications are now open for the 2025 [Crossing Latinidades Summer Institute](#), set to take place at the University of Illinois Chicago from **June 20-29, 2025**. This

immersive program is designed to strengthen doctoral students' comparative research skills, critical thinking, and creativity, with a focus on U.S. Latino/a/x/e topics.

Who can apply?

The Institute is open to doctoral students in the humanities or humanistic social sciences who will be in their second or third year by May 2025 and are working on dissertations related to U.S. Latino/a/x/e studies.

What's included?

- Stipend: \$3,000 to cover travel, meals, and other expenses.
- Housing: Shared apartments on the UIC campus, with most meals provided.
- Additional support: A two-semester Professionalization Program and Writing Lab, with virtual workshops and speaker series in Fall 2025 and Spring 2026.

Bonus Opportunity - Crossing Latinidades Mellon Fellowship

This application also serves for the Mellon Fellowship, which offers a \$30,000 stipend for nine months, plus tuition waiver, health insurance, and fees. Fellows will conduct faculty mentorship research for up to 15 hours per week and must fully commit to all program activities.

For more information and to apply, visit our website and check out the [FAQ page](#).

Feel free to share this opportunity with colleagues and doctoral students!

We look forward to your applications!

[Apply Here!](#)

THE
BORDERLANDS
FORUM

Funded in part by the Santa Cruz Valley National Heritage Area (SCVNHA)

Fronteras del Lenguaje: Understanding Bilingualism in the Borderlands



Thursday, February 6, 2025
5:00pm

The Wittner Museum
204 N. Morley Ave., Nogales, AZ.
Free event - donations welcome.

Register/More Info:
BorderCommunityAlliance.org
(520)398-3229

This presentation, by Dr. Genesis D. Arizmendi, examines bilingualism in the borderlands, exploring how living in border communities shapes language, identity, and culture. Drawing on research and community perspectives across the US/Mexico Border, this talk highlights the rich linguistic and cultural wealth of border regions, emphasizing the power of bilingualism to bridge worlds and create opportunities for our communities. Together, we'll celebrate the unique voices of the borderlands and discuss how these findings can inform education, advocacy, and community strength. Dr. Arizmendi is Assistant Professor of Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences Assistant/Cognitive Sciences and the Director of the Multicultural Bilingual Certificate Program, at the University of Arizona. Dr. Arizmendi is a fronteriza who grew up in Nogales, Arizona and graduated from Nogales High School in 2007.







The Border Community Alliance is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit dedicated to bridging the border through education, collaboration and cultural exchange.

[Mellon-Fronteridades Fellow](#), Genesis Arizmendi will be presenting at the Borderland Forum her research, Fronteras Lenguaje: Understanding Bilingualism in the Borderlands.

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Reflection

In case you missed it!

It was a busy year for the Confluentcenter! To celebrate all the exciting milestones and accomplishments of 2024, we decided to wrap it up in a fun and creative way. 🎉

Check out our **CCI Wrapped** to see all the incredible work we accomplished, the projects we brought to life, and the moments that made this year so special. It's your chance to relive the highlights!



[Watch Here](#)



Now that you are all caught up, we hope to see you at these upcoming events! Make sure to stay up to date with us by [following us on social media!](#)

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