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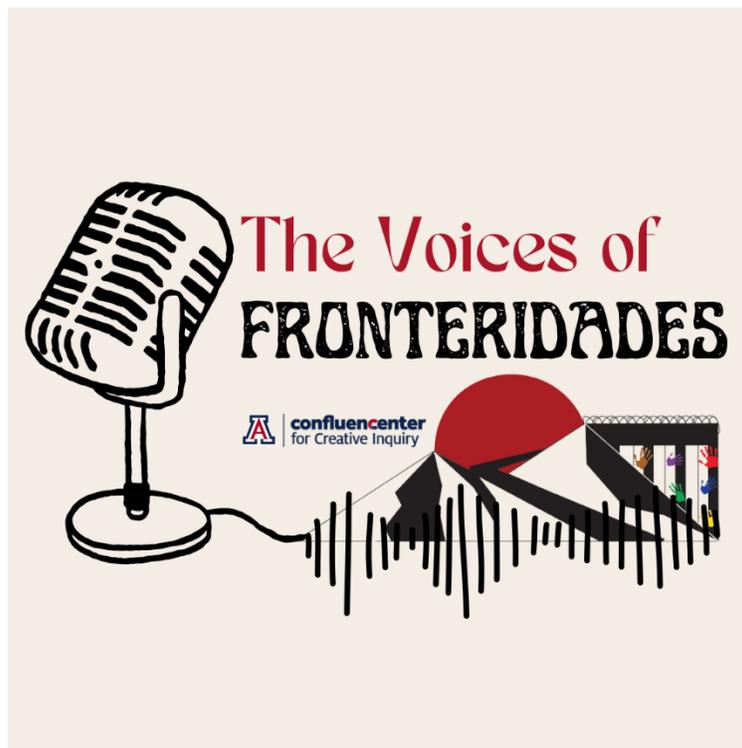
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March Newsletter!

Time truly flies when you're keeping busy! Here at the Confluentcenter, we've been hard at work on a variety of exciting projects, from community events to updates and announcements.

Keep reading for your mid-semester update!



Exciting News: Launching The Voices of Fronteridades podcast! 🎙️ ✨

This podcast explores the intersection of borders and humanities, amplifying the voices of overlooked communities. Through conversations with artists, scholars, activists, and community leaders, each episode uncovers how these individuals are reshaping our understanding of borders. Dive into stories of art, activism and groundbreaking research shaping the future of border narratives.



☀️ **Listen to our first episode:** [Merging.Fronteras.\(Borders\).and.Humanidades.\(Humanities\);](#)

Our first episode talks to the creator of the [Fronteridades program](#) and he dives into the merging of fronteras and humanidades, borders and humanities. Dr. Javier Duran, Director of the [Confluencercenter for Creative Inquiry](#), is a collaborator and works with numerous scholars, artists, activists and community leaders to elevate the voices and stories of the borderlands. In this episode we explore the beginnings of Fronteridades. Stick around and listen on how we are bridging disciplines, sectors and communities to deepen our understanding of the U.S.-Mexico border.

[Listen Here](#)

Events



Join Us for a Special Artist Talk with Dora Rodriguez at Etherton Gallery!

We invite you to join exhibiting artist [Lisa Elmaleh](#) as she discusses her work featured in the current exhibition [Tierra Prometida](#), alongside special guests **Dora Rodriguez**, Director of [Salvavision Arizona](#), and **Lika Macías Mejía**, founder and director of [Casa de la Misericordia](#).

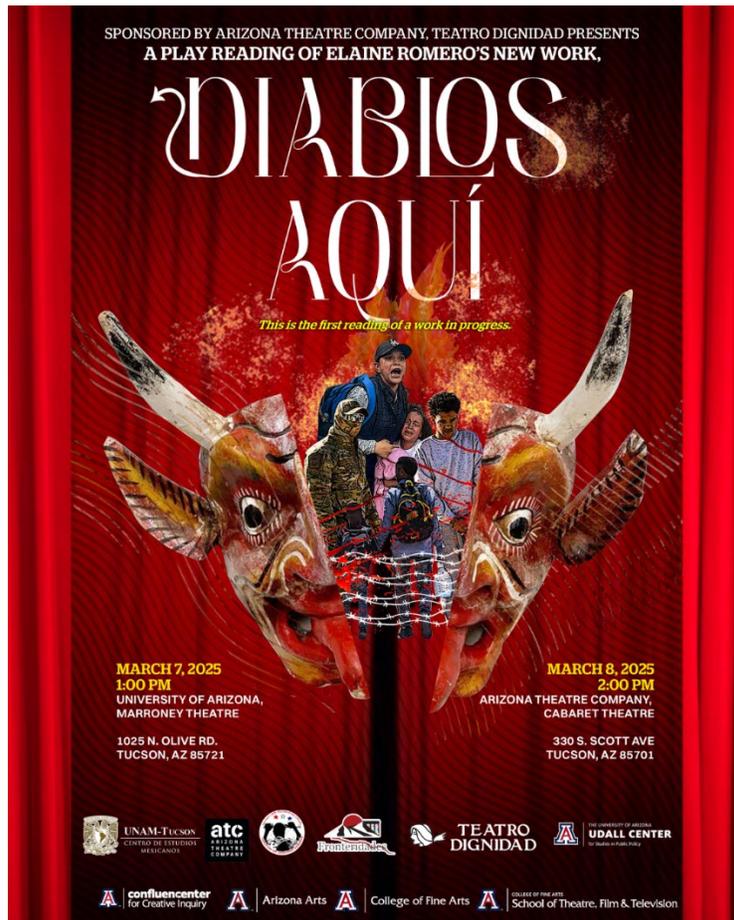
Dora and Lika will share their personal experiences and insights into their work, exploring the current immigration climate in the borderlands. Translation will be provided by Gia Del Pino.

This engaging conversation will take place at [Etherton Gallery](#) (340 S Convent Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701) on **March 6 at 7 p.m.**

To learn more about the exhibit and the important work of Dora and Lika, we invite you to visit Etherton Gallery and join us for this impactful discussion.

📷 ©Lisa Elmaleh, “Good Luck Charms, House of Hope, Sasabe, Sonora, Mexico; Amuletos de buena suerte, Casa de la Esperanza, Sasabe, Sonora, México,” 2023

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A [Fronteridades](#) Play Reading: *Diablos Aquí* by [Elaine Romero](#)

Sponsored by Arizona Theatre Company, Teatro Dignidad presents a special play reading of Elaine Romero's new work, *Diablos Aquí* (Devils Are Here).

What's stronger—love or politics? *Diablos Aquí* explores the aftermath of our current political moment in a future U.S. where the worst fears of migrants have come true.

In this tense landscape, a daughter challenges her father's role in the tragedies that have unfolded. If only democracy had a rewind button and death was just a temporary vacation. How can you save the ones you love when they are stuck on the other side of an unyielding divide? One thing is certain: while loved ones fight, hell is empty and all the devils are here.

We invite you to join us for the reading! Details below:

 **March 7 at 1:00 pm**

 **University of Arizona, Marroney Theatre (1025 N. Olive Rd. Tucson, AZ 85721)**

 **March 8 at 2:00 pm**

 **Arizona Theatre Company, Cabaret Theatre (330 S. Scott Ave Tucson, AZ 85701)**

We hope to see you there!

4th AVENUE COALITION
TUCSON, AZ

LA PEÑA DEL SURCO

A LATIN AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC GATHERING
FEATURING EL SURCO AND GRUPO RIKEN!

**FRIDAY
MAR 7, 6 PM**
4TH AVE COALITION SPACE
311 E 7TH STREET TUCSON AZ

FREE ENTRY

UPCOMING DATES:
APRIL 18 & MAY 23

SCAN TO REGISTER

INTERESTED IN SHARING SOMETHING AT THE PEÑA?
CONTACT DR. JENNIE GUBNER AT JGUBNER@ARIZONA.EDU

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Join us for a Peña, a Latin American folk music gathering that's all about community and participation! 🎤🎸 Peñas are lively events where multiple musical groups perform, people often sing together, and sometimes community members share their own songs. It's an inclusive, fun experience for music lovers of all ages! 🎵🌍

🎤 **This month, enjoy a special performance by Grupo Riken!** Come for the music, stay for the community! Don't miss out on this beautiful, inclusive event. 🎵

La Peña del SurCo is led by Dr. Jennie Gubner, an ethnomusicologist and arts & health researcher, along with her Argentine/Chilean folk music trio, El SurCo. This event celebrates folk music from Argentina, Chile, and Latin America, while fostering a sense of community through intimate, acoustic, and participatory musical practices.

🍷 [Che Cafe Empanadas](#) will be selling delicious Argentine Empanadas, and drinks will be available for purchase. Feel free to bring your own drinks too! 🎵

This event is ADA-accessible, age-friendly, and open to everyone so bring your friends and family! 🌱

Date: March 7th at 6pm
Location: 311 E 7th Street, Tucson AZ 85705

[Register Here](#)

The HSI Faculty Seed Grant 2024-2025 Awarded Project:
Advocating for Bilingual and Culturally-Responsive Higher Education - ABC Higher Ed
presents:

2nd Annual Bilingual Initiatives Symposium

"Building Capacity for
Bilingual, Bicultural and Biliterate
Higher Education"

Call for proposals



RSVP



W.A. Franke Honors College, University of Arizona
March 28th, 2025

<https://hsi.arizona.edu/bilingual-initiatives-symposium>

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The HSI #ABCHigherEd Project Presents: The 2nd Annual Bilingual Initiatives Symposium (#BIS25)

The [2nd Annual Bilingual Initiatives Symposium \(BIS25\)](#), proudly hosted by the HSI #ABCHigherEd project. This one-day symposium seeks to foster meaningful conversations on bilingualism (English/Spanish) within the University of Arizona, particularly in the context of a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) and Borderlands. BIS25 organizers invite you to participate by presenting your projects, initiatives, or work-in-progress, and by attending to connect with potential collaborators and stakeholders across campus.

The symposium will explore the significance of bilingualism in education, focusing on its role in fostering bi/multi/cultural understanding and inclusivity. It will also highlight successful bilingual initiatives and programs implemented across campus, discuss challenges and opportunities in promoting bilingualism and multiculturalism within higher education, and encourage collaboration among faculty, staff, students, and community members interested in bilingual (English-Spanish) education and initiatives. The event aims to advocate for bilingualism and multiculturalism within HSI, fostering a strong community of educators and professionals in higher education.

We encourage you to [submit your proposals](#) and [RSVP](#) for the event! We look forward to your participation in this exciting event and hope to see you there!

[RSVP Here](#)

Updates

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

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1133 E. Helen St.
Tucson, AZ 85719

Marshall Building
Suite 280
University of Arizona,
Tucson, Arizona
85721

To donate financially to Venmo: @salvavisionaz
<https://salvavisionaz.org/donate>

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We are still accepting donations!

In collaboration with the [Center for Latin American Studies](#), [Run for the Migrants](#) and [Salvavision AZ](#) are working together to host a clothing and item drive through the Confluent Center. 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 wish list](#), Salvavision's [Amazon wishlist](#) or by [sending a donation](#) via the Salvavisionaz Venmo account @salvavisionaz. Donations can be dropped off at the Confluent Center 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.

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Join LASSO for our 3rd Latin American Studies Symposium

OPEN TO UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

3rd Annual Arizona Latin
American Studies Symposium



Submissions due
March 7

lasso.uofa@gmail.com

The **3rd Annual Arizona Latin American Studies Symposium (ALASS)** is excited to announce its call for submissions. ALASS is a 1-day symposium and an excellent opportunity for both undergraduate and graduate students in Arizona to gain experience presenting academic work in a welcoming, inclusive environment. The symposium will also feature a keynote speaker. **ALASS's tentative date is April 11th, 2025, and is being hosted by the Latin American Studies Student Organization.**

For this year's symposium, they are accepting both lightning talks (five-minute short presentations on a topic of interest) and oral presentations (ten-minute presentations on research) from students. Any undergraduate and graduate student researching and studying topics related to Latin America across the University of Arizona campus is encouraged to submit their work for consideration.

Submissions to this form are due by Friday, March 7th, 2025, at 11:59pm AZ time.

For more information, please reach out to Latin American Studies Student Organization (LASSO) at lasso.uofa@gmail.com

[Apply Here!](#)



Now that you are all caught up, we hope to see you at these upcoming events!

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