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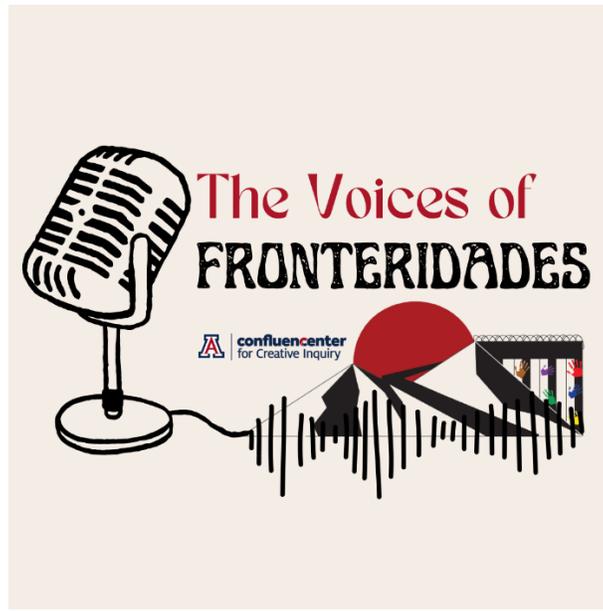


## Mid-Month Update!

**Welcome Back, Wildcats!**

We hope you had a restful, fun and safe spring break.

As we get back into the groove of things here is your mid-month update with **announcements, resources and events!**



**Have you heard our podcast? Give it a listen! 🎧 🔊**

The [Voices of Fronteridades](#) podcast explores the intersection of borders and humanities. 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.



 **Episode 2 out now: [Language Brokering in the Borderlands](#)** 

What makes language brokering so powerful? [Dr. Genesis Arizmendi's](#), a Mellon-Fronteridades Faculty Fellow, research reveals the hidden strengths and complexities behind this often-overlooked practice. 

In this episode we learn about her research and how she interviewed people across the U.S.-Mexico border, from Tijuana/San Ysidro to Brownsville/Matamoros, and everywhere in between to explore and amplify the power of bilingualism in the borderlands. Tune in to hear about her findings on the underappreciated strengths and complexities within the act of language brokering. 

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# Events

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THE SOUTHWEST CENTER AND  
CONFLUENCENTER PRESENT

**“AY, AY, AY, AY, CANTA Y NO COMPONEN:  
MARIACHI PERFORMANCE AND  
COMPOSITION”**

Join us for a public lecture by  
Dr. Russell C. Rodríguez of U.C.  
Santa Cruz. Professor Rodríguez  
will talk about the impact of  
technology on mariachi music,  
tracing the history and  
transition of the ensemble and  
changes within the practice of  
mariachi composition.

Thursday, March 27, 2025  
6:00 PM - Reception to follow

Center for Creative Photography Auditorium  
1030 N. Olive Road, UA Campus, 85719

For event and parking information: <https://bit.ly/RussellR>

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Gender & Women's  
Studies

Join us for a special conversation and public lecture with [Dr. Russell C. Rodríguez](#), Assistant Professor at UC Santa Cruz, as we dive into the impact of technology on mariachi music, tracing the history and transition of the ensemble and changes within the practice of mariachi composition. 🎵

With over 45 years of experience, Dr. Rodríguez will share his insights on the evolution of Mariachi and its impact on communities on both sides of the US-Mexico border. His work spans across music composition, theater, and cultural preservation. 🎤

Dr. Rodríguez is also a key figure in promoting traditional arts through his contributions to groups like [Teatro Campesino](#) and [Teatro Vision](#), as well as his collaborations with [Alliance for California Traditional Arts](#) and [Smithsonian Folkways Recordings](#). 🌟

For more information visit: [bit.ly/RussellR](https://bit.ly/RussellR)

Have questions? Reach out to Estevan Azcona at: [estevanazcona@arizona.edu](mailto:estevanazcona@arizona.edu)

**We hope to see you there!**

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BIS25 is possible thanks to the support of:



<https://hsiarizona.edu/bilingual-initiatives-symposium>

The HSI #ABCHigherEd Project invites you to the 2nd Annual Bilingual Initiatives Symposium (#BIS25)! 🌐

📅 Save the Date: March 28th, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

📍 W.A. Franke Honors College, University of Arizona

This one-day event is designed to foster conversations on bilingualism (English/Spanish) at the University of Arizona, specifically within our Hispanic-Serving Institution and Borderlands contexts. BIS25 is the perfect space to **present your bilingual projects, initiatives, or works-in-progress**, and to **connect with potential collaborators and stakeholders across campus**. 🤝 ✨

🔗 Learn More: [Symposium Website](#)

📱 Follow Us: [Instagram: @abchighered](#)

📣 Call for Proposals: [Submit Your Proposal](#)

📖 BIS25 Program: [View the Program](#)

Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to engage with the UArizona community and **explore bilingual initiatives** that are making a difference! ✨

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## ❁ More Events! ❁



### [Lisa Elmaleh: Tierra Prometida](#)

February 11 - May 17 | Etherton Gallery (340 S Convent Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701)

Experience visual artist Lisa Elmaleh in her captivating exhibition "Tierra Prometida." Elmaleh documents the rich culture, diverse people, and striking landscapes of the southern border region.



### [Trans Day of Visibility Gala](#)

March 29, 2025 | ENR2 (1064 East Lowell Street Tucson, AZ 85719)

The Women & Gender Resource Center is hosting a fundraiser gala to celebrate Trans Day of Visibility! Enjoy local women-owned catering, live performances by DJ Hedonista, and speeches from Trans stakeholders on campus. [Get your tickets now!](#)



### [Made in Tucson Market](#)

March 30, 2025, 10 AM - 5 PM | 311 E. 7th St.

Check out the 4th Avenue Made in Tucson Market! With over 250 small and local businesses, this is a great opportunity to support the local community and discover unique handmade goods.

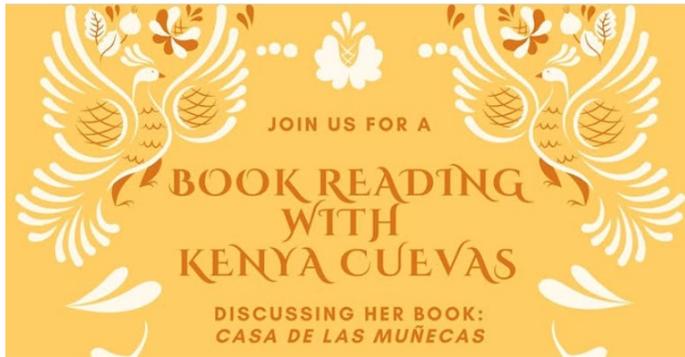


### [No Other Land - Documentary Screening](#)

March 30, 2025 | The Loft Cinema (3233 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716)

Don't miss the screening of the Oscar-winning documentary "No Other Land," which chronicles the

systematic destruction of Palestinian villages in the southern West Bank.



**Book Reading with Kenya Cuevas: “Casa de las Muñecas”**

*April 3, 2025, 6 PM* | Galeria Mitotera, (1802 S 4th Ave. , Tucson, AZ 85713)

Internationally recognized Mexican activist Kenya Cuevas will be in Tucson to discuss her book, “House of Dolls.” Cuevas, the founder of the first shelter for trans women in Mexico, will share her inspiring story. The event will be bilingual, and no registration is required.

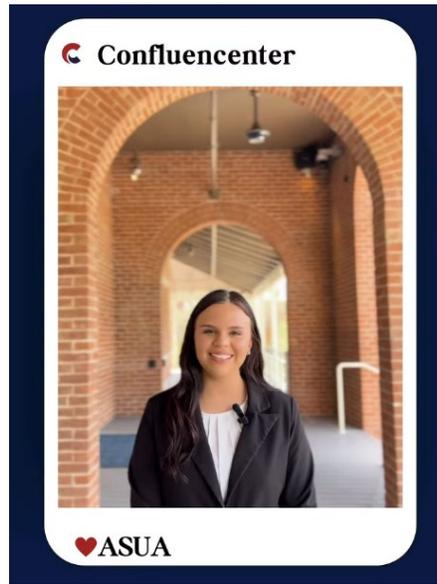


**LAS 50th Anniversary: Celebrating Alumni Voices**

*April 4, 2025, 7pm* | Whistle Stop Event Center (127 West 5th St. Tucson, AZ 85705)

The Latin American Studies department is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a series of panels featuring alumni sharing their professional journeys after completing their degrees. This is a great opportunity for current students and alumni to connect and learn from each other.

***Updates***



### Did you see our new Student Resources Video?

The Confluencer for Creative Inquiry and [Associated Students of the University of Arizona \(ASUA\)](#) president, Adriana Grijalva teamed up to highlight resources for students on campus. ASUA and the Confluencer are committed to ensuring the well-being of student's and wanted to take this opportunity to inform students of the many resources available to ALL.

[WATCH HERE!](#)



Last year, the [Confluencer for Creative Inquiry](#) partnered with the [W.A. Franke Honors College](#) to organize the Border Lab Fellowship for undergraduate Honors student. This initiative, supported by the [Provost's Investment Funds](#) (PIF), builds upon the Border Lab's mission of fostering interdisciplinary research and engagement in the Arizona-Sonora region.

In January, we had the opportunity to participate in a retreat with the honors college to learn more about each other and discuss this new learning experience (photo above). We can't wait to share more details of this fellowship in our next newsletter—stay tuned!

## Funding Opportunities!

### [Guerrero Center Scholarships for Undergraduates](#)

*Deadline: March 28, 2025*

Undergraduates, apply for the Los Universitarios and Francisco Escalante Scholarships from the Alberto and Ana Guerrero Center. Visit the Guerrero Student Center's scholarship section for eligibility and application details.

### [GPSC Travel Grant for Grad Students and Professionals](#)

*Deadline: March 31, 2025*

Graduate students and professionals, apply for the GPSC Travel Grant to receive up to \$1,000 for domestic travel and \$1,500 for international travel. Don't miss out on this opportunity for funding your academic and professional development!

### [Graduate Center Office of Fellowships: 2025 Summer Fellowship Application Development Program \(SFADP\)](#)

*Priority Deadline: April 16, 2025*

Graduate students and undergraduates considering graduate school can join this free online program to prepare competitive national and international fellowship applications. Get structured deadlines, writing support, and feedback to enhance your application.

[MORE OPPORTUNITIES](#)



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

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### Land Acknowledgment

*We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. The university strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.*