

# Philosophy Across the Américas Conference:

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Thursday, November 2 at South Texas College, Rainbow Room (Pecan Blvd Campus)

3:00-3:45pm: Student Panel

4:00-5:30pm: Panel I - **"Recruiting for Juan Crow: Land Sales Materials in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, 1904-1941"**

Cory Wimberly, Associate Professor of Philosophy, UTRGV

Javier Martinez, UTRGV

Margarita Cavazos, UTRGV

5:45-7:00pm: Thursday Keynote Address

"What's Missing in the Philosophy of Immigration: A Latinx Perspective"

Dr. José Jorge Mendoza, University of Massachusetts, Lowell

Friday, November 3 at Casa de Palmas Renaissance Hotel (3rd Floor: Royal Palm I & II)

8:30-9:00am: Coffee & Light Breakfast

9:00-10:30am: Session I - LEGAL BORDERS

Trans-Pecos Pipeline vs Two Rivers Camp: Ethical Perspectives on a Controversial Energy Project in Oil Country  
by Giovanni Frigo, University of North Texas

Unrecognized Borders Recognized Through Dread and Analysis: Understanding Borderlands and Their People,  
the Cannabis/Narcotics Trade, and Border Living by Reyes Espinoza, Purdue University

Philosophical and Religious Ambiguities of Personhood: The Person at the Frontera by Santiago Piñón, Texas Christian University

11:00-12:30pm: Session II - RESISTING IN THE BORDERLANDS

Susto and Limpia: Decolonizing Trauma Narratives from Indigenous Ground by Krista Arias, University of British Columbia Okanagan

Where do I Belong? On Maronnage, 'Hometactics,' and Liberation by Michael Monahan, University of Memphis

Writing to be Heard: Recovering the Philosophy of Luisa Capetillo by Stephanie Rivera Berruz, William Patterson University

12:30-2:30pm: LUNCH BREAK

2:30-4:00pm: Session III - IDENTITY IN THE BORDERS

Mexican, American, or Other: Forging a National Identity in the Early San Diego Borderlands by Marc Jones, San Diego State Univ.

Carnalismo and Commitment: Chicanx Existentialism as Trans-American Philosophy by José-Antonio Orosco, Oregon State Univ.

Poetry by Stevie Luna Rodriguez

4:30-6:15pm at Old Church Winery (700 N Main St in McAllen)

4:30-5:00pm: Artist Showcase by Verónica Cárdenas

5:00-6:15pm: Friday Keynote Address: "Visuality, Borderlands, and Resistant Mourning"

Dr. Mariana Ortega, Penn State University

Saturday, November 4 at Casa de Palmas Renaissance Hotel (3rd Floor: Royal Palm I & II)

8:30-9:00am: Coffee & Light Breakfast

9:00-10:30am: Panel II - **"History of the Militarized U.S./Mexico Border, its Current Enforcement, and Educating for the Future"**

Jules Simon, University of Texas at El Paso

Kim Diaz, U.S. District Court - El Paso

Manuela Gomez, El Paso Community College

10:45-12:15: Session IV - BORDERS AND COMMUNITY

Dancing Out of the Labyrinth: From Solitude to Communion in la Yunai by Daniel Campos, Brooklyn College, CUNY

The Beloved Community y los Pobres: Liberation Theology & the Philosophy of Josiah Royce by Aaron Pratt Shepherd, Emory Univ.

**Cristo en la Frontera: The Rise of Oneness Pentecostalism in the Rio Grande Valley** by Mauro Sierra III, UTRGV

12:15-3:30pm (at Old Hidalgo Pumphouse): Community Panel - The Ethics of Immigration in the Rio Grande Valley

12:15 (prompt!): Charter Bus leaves for Excursion to the [Old Hidalgo Pump House Museum and World Birding Center](#)

12:45: Lunch catered by [Tesoros Fine Cuisine](#)

1pm: Sister Norma Pimentel from the [Humanitarian Respite Center](#)

2pm: Abraham Diaz from [La Union del Pueblo Entero \(LUPE\)](#)

2:45pm: Presentation by [The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights](#)

3:30 (prompt!): Charter Bus returns to conference hotel

4:00-5:30pm: Session V - BORDERS AND NEPLANTA

The U.S.-Mexico/Caribbean Borderlands: Towards a Pedagogies of the Border(lands) by Rafael Vizcaíno, Rutgers University

Praxis and Spiritual Activism: Assessing Gloria Anzaldúa's Light in the Dark/Luz en lo Oscuro by Christopher D. Tirres, DePaul Univ.

Anzaldúa and Chicana/Latina Feminism on Bridging Love or Love that Bridges by Maggie Newton, University of Oregon

5:45-7:00pm: Saturday Keynote Address

"Lessons from Zapatista Luis Villoro on Democracy and Justice"

Dr. Gregory Pappas, Texas A&M University

7:00pm: Walk over to Infusions Eats and Drinks for closing remarks and dinner (701 N Main St.)

9:00pm: Performance at Infusions by Mariachi Oro (Edinburg North High School Mariachi; Abel Acuña, Director)

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