

National Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15–October 15

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National Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off and Photo Exhibit
12-1:30 p.m. City Hall, Atrium (401 N. Morton St.)

The City of Bloomington invites you to kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month at this informal reception in the City Hall atrium. Stroll through the atrium and enjoy the photo exhibit featuring local Latinos(as) and Bloomington community members who have helped make our city a better place. Refreshments served.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Opening Reception
4-6 p.m. at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures (416 N. Indiana Ave.)

La Casa, Latinos Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Mathers Museum of World Cultures cordially invite you to the opening celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15). For complete listing of calendar of events, please contact us at 812-855-0174 or lacasa@indiana.edu.

September 17

From Invisible To Invincible
6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, Grand Hall (275 N. Jordan Ave.)

A multi-media experience involving testimonios, participatory theatre, film, drama, and audience participation...moving them from empathy to solidarity. Sponsored by Latino Graduate Students Association.

September 18

"Platicas" Brown Bag Series
12-1 p.m. La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

"Worse than the War: Democratic Disenchantment in El Salvador" Talk by Ellen Moodie (Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois). Sponsored by Center for Latin America and the Caribbean Studies, La Casa and Latino Studies.

"World War I and the Federación Libre de Trabajo Agricultural Workers' Campaign in Puerto Rico"
3 p.m. at Ballantine Hall 004

Professor Dionicio Valdés (History, Michigan State University) will examine an unexplored 1915 first great workers' strike and its connections with the formation of the Socialist Party in Puerto Rico.

Latinos Unidos of IU Mass Meeting
7 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

Latinos Unidos of Indiana University (LUIU) will be holding their first mass meeting to give students an opportunity to learn more about LUIU and how to get involved. We will share upcoming programs as well as welcome ideas for future events. It will also be a great opportunity to socialize and get to know other students at Indiana University.

September 19

"Mordidas y Comidas: Politics, Food and the Rise of the United Farm Workers"
12 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

This talk by Professor Dionicio Valdés (History, Michigan State University) will discuss how the United Farm Workers brought the discussion of food into the labor movement and made it political. Don't miss it!

Hola! Bloomington on WFHB 91.3 & 98.1FM
6-7 p.m.

September 20

Festival Latino
12-6 p.m. at Dunn Meadow (corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St.)

This festival is a free outdoor concert open to all campus and community. Held in IU's Dunn Meadow, the concert consists of Latino music groups. This year the festival features Grammy Award Nominee group Sones de Mexico. The event also provides the opportunity for individuals to visit the food, cultural activities and information booths set up throughout the meadow area.

September 21, 28 & October 5

Copa Bloomington Soccer Tournament

Register for this 3 day 6v6 tournament celebrating one of the most beloved sports in Latin American. Tournament takes place at Karst Farm Park and is sponsored by El Centro Comunal Latino, The City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department and El Norteño. Register today by calling 355-7513 or visiting www.elcentrocomunal.org or just stop by El Norteño to register!

Sounds of Brazil
2 p.m. at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures (416 N. Indiana Ave.)

One of the most authentic and brilliant voices of Brazilian music in Bloomington, Valeria DeCastro returns to the Mathers Museum for a free performance. A vocalist, guitarist, and composer, DeCastro will present some of her original compositions along with a blend of Samba and Bossa Nova. Sponsors: La Casa/Latino Cultural Center, Mathers Museum of World Cultures and the Brazilian Student Association.

September 22

What it is like to be a Latina/o in college?
7 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

When you identify yourself as a Latina/o, what does that mean to you? To others? What challenges/concerns do Latinos face while in college? Topics for discussion will include family, fitting in, classes, and life after college to name a few.

September 23

Latino's Vote
7-9 p.m. at La Casa

Program sponsored by Delta Alpha Rho will share information regarding the importance of voting, a brief discussion about each candidate, and an opportunity to register to vote.

September 25

ILASA Movie Night
7:30 p.m. at the Leo R. Dowling International Center (111 S. Jordan Ave.)

The International Latino American Student Association (ILASA) invites you to see "Botín de Guerra". In Argentina, from 1976 to 1983, a government-sponsored "dirty war" raged that saw the torture and murder of thousands of citizens. The children of those victims were often relocated to right-wing foster homes. Documentarian David Blaustein films the inspiring stories of the mothers and grandmothers who would not rest until democracy was restored and the children were returned to their rightful families.

September 26

Hola! Bloomington on WFHB 91.3 & 98.1FM
6-7 p.m.

Sigma Lambda Gamma/Sigma Lambda Beta Cookout
6-9 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

It's that time of year, to get back into the school mode. So join SLB/SLG while we make your transition into the new academic year a little more full-filling with some FREE FOOD.

September 27

Latin Cooking and Dance Demonstrations at the Farmers' Market
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Farmer's Market Plaza and City Hall Atrium (401 N. Morton St.)

Would you like to learn how to prepare classic Latin dishes? Or perhaps the basics of how to dance the Salsa, Bachata or Merengue? Come to the Farmers' Market to learn both for free. Try the free samples and enjoy dance lessons and performances from Ritmos Latinos. Sponsored by the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department and the Leo R. Dowling International Center

Middle Way House Domestic Violence Training
9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th St.)

Middle Way House is seeking new volunteers to help us maintain the quality of service that we provide to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Because of the diverse population served, multi-lingual volunteers, such as Spanish-speakers and American Sign Language interpreters are needed. For more information: Call (812) 333-7404

September 28

Spanish Language Gallery and Collection Tour
2-4 p.m. at the Mathers Museum of World Cultures (416 N. Indiana Ave.)

Want a tour of the Mathers Museum of World Cultures in Spanish? Well Join us! ¡Acompáñenos en una visita del Museo de Culturas del Mundo en español! Free and open to the public.

September 29

"A Walk Through Time: Discovering the Influential Latina Women in History"
6 p.m. Location: TBA

Part of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. Raices Week: "Coming out of the Shadows: Latin American Women Tell Herstory"

"The Evolution of an Everyday Activist"
7 p.m. at the Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, Grand Hall (275 N. Jordan Ave.)

Ava Hernandez has worked with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (one of the largest environmental groups in Louisiana) and Atchafalaya Basinkeeper (dedicated to protecting water from pollution). She has also been a strong activist against The School of the Americas, replaced by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, a military training school for Latin American soldiers. According to Hernandez, many graduates of the school have gone on to commit human rights violations and crimes in Latin America. Ava Hernandez will share her experiences as an activist and thoughts on Latino leadership.

September 30

"Latinos Contributions to Scientific Research"
12 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

So we hear about all the amazing contributions scientists make to science everyday but how many have been made by Latinos both here in the US and abroad? Come find out how science has been changed by Latinos and how

you can continue that legacy. All attendees will receive a free one year membership to SACNAS (The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/Latinos and Native Americans in Science).

"Immigrant Families: Striving to Stay Together"
6-8 p.m. Monroe County Public Library, Auditorium (303 E. Kirkwood)

The current immigration system and intensified immigration enforcement activities have caused the separation of family members, economic hardships, and traumatic experiences among the immigrant communities. Join us for a panel discussion on the historical, legal and social challenges and barriers faced by immigrant families in the US. Sponsored by the Center for Latin America and the Caribbean Studies, El Centro Comunal Latino, and La Casa. Questions? Please email elcentro@elcentrocomunal.org.

October 1

Let's Dance Latin Style!
12-2 p.m. at the Student Commons in the Ivy Tech Community College (200 Daniels Way)

Come learn popular Latin American dances that everyone is talking about. Dancing lessons will be given on Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata. These lessons are free and open to the public. Bring your dancing shoes and Let's Dance Latin Style! For more information contact Debra L. Vance [dvance@ivytech.edu].

October 2

"Platicas" Brown Bag Series
11 a.m.-12 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

"The New Imperialism and the New Cold War: U.S. Police in Latin America Today." Talk by Micol Seigel (African American & African Diaspora Studies/American Studies). Sponsored by Center for Latin America and the Caribbean Studies, La Casa and Latino Studies.

"Long Island Iced Latina" (A Brown Comedy)
8 p.m. at the John Waldron Arts Center (122 S. Walnut St.)

In "Long Island Iced Latina" Marga Gomez pours a long tall drink of cultural confusion, chronic virginity and mother daughter instability. What begins as a hilariously dark memoir of Gomez as the only brown girl in a white high school morphs into an intoxicating manifesto for Latinos who can't speak Spanish, suck at Salsa, and suffer from Blonditis. "We're everywhere." Gomez claims. "And we vote!" Marga has been seen on Comedy Central, Showtime, HBO, LOGO and PBS. To learn more about Marga visit www.myspace.com/margagomezcomedy

Women Empowerment: Movie "Evita" and Discussion
7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Student Building Room 150

Sponsor: Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority

October 3

Hola! Bloomington on WFHB 91.3 & 98.1FM
6-7 p.m.

October 3-5

IU Latino Alumni Association Reunion

Join IU Latino alumni for the biggest reunion yet. Events include workshops, social activities, scholarship & distinguished alumni luncheon, and more. Registration required. For more details visit: www.alumni.indiana.edu/latinoaa

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October 4

Latino Punk Night
8 p.m. at Rhino's All Ages Club (331 S. Walnut St.)

Bands TBA. For more information call 812-333-3430 or see www.rhinosyouthcenter.org. Cost: \$5 admission fee at the door. Sponsors: Rhino's Youth Center and La Casa. All Ages event.

October 7

My Mexican Shiva (Morise está en Hebreo) 2007
7:30 p.m. and Venue TBA

Set in Polanco, a Jewish quarter of Mexico City, and spoken in Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew, "My Mexican Shiva" is a dramatic comedy about how the death of a man results in the celebration of his life. Directed by Alejandro Springall and based on a story by Ilán Stavans. For more information contact Sadlier@indiana.edu.

October 8

Speakers Bureau Debut: Sharing our Diversity
6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Monroe County Public Library, Auditorium (303 E. Kirkwood)

What is it like to move to Bloomington from another country? What is it like to start a business or to learn a new language? Come be a part of the speakers' bureau training and learn how to share your unique experiences on issues relevant to diversity and accessibility. Everyone is welcome, especially people who like to share and hear stories, and learn through other people's experiences. This speakers' bureau works to educate the Bloomington community and foster mutual understanding. Contact Daniel Soto 349-3465 today to register.

October 9

Gamma Phi Omega: Movie "Bordertown" and Discussion
6-9 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

"Bordertown" is loosely based on a series of unsolved crimes of young women who have been kidnapped, tortured, and murdered since 1993 in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, an industrial

border town near El Paso, Texas. The movie will be shown followed by a discussion.

October 10

Día de la Raza Coffee Hour (Quienes Somos y Donde Estamos?: Using Theatre for Social Change to Explore Our Latinidad)
4-7 p.m. at the Leo R. Dowling International Center (111 S. Jordan Ave.)

The day of La Raza (Día de la Raza) is a day designated to recognize the birth of the first Latinoamericanos. It is a reverence for the Native, African, Asian and European heritage. Join Latinos Unidos of IU as we commemorate this day with Latino music, food, and an interactive theater experience.

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Electric Kulintang Concert
7 p.m. at the Indiana Memorial Union Gallery

ELECTRIC KULINTANG featuring Filipina-American Composer/Percussionist Susie Ibarra best known for her individual artistry on percussion and genre-defying music and Cuban born drummer/percussionist and composer Roberto Rodriguez who brings groundbreaking new music through his original musical voice. More info on www.electrickulintang.com. Sponsored by Asian Cultural Center, La Casa, Asian Student Union, and the Percussion Dept. of the School of Music

October 11

Fiesta del Otoño
12-4 p.m. at Bryan Park

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department presents the third annual Fiesta del Otoño / Fall Festival. Local Latino artists and community members will showcase their traditions and talents through food, dance, music, cooking demonstrations, educational activities for the kids, games and more. Bring the whole family for a great day in the park!

October 12

"The Longing: The Forgotten Jews of South America"
1 p.m. at the Tree Room Suite 1, IMU
2:15 p.m., Panel Response and Discussion

'The Longing' is a moving documentary portrait of South Americans who, after discovering that their Jewish ancestors converted to Catholicism during the Spanish Inquisition, undertake profound, personal journeys of faith. Director: Gabriela Bohm. You can learn more about the film at: www.bohmproductions.com

October 13

Desde Las Raíces: Nuestras Familias
7 p.m. at La Casa

Join us for this program dedicated to our "Familias". The focus is to create unity in our community through our family stories, education, and an opportunity to put a face on those members of the Latino community who have had an important impact. We ask participants to come prepared to share stories, pictures, insight into their family lives of struggle, happiness and success. Sponsored by Latino Faculty and Staff Council.

October 14

Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc. Comedy Night
6-8 p.m. at La Casa

The stress that is generated by daily college life can easily be cured with a good laugh. A good way to enrich the human spirit is by enjoying the evening with humor. Students who also think that they have the talent to bring laughter to their peers can voluntarily participate as amateur stand up comedians as well.

Talking Beyond Black and White: Infusing a Larger Vision
7-9 p.m. at the Helene G. Simon Hillel Center (730 E. 3rd St.)

In this program, participants will have opportunity to explore the political thoughts and perspectives of others who may differ in

culture, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, national status, etc. Join us for a great discussion and to sample dishes from across the world. For more information contact: hillel@indiana.edu or 336-3824. Sponsors: Asian Culture Center, American Indian Student Association, First Nations Educational and Cultural Center, Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Student Support Services, Helene G. Simon Hillel Center, La Casa, Leo R. Dowling International Center, Neal-Marshall Black Cultural Center, Office of Women's Affairs, Office of Multicultural Initiatives and Episcopal Campus Ministry.

October 15

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
6-8 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

Are you positive that you're HIV negative? Get tested for HIV for FREE. All tests are confidential, anonymous and FREE with results in just 20 minutes. Only you can protect yourself from HIV. For more information contact Jessica Wetmore from Positive Link —Community Mamas at jwetmore@bloomingtonhospital.org or 812-353-3249. Co-sponsored by Positive Link, Gamma Phi Omega and La Casa.

Now—July 2, 2009

Botanica: A Pharmacy for the Soul Exhibit
Mathers Museum of World Cultures (416 N. Indiana Ave)

Curated by Selina Morales, a graduate student in IU's Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology, the exhibit recreates a botanica, or store that sells items necessary for practicing a variety of Afro-Caribbean religions, based on the one owned by the curator's Puerto Rican grandmother from 1985 through 1991. Its Exhibit Halls and Museum Store are open Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free.

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