

AFRO CHICANX



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AfroChicanx Digital Humanities Project:

Memories, Narratives, and Oppositional Consciousness of Black Diasporas

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Join the LAII and the Chicana & Chicano Studies Department for a presentation of the AfroChicanx Digital Humanities Project.

This project creates an AfroChicanx digital humanities archive that will illuminate the multifaceted experiences and histories of Afro communities in Mexico and the United States. Building on the momentum of the 2019 constitutional recognition of Afro-Mexicans and the 2020 self-definition census, this project disrupts and denaturalizes dominant constructions of latinidad, mexicanidad, and chicanidad by centering “Afro” knowledges, experiences, traditions, histories, and resistance practices. Drawing on Chicana and Latin American feminist theories and methodologies, this project explores AfroChicanx, AfroIndigenous, and AfroMexican identity formation through an intersectional analysis that weaves migration, transnationalisms, and constructions of race, class, gender, sexuality, and culture. It uses oral history and platica methods to center marginalized testimonies, experiences, and histories of community leaders, cultural practitioners, and transnational people of African descent - a vibrant, yet understudied segment of Latino, Hispano, and Chicano communities in the United States and Mexico.

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Dr. Careaga Coleman is currently an Assistant Professor of the Chicana & Chicano Studies Department at the University of New Mexico. Her research includes Afro-Mexican studies: culinary (foodways as cultural retentions), literature, cultural studies, and gender studies. At UNM she teaches courses in Afromexican literature, history, and culture, and her African Presence in Mexico course sits at the heart of the University’s popular Conexiones Veracruz, study abroad program. She is the founder of Conexiones Africanas, a nonprofit organization that provides support and guidance for Civil Associations committed to addressing healthcare and educational disparities in the communities of African descent that comprise the African Diaspora.

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