

Following the Manito Trail: Los Nuevomexicanos en Guayomin (Wyoming)

Dr. Vanessa Fonseca, Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar

Thursday, October 22, 2015 @ 12 - 1 p.m. | Zimmerman Library, Waters Room

Join the LAII and University Libraries for a presentation with Dr. Vanessa Fonseca, a Richard E. Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar, who will discuss her current research on “Following the Manito Trail.” This is an interdisciplinary ethnographic project that documents Hispanic New Mexican (Manito) migration from New Mexico to different parts of the United States during the last century. Looking at Interstates I-25 and I-80 as major migration corridors for Manito families, Fonseca focuses on the driving factors for Manito migration to Wyoming and the exploration of notions of *querencia*, or how one establishes a sense of self and community through place.

Fonseca is an Assistant Professor of Latina/o Studies and English at the University of Wyoming. She teaches courses in Chicano Literature, Transnational Literature of the Americas, and Non-Western Women Writers. Her research focuses on contemporary manifestations of colonial relationships in Chicano literary and cultural production, looking specifically at the effects of multiple layers of colonial relationships from the Spanish colonial period to the present. She currently is working on a co-edited book project which examines the international presence of Chicano literature.

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