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Events

Spring 2016

Civic Engagement, Participation, and the 2016 Election featuring Juan Salgado

Wed, Feb 17th, 11am, Building L, Library Lounge

MacArthur Fellow (Genius Grant Recipient) Juan Salgado will offer perspectives on participation in the upcoming 2016 election. Mr. Salgado is the president of Instituto del Progreso Latino and a leading voice on issues impacting immigrants in the United States. He is an educational pioneer and visionary for our transforming county. This even is part of the One Book program and the Celebrating Latino Americans program.

Queering Immigration: The Ways that Race, Gender, and Sexuality Have Shaped U.S. Immigration Policy

Wed, April 6th, 1pm Building L, Library Lounge

In this conversation, Debanuj DasGupta discusses the ways in which gender & sexuality have historically shaped US immigration policy. Debanuj will begin by discussing the Chinese Exclusion Act, followed by conversations about a series of restrictive legislation that were passed in order to regulate gender and sexuality through immigration procedures. Utilizing his own life narrative and immigration activist archives, Debanuj will highlight the present day intersections of HIV/LGBTQ and immigrant rights activism. This even is part of the One Book program and the Celebrating Latino Americans program.

Transgressing Borders: Spiritual Mestizaje in Mexican and Chicana/o/Arts

Wed, April 13th, 11am, Building L, Library Lounge

Since the time of colonization five centuries ago, Mexicans and Mexican Americans/Chicana/os, have interwoven Abrahamic, primarily Catholic, beliefs and practices with ancient, Indigenous ones, with this

mixing or hybridity often referred to as "spiritual mestizaje." Examples of this mixture include the reverence of the Virgin of Guadalupe alongside the ancient goddess Tonantzin and practice of the healing art of curanderismo. 20th- and 21st-century writers, painters, musicians, filmmakers, and other artists, together with historians and theorists, including Francisco Alarcón, Juana Alicia, Rudolfo Anaya, Gloria Anzaldúa, David Carrasco, Ana Castillo, Sandra Cisneros, Lila Downs, Jorge R. Gutiérrez, Ester Hernández, Frida Kahlo, Amalia Mesa-Bains, Cherríe Moraga, Laura E. Pérez, Chavela Vargas, and others have imbued their works with spiritual mestizaje. This even is part of the One Book program and the Celebrating Latino Americans program.

Fall 2015

Tips for Academic Success

[View video & Audio here: http://ext.morainevalley.edu/searchtips/tips-for-academic-success-online-video/](http://ext.morainevalley.edu/searchtips/tips-for-academic-success-online-video/)

Sept 3, 12:30 pm , Building L, Library Lounge

Academic Adviser, Jeremy Kingery, will discuss important academic policies for students. This session is especially important for new college students who are learning to navigate college for the first time. This event is part of the One Book, One College program.

Film Showing: Foreigners in Their Own Land (Latino Americans Episode 1, 1565-1880)

Sept 8, 12:30 pm, Building L, Library Lounge

Viewing of the PBS Documentary *Latino Americans*. One hundred years after Columbus' arrival in the Caribbean, Spanish Conquistadors and Priests, push into North America in search of gold and to spread Catholicism. With the arrival of the British in North America, the two colonial systems produce contrasting societies that come in conflict as Manifest Destiny pushes the U.S into the Mexican territories of the South West. A discussion about the film led by Matt Cullen will follow. This event is part of the Celebrating Latino Americans programming.

Conversation with the Author José Ángel N.

[View the event here](#)

Sept 15, 11 am, Building L, Library Lounge

We welcome our One Book, One College author José Ángel N. to campus! MVCC alumni, José Ángel N. will discuss his book *Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant* and his life as an undocumented immigrant. His story presents a human face to the political and economic debates. This event is part of the One Book, One College program.

Mexican Chicago: A History in Pictures

Sept 17, 7pm, Green Hills Public Library (103rd St. Palos Hills)

Storyteller Rita Jirasek will be presenting stories of the Mexican experience in the Midwest through

photographs. The audience will hear stories of many who have lived local Mexican history firsthand and about the importance place of Chicago in the Mexican community. This program is presented as a partnership with the Green Hills Library District as part of the Celebrating Latinos programming.

US Politics and Immigration: Political Science Panel Discussion

[View the event here](#)

Sep 22, 11am, Building L, Library Lounge

As the presidential election gains momentum toward the primaries, Moraine Valley political science faculty discussion issues relating to immigration as part of the One Book program. This discussion will cover topics including reform efforts aimed at immigration policy, the impact immigration will have on the upcoming election, and the changing demographics that will shape our nation. This event is part of the One Book, One College program on Jose Angel N.'s book *Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant*.

Chicano/Chicana: Identity and Oppression featuring Ana Castillo

[View the event here](#)

Oct 8th, 11 am, Building L, Library Lounge

Ana Castillo is a celebrated poet, novelist, short story writer, essayist, editor, playwright, translator and independent scholar. Castillo was born and raised in Chicago. Ana Castillo holds an M.A from the University of Chicago and a Ph.D., University of Bremen, Germany in American Studies and an honorary doctorate from Colby College. She received an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation for her first novel, *The Mixquiahuala Letters*. This event is part of the Celebrating Latino Americans programming.

Talking Immigration in the Land of Lincoln Celina Villanueva

[View the event here](#)

Oct 15, 11 am, Building L, Library Lounge

Celina Villanueva, from the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights, will discuss immigration issues in the Chicago region and across Illinois. She will present a regional view of this national view and consider how state and local policy impacts the lives of those arriving from abroad. This event is part of the One Book, One College program.

Mariachi Divas

Oct 17, 7:30 pm Fine & Performing Arts Center (this is a ticketed event)

Grammy award winning, all-female mariachi band from Los Angeles performs at Moraine Valley Community. This band represents the evolution of traditional mariachi music. This event is organized and supported by Moraine Valley's Fine and Performing Arts Center. For ticket information, visit

<http://www.morainevalley.edu/fpac/>

Hurdles and Possibilities: Latino Undocumented Students in Higher Education featuring special guest Maria Luna-Duarte

Nov 10, 11am, Building L, Library Lounge

Featured Guest Maria Luna-Duarte, Interim Director of Northeastern Illinois University's El Centro. She will discuss issues relating to community outreach and Latinos in higher education as part of the One Book Program.

Film Showing: Screening of "Latino Americans"

Nov 24, 6:30pm, Green Hills Public Library (103rd St. Palos Hills)

Viewing of the PBS Documentary *Latino Americans*. One hundred years after Columbus' arrival in the Caribbean, Spanish Conquistadors and Priests, push into North America in search of gold and to spread Catholicism. With the arrival of the British in North America, the two colonial systems produce contrasting societies that come in conflict as Manifest Destiny pushes the U.S into the Mexican territories of the South West. This event is part of the Celebrating Latino Americans programming.