# 2019 LACS Student Research Symposium

**Friday, December 6th | 9:00am – 2:00pm | Standish Room | UAlbany**

Sponsored by the Department of Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino Studies (LACS) and University Auxiliary Services (UAS) at the University at Albany, SUNY

---

### 9:00AM OPENING REMARKS WITH PROF. CHRISTINE VASSALLO-OBY

---

### 9:00AM-9:40AM LATINX REPRESSION AND RESISTANCE

- **Jonathon Gonzalez** (Sociology Major) “Latinx Intracultural Oppression as Byproduct of Colonial History”
- **Rene Kanzler** (LACS and Human Development Double Major; LACS Honors Student) “The Examination of Trump’s Divisive Online Rhetoric and the Effects Within K-12 Public Schools.”
- **Alexander Morales** (Chemistry Major) “Queer Subversion in Mexican and Chicanx Art Activism”
- **Cassie Andrusz-Ho Ching** (Ph.D. Candidate, LACS) “Latinx Resistance and Food Justice After the Great Recession”

### 9:45AM-10:25AM RESILIENCE AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- **Eric Macias** (Ph.D. Student, LACS) “The Spillover of the Border Spectacle Into Schools: Criminalization and Exclusion of Undocumented Students”
- **Brianna Amezquita** (LACS Major) “Discouraging Latinx Success: Charter Schools in New York City”
- **Leyla Fanning** (Research Assistant in the Clinical and Cognitive Psychology Laboratories at UAlbany) “Resilience Building Among Latina College Women in U.S. Facing Anxiety, Discrimination, and Abuse”
- **Alana Clarke** (Anthropology Major) “Climate Change and Extreme Weather Impacts on Youth”

### 10:30AM-10:45AM CONVOCATION WITH DEAN JEANETTE ALTARRIBA

---
10:45AM-11:40AM  Ideologies in Action

- Gina Andrade (LACS Major; LACS Honors Student; LACS Student Ambassador) “The Rise of the New Left: AMLO’s Mexico Today”
- Arturo Lua Castillo (LACS and Economics Double Major) “The Real Potential of Renewable Energy in Mexico”
- Ashley Marte (Political Science Major) “The Color of Privilege: Anti-Blackness in the Dominican Community”
- Joel Lopez (LACS and Political Science Double Major; LACS Honors Student) “The Venezuelan Refugee Crisis: A Consequence of U.S. Economic Intervention”

11:45AM-12:30PM  Zine Roundtable

12:30PM-12:55PM  Lunch

1:00PM-1:45PM  Identity and Performance

- Crystal Francis (LACS and Communications Double Major; LACS Student Ambassador) “Caribbean Hair: Politics, Representation, and Belonging”
- Jeneen Clarke (LACS Major) “Brown Skin, Carnival Masks: Indo-Caribbean Identity”
- Anastasia Gevegy (LACS Major) “Anguish and Suffocation: Evangelicalism’s Effect on the Mental Health and Visibility of Queer Women in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil”
- Benoît Vallée (Ph.D. Student in LACS) “Performing Hip-Hop Blackness in Transnational Dominican Society”
- Ángela Castrillo-Vilches (MA Student in LACS) “The Music of Resistance in Puerto Rico: Ancestors to Reggaetoneros”

1:50PM-2:00PM  Closing Remarks with Prof. Pedro Cabán

Keep the Conversation Going, Stay Connected
Website: albany.edu/lacs
Instagram: @LACSunidos