

Call For Papers
Inaugural US Colombianx Studies Meeting
at Williams College - Williamstown, Massachusetts, USA
Deadline extended to Wednesday, March 15, 2017

In October 2017, the US Colombianx Editorial Collective will assemble a two-day symposium at Williams College to share work and stimulate an interdisciplinary conversation on Colombianxs in the United States. Accepted conference papers will be circulated prior to the October meeting so that participants may offer feedback on the papers presented. The ultimate goal of the US Colombianx Editorial Collective is to foster publication on US Colombianxs and to support scholars in their efforts to build the field of US Colombianx Studies.

With 10% of the Colombian population currently living outside of Colombia and Colombians becoming pluralities in key regions across the US, the conditions, lives, and cultures of diasporic Colombians have captured the attention of Colombia-based and US-based scholars. Working from the perspective of Latinx Studies, this collective aims to build on this critical conversation by focusing on a set of questions motivated by the ethnoracial, classed, gendered, socio-economic class, and cultural experiences of Colombianxs. Emphasizing this approach with the configuration of “US Colombianx Studies,” we invite paper proposals from scholars, activists, artists, independent intellectuals, and students.

This conference will build a set of cross-disciplinary dialogues to support US Colombianx Studies in and beyond Latinx Studies. We ground the concept of US Colombianx in the experience of marginalization and value this as an epistemological location. We also advocate an inclusive and expansive interpretation of the term. We especially invite submissions from a variety of perspectives including those by Latinx, Latin Americanist, and Colombianist scholars whose works deal with questions generated by US Colombianx studies and experiences in the US and transnationally. Submissions from scholars and activists inside and outside the academy are welcome.

We invite proposals focused on, but not necessarily limited to, the following topics:

- US Colombianxs’ lived experiences and cultural production in the diaspora
- US Colombianx immigration and inter-Latinx dynamics
- US Colombianx race, class, gender, sexuality, and regionalism
- Understanding US Colombianx comparatively in relation to other Latinx groups and/or Colombians in Colombia
- US Colombianx studies reshaping Latinx studies
- US Colombianx histories and trajectories
- Impact of US Colombianx studies on Colombian and Latin American scholarship
- Challenges of disciplinary boundaries to US Colombianx studies

Please submit an individual paper abstract of 250 words or less along with a 2-page single-spaced CV, and your preferred contact information to colombianxconference@gmail.com by **February 20, 2017**.

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