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WOMEN’S AND GENDER STUDIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022
Providing Health, Promoting Hope
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Dear Conference Presenters,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you as a presenter at this year’s Women’s and Gender Studies Conference. We are excited to have you participate at this year’s conference. This 2022 Women’s and Gender Conference’s theme centers around the themes of Hope and Healing. As we gather at UTEP to share our research, we invite you and your peers to attend our two plenary sessions.

On Monday at noon, we will be honoring the career trajectories of Dr. Sandra Deutsch, Dr. Mimi Gladstein, Dr. Leyva, and Dee Woo (KTEP). We look forward to celebrating our feminist trailblazers as a way of coming together to celebrate the ways our colleagues have opened doors, paved the way, and have created opportunities for women and LGBTQIA+ students. On Tuesday, March 22nd, we have a plenary talk with a focus on mental health and well-being presented by Bonnie Galvan, a therapist and mental health specialist in El Paso, and a proud UTEP alumnus.

We have a wonderful program this spring, including a live community-theater performance provided by Wise Latina International titled Yo Soy Teatro: Women of the Americas on Monday at 5:30 pm and the Femme Frontera Film Festival to be hosted on Monday evening from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Tomas Rivera Conference Center (3rd floor of the Union). We have panel presentations scheduled on Monday and Tuesday mornings and afternoons with diverse options of topics. We hope you will enjoy presenting and learning from your peers and that you will be inspired to present at future conferences. We are grateful to Leadership Studies, the Liberal Arts Honors Program, and Arely Hernandez and the Student Wellbeing Initiative for their support of this year’s conference.

We wish you much success with your session. We hope you gain valuable knowledge to keep growing as scholars and engaged members of our community.

Please feel free to wear your mask and socially distance if this aligns with your current health concerns and priorities. We are still in a pandemic abs want this space to be a safe one for conference participants.

Sincerely,

Joseline Avila, Ruth McDonald, and Guillermina Gina Núñez-Mchiri, Conference Co-Chairs
9:00-9:50 A.M.  
**Roundtable: Gathering, Community Organization**  
Room 102B Andesate  
Abigail Carl

**Text Mining Study of Being LGBTQIA+ in East and Southeast Asia**  
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1lvV1Iy0_ofS_G7vBIwSv_3UjR7shwCVu/view?usp=sharing  
Via Zoom  
Dr. Kenneth C.C. Yang, UT-El Paso, USA  
Dr. Yowei KANG, National Chung Hsing University, TAIWAN

10:00-10:50 A.M.  
**Student Voices: Fostering Positive Mental Health through SEL**  
'Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy'  
Room 102H Riverview  
Rebecca Guerrero

**Covid Response for Food Production Workers**  
Room 102D Desert Canyon  
Guillermina Nunez-Mchiri Ph.D., Nora Hernandez, Adriana Orozco, Victoria de Anda

11:00-11:50 A.M.  
**Student Voices: Creating Leadership Roles for Women in STEAM**  
'Young Women's STEAM Research & Preparatory Academy'  
Room 102E Lantana  
Rebecca Guerrero

**Domestic Violence on the Rise**  
Room 102H Riverview  
Victor Vasquez


12:00-1:30 P.M.  
**Feminist Trailblazers & Pathfinders at UTEP**  
Tomas Rivera Conference Center  
Presenting:  
Mimi R. Gladstein Ph.D.  
Sandra McGee Deutsch Ph.D.  
Yolanda Chavez Leyva Ph.D.  
Dee Woo

2:00-2:50 P.M.  
**Roundtable Pink Tax: What is it? How does it affect us?**  
Room 102D Desert Canyon  
Alexa Chavira

**Signs, Symbols & Spells - A workshop for embodying identity, boundaries & community**  
Room 102E Lantana  
Alena Navarrette
3:00-3:50 P.M.  COVID Post Pandemic Effects on Women
Room 102H Riverview
Roshanak Jafari

5:00-6:00 P.M.  Yo Soy Teatro
Tomas Rivera Conference Center
Wise Latina international

6:00 P.M.  Femme Frontera Film Festival
Tomas Rivera Conference Center
MIMI R. GLADSTEIN PH.D.

Associate Professor English and Theater

Author of six books and co-editor of two. In 2011 she was named to the El Paso Historical Society Hall of Honor and to the El Paso Commission for Women Hall of Fame. The English Department at the University of New Mexico named her Outstanding Alumna in 2017.

SANDRA MCGEE DEUTSCH PH.D.

Associate Professor History

Sandra McGee Deutsch specializes in the study of Latin American fascism and antifascism, as well as women and gender in this region. She has written thirty-eight journal articles and chapters on fascist and antifascist movements, women, and Jews in Latin America.

YOLANDA CHAVEZ LEYVA PH.D.

Director Institute of Oral History

Historian and writer who was born and raised on the border. She is co-founder of Museo Urbano, a museum of the streets, that highlights fronterizo history by taking it where people are-- from museums to the actual streets of El Paso.

DEE WOO

KTEP Operations Director

UTEP/KTEP 88.5 FM, Operations Director and 53 year broadcast journalism veteran. Mentoring of students as future broadcast journalists and production directors, for over 23 years. She has worked in television for Channels 4 and 9 in El Paso, and was a radio consultant in Arizona for a few years.
About

Wise Latina International is a non-profit 501 C3 corporation serving the international border area of the City of El Paso, the State of Texas, New Mexico & our international sister city of Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua. WLI uses entertainment, cultural & performing arts & related activities to enlighten & raise awareness, to develop leaders & mentors, to support & encourage women to overcome racial, cultural & economic barriers. It does so while embracing history, cultural diversity & promoting cultural pride.

In this edition of 'Yo Soy Teatro' a group of women prepared monologues to represent women who have shaped feminism as we know it today. The program includes Sor Juana Ines de la Cruz, La Malinche, Frida Kahlo, la Mujer Mexico, Lucy Parsons, among others. This with the purpose of sharing the stories of women throughout history, and raise awareness of the impact they had in social structures.
9:00-9:50 A.M.  Workshop Mental Health as Future Women in Law and Politics  
Room 102B Andesate  
Alexandra Maldonado

9:00-10:20 A.M.  Workshop Documentary: Birth in Pieces  
Tomas Rivera Conference  
Naomi Fertman

10:00-10:50 A.M.  Reimagining a Feminist Theory of Women Operators Craft Practice  
Room 102D Desert Canyon  
Katie Bird  
Beyond Borders: Employing Empathic Global Citizenship in Community Engagement  
Room 102H Riverview  
Jose Villalobos, Azuri Gonzalez, Gina Nunez-Mchiri, and Cigdem Sirin  
Workshop  
Room 102E Lantana  
Maria de los Angeles Flores

12:00-1:20 P.M.  Mental Health  
Tomas Rivera Conference Center  
Bonnie Galvan LPC, LPCC, CART, PCPE

2:00-2:50 P.M.  Roundtable Birth in Times of Despair  
Room 102B Andesate  
Carina Heckert  
Intersecting Mental Health Crisis and Maternal Health in the Border Region  
Bilingual Graphic Medicine  
Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 842 3869 1746 Passcode: 8BzEqKnK  
Elvira Carrizal-Dukes  
Visual Health Narratives for Alzheimer's awareness  
"Making a Personal Documentary Film: An Intersectional Feminist Perspective"  
Via Zoom, Meeting ID: 752 178 6745  
Valeria L. Perez, Oluwabukola Pereira, Akorede Ajibade
About

Bonnie Galvan currently provides psychotherapy via private and serves as a contract therapist to various community agencies and school environments. Ms Galvan conducts professional workshops and is a motivational speaker and instructor. Ms. Galvan is also a Paralegal and Anger Resolution Therapist.

Ms. Galvan has over 15 years of activism and work experience in fields like social work, chemical dependency counseling, HIV/Aids prevention and testing, as a health educator and advocate. Ms. Galvan has worked with the following marginalized populations:

Victims of Domestic and Partner Violence, LGBTQI Youth, Immigration reform advocacy, the homeless population, the incarcerated, victims of sexual violence, Transgender support and advocacy, women's rights and for various social justice causes to include protests against the murder of women in Juarez, the detention and segregation of families at the border, and the Texas bill sought to ban LGBTQI individuals from adopting children.

Highlights of Ms. Galvan's career include volunteering for the Windham School District that provides security clearance and training for instructors/presenters entering TDCJ sites specifically Rogelio Sanchez State jail, has served on the El Paso Teen Court Advisory Board, the Mayor’s Social Work and Disaster Relief Task Force 2005, the West Texas Medical Reserve Corp 2007 and as a CASA Court Appointed Special Advocate. Ms. Galvan was asked to speak about the issues affecting LGBTQI Youth as part of an awareness campaign at our State Capitol and was part of the team that created the informational literature by the GLAAD (Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation) organization who works to regulate the defamation of the LGBTQI Community is media and entertainment.

Ms. Galvan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing and Women's Studies, a Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Mater's Degree in Guidance and Counseling for which she graduated with honors. All three of Ms. Galvan's degrees are from the University of Texas at El Paso.

"The things I've read have had a profound impact on my career, first, the idea that many of us cannot separate "what we do from who we are" and I paraphrase, "a society is best judged not by how they treated the strongest of its members but how it regards those that are the most vulnerable". My career and studies are a direct result of a journey that required I study multiple issues and then gain access to each group by displaying the credentials required to get close enough to make a difference."
IN MEMORIAM

DIANA NATAPLICIO PH.D.

Dr. Diana Natalicio is the former University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) President from 1988 to 2019. She served as a great leader of our university for thirty-one years and represented UTEP in our region, at the state and national levels with much pride and honor. Dr. Natalicio was recognized as one of the nation’s most influential leaders by Time Magazine in 2016 and was designated by Fortune’s Magazine’s as one of the top 50 World Leaders. In 2019, Dr. Natalicio was inducted in the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Hall of Champions for taking UTEP into the Carnegie R1 University designation. She served as a Rockefeller Foundation and National Science Boards. She was recognized by the President of Mexico with the Orden Mexicana del Aguila Azteca for her commitment to access and excellence. Most of all, she led by example, while acknowledging the contributions and successes of UTEP faculty, staff, and students in every award and recognition she received. She served as a faculty in the Department of Languages and Linguistics, as Dean of Liberal Arts, Vice President for Academic Affairs, and began her presidency from 1988 to 2019.

Dr. Natalicio will be remembered for having the courage to advocate for and create opportunities for our students, for building strategic partnerships and alliances with our local schools and El Paso Community College, and for being a great mentor and an inspiration for many students, faculty, staff, and leaders in higher education. She loved baseball and looked forward to enjoying many games during her retirement. As a leader, she was known for sending personalized notes to acknowledge and thank people for their contributions. As a leading female figure in higher education, Dr. Natalicio was admired for stepping up to the plate for so many of us as she created pathways and opportunities for us to be leaders in the service of others. On behalf of the UTEP faculty and members of the Miner Nation who served under her leadership, she served as a great role model for students, staff, and faculty. She will be greatly missed. We commit to honor her memory and her vision of UTEP’s mission of access and excellence. Descanse en Paz Dra. Natalicio.
Dr. Patricia Juarez Carrillo was a native of the US-Mexico border region raised in Ciudad Juarez and now living in El Paso, TX. She earned a Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences from UTEP focusing on environmental health issues and a Master of Public Health with emphasis in community health form the University of Texas-Houston School of Public Health in El Paso. Dr. Juarez Carrillo taught a class on “Environmental Justice for Minority Communities,” to encourage her students to not only learn about the environmental justice movement, but also to apply their knowledge by identifying local border issues and serving the community by providing information and recommendations on potential environmental injustices during poster presentations to the public. She worked as project coordinator at the Center for Environmental Resource Management at UTEP for over 13 years implementing numerous environmental health and justice interventions along the US-Mexico border. She worked for Project Concern International as the Monitoring and Evaluation coordinator and served as a consultant for Migrant Clinicians Network, Border Environment Cooperation Commission, and the NIOSH/CDC. Dr. Juarez-Carrillo coauthored numerous educational materials and training curriculums related to environmental health and justice intended for Spanish-speaking communities living in the border. Dr. Eva Maya remembers Dr. Juarez-Carrillo as a dear and beloved friend, a champion for social and environmental rights. She was a lovely friend and colleague, with a heart filled with love, a commitment for serving the community and seeking a dignified life for people she worked with. Her co-worker, Nora Hernandez remembers Dr. Patricia Juarez Carrillo as a valued and respected member of the Paso del Norte community. Her dedication, commitment, and passion to public health were evident during their interactions. Nora had the opportunity to share with Dr. Juarez Carrillo how much she admired her during International Women’s Day. She will always hold a special place in Nora’s heart. Dr. Josiah Heyman indicates that Dr. Patricia Juarez Carrillo was genuinely dedicated to using her scientific training and skills for the well-being of borderlands communities. An accomplishment on which she worked persistently is now coming to fruition: piped, potable water for the community of Vinton, Texas, one of the largest remaining areas in El Paso County without water.

Dr. Lois Marchino was a scholar of twentieth-century English and American Literature and published particularly on Doris Lessing. Dr. Lois Marchino served multiple terms as Director of Literature and she developed courses on Women in Literature, British Literature, and on Detective Fiction. Dr. Lois Marchino died on August 16, 2021 in Story City, Iowa. Dr. Brian Yothers remembers Dr. Marchino as a wonderful colleague, teacher, and friend, with a dry wit and a deep commitment to the common good. She taught at UTEP from 1974-2013, after earning her PhD from the University of New Mexico and her MA from Purdue University. Dr. Yothers and the Department of English dedicate this year’s Women’s and Gender Studies Conference to honoring Dr. Lois Marchino’s memory in gratitude and appreciation for her wonderful contributions to UTEP, the English Department, and to her beloved field of Literature. Dr. Mimi Gladstein remembers Lois Marchino when they were both classmates at UNM in Albuquerque, NM. Dr. Gladstein helped recruit Dr. Marchino to UTEP’s Department of English and encouraged to join our university community. She is remembered as a dear person, friend, professor, mentor, and invaluable colleague.

Dr. Marchino had a positive impact on her undergraduate and graduate students. She was active in academic administration, as Assistant Chair of the English Department and Director of Literature. She was instrumental in founding the Women’s Studies Program at The University of Texas at El Paso, and subsequently served as Director. She helped create the English Department’s teaching assistant instruction program and received many awards for her outstanding service and scholarship, including Woman of the Year in the Arts and the Mellon Fellowship for Contemporary Women’s Literature.
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