MMUF Newsletter
Spring 2020

WELCOME NEW FELLOWS!

Dana Lee
Native American Studies
Mentor: Dr. Melanie K. Yazzie

Benjamin Ramirez
Philosophy
Mentor: Dr. Pierre-Julien Harter

Frankie Logan
Classics Studies
Mentor: Dr. Osman Umurhan

Monserrat Rodriguez-Rico
Sociology
Mentor: Dr. Nancy Lopez

Alex Dickey
English
Mentor: Dr. Melina Vizcaíno-Alemán
Congratulations Graduating FELLOWS!

**TJ L’Esperance**  
BA Political Science, December 2019  
Mentor: Dr. Michael Rocca

**Lizbeth Miscles**  
BA Art History, May 2020  
Mentor: Dr. Kency Cornejo

**Isaiah Romo**  
BA Latin American Studies, May 2020  
Mentor: Dr. Samuel Truett

**Avenicio Lopez**  
BA Linguistics, May 2020  
Mentor: Dr. Christian Koops

Thank you, Keiko!  
Welcome Myrriah!

Keiko Beers, a PhD Candidate in Linguistics will graduate this summer. Congratulations and thank you for your work for the MMUF program.

Dr. Myrriah Gómez, Honors College, will serve as the MMUF Faculty Coordinator starting the Fall semester of 2020.
The MMUF Regional Conference was held at the University of Washington & Heritage University on October 24-27.

All fellows presented at the Regional Conference.

Isaiah Romo, Mentor: Dr. Samuel Truett
“Transnational Musical Resistance: Son Jarocho in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”

Lizbeth Miscles-Rivera, Mentor: Dr. Kency Cornejo
“Are all aesthetics violence? An analysis of Laura Aguilar and Regina Jose Galindo’s use of their bodies and landscapes of erasure.”

Damien Avenicio Lopez, Mentor: Dr. Chris Koops
“Sociolinguistic Variation & the Grammatical Expression of Suicide in American English Discourse”

Sam Smith, Mentor: Dr. Ann Murphy & Dr. Paul Livingston
“Limitations in Epistemological Critique”

Angeles Rubi Castorena, Mentor: Dr. Nancy Lopez
“The Culture Wealth Role That Mexican-Born Parents Have on Their First Year and First-Generation College Student”

Celina Peña, Mentor: Dr. Patricia Perea
“Bridging the gap: Analyzing the trajectory of the school to prison pipeline through social and literary influence”

Sarah Quevedo, Mentor: Professor Eileen Shanghnessy
“How community gardening and farming impact low income communities of color”

Aida Revilla, Mentor: Dr. Myriah Gómez
“Es para los locos: Locating Mental Healthcare in the Albuquerque South Valley”
Fellows Updates

- **Lizbeth Miscles** has been accepted into an MFA program at Pratt Institute in New York.
- **Celina Pena** has been admitted into a master’s program in Chicana Chicano Studies at the University of New Mexico.
- **Avenicio Lopez** was selected to serve as a student ambassador for the Linguistic Society of America.
- **Lizbeth Miscles** worked for the SITE in Santa Fe as a curatorial intern.
- **Isaiah Romo** and **Rubi Castorena** presented at the Western States Communication Association conference in Denver in February.
- **Aida Revilla** served in the panel, “Pedagogy and Popular Culture: Tolkien’s Road goes ever on for Students and Teachers” at the Southwest Popular American Culture Association Conference in February.
- **Celina Pena** attended Beyond the Bars 2020 in March at the School of Social Work at Columbia University.
- **Sarah Quevedo** visited Stanford University to collect data for her research project on How community gardens and farms impact low income communities of color at the Cecil H. Green Library.

**MMUF Advisory Board:**

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MMUF APPLICATION

MMUF 2021-2023 Cohort
Application Deadline: December 6, 2020

https://mmuf.unm.edu/application

MMUF Eligibility

• Have two years remaining before graduation
• Be a full-time UNM student in one of MMUF eligible majors
• Have an overall GPA of at least 3.5.
• Be determined to pursue a Ph.D. and an academic career in one of the MMUF fields*
• Be a US citizen or permanent resident
• Be a member of an underrepresented group

* MMUF Fields of Study

College of Arts & Sciences
Africana Studies
Anthropology/Archaeology
American Studies
Chicana and Chicano Studies
Communications (Media Studies)
English & Literature
Foreign Languages and Literatures
History
Latin American Studies
Linguistics
Philosophy
Political Science
Religious Studies
Sociology
Spanish and Portuguese
Women’s Studies

College of Fine Arts
Art History
Film, Cinema and media Studies
(Theoretical focus)
Musicology, Ethnomusicology and Music Theory
Performance Studies (Theoretical focus)
Theatre (Theoretical focus)

University College
Integrative Studies*
Liberal Arts*
Native American Studies

Honors College
Interdisciplinary Liberal Arts*

Multiple Colleges
Interdisciplinary Film and Digital Media