

## Institute for Latino Studies Announces:

# Young Scholars Symposium Participants

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The Institute for Latino Studies is pleased to announce the participants for our 2016 Young Scholars Symposium, to be convened March 15-17 on the University of Notre Dame campus. These scholars will present a dissertation chapter or essay draft for discussion with ILS faculty fellows and our 2016 Distinguished Visiting Professor, Manuel Pastor, Professor of Sociology and American Studies and Ethnicity, Director of the Program for Environmental and Regional Equity, Director of the Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration, University of Southern California. Congratulations to our 2016 honorees:



**Melissa Abad**, a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is writing her dissertation on Illinois suburban, immigrant-serving nonprofits. Distinct from most studies on immigrant organizations, her work focuses on the experience of staff within distinct organizational forms (private, government, and ethnic/community based) to examine the relationship between race, gender, and immigrant advocacy. Her research interests include migration to the United States, new immigrant destinations, immigration organizations, and the intersection of race, class, and gender. Her Symposium paper is titled “The Geography of Immigrant Advocacy: Regional Networks and Immigration State Policy.”

**Allyson P. Brantley** is a PhD candidate at Yale University, finishing a dissertation on the boycott of Coors beer in the United States, entitled “‘We’re Givin’ Up Our Beer for Sweeter Wine’: Boycotting Coors Beer, Coalition-Building, and the Politics of Non-Consumption, 1957-1987.” Her research interests include Latina/o and Chicana/o histories, consumer culture and activism, and the US-Mexico borderlands. She received her BA in History and the Hesburgh Program in Public Service from the University of Notre Dame in 2009. For the Young Scholars Symposium, she will present a chapter of her dissertation, “‘Chale Con Coors!’: The Chicana/o Movement in the Southwest and the Boycott of Coors Beer, 1967-1973.”



**Adrián Félix** is an assistant professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. His work is on México-U.S. migration, migrant transnationalism and the politics of race, ethnicity and citizenship. Adrián is currently working on a book manuscript tentatively titled *Transnationalism in Life and Death: The Political Life Cycle of Mexican Migrants*. His Symposium paper is titled “Mythologies of Transnational Citizenship: The Political Life Cycle of Mexican Migrants.”

**Juan Herrera** is an assistant professor of Ethnic Studies at Oregon State University. Trained as an interdisciplinary scholar, he completed his PhD in Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Berkeley in 2013 and specializes in the fields of Latino immigration, comparative race/ethnicity, and urban studies. Herrera is currently working on a book manuscript entitled *Care is Political: The State, Philanthropy, and the Making of Latino Nonprofits*. This study traces the historical transformation of grassroots 1960s organizing into institutionalized agencies. His work can be found in *Du Bois Review*, and forthcoming in *Social Justice and Latino Studies*. His Symposium presentation is “Revolution Interrupted: Racial and Spatial Effects of the 1969 Tax Reform Act.”



**Patrick Lopez-Aguado** is an assistant professor of Sociology at Santa Clara University, and holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is currently completing a book titled *Stick Together and Come Back Home: Carceral Affiliation and the Bridging of Prison and Community*. This volume examines how the racial and geographic sorting of Latino prison inmates as presumed gang affiliates shapes how young people in poor Latina/o communities experience violence and criminal labeling. His symposium presentation comes from this project and is titled “‘The Home Team’ at the Intersection of Prison and Neighborhood.”