ILS is so excited to have you back! Although the past two semesters have been unlike any other, we look forward to welcoming you back to campus this fall. ILS will continue to operate under physical distancing guidelines.

Welcome to the Scholars Lounge, where you can study or make friends on Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm, on the 3rd floor of Bond Hall, Rm 315. The Scholars Lounge will be open to all under physical distancing guidelines.

First Years, check out a welcome video and the history of Latino studies at Notre Dame in Spanish.

Welcome Cohort 4: Latino Studies Merit Scholars Class of 2024

The Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) is proud to announce our incoming Latino Studies Scholars Program; these six young leaders comprise our “Generación 4” and will join thirteen scholars already on campus. These leaders of US Latinx communities are aspiring immigration attorneys, accountants, physicians, and non-profit founders and represent a variety of heritages: Colombian, Dominican, Mexican, and Puerto Rican. Their distinguished leadership and academic records leave us no doubt that they will make their mark on our campus, even under these strange conditions. Please join us in welcoming them home!

Genesis Baez
Bronx, NY
Intended Major: Pre-Health, College of Arts & Letters

Sofía Casillas
Lone Tree, CO
Intended Major: Political Science and Economics

Miranda Colon
Lawrenceville, GA
Intended Major: Political Science and Sociology

Sylvia Garcia
San Antonio, TX
Intended Major: Accountancy, Mendoza College of Business

Yesenia Mendoza-Arriaga
Austin, TX
Intended Major: Political Science

Paola Ortiz
Hidalgo, TX
Intended Major: Pre-Health, College of Science

Upcoming Events

Interested in a Latino Studies Supplementary Major or Minor? Learn more about ILS, our academic programs, and our enrichment opportunities by visiting us online or scheduling an appointment with Dr. Richman, Director of Undergraduate Studies, or Paloma Garcia-Lopez, ILS Associate Director. We welcome your comments, inquiries, and exploration of your academic options!

Dominique Vargas
is the chair of the ILS Graduate Working Group which convenes young scholars from multiple disciplines to share their research, address issues affecting Latino communities, and develop a national professional network in a growing field of experts. Read the Q&A with Dominique Vargas, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of English.

Virtual Conference: Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative

October 1st and 2nd, 2020

Notre Dame and the Center for Migration Studies of New York will host the 2020 Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative Conference. This annual event is part of CMS’s Catholic Immigrant Integration Initiative (CIII) which seeks to understand, expand and strengthen the work of Catholic institutions with immigrant communities. Our own Professor Fraga, ILS Director, Rev. Donald P. McNeill, C.S.C., Professor of Transformative Latino Leadership, and Joseph and Elizabeth Robbie Professor of Political Science, will be moderating a panel on Friday at 12:00 - 1:15 pm EDT. Stay tuned for details on registration!

In case you missed our May newsletter, check it out here!

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