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Welcome from the Director

El Instituto's highlights for the fall 2021 semester include the release of [videos promoting our work](#), together with PRLACC and the Comunidad Intelectual learning community. Thanks for the production of these videos go to La Comunidad's Director, **H Kenny Nienhusser**, and his tireless students.

The videos affirm that El Instituto, in spite of its small size, makes a big impact on the lives of Latinx students and others who feel a special affinity for Latinidad. They remind me, too, of not just the important strides we have made at El Instituto, PRLACC, and la Comunidad to work together to help our Latinx students thrive, but also of how much work remains to be done. We look forward to hearing from all Huskies, alumni, parents, faculty, and community members about how together we can do more!

To learn about Instituto events in fall 2021, [sign in to our events distribution list](#), follow [El Instituto's events calendar](#), or [find us on Facebook](#).

Samuel Martínez

Director of El Instituto and Professor of Anthropology

Recent News



Two New Colleagues Join El Instituto's Core Faculty; Marysol Asencio Retires

Linda Citlali Halgunseth and Katerina Gonzalez Seligmann joined El Instituto's core faculty as joint appointments in fall 2021.



WFSB Profiles El Instituto during National Hispanic Heritage Month

The news segment highlights the Institute's educational programs and how they help prepare students to thrive in today's workforce.

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¿Te interesan los estudios latinoamericanos y del caribe?
¡Participa en la serie de actividades en colaboración con UCONN EL INSTITUTO!

LUNES, 13 DE SEPTIEMBRE A LAS 6:00PM

AUTODETERMINACIÓN EN EL CONTEXTO DE LA SITUACIÓN DE LA ISLA
Ángel Oquendo, PhD, JD
George J. and Helen M. England Professor of Law
Escuela de Derecho de la Universidad de Connecticut (UCONN)



UConn and UPR Debut Online Event Series

UConn's El Instituto and the University of Puerto Rico's Río Piedras' Centro de Recursos de Investigación y Aprendizaje Subgraduados (**CRiiAS**) and **Archivo de Ciencias Sociales** have teamed up for a new livestream colloquium series.



Learn About La Comunidad Intelectual

La Comunidad Intelectual (LCI) is a learning community with a mission to nurture a sense of community for students who identify as Latina/o/x and/or Caribbean or have an affinity to learn more about the Latino and/or Caribbean diasporas.



Eyzaguirre Lecture Series Returns

After a hiatus due the COVID-19 pandemic, the Eyzaguirre Lecture returned this fall featuring Professor **Marilyn Miller** of Tulane University and a roundtable discussion featuring writer **Eduardo Halfon**.



El Instituto Welcomes Activist-in-Residence MaryJoan Picone

Picone organizes Mexican farmworkers in the Glastonbury area and volunteers at the U.S./Mexico border assisting migrants in need of food, medicine, and shelter.

[More Institute News](#)

Spotlight



Meet El Instituto's New Graduate Students for Academic Year 2021-2022

From left to right:

- **Melissa Echevarría-Valentín** is a first-year student pursuing an MA in Latina/o and Latin American Studies.
- **Ruth Edwards** is a first-year student in El Instituto's MA program in Latinx and Latin American Studies.
- **Zoé González-Lanza** is a first-year student pursuing an MA in Latina/o and Latin American Studies.
- **Maria Hernandez** is a first-year student pursuing an MA in Latino and Latin American Studies.
- **Sarah Ramirez** is a first-year student pursuing an MA in Latino and Latin American Studies with a certificate in Feminist Studies.
- **Juan Sebastián Macías Díaz** is a first-year student pursuing a MA in Latino and Latin American Studies.
- **Diana Velasco** is a first-year MA student in International Studies.

[Learn more about their work](#)

Featured Events

["Islandwide Literary Expeditions in Haiti and the Dominican Republic" by Sophie Maríñez, Ph.D.](#)

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Konover Auditorium

Dodd Center for Human Rights, Storrs Campus

Full Events Calendar



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