

**Hispanic and Latin American Faculty and Staff Association HLAFSA  
2000-2001  
Annual Activities Report to the Members  
December 5, 20001**

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*Following are the activities that our association conducted, hosted or co-sponsored from November 2000 to November 2001.*

**The Lecture and Video Series Committee**

Organized the Brown Bag Series and the Hispanic Tapestry II panel this year. See Hispanic Heritage Month for the report, below.

**HLAFSA Brown Bag Seminar Series**

Lecture Series Hispanic and Latin American Faculty and Staff Association Brown Bag Seminar Series 2000-2001:

***Politics and Literature in Equatorial Guinea***

Miguel Ugarte Romance Languages, November 14, 2000

***Distance Education Experiences with Puerto Rico***

Harry W. Tyrer, Computer Engineering and Computer Science, December 12, 2000

***Hispanics and Latin Americans in the Media***

Anna Romero, School of Journalism January 24, 2001

***The Value of Hard Work: Lessons on Parent Involvement from Migrant Households***

Gerardo Lopez, College of Education February 27, 2001

***The Changing Color of Farm Towns in Missouri***

Sylvia Lazos, School of Law March 13, 2001

***The Postcolonial Poetic Work of Nancy Morejón***

Juanamaría Cordones-Cook, Romance Languages April 10, 2001

***The Balsam Gatherers: A Vanishing Way of Life in El Salvador***

Nadia Navarrete-Tindall, School of Natural Resources May 08, 2001

Movie Series Co Sponsoring with Ragtime Cinema:

March 2001 Pedro Almodovar's "All About My Mother" at The Ragtag Cinema

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**Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 14 2001)**

The Hispanic Heritage Month Committee sponsored or co-sponsored the following events:

- a. A Welcome Back Picnic sponsored by the association for the university and community members on **Sunday September 16<sup>th</sup>**
  
- b. In coordination with the Lecture and Video Series Committee: An Academic Panel highlighting MU and UM research and extension **Researching the Americas and Its People: The Hispanic Tapestry of the Rural Midwest**  
Communities in Missouri are changing. On going research and outreach activities were presented at this panel addressing families and communities, education, outreach and research in Missouri. Vice Provost for Minority Affairs International Programs and Faculty Development welcomed the public. Professor Sylvia Lazos moderated the panel.  
Presentations:  
Christina Case Vazquez, Department of Rural Sociology MU,  
***A Case Study: The Social and Economic Well-Being of Hispanic/Latinos in Some Mid Missouri Communities***  
Dolores Arce Kaptain , Outreach and Extension UMKC,  
***Alianzas, Partnerships that Support Latino Community Development***  
Gerardo Lopez, Assistant Professor Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis,  
***Parental Involvement With Migrant Populations: Lessons from high-performing migrant-impacted schools***  
Elizabeth Barham, Assistant Professor Rural Sociology,  
***Latinos in Missouri: Two Avenues for Involvement***
  
- c. A Reception for the Hispanic and Latin American Faculty and Staff at MU at the Chancellor's Residence on **September 25**. The chancellor offered to do this every year. We are very grateful for the support the chancellor has expressed.
  
- d. We participated in the City's proclamation of Hispanic Heritage Month and advertised all the Hispanic Heritage events organized by the City of Columbia committee.
  
- e. President Pacheco hosted a reception for HLAFFSA, as he did last year. We appreciate very much his support of our association.

**Cambio de Colores (Changing Colors) Conference March 13-15 2002**

A three day Conference Cambio de Colores (Changing Colors) in Missouri is being led by HLAFFSA and will take place in March 13-15 at the MU Campus. A steering committee was formed and funding secured for a conference that will host 250 people from the state. The University of Missouri Columbia and the University of Missouri System are supporting this event. Co Chairs of the conference are Sylvia Lazos and

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Corinne Valdivia, the HLAFSA Board participates in the steering committee. A website with information on the conference is being developed: [www.decolores.missouri.edu](http://www.decolores.missouri.edu)

#### **Communications**

A HLAFSA web site and HLAFSA list are our main means of communication with our association thanks to the work of Domingo Martínez, who also publishes our non periodical Noticias. Adelante! newspapers are distributed to our members thanks to Patti Hoddinott and Tracy Barnett. We also have a logo!

#### **Fiscal Matters**

Christiane Quinn our treasurer will report on the budget. Several proposals were written and obtained funding to carry out the activities of our association.

#### **Meetings**

Two general meetings are planned each year. This year March 15 was are Spring Meeting and December 5<sup>th</sup> our winter meeting.

#### **Linkages**

Co-sponsor events with LUBRASA, LASA, Centro Latino and Adelante: The Carnival, Sabor Latino and Día de los Muertos were our main activities in this area, and extremely well received.

We also collaborated with Academic Retention in Multicultural Forums for university students and recruitment of Hispanic high school students.

Through the De Colores Conference we are linking with University of Missouri System, University of Missouri Kansas City, University of Missouri Outreach and Extension, Law School, School of Social Work, College of Education, The MU Research Reactor, Boone Hospital, Institute for Public Policy, the College of Agriculture Food and Natural Resources, and the Social Sciences Unit CAFNR.

#### **THANK YOU/ MUCHAS GRACIAS**

Foremost, to all our members for participating, volunteering, and making this a meaningful association.

To the Office of the Vice Provost for Minority Affairs and Faculty Development before and today Minority Affairs International Programs and Faculty Development, Drs Jean Zwonitzer, former interim Vice Provost, and Dr. Handy Williamson, current Vice Provost, to Noor Azizan-Gardner and Janice Craig for their support of our activities.

To MU Chancellor Wallace and the President Pacheco of the University for their support of our activities.

**And the president thanks the Board for their incredible work this year in all the activities listed, and many more work behind the scenes that does not show up in this report. Without their dedication all this would not have been possible.**