



College of Arts & Sciences
**LATIN AMERICAN,
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STUDIES**

Welcome back to the Spring 2026 LACLS newsletter! Today we have information on different events hosted this year, as well as student and faculty highlights.

Distinguished Lecturer event | March 6 , 2026

This years distinguished lecturer was Valeria Grinberg Pla. She presented the keynote address titled "*The 'Business' of Human Rights Politics: Argentina's Ongoing Struggle for Memory, Justice, and Truth.*"

Following the Keynote address was a panel discussion titled "*From Argentina to thee Bluegrass: Lives, Migration, and Belonging.*" By panelists (Pictured right) Mario Alcaraz, Mariela Ramírez, María Labreveux, Horacio Zaglul.

LACLS Work-in-progress:

Dr. Maria Diaz presented her work in progress with the title "*PASO or Paso: Regional Mass Transit and a Politics of Place*" on February 25, 2026, in 245 POT.

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Valeria Grinberg Pla



Mario Alcaraz



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The second work-in-progress was presented by **Dr. Joseph Clark** with the title *“Interrupted Voyages: The Slave Trade to the Early Spanish Americas”* on April 22, 2026, in POT 245

Faculty Highlight:

LACLS proudly celebrates **Professor Mónica Díaz** on her selection as a 2026–27 National Humanities Center Fellow, recognizing her outstanding contributions to research in the humanities.

Student Highlight:

LACLS is pleased to recognize Maya Miller from the Anthropology department as the recipient of the 2026 LACLS travel award

Awards:

In recognition of her outstanding contributions to tango and Argentine culture in the United States and worldwide, especially in the Bluegrass, the second LACLS ENLACE Award was given to:

Marcela Durán, The Woman of Tango.



Mónica Díaz



Maya Miller



Marcela Durán