Greetings U.S. Latinx Art Forum Members:

We are pleased to release our first newsletter. We thank Constance Cortez of our Advisory Board for coordinating it and those who shared news about exhibitions, publications, calls for proposals, and other milestones.

One of our most important missions as an organization is to establish a network of artists and other art-world professionals committed to advancing Latinx art and art history. Thus, sharing member projects and accomplishments is an important step in tracking and celebrating our individual and collective strides within the field. We aim to publish the newsletter twice per year and encourage members to contribute news.

This past spring, USLAF became a College Art Association (CAA) affiliated society. We held a business meeting at the 2017 Annual Conference and hosted a plenary session on the state of U.S. Latinx art. The two-part discussion included Adriana Zavala in conversation with Roberto Tejada (Secretary, CAA Board of Directors; Professor, University of Houston) and Hunter O’Hanian (Executive Director, CAA) about the presence of Latinx art within academia and art organizations. Then, curators Rocío Aranda-Alvarado (El Museo del Barrio), Tey Marianna Nunn (National Hispanic Cultural Center), and David Breslin (Whitney Museum of American Art) discussed structural barriers impacting the exhibition and acquisition of Latinx art. A roundtable followed with important interventions from the audience. We thank those USLAF members who attended the events and contributed to the dialogues.

For the 2018 CAA Annual Conference, USLAF will again hold a business meeting and our first CAA affiliated society session will be “Chican@ Art History: Interdisciplinary Foundations and New Directions,” co-chaired by Karen Mary Davalos and Mary Thomas. Click here to view the CFP

We are also pleased to announce that USLAF is now a 501(c)(3). This will allow us to apply for grants that will help us to further dynamically support our members and the field of Latinx art.

USLAF now boasts over 250 members! Please look for out for an upcoming notice about annual membership. We will be asking for modest dues to advance USLAF initiatives. We look forward to your continued collaboration in enhancing and expanding the visibility of Latinx art within academia, exhibition spaces, and private and institutional collections.

Please forward this newsletter to friends and colleagues and encourage them to become members! Questions and other queries can be sent to info@uslaf.org. Thank you.

Yours, the USLAF Executive Committee
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EXHIBITIONS

MEXIC-ARTE MUSEUM

http://www.mexic-artemuseum.org

YOUNG LATINO ARTISTS 22: ¡Ahora!
Guest Curated by Alana Coates
July 14 – August 27, 2017
Main Gallery

YLA 22: ¡Ahora! marks the twenty-second installment of the emerging Latinx artist exhibition series at Mexic-Arte Museum. In an era of socio-political upheaval in the United States – from U.S.-Mexico border relations, to widespread economic inequalities, increased racial tensions, and subsequent hate crimes on the rise across the country – within this context, the selected artists navigate matters of gender restrictions, immigration politics, cultural heritage, and privilege. Their artworks confront viewers with prominent issues of the contemporary Latinx experience in the United States.

YLA 22 Featured Artists
Nansi Guevara (Laredo, Texas), Daniela Cavazos Madrigal (Laredo, Texas), Mark Anthony Martinez (San Antonio, Texas), Michael Martinez (San Antonio, Texas), Paloma Mayorga (Austin, Texas), Ashley Mireles (San Antonio, Texas), Andrei Rentería (Chihuahua City, Mexico/Presidio, Texas), and José Villalobos (El Paso, Texas).

About the Curator
Alana Coates is the Associate Director of Ruiz-Healy Art in San Antonio, Texas. She also teaches Art History and Art Appreciation at the college level. Coates earned a bachelor’s degree in both Studio Art and Art History from the University of Rhode Island, as well as successfully completing graduate course work in Museum Studies at the Harvard Extension School and in 2012. She obtained a master’s degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio in Art History along with a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Administration and Leadership. For over 15 years, Coates has been working in the creative sector holding positions at a number of reputable organizations such as Gallery Night Providence, Gallery Z, San Antonio Museum of Art, and the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center.
As part of its participation in The Wallach Art Gallery at Columbia University’s first Uptown Triennial, El Museo del Barrio presents an exhibition of artists living or working in Northern Manhattan. El Museo’s uptown: nasty women/bad hombres presents the work of artists engaging with the legacies of sexism, racism, homophobia, the power of the media, and violence in various ways. The artists explore these through poetry, symbolism, and metaphor or by exploring particular forms of artistic practice associated with rupture or bearing witness as a form of social protest. Some employ gendered or radical forms of art making for their purposes. Collage, documentary photography, poetic text, painting, needlepoint, crochet, textile work and animation are all methods enlisted by these artists to create works that deal with various social issues.

Artists included are: Elan Cadiz, Vladimir Cybil Charlier, Pepe Coronado, COCO144/Roberto Gualtieri, Jaime Davidovich, Carlos De Jesus, Rene De Los Santos, Francisco Donoso, FEEGZ/Carlos Jesús Martínez Dominguez, Sandra Fernández, Marquita Flowers, Reynaldo García Pantaleón, Alex Guerrero, Leslie Jiménez, Sara Mejía Kriendler, Lauren Kelly, Rejin Leys, Stephanie Lindquist, Miguel Luciano, Luanda Lozano, Ivan Monforte, José Morales, Dario Oleaga, Jaime Permuth, Kenny Rivero, Moses Ros-Suarez, José Rodríguez, Aya Rodriguez-Izumi, Ruben Natal-San Miguel, Sable Elyse Smith, Rider Ureña, Regina Viqueira, and Nari Ward.

Nkame: A Retrospective of Cuban Printmaker Belkis Ayón
June 13 – Nov. 5, 2017

Organized by the Belkis Ayón Estate, Havana, Cuba with the UCLA Fowler Museum Curated by Cristina Vives

This landmark retrospective is the first in the U.S. dedicated to the work of Belkis Ayón (1967–1999)—the late Cuban visual artist who mined the founding myth of the Afro-Cuban fraternal society Abakuá to create an independent and powerful visual iconography. Ayón was known for her signature technique of collography, a printing process in which materials of various textures and absorbencies are collaged onto a cardboard matrix and then run through the press with paper. Her narratives, many of which were produced at very large scale by joining multiple printed sheets, are imbued with an air of mystery, in part due to her deliberately austere palette of shades and subtle tones of black, white, and grey. For a black Cuban woman, both her ascendency in the contemporary printmaking world and her investigation of a powerful all-male brotherhood were notable and bold. Nkame, a sweeping overview of her most fertile period of artistic creativity, covers Ayón’s graphic production from 1986 until her untimely passing.
Aztlán to Magulandia: the Journey of Chicano Artist Gilbert ‘Magu’ Luján
Exhibition dates: October 7 – December 16, 2017
Preview event in September 2017 to be announced

Curated by Hal Glicksman and Rhea Anastas

UC Irvine’s University Art Galleries (UAG) will present the first survey of one of the most iconic figures of the Chicano art movement, Gilbert “Magu” Luján (1940–2011) and an accompanying publication. One of the founding members of the Chicano artists collective Los Four, Luján is known for his coloration and visual explorations of Chicano culture and community that drew upon and brought to life various historic and contemporary visual sources with startling results: Pyramid-mounted low riders driven by anthropomorphic dogs traversing a newly defined and mythologized L.A. He was part of a small group of dedicated artists and intellectuals who set about defining a Chicano identity and culture as part of the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s. The UAG’s retrospective will focus on creativity and invention in Luján’s work in a myriad of sketches and drawings, paintings, and sculptures. Luján combined two world-making concepts, Aztlán, the mythic northern ancestral home of the indigenous Mexican Aztecs that became a charged symbol of Chicano activism; and Magulandia, the term Luján coined for the space in which he lived and produced his work, and for his work as a whole. Together, Aztlán and Magulandia represented both physical spaces and the complex cultural, geographic, and conceptual relationships that exist between Los Angeles and Mexico and served as dual landscapes for Luján’s artistic philosophy and cultural creativity.
In *The Heart of the Mission*, Cary Cordova combines urban, political, and art history to examine how the Mission District, a longtime bohemian enclave in San Francisco, has served as an important place for an influential and largely ignored Latino arts movement from the 1960s to the present. Well before the anointment of the "Mission School" by art-world arbiters at the dawn of the twenty-first century, Latino artists, writers, poets, playwrights, performers, and filmmakers made the Mission their home and their muse.

The Mission, home to Chileans, Cubans, Guatemalans, Mexican Americans, Nicaraguans, Puerto Ricans, and Salvadorans never represented a single Latino identity. In tracing the experiences of a diverse group of Latino artists from the 1940s to the turn of the century, Cordova connects wide-ranging aesthetics to a variety of social movements and activist interventions. The book begins with the history of the Latin Quarter in the 1940s and the subsequent cultivation of the Beat counterculture in the 1950s, demonstrating how these decades laid the groundwork for the artistic and political renaissance that followed. Using oral histories, visual culture, and archival research, she analyzes the Latin jazz scene of the 1940s, Latino involvement in the avant-garde of the 1950s, the Chicano movement and Third World movements of the 1960s, the community mural movement of the 1970s, the transnational liberation movements in Nicaragua and El Salvador, and the AIDS activism of the 1980s. Through these different historical frames, Cordova links the creation of Latino art with a flowering of Latino politics.

Cary Cordova is an assistant professor in the department of American Studies and an affiliate of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. She specializes in Latina/o cultural production, including art, music, and the performing arts.
Karen Mary Davalos,
https://nyupress.org/books/9781479821129/

Rewrites our understanding of the last 50 years of Chicana/o cultural production.

*Chicana/o Art since the Sixties: From Errata to Remix* combines decolonial theory with extensive archival and field research to offer a new critical perspective on Chicana/o art. Using Los Angeles as a case study, Karen Mary Davalos develops an interdisciplinary model for a comprehensive art history that considers not only artists and art groups, their cultural production, and the exhibitions that feature their work but also curators, collectors, critics, and advocates. In proposing such vernacular concepts as the errata exhibit and the remix, which emerge out of art practice itself, Davalos moves beyond familiar narratives that evaluate Chicana/o art in binary terms: political versus commercial, realist versus conceptual, and so on. As a leading scholar who has advanced a cultural and institutional framework for the study of Chicana/o artists, art spaces, and exhibition practices, Davalos presents her most ambitious project to date in this examination of fifty years of Chicana/o art production in a major urban area.

Karen Mary Davalos is Professor of Chicano and Latino Studies at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. She has published widely on Chicana/o art, spirituality, and museums. Among her distinctions in the field, she is the only scholar to have written two books on Chicana/o museums, *Exhibiting Mestizaje: Mexican (American) Museums in the Diaspora* (University of New Mexico Press, 2001) and *The Mexican Museum of San Francisco Papers, 1971-2006* (The Chicano Archives, vol. 3, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Press, 2010, the Second Place winner of the International Latino Book Award for Best Reference Book in English).
The Royal Chicano Air Force produced major works of visual art, poetry, prose, music, and performance during the second half of the twentieth century and first decades of the twenty-first. Materializing in Sacramento, California, in 1969 and established between 1970 and 1972, the RCAF helped redefine the meaning of artistic production and artwork to include community engagement projects such as breakfast programs, community art classes, and political and labor activism. The collective’s work has contributed significantly both to Chicano/a civil rights activism and to Chicano/a art history, literature, and culture. Blending RCAF members’ biographies and accounts of their artistic production with art historical, cultural, and literary scholarship, Flying under the Radar with the Royal Chicano Air Force is the first in-depth study of this vanguard Chicano/a arts collective and activist group. Ella Maria Diaz investigates how the RCAF questioned and countered conventions of Western art, from the canon taught in US institutions to Mexican national art history, while advancing a Chicano/a historical consciousness in the cultural borderlands. In particular, she demonstrates how women significantly contributed to the collective’s output, navigating and challenging the overarching patriarchal cultural norms of the Chicano Movement and their manifestations in the RCAF. Diaz also shows how the RCAF’s verbal and visual architecture—a literal and figurative construction of Chicano/a signs, symbols, and texts—established the groundwork for numerous theoretical interventions made by key scholars in the 1990s and the twenty-first century.

Ella Maria Diaz is an assistant professor of English and Latino/a Studies at Cornell University. She has published in Aztlán: The Journal of Chicano Studies, Chicana/Latina Studies: The Journal of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social, and U.C. Santa Barbara’s Imaginarte e-publications.

Please see also author’s entry under ARTICLES, p. 13
* Errata: This publication was inadvertently omitted from our original newsletter. Our apologies to the author.
Judith F. Baca is best known for her epic mural The Great Wall of Los Angeles (1976–83), a 2,740-foot alternative visual history of California that she created in collaboration with other artists and teams of at-risk youth in a suburb of Los Angeles. Taking inspiration from this unfinished, potentially endless work in progress, this study embraces Baca’s open-ended approach to history as a means to understand her production. This examination of Baca’s oeuvre not only helps redress the lacuna in the literature on Latina/o artists, but also provides a unique opportunity to reconsider the terms of public art, social practice, and community muralism as they have been addressed in relation to international contemporary art of the Americas. Close analysis of Baca’s cultural production reveals her pioneering role in innovating both the methods and the aesthetics of working with diverse communities. This study analyzes Baca’s work within the ongoing debates on participation and collaboration and within histories and theories of collectivity and the oppositional public sphere as a call to redress the typical erasure of women and especially women of color within this body of literature. Attuned to the specific sociocultural and aesthetic geographies of Southern California, where she played such an important role, this book locates her groundbreaking modes of public art practice within the contexts, among others, of Los Angeles urban culture. This is not a comprehensive history of Baca’s life and work, nor is it a survey monograph that charts all aspects of her heterodox praxis. Instead it centers purposefully on specific moments and works to position her as an artist who formulates an innovative public art of contestation that both focuses on and engenders historical contention. Baca’s work encapsulates the art practices of the 1970s and onward that, by challenging received histories and mainstream modernisms, changed the very meaning of art in society.

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Please see also author’s entry under ARTICLES, p. 13
**Eugene Rodriguez, The Middle of Somewhere (2017)**

*About the Book*
A catalogue of the artist’s oil paintings from his series titled, The Middle of Somewhere. The paintings address issues of globalization through the lens of a working class Latino family photo album. Some of the imagery included--those family picnics in the park, maquiladoras, a Pentecostal baptism, the carts of the homeless, and a mariachi band accompanying it all. The catalogue also includes two beautifully written essays by Dr. Richard T. Rodriguez, UC Riverside, and Dr. Elizabeth Mjelde, De Anza College, in both English and Spanish.

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http://www.blurb.com/b/7842480-the-middle-of-somewhere
ARTICLES


The following appear in the current issue of Diálogo, Volume 20, Number 1, Spring 2017, guest edited with a special focus on Latinx art by art historians Olga U. Herrera and María C. Gaztambide. The full issue can be accessed at: https://muse.jhu.edu/issue/36259

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MEMBER NEWS

Constance Cortez has accepted a position on the editorial board of the *Art Bulletin*.

Vagner Mendonça Whitehead has been selected to participate in the 17th NALAC Leadership Institute, to be held in San Antonio, TX July 10-15, 2017. The National Association of Latino Arts and Cultures (NALAC) is the nation’s premier nonprofit organization exclusively dedicated to the promotion, advancement, development, and cultivation of the Latino arts field. In this capacity, NALAC stimulates and facilitates intergenerational dialogues among disciplines, languages, and traditional and contemporary expressions. For 26 years, NALAC has delivered programs that stabilize and revitalize the US Latino arts and cultural sector by providing critical advocacy, funding, networking opportunities, leadership development and professional training for Latino artists and arts organizations in every region of the country.

Mary M. Thomas received her Ph.D. in Visual Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her dissertation, “Enacted Sites: Art and the Visualization of Spatial Justice in Los Angeles, 1966-2014,” examines how black and Latinx artists in South Los Angeles have used improvisation as a shared aesthetic strategy to respond to the impacts of housing discrimination, freeway construction, gentrification, and anti-immigrant legislation. In “Enacted Sites,” Thomas argues that improvisatory artistic practices, which include assemblage, performance, graffiti, and vernacular urbanism, respond to the inequities created by large-scale urban planning initiatives, and instead offer visions of how equitable urban spaces can be enacted on a human scale.

Sonja Gandert will begin the PhD program in Art History at The Graduate Center, CUNY in Fall 2017.

Rose G. Salseda, a Ph.D. Candidate in art history at the University of Texas at Austin, is a recipient of the 2017-18 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Her dissertation, The Visual Art Legacy of the 1992 Los Angeles Riots, explores work made in response to the unrest, the videotaped police beating of Rodney King, and other related episodes of violence. Salseda argues that the visual art challenges polarizing accounts of the riots and uncovers the cross-racial, immigrant, and intergenerational experiences of unrest. Furthermore, she reveals how visual art broadens our understandings of rioting and the ongoing legacies of police brutality in the United States. In September, she will be participating in the 2017 Conference of Ford Fellows in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Laura Mosquera is included in the upcoming exhibition *Structural Probability* at Greenville Center for Creative Arts, December 1, 2017 – January 24, 2018. For more information: http://www.artcentergreenville.org/upcoming-exhibits/

The exhibition *Down These Mean Streets: Community and Place in Urban Photography*, curated by E. Carmen Ramos, Ph.D. at the Smithsonian American Art Museum (SAAM) was reviewed in the New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2017/07/26/arts/design/review-smithsonian-american-art-museum-latino-.html
PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

CFP: Art of the Latinx Diaspora
Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies, University of Nebraska at Omaha, 2018
The Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies (JOLLAS) seeks contributions for a special issue on the Art of the Latinx Diaspora. All media, periods and geographies are eligible, and contributors are encouraged to think broadly and innovatively about the ways in which the Latinx diaspora and its cultural production are framed. Scholarship from all art-related disciplines, including Art History, Curatorial Studies, Art Education, etc. is welcome. Technical and quantitative methodologies are invited. Interested parties are asked to submit a full draft manuscript (10-20 pages in length, notes and images included), in MSWord compatible and PDF format to arduran@unomaha.edu. Submissions will be peer-reviewed. Deadline for submissions is October 15, 2017.
For more information, please visit:
http://jollas.org

About JOLLAS:
The Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies (JOLLAS) is an interdisciplinary, international, and peer reviewed on-line journal housed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. The journal seeks to be reflective of the shifting demographics, geographic dispersion, and new community formations occurring among Latino populations across borders and throughout the Americas. The journal emphasizes the collective understanding of Latino issues in the U.S. while recognizing the growing importance of transnationalism and the porous borders of Latino/Latin American identities.
The Journal of Latino-Latin American Studies welcomes quality scholarship from relevant academic disciplines as well as from practitioners in the private and public sectors. JOLLAS is receptive to scholarship coming from a variety of theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches. All research should be understood and examined from a transnational perspective.

JOLLAS' Mission:
To publish academically rigorous scholarship with real-world applicability to the understanding of Latino/Latin American peoples and critical issues.
All inquiries should be directed to Adrian R. Duran, Associate Professor, Art & Art History, University of Nebraska at Omaha, arduran@unomaha.edu

Call for information:
Seeking reference information regarding articles and texts about Latinx American periodicals for a sourcebook on artist’s periodicals to be co-edited by Dr. Stephen Perkins (Emeritus Curator of Art, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, USA) and Dr. Marie Boivent (Associate Professor, Université Rennes, France). Our definition of ‘artists’ periodicals’ is a periodical that moves beyond being a site for the reproduction images and texts, but one which serves as a site for the production of artworks. Please contact either Dr. Perkins (perkins100@gmail) or Dr. Boivent (marieboivent@hotmail.com) for inquiries and/or references information.

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CAA Publications

*The Art Bulletin* is the foremost journal for art historians in English, *The Art Bulletin* was established in 1913 to publish original scholarly research in all areas of the history of art and architecture. *The Art Bulletin* is published in print and online and available as a benefit of CAA membership.

*Art Journal*, published since 1941, is the quarterly *Art Journal*, devoted to twentieth- and twenty-first-century art and visual culture, is one of the most vital, intellectually compelling, and visually engaging periodicals in the field. *Art Journal* is published in print and online and available as a benefit of CAA membership.

*Art Journal Open* is an independently edited, open-access website. Taking advantage of the unique qualities of the web, *Art Journal Open* publishes artist’s projects, scholarly essays, conversations and interviews, artifacts of materials and process, and news items.

*caa.reviews*, founded in 1998, the born-digital *caa.reviews* is devoted to critical reviews of books, exhibitions, and projects in all areas and periods of art history and visual studies, with new reviews posted continuously. *caa.reviews* is now open access at [www.caareviews.org](http://www.caareviews.org).
Statement and Curated Lists for CAA Call for Papers and PST: LA/LA Exhibitions by Mary Thomas and Rose G. Salseda

U.S. Latinx Art Forum Members and Allies:

The College Art Association (CAA) recently published the 2018 Call for Participation for its 106th Annual Conference. Last summer, following years of extremely limited representation of Latinx art at the yearly meeting, USLAF advocacy brought greater attention to the oversight. Our efforts generated conversations with key leaders of CAA, which resulted in the plenary session on Latinx art at the 2017 Annual Conference and recognition of USLAF as an affiliated society. Our inaugural sponsored session, “Chican@ Art: Interdisciplinary Foundations and New Directions” will take place during the 2018 Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

These strides coincide with the Getty-sponsored exhibition initiative, Pacific Standard Time: LA/LA. The ambitious program explores Latin American and/or Latinx art at over seventy institutions across Southern California. This makes the 2018 Annual Conference an opportune moment to continue advancing scholarly discourse on Latinx art. Thus, we have curated a list of sessions soliciting proposals to encourage participation amongst our membership. The list highlights USLAF member-led sessions, solicitations for proposals that address Latinx art, panels that explore issues related to identity (i.e. race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, disability, and their intersection), decolonization, and those that call for contributions from artists and curators.

To put this moment and the gains we have made in perspective, we want to share the most recent findings of our statistical analysis of past conference years:

- For CAA’s 2018 Call for Participation, the 7 panels soliciting submissions on Latinx art represent a substantial increase from the 3 that were listed in the Call for Participation published in 2017.
- The topics of Latinx art, decolonization, and the politics of identity collectively constitute 25.30% of the panels seeking submissions in 2018, as compared to a total of 16% in the 2017 Call for Participation.

The deadline to submit proposals for the CAA Annual Conference is Monday, August 14, 2017. Do not miss this opportunity to share your perspective on Latinx art!

Sincerely,

Mary Thomas and Rose Salseda
Advisory Board Member and Associate Director

Access the lists at USLAF’s website: http://www.uslaf.org/pdfs/cfp_2018.pdf

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1 For the original results of our statistical analysis of past conference years, please see Rose Salseda and Mary Thomas, “Call to Action: Latinx Art at CAA 2017,” August 1, 2016, http://www.uslaf.org/pdfs/uslaf_call_2017.pdf.

2 Decolonization as a thematic focus for panels emerged as a new category for inclusion in our study following the publication of the 2018 Call for Participation. We included it here because the practice of decolonization stems from a reaction against legacies of imperialism that directly affected marginalized peoples—those that were largely non-white. Since decolonization represents a set of concerns that are distinct from the politics of identity, we have designated it as a separate category.