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DIVERSE VOICES, METHODS, AND PERSPECTIVES

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About the Florida Society of the Social Sciences (F3S)

The Florida Society of the Social Sciences (F3S) is a graduate student organization that facilitates professional development and research within the social sciences and creates space for interdisciplinary dialogue on campus at the University of Florida. Each year, F3S hosts the Conference of the Social Sciences (CSS). This conference serves as an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of academic fields to present innovative research, brainstorm ideas, and collaborate with peers from several Florida colleges and universities.

We encourage you to join us and keep up with our activities!

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President's Welcome Note

Dear all,

Welcome to our 19th Annual Conference of the Social Sciences (CSS)! For almost 20 years, the Florida Society of the Social Sciences (F3S) has been proud to offer a collegiate and collaborative forum in which graduate and undergraduate students can showcase their social research as they prepare for their future careers and academic endeavors. We are thrilled to be able to continue this tradition! This year's theme is "Deconstructing Academia: Diverse Voices, Methods, and Perspectives," which aims to highlight research that explores underrepresented methodologies, populations, and topics that are often seen as non-canonical within traditional academic disciplines.

Every year, F3S brings regarded scholars from a variety of disciplines as honorary speakers. This year, our esteemed keynote speaker is Dr. Rachel Grant, an assistant professor in the Department of Journalism here at the University of Florida. Her research relates to media studies of race, gender, and class. She has also conducted extensive work on social movements, social justice, and Black feminism. She has published a plethora of work across various peer-reviewed journals, such as: *Celebrity Studies*, *Visual Communication Quarterly*, *American Journalism*, and *Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication Journal*. This month, Dr. Grant was even awarded the Faculty Research Award at the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications (UFCJC) annual Awards Banquet. Her keynote speech for this year's conference is titled "*How to Survive Academia Without Losing Your Qualitative Soul*".

We are also honored to have another of our very own, Dr. Rafael "Rafa" Ramírez Solórzano from the University of Florida's Center for Latin American Studies, serve as our workshop host this afternoon. As a social

movements historian, his research centers on Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x freedom movements, racial geographies, Women of Color Feminism, Queer of Color Critique, Latina/o/x Political Theory; and Qualitative and Archival Research Methods. His current book project, *Migrant Refusal: The Making of the Trail of Dreams*, is a history of the Trail of Dreams, a four-month walk from Miami, FL to Washington D.C. in 2010, which he contends redefined migrant rights activism in the 21st century by expanding our collective understanding of political agency on behalf of undocumented/undocuqueer youth. His workshop for this afternoon is titled “*From Witnessing to Solidarity: Embracing Decolonial, Queer Feminista, and Coalitional Movidas in the Praxis of Oral Histories*”.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our co-sponsors, speakers, presenters, volunteers, and guests for their ongoing interest and support. Lastly, I would like to thank my fellow F3S officers for their hard work in helping make this event possible: Dr. Autumn McClellan, Jiahui Lyu, Ryan Howard, Tayana Malewschik, Luis Gonzalez-Diaz, Seun Ajoseh, and Ashra Kunwar.

Sincerely,

Barbara Sanchez, *President of Florida Society of the Social Sciences*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. Rachel Grant

“How to Survive Academia Without Losing Your Qualitative Soul”

Time: 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Location: Chamber (Ground Floor)



Dr. Grant is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Journalism at the University of Florida. She previously served as an assistant professor in Xavier University of Louisiana's Mass Communication Department, teaching classes in strategic communication, social media management, and media law. Her academic research looks at media studies of race, gender, and class. She has also conducted extensive research on social movements, social justice, and Black feminism. Dr. Grant has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as *Celebrity Studies*, *Visual Communication Quarterly*, *American Journalism*, and the *Southwest Education Council for Journalism and Mass Communication Journal*. Grant has worked professionally as a news reporter for local daily newspapers and statewide magazines and has worked in corporate advertising as a digital copywriter. This year, she was granted the Faculty Research Award at the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications (UFCJC) annual Awards Banquet.

WORKSHOP LEADER

Dr. Rafael "Rafa" Ramírez Solórzano

"From Witnessing to Solidarity: Embracing Decolonial, Queer Feminista, and Coalitional Movidas in the Praxis of Oral Histories".

Time: 1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Location: Room 2355



Dr. Solórzano is an Assistant Professor at the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida. Trained in ethnic studies, he is a social movement historian whose teaching interests include Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x freedom movements, racial geographies, relational histories of race, and queer of color critique. He has taught at California State University, Los Angeles, UCLA, and has been a visiting scholar at Emory University at the James Weldon Johnson Institute in Atlanta, Georgia.

Born and raised behind the orange curtain of Orange County, CA, he is the son of Mexican immigrant service workers. For over 25 years, he has dedicated a significant part of his life to educational and migrant rights advocacy. After obtaining his bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley, he participated in place-based campaigns designed to counter racial violence, achieve educational justice, and end the school-to-prison-to-deportation pipeline across the State of California. He dedicates

much of this time to supporting and advocating for migrant families, youth of color, and educational justice campaigns as a campaign and educational consultant.

His current book project, *Migrant Refusal: The Making of the Trail of Dreams*, is a history of the Trail of Dreams, a four-month walk from Miami, FL to Washington D.C. in 2010. Led by four Latinx youth activists from Miami, he contends that the Trail redefined migrant rights activism in the 21st century by expanding our collective understanding of political agency on behalf of undocumented/ undocuqueer youth. Indeed, the Trail is relatively new; however, the roots of racial inequality, interracial coalitions, and freedom movements have a longer history in the region. *Migrant Refusal* argues that migrant rights activism and political ideologies are fundamentally shaped by local history and localized knowledge.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.

Registration Opens

(Ground Floor Hall)

9:30 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

Official Welcome

(Chamber: Ground Floor)

9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M.

Poster Session I

(Room G330)

9:45 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Paper Session I

Session 1-A: *Gender & Sexuality* (Room G310)

Session 1-B: *Education* (Room G315)

Session 1-C: *Media & Technology* (G320)

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Keynote Address

Dr. Rachel Grant

(Chamber: Ground Floor)

12:00 P.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Lunch

(Arredondo Café: Level 4)

1:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Workshop

Dr. Rafael “Rafa” Solórzano

(Room 2355)

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Poster Session II

(Room G330)

2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.

Paper Session II

Session 2-A: *Criminology & Law I* (Room G310)

Session 2-B: *Health & Well-being* (Room G315)

Session 2-C: *Social Inequality* (Room G320)

3:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Poster Session III

(Room G330)

3:45 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Session III

Session 3-A: *Criminology & Law II* (Room G310)

Session 3-B: *Latin America* (Room G315)

Session 3-C: *Environment* (Room G320)

CONFERENCE SESSION DETAILS

Paper Presenters

Session 1-A: Gender & Sexuality

Dairys Montes de Oca: *“Breaking the Silence: Awareness Month Healing Initiatives”*

Emma Heidelberg: *“Relationships Redefined: Partners of Transgender Men Share Their Stories”*

Jehlia Andrew-Brown: *“We’re Here, and We’re Quare”: Black Queer Student Resilience in the Age of Anti-Wokeism”*

Wenyi Shen: *“Why is feminist theory/research considered only women's business?”*

Session 1-B: Education

Dahlia Fabregat: *“Organizando para aprender”*

Kaili Zhang: *“Patterns, Motivations, and Influence Factors of Museum Visiting”*

Selora Langston: *“Denial, Erasure, Investigation”.*

Taryrn Brown: *“When We Story Together, Girls of the Sun: Place-Based Knowledge and Black Girls in Alternative Schools”*

Session 1-C: Media & Technology

Chloe Morgado: *“From On-Ramps to Echo Chambers: Algorithmic Pathways”.*

Erika Tarongoy: *“Amplifying Voices: A Qualitative Analysis of Marginalized Communities' Lived Experiences Through Photovoice”.*

Karen McGilvery: *“Incel identity development: a scoping review of biopsychosocial correlates”.*

Session 2-A: Criminology & Law 1

Isabella Contopoulos: *“Incarceration and Mental Illness”*

Jenny Paola Hincapié Marín: *“Linguistic Barriers in Translations in the Juvenile Justice System and Their Impact on Young Heritage Spanish Speakers in Florida, United States”*

Ryan Howard: *“Decomposing Racial Differences in Adolescent Electronic Cigarette Use”*

Sooyun Lee: *“Factors Influencing Cyberbullying Victimization: A Routine Activity Theory Approach”*

Session 2-B: Health & Wellbeing

Bhavna Sharma : *“Benefits of Cross-Cultural Mixed Methods Research: Delineating Transformational Wisdom of Organizations and Leadership”*

Huimin Zhang: *“Household Structures in Later Life: Cohort Trends and Social Inequalities”*

Louise Villanueva: *“Association Between E-Cigarette Smoking and Cigarette Smoking Among Older Adults in the United States”*

Shyama Hausner: *“Acting Through Adversity: A Systematic Literature Review of Drama Therapy for Child and Adolescent Mental Health”*

Session 2-C: Social Inequality

Ioel Katz: *“Damn Hippies, Dirty Rockers!”: Argentine Punk in the Times of the Junta as Academic Pedagogy”*

Luis Rondan-Vasquez: *“Combating Severe Precarious Work: Assessing the Potential of Higher Education to Reduce the Vulnerability of Women and Rural Residents to High Levels of Precarious Work in Peru”*

Özlem Küçük: *"The Evolving Dynamics of the Middle Class: Implications for Labor Force Participation in a Post-Pandemic Era"*

Sarah McFadden Munn: *"Reexamining Burial and Caching Practices as Ritual Events at Middle Formative Period (700–500 BC) Chalcatzingo, Mexico"*

Session 3-A: Criminology & Law II

Jihyeong Lee: *"Challenging Child Testimony: How Consistency and Defense Strategies Shape Credibility Judgement"*

Jooyeon Kim: *"Justice Refracted: The Role of Legal Socialization and Political Orientation in Shaping Punishment Views in South Korea"*

Julio Montanez: *"Lived Experience" in State Law: A Critical Analysis of Discourse in a Subject Matter-Dominant Institution"*

Mia Comas: *"Challenges to Advocacy: Nonprofits' Response to Regressive Policies"*

Session 3-B: Latin America

Ana Maria Ramirez Gomez: *"Socioeconomic Challenges Faced by Afro-Colombian Women Entrepreneurs"*

Chalisa Kalyani Budhai: *"The Tenants of Trinidad: Structures, Law, and the People"*

James Everett: *"Affective Travel: Music as a Vehicle for Emotional Regulation among Colombo-Venezuelan Migrants"*

Session 3-C: Environment

Ashis Kumer: *"Identifying Social Indicators of Asthma Risk in Coal Mining Communities: A Systematic Literature Review"*

D'Andre Moxey: *"Hard to Reach Farmers"*

Katharine McNamara: *"Pharming Solidarity: How People and Medicinal Plants Survived the COVID-19 Pandemic in Loja, Ecuador"*

Kirstin Lewis: *“How Climate Strain Impacts the Issuance of Flags of Convenience”*

Poster Presenters

Poster Session I

“Minorities Conform or Disappear”: Bolsonaro’s Construction of the People and Its Impact on LGBTQIA+ Rights – **Alvaro Bartolotti Tomas, Michele Diana da Luz**

Human-Wildlife Conflict and Prey Diversity in Arghakhanchi, Nepal – **Ashra Kunwar**

Development of a Wetlands Podcast Series and Survey to Examine Listeners’ Conservation Knowledge and Motivations – **Charles Overdevest, Jaime Loizzo**

Birthing Civilization: A Comparison of Obstetrics and Gynecology Practices in Ancient Civilization – **Delilah Penate**

Testimonios of Latinx LGBTQ Parents Using a Liberation Psychology Lens – **Elizabeth Delgado-Garnica, Jack Lawhorne, Julio A. Martin, M.S., & Roberto L. Abreu, Ph.D.**

A Liberation Approach to the Salient Resiliency of Latinx LGBTQ Parents of Children with Developmental Disabilities – **Jack Lawhorne, Elizabeth Delgado-Garnica, Julio A. Martin, M.S., Roberto L. Abreu, PhD**

Religious Empathy: What Quaker Action in Criminal Justice Reform Reveals About Religion in Social Progress – **Jacob Cohen**

PhotoVOICE: Revealing and Amplifying Faculty and Student Voices for Equity in STEM – **Janet Provitera, Erika Shayne Tarongoy, Dr. Starlette M. Sinclair, Ph.D., Dr. Laura Frost, Ph.D., Dr. Lyndsay Rhodes, Ph.D., Dr. Joanne Muller, Ph.D.**

A City Without Government: Urbanism and “House Society” at Çatalhöyük – **Katherine Hughes**

The Effects of Offspring Age during Guardian Death on the Development of Personality Disorders – **Lillian Paulitz, Dr. David Cox**

Poster Session II

The Impact of Implicit Weight Bias on Self-Concept– **Aleya Gruen et al.**

Assessing Individual Differences in Emotion Using EEG and Self-Reported Affect –
Angie Cordova, Faith E. Gilbert, Andreas Keil, Ph.D.

Innermost Understanding Could Hurt Innermost Harmony: Self-Awareness Moderates the Link Between Loneliness and Depression – **Cajun Weisheimer, Lindsey Rodriguez**

Thinking About the Future: University Students' Perceptions of Climate Change, Economic Uncertainties, and Family Preferences – **Dimitris Liveris, Tanya Koropecykj-Cox**

Reducing Recidivism Through Mental Health Support – **Jacqueline Emmerich**

Exploring Willingness to Participate in Nature-Based Interventions Among Underserved Populations – **Jon Parker, Dr. Heidi Radunovich**

Interrogating the Relationships Between Pain, THC Use, and Psychological Well-Being in Older Adults – **Karina Quinones, Alexandra Santana**

Feeding the Mind: The Emotional and Attitudinal Pathways Linking Binge Eating to Body Image – **Michael Valuta, Marianna Horton, Tyler Favier, Lindsey Rodriguez, Ph. D.**

Evaluating Ergonomic Positioning Through AI-Powered Video Feedback – **Rachel Warren, Williams Espericueta Luna, Nicole Gravina**

Using Demand Fading and Reinforcement to Increase Consumption of Novel Foods –
Taylor Patten, Ronald. J. Clark, Nikki Perrino, Angie Van Arsdale, Vivian, F. Ibañez

Poster Session III

Advancements in Age-Appropriate Portion-Based Eating Procedures –**Acacia Hager, Ronald J. Clark, Angie Van Arsdale, Nicole L. Perrino, Vivian F. Ibañez**

Further Examination of Social Interactions for Children Undergoing Behavioral Feeding Therapy – **Avery Tucker, Laura DeZayas, Angie Van Arsdale, Ronald J. Clark, Vivian F. Ibañez**

Exploring Parasocial Relationships: A Quantitative Study of Media, Belonging, and Well-Being – **Jaquoi Dorsett, Jomelys Gonzalez-Molina, Ashley Guarino, Makenna Morrow, Asha Puthanveetil, Sergio Ray, Olivia Schick, and Nik Solano**

Age & Generational Power in Trobriand Society– **Kerem Leyva-Espinosa**

National Women in Agriculture Association US Chapters – **Liliane Poincon, Marilyn E. Swisher, Kevin Ash, Anita Anantharam, Jorge Ruiz-Menjivar**

Gendering Resistance: Indigenous Women and Social Uprisings in Ecuador – **Melisa Mantilla**

An Anthology of Black Towns and Communities – **Molly Tucker**

Outcomes from an Intensive Feeding Disorders Program – **Nicole Perrino, Angie Van Arsdale, Ronald J. Clark, Vivian F. Ibañez**

Does Attitude Accessibility Increase the Predictive Validity of Implicit Measures? – **Sarah Wutzler, Gabriel Acosta, Evelyn Gomez, Sophia Lopez, Isabel Velasco, & Colin Tucker Smith**

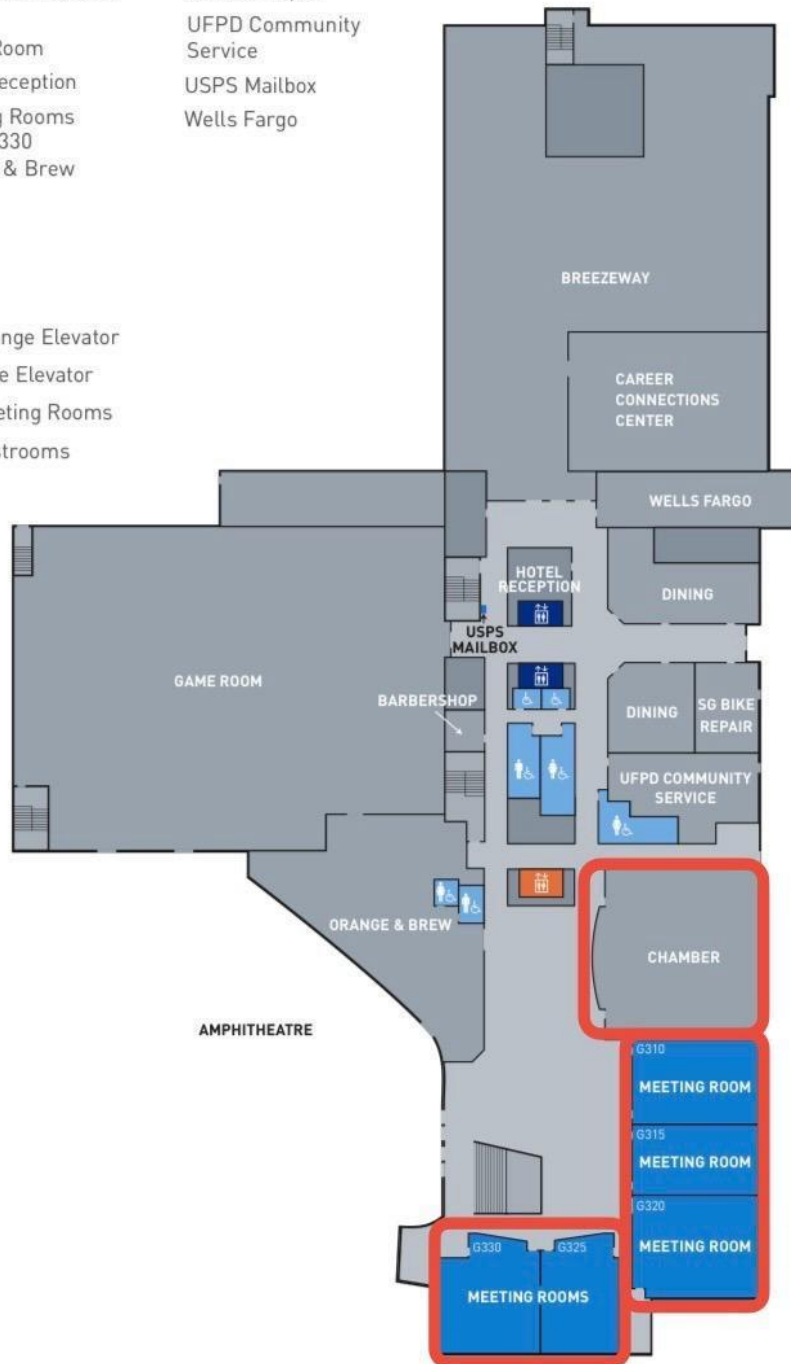
Using Demand Fading to Increase Consumption of Novel Foods – **Ty'Asja Scott, Angie Van Arsdale, Ronald J. Clark, Vivian F. Ibañez, Kerri P. Peters**

VENUE MAP

GROUND LEVEL

Barbershop	Senate Chamber
Career Connections Center	SG Bike Repair
Game Room	UFPD Community Service
Hotel Reception	USPS Mailbox
Meeting Rooms G310-G330	Wells Fargo
Orange & Brew	

	Orange Elevator
	Blue Elevator
	Meeting Rooms
	Restrooms



LEVEL 2

Auditorium
Center for Inclusion and
Multicultural Engagement
David and Wanda Brown
Center for Leadership
and Service
The Gallery
Grand Ballroom

Meeting Rooms
2101-2108
Meeting Rooms
2315-2365
Student Activities
and Involvement
Info Desk
SG Graphics and
Copy Center

- Orange Elevator
- Blue Elevator
- Meeting Rooms
- Restrooms

