

**LANZAMIENTO COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE**  
**SPRING 2022**

**Understanding the Current Latinx College Student**

Research is often done on the level of success of Latinx students at colleges and universities. Rarely do individuals speak about migration, acculturation, criminalization and trauma. In this 8-hour Community of Practice, we will explore the causes for migration, acculturation, traumas and the criminalization of our students and their families. Readings will come from multiple authors, including Roberto Gonzalez, Jose Garcia and possibly students' personal experiences. The goal of these conversations is to walk into the classroom and see the student through a different lens than the media presents.

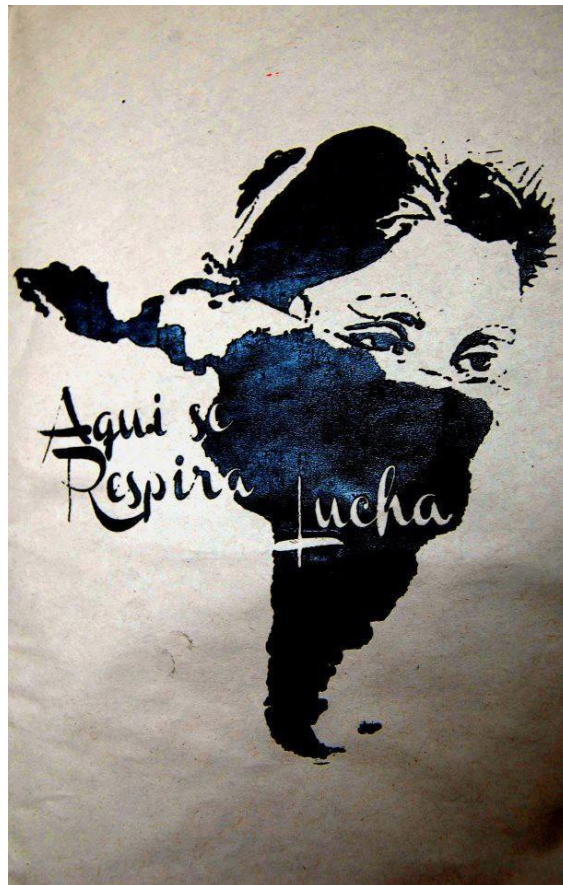
**DATES:** 01/26, 02/23, 03/30, & 04/27

**TIMES:** 6PM – 8PM

**LOCATION:** <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/91537528656>

Respetuosamente,

Rafael Vázquez Guzmán





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*Decolonizing the Classroom*

Facilitators Laura Larqué and Deyanira Morales

First Fridays—2/4, 3/4, 4/1, 5/6

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Zoom Link:

<https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/98325693648>

**Description**

Continuing with our cultural empowerment program of decolonization to create safe classroom environments, we developed a CoP that will deconstruct the false Euro-American ideology of racism and superiority.

This CoP is divided into the following four sessions:

**Friday, February 4, 2022**

We will examine the European racist ideology established to portray Native Americans as savage and ruthless tribes. We will then explore the Aztec Civilization to demonstrate that, far from being savages, they were indeed a highly advanced society, accomplishing many things that society enjoys today.

**Friday, March 4, 2022**

We will analyze the historical culture of corn and traditional practices associated with it. This includes symbolic, spiritual, and practical roles, cultivation, harvest, and utilization.

**Friday, April 1, 2022**

We will include the study of prominent Chicanx literary authors and artists who have embraced Native American traditions to establish a syncretic identity, one comprised of multiple cultural and ethnic sources.

**Friday, May 6, 2022**

The final session will examine the richness of the culinary traditions of Mexico, their history, influences and global relevance, as well as their role in people’s sense of national and cultural identity within Mexico and elsewhere in the diaspora.

# Hispanic Serving Institution, Lanzamiento



## Freddy Martinez Community of Practice Unlearning Grammar

This CoP will examine the history of English language standardization and interrogate the politics of linguistic prescriptivism. The aim of this group is to move beyond normative conceptions of language instruction towards a descriptive understanding of English grammars.

### Meeting Times - 2nd Friday of Each Month

02/11: 1 - 3 PM

03/11: 1 - 3 PM

04/08: 1 - 3 PM

05/13: 1 - 3 PM

Zoom link: <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/92985065991>



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## ***The Dawn of Everything:* Examining the Past for New Futures**

Facilitators: Leticia Contreras and Freddy Martinez

Dates: April 1, 15, 29, May 6

Times: 10am – 12pm

Zoom Link: <https://santarosa-edu.zoom.us/j/95480867380>

### **Description**

In line with our goals of introducing academic scholarship and activism that reflects themes of non-Western thinking, this CoP will be covering the book *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity* by David Graeber and David Wengrow. We will read sections of the book and use it to discuss how the ideologies implicated in our current understandings of human history have impacted our disciplines, as well as how other interpretations of these histories can impact and open up different possibilities for understanding what it means to be human. This CoP is divided into the following four sessions:

#### **Friday, April 1, 2022**

We will examine how the contributions of Thomas Hobbes and Jean-Jacques Rousseau have defined our understanding of human nature.

#### **Friday, April 15, 2022**

We will analyze Indigenous critiques of these understandings of human nature and look critically at Eurocentric views of history and conceptions of social evolution.

#### **Friday, April 29, 2022**

We will discuss how conceptions of inequality inform our notions of freedom, culture, and private property.

#### **Friday, May 6, 2022**

The final meeting will cover how our readings and discussions relate to our coursework, disciplines, and curricula. We will close discussing how the histories we covered in this CoP give us other opportunities and possibilities from which to teach.