



Dear LSA 2018 Conference Participant:

Greetings from the Latina/o Studies Association (LSA) Executive Council and Conference Site Committee! We are eagerly looking forward to seeing you this week (July 11-15) in Washington, DC, at the **Latinx Studies Now: DC 2018+** Conference. We hope that you will enjoy the many sessions, professional workshops, book readings, poetry happenings, exhibits, and casual and impromptu exchanges that the conference may offer you.

Ahead of your arrival in DC, we are sending you the conference program and schedule in PDF format as well as conference information and recommendations for your visit to DC. We suggest that you print and bring a copy of the program, and/or add it to your dropboxes, because in an effort to be environmentally responsive, we opted **not** to print hard copies of the program. Please look over the program and find your session/s, as some changes in scheduling have been made due to unforeseen circumstances. If your session does not have an assigned moderator or facilitator, kindly assign a person or persons in your session to introduce the presenters, keep time, and facilitate questions or discussions. This will greatly facilitate the flow of the session/s.

Upon arriving at the conference, stop by the registration table at the entrance of La Plaza to pick up your conference badges and materials and to register, if you have not done so yet. Remember that everyone who is presenting must pay registration fees and membership dues, and those attending must pay registration fees.

On Wednesday, July 11, 6:00-8:00PM, be sure to join us for the Opening Reception in La Plaza with D.J. Kristy Li Puma, and do stay for the Closing Reception on the evening of Saturday, July 14, 7:00-9:30PM, also in La Plaza, with DC-based Verny Varela and his band. We also hope you will attend the LSA Business Meeting on Saturday, July 14, 5:15-6:45PM in Thurgood South. Breakfast will be available in La Plaza each day of the conference as well as noontime lunchboxes at the Plenaries.

Lastly, as you pack your bags, you might want to bring light clothing, sunscreen, water bottles, and comfortable walking shoes as we will continue to experience a heat wave on the East Coast throughout the duration of the conference. See the following pages for more conference and area information.

As always, if you have questions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us at lsassocinfo@gmail.com.

See you soon at **Latinx Studies Now 2018** in Washington, D.C.!

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Looking for Latinx Books?

Be sure to visit the book exhibit, talk with publishers, and purchase books by Latinx authors to take home with you. Publisher representatives and editors will be selling titles in La Plaza during the conference. You will have opportunities to hear directly from university and trade press editors about publishing during the panels "Book Publishing in Latinx Studies Now+ " (Thursday and Friday morning, on La Plaza Stage, from 10:15-11:45am)

When you browse titles at the LSA conference, you let publishers know our conference is a worthwhile investment of their time and money. Publishers keep track of book sales at conferences; book sales mean more titles at future conferences, more opportunities for prospective authors to sit down with editors, and more intellectual investment in our field of Latinx Studies.

Below are the publishers joining us for LSA 2018:

*Arte Público Press

*Bozalta

*Chiricú Journal

*Haymarket Press

*Latino Studies Journal

*Letras Latinas

*New York University Press

*Scholar's Choice

*SUNY Press

*The Ohio State University Press

*The University of Arizona Press

*The University of Illinois Press

*The University of Pittsburgh Press

*The University of Texas Press



Looking for Tours of Latinx DC?

While you are in DC, you may be interested in learning about the area's rich and varied Latinx history, including its distinctive history of US Central American community-building. In partnership with the Latina/o Studies Association, the National Park Service will be offering walking tours of the Columbia Heights and Mt. Pleasant neighborhoods. Tours meet everyday of the conference at 1pm at the Columbia Heights Metro and last for 2 hours. You can find out more and register in advance at [this link](#). Register quickly because space is limited!

Traveling with children?

There are many playgrounds and kid-friendly activities and restaurants within walking distance of the hotel or a short subway ride away. Consider the list below a supplement to DC's more familiar national attractions.

Activities and Playgrounds

National Zoo (free): Located less than a ten-minute walk from the hotel, this attraction has many outdoor and indoor areas, plus easy food options.

National Building Museum (fee): A 15-minute ride on the Metro Red Line (from Woodley Park Station, next to the hotel) takes you to this hands-on museum with many activities for toddlers through teenagers.

Walter Pierce Park: Within walking distance of hotel in the Adams Morgan neighborhood, this park has a shady playground good for kids 2-8.

Kalorama Park: Also within walking distance of hotel in the Adams Morgan neighborhood, this park has a good play area for kids 2-8 and an excellent one for kids 8-12.

Looking for Restaurants?

Open City: Next to hotel, solid diner fare, plus coffee/beer/wine, very kid friendly.

Mellow Mushroom Pizza: Within walking distance of hotel in the Adams Morgan neighborhood.

El Tamarindo: Within walking distance of hotel in the Adams Morgan neighborhood, this Salvadoran/Mexican place is great for an early dinner.

Pitango: Gelato (and coffee) within walking distance of hotel in the Adams Morgan neighborhood.



Looking for more attractions, cafés, and restaurants?

Coffee

Philz: 1827 Adams Mill Rd. NW (closes at 6pm)
Pitango: 1841 Columbia Rd. NW (closes at 10pm)
Tryst: 2459 18th St. NW (closes at midnight)
Wydown Coffee Bar: 1924 14th St. NW
Peregrino Espresso: 1718 14th St. NW
Coffy Café: 3310 14th St. NW
Slipstream: 1333 14th St. NW
Peets: 1829 14th St. NW
Colada: 1405 T St. NW (store front: Cuban sandwiches and cortaditos, closes at 10pm)

Restaurants by Neighborhood

Connecticut & Calvert Streets (near hotel)

Lebanese Taverna: 2641 Connecticut Ave. NW
District Kitchen: 2606 Connecticut Ave. NW
Open City: 2331 Calvert St. NW (good breakfast and kid friendly)
Bindass Indian Restaurant: 3309 Connecticut Ave. NW (red line to Cleveland Park metro and walk 2 blocks south)
Paragon Thai: 3507 Connecticut Ave. NW (red line to Cleveland Park, right outside of metro-can't miss it)

Adams Morgan

Tail Up Goat: 1827 Adams Mill Rd. NW
Al Volo: 1790 Columbia Rd. NW (Italian)
The Line: 1770 Euclid Rd. NW
Federalist Pig 1654 Columbia Rd. NW (barbecue)
Perry's: 1811 Columbia Rd. NW (Sushi)
Mintwood Place: 1813 Columbia Rd. NW
Lapis: 1847 Columbia Rd. NW (Afghan)
Arepa House: 2120 18th St. NW
Bul: 2431 18th St. NW (Korean)
Ababa: 2106 18th St. NW (Ethiopian)
Keren: 1780 Florida St. NW (Ethiopian)



Restaurants by Neighborhood

Mt. Pleasant

Ercilia's: 3030 Mt. Pleasant St. NW (pupusas)
Elle: 3221 Mt. Pleasant St. NW (café, bakery, bar and restaurant)
Taqueria Los Compadres: 3213 Mt. Pleasant St. NW (if you're craving huitlacoche tacos)
Mola: 3155 Mt. Pleasant St. NW (Spanish)
Purple Patch: 3155 Mt. Pleasant St. NW (Filipino food with a happy hour)
Dos Hermanos: 1428 Park Rd. NW (Dominican food, cafeteria style)
Mi Cuba Café: 1424 Park Rd. NW (if you're craving Cuban)

Columbia Heights

Mezcalero: 3714 14th St. NW (Mexican)
Thip Khao: 3462 14th St. NW (Laotian)
Maple 3418 11th St. NW
The Coupe 3415 11th St. NW (breakfast and casual fare)

14th and U Street

Bar Pilar: 1833 14th St. NW (gastropub)
Estadio: 1520 14th St. NW (Spanish)
Tico's: 1926 14th St. NW (tapas)
Lupo Verde: 1401 T St. NW (Italian)
Pearl Oyster Dive: 1612 T St. NW (Seafood)
Compass Rose: 1346 T St. NW (International)
Fainting Goat: 1330 U Street NW

Others:

Bad Saint: 3226 11th St. NW (Filipino)
Le Diplomate 1601 14th St. NW (French bistro)
Rasika: 633 D St. NW (Indian)
Sfgolina: 4445 Connecticut Ave. NW (Italian)
Oyamel: 401 7th St. NW (Mexican)
Nazca Mochica: 1633 P St. NW (Peruvian)



More Book Stores

Potter's House: 1650 Columbia Rd. NW

Idle Time Bookstores: 2467 18th St. NW

Politics and Prose: 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW

Kramerbooks: 1517 Connecticut Ave. NW

Second Story Books: 2000 P St. NW

Sankofa: 2741 Georgia Ave. NW

Upshur Street Books: 827 Upshur St. NW

Busboys and Poets (various locations-closest to conference site is on 14th and V St. NW)

Even More Places to See

Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery

Smithsonian Museum of American History

National Museum of the American Indian

National Museum of African American History and Culture

National Museum of Women in the Arts

National Gallery of Art

Eastern Market

Tidal Basin (Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials)

Martin Luther King Monument

Vietnam Veteran's War Memorial