National Hispanic Heritage Month
September 15–October 15

September 15
National Hispanic Heritage Month Kick Off and Phot Exhibit
12-3 p.m. City Hall, Auditorium (401 N. Morton St.)
The City of Bloomington invites you to kick off National Hispanic Heritage Month at this in- formal reception in the City Hall atrium. Stroll through the atrium and enjoy the photo exhibit featuring local Latinos/as and Bloomington community members who have helped make our city a better place. Refreshments served.

National Hispanic Heritage Month Opening Reception
4-6 p.m. at the Museums Museum of World Cultures (416 N. Indiana Ave.)
La Casa, Latinos Studies, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Museums Museum of World Cultures officially kick off the opening celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15). For complete listing of calendar of events, please contact us at 812-855-0174 or lacasa@indiana.edu.

September 17
From Invisible To Invincible 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Real-Marchell Black Culture Center, Grand Hall (275 N. Jordan Ave.)
A multi-media experience involving testimony, paintings, film excerpts, photographs, & audience participation. Moving them from empathy to solidarity. Sponsored by Latino Graduate Students Association.

September 18
"Platicas" Brown Bag Series 12-1 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)
"More than the War: Democratic Disenchantment in El Salvador" Talk by Ellen Moodie (Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois). Sponsored by Center for Latin America and the Caribbean Studies, La Casa and Latinos Studies.

World War I and the Federacion Libre de Trabajadores Hispanicos Campaign in Puerto Rico 3 p.m. at Buttland Hall 404
Professor Dionicio Valdés (History, Michigan State University) will examine an unexplored 1915 first great workers' strike and its connection with the formation of the Socialist Party in Puerto Rico.

Latinos Unidos of Illiinois Mass Meeting 7 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)
Latinos Unidos of Illinois University (LUU) will be holding their first mass meeting to give students an opportunity to learn more about LUU and how to get involved. We will share upcoming programs as well as welcome ideas for future events. It will also be a great opportunity to socialize and get to know other students at Illinois University.

September 19
"Working and Unemployed, Politics, Food and the Rise of the United Farm Workers" 12 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)
This talk by Professor Dionicio Valdés (History, Michigan State University) will discuss how the United Farm Workers helped the discussion of food into the labor movement and made it political. Don't miss it!

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September 20
Festival Latino 12-6 p.m. at Dunn Meadow (corner of Indiana Ave. and 7th St.)
This festival is a free outdoor concert open to all campus and community. Held in IL’s Dunn Meadow, the concert consists of Latin music groups. This year the festival features Grammy Award Nominee group Sones de Mexico. The event also provides the opportunity for individuals to visit the food, cultural activities and information booths set up throughout the meadow area.

September 21, 28 & October 5
Copa Bloomington Soccer Tournament
Register for this 3 day folk tournament celebrating one of the most beloved sports in the world. Tournament takes place at Kared Park and is sponsored by El Comunal Latino, The City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department and the Lee R. Dowling International Center.

Middle Way House Domestic Violence Training 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church (219 E. 4th St.)
Middle Way House is seeking new volunteers to help us maintain the quality of service that we provide to victims of domestic and sexual violence. Because of the diverse population served, multi-lingual volunteers, such as Spanish speakers and American Sign Language interpreters are needed. For more information: Call 812-313-7404

September 28
Spanish Language Gallery and Collection Tour 2-4 p.m. at the Mulhers Museum of World Cultures (416 N. Indiana Ave.)
Want a tour of the Mulhers Museum of World Cultures in Spanish? Well join us! Acompani es en una visita del Museo de Culturas del Mundo en espanol: Free and open to the public.

September 29
"A Walk Through Time: Discovering the Influential Latinas in History" 6 p.m. Location TBD
Part of Siguia Lambda Upsilon/Senioritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. Ritmos Week: “Coming out of the Shadows: Latin American Women Tell History”

"The Evolution of an Everyday Activist" 7 p.m. at the Marshall Black Culture Center, Grand Hall (275 N. Jordan Ave.)
Ava Hernandez has worked with the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (one of the largest environmental groups in Louisiana) and Adhafaluaya Rainkeeper (dedicated to protecting water from pollution). She has also been a strong activist against The School of the Americas, replaced by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, a military training school for Latin American youth. According to Hernandez, many graduates of the school have gone on to commit human rights violations and crimes in Latin America. Ava Hernandez will share her experiences as an activist and thoughts on Latin leadership.

September 30
"Latinas Contributions to Scientific Research" 12 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)
We do not hear about all the amazing contributions scientists make to science everyday but how many have been made by Latinas both here in the US and abroad? Come find out how science has been changed by Latinas and how you can continue that legacy. All attendees will receive a free one year membership to SACNAS (The Society for the Advancement of Chicanos/ Latinos and Native Americans in Science).

October 1
Let’s Dance Latin Style! 12-2 p.m. at the Student Commons in the Ivy Tech Community College (200 Daniels Way)
Come learn popular Latin American dances that everyone is talking about. Dancing lessons will be given on Salsa, Merengue, and Bachata. These lessons are free and open to anyone, just bring your dancing shoes and Let’s Dance Latin Style! For more information contact Delia L. Vence (delince@ivytech.edu).

October 2
Plazas Brown Bag Series 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

October 3
"Long Island Locas Latina" (A Brown Comedy) 7 p.m. at the John Waldron Arts Center (122 S. Walnut St.)
In "Long Island Locas Latina" Marga Gomez ponders a long a dull night of cultural con- fun, mc ing and mother daughter insta- bility. What begins as a hilariously dark memory of Gomez as the only brown girl in a white girl school morphs into an incisive manifesto for Latinas who can’t speak Spanish, suck at Salsa, and suffer from Blonditis. ‘We’re everywhere’! Gomez claims. ‘And we vote!’ Marga has been seen on Comedy Central, Showtime, HBO, LOGO and PBS. To learn more about Marga visit www.myspace.com/margogomezcomedy.

Women Empowerment Movie "Selita" and Discussion 7:30-9 p.m. at the Student Building Room 150
Sponsor: Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority

October 3
Hollywood on BFHR 91.3 & 98.1FM 6-7 p.m.

October 3-5
Il Latino Alumni Association Reunion
Join IL Latino alumni for the biggest reunion yet. Events include workshops, social activities, scholarship & distinguished alumni luncheon, and more. Registration required. For more details visit: www.alumni.indiana.edu/lati Secular

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October 4
La Casa Parle Night
8 p.m. at Rhino’s All Ages Club (331 S. Walnut St.)

Barb’s TBA. For more information call 812-336-3430 or see www.mathersmuseum.org. Cost: $5 admission. Live at the door. Sponsor: Rhino’s All Ages Center and La Casa. All Ages event.

October 7
My Mexican Shiva (Misericordia está en Hebreo) 2007
7:30 p.m. and Rhino TBA

Set in Blandez, a Jewish quarter of Mexico City, and spoken in Spanish, Yiddish and Hebrew, “My Mexican Shiva” is a dramatic, candidly about how the death of a man results in the celebration of his life. Directed by Alejandro Springall and based on a story by Ilan Stavans. For more information contact Sarah@indiana.edu.

October 8
Speakers Bureau Debut: Sharing our Diversity
9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monroe County Public Library, Auditorium (203 E. Kirkwood)

What is it like to move to Bloomington from another country? What is it like to start a business or to learn a new language? Come be a part of the speakers’ bureau training and learn how to share your unique experiences on issues relevant to diversity and accessibility. Everyone is welcome, especially people who like to share and hear stories, and learn through other people’s experiences. This speakers’ bureau works to educate the Bloomington community and foster mutual understanding. Contact Daniel Soto 343-3465 today to register.

October 9
Sigma Phi Dora Movie “Bordertown” and Discussion
6-9 p.m. at La Casa (715 S. 7th St.)

“Bordertown” is loosely based on a series of unsolved crimes of young women who have been kidnapped, tortured, and murdered since 1993 in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, an industrial border town near El Paso, Texas. The movie will be shown followed by a discussion.

October 10
Donde Estamos?: Using Theatre for Social Change
2-7 p.m. at the Lee R. Downing International Center (111 E. Justin Ave.)
The day of La Raza (Día de la Raza) is a day designated to recognize the birth of the first Latin Americans. It is a reference for the Native, African, Asian and European heritage. Join Latinx Unidos of IU as we commemorate this day with Latino music, food, and an interactive theatre experience.

October 11
Fiesta del Olote
12-4 p.m. at Bryan Park

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the City of Bloomington Community and Family Resources Department presents the third annual Fiesta del Olote (Field Festival). Local Latino artists and community members will showcase their traditions and talents through food, dance, music, cooking demonstrations, educational activities for the kids, games and more. Bring the whole family for a great day in the park!

October 12
“The Longing: The Forgotten Jews of South America”
1 p.m. at the Tree Room Suite 1, IUW 2:15 p.m., Panel Response and Discussion

“The Longing” is a moving documentary portrait of South Americans who, after discovering that their Jewish ancestors converted to Catholicism during the Spanish Inquisition, undertake profound, personal journeys of faith. Director Gabriela Bohm. You can learn more about the film at: www.bohmproductions.com

October 13
Desde Las Raíces: Nuestras Familias
7 p.m. at La Casa

Join us for this program dedicated to our “familias”. The focus is to create unity in our community through our family stories, education, and an opportunity to put a face on those members of the Latino community who have had an important impact. We ask participants to come prepared to share stories, pictures, insight into their family lives of struggle, happiness and success. Sponsored by Latino Faculty and Staff Council.

October 14
Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc.: Latina/o Night
6-8 p.m. at La Casa

This is an opportunity to talk beyond black and white: Infusing a larger vision

October 15
National Latino AIDS Awareness Day
6:30 p.m. at La Casa (715 E. 7th St.)

Are you positive that you’re HIV negative? Get tested for HIV for FREE. All tests are confidential, anonymous and FREE with results in just 20 minutes. Only you can protect yourself from HIV. For more information contact Jessica Wetmore from Positive Link—Community Mamas at jwetmore@bloomingtonhospital.org or 812-351-3249. Co-sponsored by Positive Link, Gamma Phi Omega and La Casa.

Now—July 2, 2009
Botanica: A Playing for the Soul Exhibit
Mathers Museum of World Cultures (401 N. Indiana Ave.)
Curated by Selma Morales, a graduate student in IU’s Department of Folklore and Ethnomusicology, the exhibit recreates a botanica, or store that sells items necessary for practicing a variety of Afro-Caribbean religions, based on the one owned by the curator’s Puerto Rican grandmother from 1945 through 1991. Its Exhibit Halls and Museum Store are open Tuesdays through Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Admission to the Museum is free.