Wellness and Culture Talking Circle Series: Guatemalan Worry Dolls September 12/7-8pm/La Casa
Join us to create your own worry dolls while getting to know the services available if you ever need of a listening ear or a supportive shoulder? Guatemalan worry dolls date back to Mayan traditions combining legend, story, craft, and stress relief. Refreshments and wonderful company will be available. Come join us for a bit of fun and great cultural practice. Co-sponsored by Center for Human Growth and La Casa of Indiana University.

“Appalatin” September 15/10:30pm/WTIU
Appalatin, a music group based in Louisville, Kentucky, has fused Latin and Appalachian influences for an energetic and exciting new sound. Recorded live in concert at Natacha’s Music Club, they perform songs that range from traditional South American songs such as “Alpa Mayo” to a Latin-infused version of the mountain classic “Shady Grove.”

National Hispanic Heritage Month Reception September 15/4-6pm/Neal-Marshall Black Culture Center, Bridgwaters Lounge
Join us as we begin a month-long celebration and recognize those who have made great contributions to the Latinx community in Bloomington and beyond while enjoying some marvelous and delicious food. This event is open to all campus and community.

Latino Graduate Student Association (LGSAS) General Meeting September 15/6-7:30pm/La Casa
Join us in our first general meeting! We will be talking about LGSAS’s mission, events, and how our organization can support graduate students. More information contact lgsas@indiana.edu.

“Mestiza Music” September 16/11pm/WTIU
In the 60-minute performance special Mestiza Music, Grammy-winning Peruvian-American composer Gabriela Lena Frank brings her unique music-making process to her alma mater—The University of Michigan. After years of planning, musings with roots in Finland, Korea, China, and the United States join three talented Ecuadorian pan players in Ann Arbor with a night of performances that culminate in a concert showcasing a cross-cultural fusion of music that is both revelatory and forward-thinking.

Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice (2010, Film)
September 20/12-1:15pm/Maurer School of Law (Moot Court RM 123)
A lawyer, judge and professor, Cruz Reynoso spent more than five turbulent decades fighting for civil rights. Director Abbay Ginzburg chronicles the remarkable life of Cruz Reynoso, a trailblazer in the legal system and a champion of agricultural workers. He was California’s first Latino Supreme Court justice and one of America’s first Latino law professors. President Bill Clinton appointed him as Vice Chair on the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in 1994 and awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000. Reynoso’s career also included controversial relationships and encounters with labor activist Cesar Chavez and then-California Governor Reagan. Lunch will be provided. Film followed by discussion.

Language Access & Cultural Sensitivity: Defining Best Practices September 20/7-8pm/La Casa of Indiana University
Co-sponsored by Center for Human Growth and La Casa of Indiana University.

Pedro Ruiz: Coming Home September 21/1pm/WTIU
In January 2011, acclaimed New York City choreographer Pedro Ruiz returned to his native Puerto Rico to embark on a project he described as “a personal quest for identity in the modern age.” Ruiz’s work explores the social and political issues that are of great concern to Puerto Ricans in a beautiful and provocative manner.

Latinx Benefit Recital September 25/2-3:15pm at Auer Hall with reception to follow (Location TBA)
LGBTQ Benefit Recital September 25/2-3:15pm at Auer Hall with reception to follow (Location TBA)
In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, La Casa del Otoño will be celebrating Culture and Heritage. La Casa del Otoño will feature diverse and powerful entertainment: music, dance, performances, and demonstrations and children’s activities. La Casa del Otoño both educates and provides festive activities for the whole family. If you would like to volunteer to be part of the event, or for more information please contact latinoprograms@bloomington.in.gov.
La Casa/Latino Cultural Center is a unit of the IU Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Multicultural Affairs.