

Dante Santiago Olivas
Curriculum Vitae

Education

- Present: **MA in Chicana and Chicano Studies**
 - University of New Mexico
- December 2022: **BA Double Major in Sociology and Chicana and Chicano Studies**; Cum Laude
 - University of New Mexico
- May 2018: **AA in Sociology, Criminology, Liberal Arts**
 - Central New Mexico Community College

Professional Experience

- July 2023 – Present: Albuquerque, NM. University of New Mexico, Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies
 - **Program Coordinator: NM Humanities NOW** – Building Humanities Pathways (ended 12/31/23), Extending Humanities Pathways (present), Radical Harmonies (present). The Mellon Foundation funds the program, including grant planning and administration, internal and external liaison for UNM and branch campus partners, fiscal and budgetary transactions, logistical planning, grant reporting, and creating and editing program correspondence, documents, and other publications.
 - June 2024: *Mellon Summer Academy – Intro to Southwest Film Studies with guest presentations from Dr. Myrriah Gomez (Nuclear Nuevo Mexico), Dr. Rachael Cassidy (recent PhD and previous Mellon Fellow), Gunnar Barnes (previous Mellon Fellow), Katie Yellowhair (previous Mellon Fellow), Dr. Timothy E. Nelson (Blackdom, NM), Mattee Jim (New Mexico LGBTQ Activist), Stormmiguel Florez (Filmmaker for “The Whistle,” and “Welcome to Roswell”)* (NM Humanities NOW)
 - May 3, 2024: *Fandango Burqueño with Sinuhe Padilla Isunza, Patricio Hidalgo, Yaratzé Hidalgo, Dr. Alvaro Alcantara, and Laura Reboloso* (Radical Harmonies)
 - April 23, 2024: *Lucía Gutierrez Reboloso performing with UNM Jazz I* (Radical Harmonies)
 - April 23, 2024: *Dr. Steve Loza “Music and the Morphing of Cultures”* (Radical Harmonies)
 - March 26, 2024: *Arturo O’Farrill and the UNM Jazz I with Cornel West in Concert* (Radical Harmonies)
 - March 26, 2024: *Latinas in the Humanities at UNM Valencia with Dr. Laura Belmonte, Jessica Helen Lopez (Albuquerque Poet), Laura Reboloso, and Beatriz Villa* (NM Humanities NOW)
 - November 28, 2023: *“Prophecy” by Roman Orona with Kaya Orona* (Radical Harmonies)
 - November 1, 2023: *“Día de los Muertos” at UNM Valencia* (NM Humanities NOW)

- October 24 and 25, 2023: *“The First Rainbow Coalition” with the filmmaker Ray Santisteban at UNM Hibben Center and CNM Smith Brasher (NM Humanities NOW)*
- June 2023: Albuquerque, NM. University of New Mexico, Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies
 - **Teaching Assistant**. “Intro to Southwest Film Studies” CCS 370. Classroom and office hours support for undergraduate students in the Mellon Summer Academy.
- January 2023 – May 2023: Albuquerque, NM. University of New Mexico, Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies
 - **Graduate Assistant**. Created the website content for Extending Humanities Pathways. <https://extendingnmhn.unm.edu/>
- June 2021 – Present: San Luis, CO. Move Mountains Youth Project
 - **Consultant**. Organized workshops with youth conducting oral histories and hands-on experience with their food sovereignty program.
- May 2021 – December 2021: Albuquerque, NM. Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico
 - **Service Coordinator and Project Manager**. Managed resources for transgender youth and their families, serving New Mexico and beyond. Resources included identity documents and walk-through processes, introductory education about gender and pronouns for families and youth’s extended community, medical referrals, advocacy for legal matters in Albuquerque Public Schools, tangible goods and services provided during drop-in hours, and youth groups.
- January 2020 – December 2020: Albuquerque, NM. Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico
 - **Census Coordinator**. Grant work for the Census 2020 efforts in the International District in Albuquerque, NM, reaching both the transgender population and Harm Reduction participants.

Service

- Spring 2024 – Present: Critical Mystery Studies: An Interdisciplinary Symposium
 - **Organizing Committee Member**
 - November 18-19, 2024: *Critical Mystery Studies: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, Hodgkin Hall, Bobo Room, UNM*
- Spring 2024 – Present: American Folklore Society Conference
 - **Site Committee Member**
 - November 6-9, 2024: *2024 Annual Meeting - Crossing the Global Storm: Networks, Solidarities, and Communities in Struggle*
- Spring 2024: New Mexico Arte por Vida
 - **Planning Committee Member**
 - April 12, 2024: *Gran Baile: Gathering of Communities, National Hispanic Cultural Center*

- April 12, 2024: *NM Música: A Family Legacy*, Hodgin Hall, Bobo Room, UNM
- March 8, 2024: *Nuevo Mexicanas in Music*, National Hispanic Cultural Center
- Spring 2023 – Present: Chicax Studies Graduate Student Association
 - **Community Engagement Committee Member**
 - March 1, 2024: *CSGSA Skate Night at Skate-O-Mania*
 - February 23, 2024: *Paño Connections: Corazón Knows No Bounds, “A Chicana’s Heart, Hope, and Advocacy”* by Dr. Trisha Martinez
 - October 29, 2023: *CSGSA Movie Night: The Rocky Horror Picture Show*
- Fall 2023 – Spring 2024: InteliGente Car Club
 - **Community Engagement, Non-Car Member**
 - November 18, 2023: *Giveback Kickback*
- September 23-24, 2023: Encuentro: Struggle for Life in the Global Storm
 - **Volunteer**
- June 2023 – Present: Way Out West Film Festival
 - **Shorts Programmer**
 - “*Transtastic*” 2024
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- March 9-11, 2023: Latinx Visions: Speculative Worlds in Latinx Art, Literature, and Performance
 - **Volunteer**
- October 2019 – December 2021, January 2021 – May 2021: Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico
 - **Volunteer**
- September 2019 – December 2019: Swimming with Elephants Publications
 - **Workshop Lead**
- June 2016 – June 2019: Move Mountains Youth Project
 - **Volunteer Facilitator**

Awards, Fellowships, Honors

- August 2023 – May 2024: Summa Academia Fellow
- January 2023 – June 2023: Mellon Graduate Fellow
- Fall 2022: Arts and Sciences Support for Undergraduate Research Experience (ASSURE) Fellow
- Summer 2022: Mellon Summer Academy Undergraduate Fellow
- Fall 2021 – Spring 2022: Chicax Studies Undergraduate Transfer Research Program – Mellon Fellow

Publications

- Extending NM Humanities NOW! 2023. <https://extendingnmhn.unm.edu/>
- Internal Policy for the Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico’s Youth and Families Program. 2021.

- Olivas, D. (2021, May/June). "Searching for Querencia." *Green Fire Times: News & Views from the Sustainable Southwest, Vol. 13, No. 3*, 8-9.
- olivas, d. (2018). "coyote". *Leonardo: Student Fine Arts and Literary Journal, through Central New Mexico Community College, Albuquerque, New Mexico*, 10.

Presentations

- November 18-19, 2024: Critical Mystery Studies: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM. Organizer.
 - **Presentation Panel**: TBA
- October 16-19, 2024: 2024 Festival of Monsters, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. Refereed.
 - **Presentation Panel**: TBA
- April 24-27, 2024: National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies, San Francisco, CA. Refereed.
 - **Presentation Panel**: Connecting Students from Cruises to Classrooms: InteliGente Car Club Efforts to Improve Student Outcomes in New Mexico Higher Education.
 - **Presentation Panel**: Art & Archiving: Resistance in Community Spaces.
- April 17-20, 2024: Latinx Studies Association, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. Refereed.
 - **Roundtable Discussion**: Joy and Justice Making in the CCS Casita
- April 11-14, 2024: The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States, Dallas, TX. Refereed.
 - **Presentation Panel**: Apocalypse Ahora: The Many Worlds of Latinx Speculative Fiction
 - **Presentation Panel**: Queer Identities and Spaces: Rebirth, Recovery, and Theory in Contemporary Perspectives.
- March 7-9, 2024: BIPOC POP: Comics, Gaming, and Animation Arts Expo and Symposium, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX. Refereed.
 - **Presentation Panel**: Chicanofuturisms NOW Anthology
- February 15-18, 2024: Association for Jotería, Arts, Activism, and Scholarship, California State University, Los Angeles, CA. Refereed.
 - **Presentation Panel**: "Trans People also Have Flesh: Where is the 'T' in Queer Aztlán? Deconstructing Cherrie Moraga's Perspective on Trans People" with Évolet Aceves
 - **Presentation Panel**: "He Calls Me 'Boy': How My First Gay Hookup Solidified My Gender Identity"
- May 2023: Keynote Speak for the University of New Mexico's Chicax Studies Department Graduation
- March 2022: Spring Teaching Conference, University of New Mexico.
 - **Presentation Panel**: "Hearing from our students: what kind of teaching matters to them?"

Performances

- May 13, 2024: *Noche de Folklore*. National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
- February 23, 2024: *Paño Connections: Corazón Knows No Bounds*. National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
- December 17, 2023: *Yo Creo en Pancho Clause Presented by LULCA Council 8057 and Radio Lobo*. Albuquerque, NM
- December 2, 2023: *Spanish Market*, Santa Fe, NM
- November 19, 2023: *¡Música Del Corazón! 10th Anniversary Celebration. John Donald Robb, Jr. Memorial Concert*. National Hispanic Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
- October 6, 2023: *UNM Graduate and Professional Student Association's Hispanic Heritage Month and National Coming Out Day*. Club 89 at UNM Student Union Building. Albuquerque, NM.
- September 20, 2023: *Lobos & Lowriders*. Cornell Mall, UNM, Albuquerque, NM
- August 2, 2023: *LULAC National Convention*; Civic Plaza, Albuquerque, NM

Workshops

- March 30, 2024: True Colors Retreat: Reflexive Writing Facilitation – Albuquerque, NM
- March 27, 2024: Farmworkers Awareness Week: Art Day (Printmaking) – Albuquerque, NM
- December 9, 2023: Youth Arts Ambassadors Printmaking Workshop – Albuquerque, NM
- September 21, 2023: Art Day: Printmaking Workshop – Albuquerque, NM
- March 18, 2022: “I Am From” Writing Workshop at The Village School, Eugene, OR

Contributions to Grants

- October 2023 – Present: “Harmonies of Radical Imaginaries and Lyrical Freedom: Scholars in Concert with Social Justice Performers.” This grant seeks to uncover the call to social justice embedded in Ethnic Studies programs’ engagement with music.
 - **PI**: Irene Vasquez
 - **Total**: \$100,000
 - **Role**: Program Coordinator (October 2023 – Present)
- July 2022 – Present: “Extending Humanities Pathways: A Central New Mexico [Community College] (CNM) and University of New Mexico (UNM) Partnership for Innovation and Success.” This grant asserts that studying the Humanities disciplines is foundational for innovation and success. CNM, UNM branch campuses in Gallup, Los Alamos, Taos, and Valencia, as well as UNM Main Campus, collaborated to transform Humanities teaching and learning by creating innovative and engaging curricula and educational programming, clear degree pathways for students, establishing new transfer agreements, offering

unique professional development opportunities for faculty and graduate students, and strengthening the capacity-building outreach for both institutions.

- **PI:** Irene Vasquez
- **Total:** \$2,000,000
- **Role:** Program Coordinator (July 2023 – Present)
- **July 2020 – December 2023:** “Building Humanities Pathways: A Central New Mexico [Community College] (CNM) and University of New Mexico (UNM) Partnership for Innovation and Success.” This grant asserts that studying the Humanities disciplines is foundational for innovation and success. CNM and UNM collaborated to transform Humanities teaching and learning by creating innovative and engaging curricula and educational programming, clear degree pathways for students, establishing new transfer agreements, offering unique professional development opportunities for faculty and graduate students, and strengthening the capacity-building outreach for both institutions.
 - **PI:** Irene Vasquez
 - **Total:** \$1,200,000
 - **Role:** Program Coordinator (July 2023 – December 2023), Mellon Graduate Fellow (January 2023 – June 2023), Mellon Summer Academy Undergraduate Fellow (Summer 2022), Chicana Studies Undergraduate Transfer Research Fellow (Fall 2021 – Spring 2022)

Professional Memberships

- **Association for Jotería, Arts, Activism, and Scholarship**
 - Active 2024
- **Latinx Studies Association**
 - Active 2024
- **National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies**
 - Active 2024
 - Active 2023
- **New Mexico Association of Museums**
 - Active 2024
 - Active 2023
 - Active 2022
- **The Society for the Study of the Multi-Ethnic Literature of the United States**
 - Active 2024
- **The Speculative Detective Agency**
 - Initiated 2024