UMOJA FESTIVAL

The LCRC sponsored, coordinated volunteers, and participated in the organizing committee at the recent Umoja Festival. The Festival featured Florencia Rusiñol, Plunky and the Oneness, and The Company Band on September 11, King Commons, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

JULIO CORRO AT ETSU

The LCRC is co-sponsoring with Appalachian Studies, through Dr. Lee Bidgood, a visit by Julio Corro. He is a luthier who makes the jarana, an important instrument for Son Jarocho. This is a music and dance tradition from the Mexican area of Veracruz. The core rhythm instrument of Son Jarocho is the 8-string jarana, which comes in a variety of sizes and tunings. Julio César Corro builds the jarana and all of the Son Jarocho instruments by hand in his small workshop in Tlacotalpan, Veracruz. He makes instruments for a global market, and also for his family band, Estanzuela, which consists of Corro and his two children, Aroma del Carmen Corro Rodríguez and José Mariano Corro Rodríguez. They play the three instruments which form the core of the Son Jarocho sound: requinto, jarana, and harp—accompanied, as Son Jarocho always is, by a percussive dancer. In preparation for a planned in-person visit by the Corro family in April, 2022, the BLUE Forum course will welcome Julio Corro via Zoom for remote demonstration of the Son Jarocho sound and discussion of the processes he uses in his instrument making—the meeting will take place in the Martin Center room 152 on Thursday October 14, 2021 from 11:15 a.m. -12:35 p.m. Dr. Lee Bidgood will bring to this session instruments that Corro has made, provided through an ETSU RDC grant. This grant is part of a project carried out by Bidgood and a team of other academics who seek, through music and dance, to enhance on-campus awareness of Latinx cultures, establish connections with participants in other regional string band practices (like bluegrass, old-time, etc.), and to strengthen connections between universities and the Latin communities in our region. Learn more about Corro and about this larger project here: nashvillefandango.com. Mr. Julio made a handful of instruments for ETSU Appalachian studies that will be used as catalysts for more Latin American music making here on campus, highlighting Hispanic culture, and creating and maintaining connections with the local Latin American community. Here's an example of Corro teaching a workshop with students: youtube.com/watch?v=xzfFZmY02jw. To attend the October 14 Zoom demonstration, use this link: etsu.zoom.us/j/91532415900?pwd=QU53d3FFdTg4dk0wdHp4QzNxeE15Zz09 Meeting ID: 915 3241 5900, Passcode: 777578.
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The exhibition will be on display from September 20 - November 26, 2021 at the ETSU Reece Museum.

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**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH DANCE**

The Mary V. Jordan Multicultural Center, in partnership with the Hispanic American Student Community Alliance (HASCA) and the LCRC, invites you to an evening of live music, socialization, and DANCE. In a non-intimidating and upbeat environment, you will learn the most popular ballroom and Latin dances from the amazing B.J. Goliday, while listening to the amazing voice of Florencia Rusiñol. Whether you’re learning some Latin dance moves, socializing, or enjoying the live music, this event is intended to bring joy to all those who attend. This event will take place on October 6, 2021 at 7 p.m. in the Culp Center Cave.

**TALKING CUBA**

This will be a zoom meeting with ETSU professors Karen Kornweibel and Matthew Fehskens and Cuban immigrants from the community. We will discuss historical aspects of what is happening in Cuba today and offer ETSU students a different contextual perspective on Cuba today, October 7 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Campus Center 233 (limited seating available), etsu.zoom.us/j/93133407853.

**JOSÉ GALVEZ’S AL NORTE AL SUR**

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OTHER EVENTS

MIXED AMERICANS
VISIBILITY, CHALLENGES, AND STRATEGIES

Tipton/Slocumb Galleries, through Karlota Contreras-Koterbay, is organizing this series of events that includes an art exhibition, two receptions on First Fridays, and a panel. The panel is a partnership with the Langston Centre. Their goal is to shed light on the plight of biracial/multiracial individuals. LCRC Graduate Assistant Chantal Quintana was one of the speakers at the panel. The exhibition runs from September 1 to October 8, with receptions on September 3 and October 1 at Tipton Galleries, located off campus at 126 Spring Street, Johnson City. See etsu.edu/cas/art/galleries. The panel was on September 2 at the Langston Centre. Here is a recording of the panel: facebook.com/slocumb.galleries/videos/528430064916571

HISPANIC STUDENT DAY

The Hispanic Student Day has been happening for 20 years at ETSU. Traditionally held in the Fall, we will move it to the Spring due to the rise in COVID-19 cases within our region in the hope that by then more people will be vaccinated. Come celebrate with us and with Latinx students from within the Tri-Cities region on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 in the Culp Center Ballroom, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

ASIAN CULTURE CELEBRATION SERIES

WOMEN’S IDENTITY IN CHINESE LITERATURE
Guest speaker Dr. Anna Meng
November 4, 2021
3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Zoom: etsu.zoom.us/j/96559909032
Meeting ID: 965 5990 9032.

MARTIAL ARTS AS A WAY OF LIFE
Guest Speakers Master Amanda Olson and Master Keith Olson
Thursday, October 21, 2021
11:30 a.m.
The Culp Center Cave

1ST ETSU OPEN MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT
This event will be a fundraiser for helping the families of the victims of the shootings in Atlanta that happened back in March, 2021. nytimes.com/live/2021/03/17/us/shooting-atlanta-acworth. Zachary James, Japanese Lecturer, will help the LCRC coordinate the event. This event will be possible through a partnership with Olson’s Martial Arts.
Saturday, November 13, 2021
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
The Center for Physical Activity
Spanish and Kiswahili classes at the Langston Centre

The LCRC will continue to offer both free Spanish and Kiswahili lessons through a partnership with Dr. Martha Michieka through the Langston Centre. Check with Joan Ondari, ondari@etsu.edu, for the Kiswahili registration and Zoom link information, and with Felipe Fiuza, deoliveirafi@etsu.edu, for the Spanish.

Tri-Cities Latinx Partnership Events

This is a group led by Reverend Timothy Holdner, aka Father Tim. They distributed $100 gift cards during events that focus on the Latinx population in Elizabethton/Unicoi. The College of Medicine has offered COVID-19 vaccination clinics at these events under the supervision of Dr. David Wood. The LCRC has provided interpreting and distributed health kits, acquired through a grant from the TDOH. Hundreds of families have received assistance.

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Language Link, Language Tables, Conversation Partners, ESL Classes

These are ongoing initiatives from the LCRC. The Language Link program that traditionally offers interpretations and translations for the health clinics in the area is expanding and reaching companies and individuals all over the world. In order to request either a translation or an interpretation please send an email to lcrc@etsu.edu. The language conversation tables are multilingual opportunities to practice and learn other languages. They will take place weekly during the semester, once again uniting language students from Brazil, Colombia, France, and the US. To join the virtual language table, email korfhagen@etsu.edu. The conversation partners are the LCRC students who during their office hours are available to talk with either international students or community members who are seeking opportunities to practice and improve their English-speaking abilities. To request a conversation partner, email kappel@etsu.edu. The LCRC will also continue to support the ESL classes at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Johnson City which are coordinated by Dr. Theresa McGarry, mcgarry@etsu.edu. Beginning level classes take place on Monday nights, 6 – 7:30 p.m. Check for updates regarding the possibility of the classes switching to Zoom format due to Covid-19 at lcrc@etsu.edu.