The Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) program would like to reiterate the importance of following COVID-19 safety protocols. This year we celebrate the contributions of Latina/o/x people and communities. In spite of current limitations, we affirm our desire to continue the educational goals of our programming through Latinx Heritage Month.

LALS AND THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND PROGRAMS WON HONORABLE MENTION IN THE 2020 TEAM EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Featured Artist
Dr. Alberto Ledesma
Graduate Diversity Director, University of California, Berkeley

Scholar, writer, and artist Alberto Ledesma draws from his personal experiences and struggles to portray the life that undocumented and immigrant families face when living in the United States. Ledesma's Diary of a Reluctant Dreamer: Undocumented Vignettes from a Pre-American Life (2017) uses art to help illustrate the multitude of feelings, fears, and experiences that immigrant youth struggle with while simultaneously trying to understand their sense of identity in the United States given their undocumented status.

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To access the Zoom links, visit LatinoStudies.IllinoisState.edu

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“Teaching Diaspora in Museums: A Haitian Art Case Study”
Dr. Kantara Souffrant
Assistant Professor of Global/Non-Western Art History and Visual Culture, Wonsook Kim School of Art, ISU
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Manchester University
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