



Fall Semester 2020

CLS 4900: Jotería Expressions in the Américas

Instructor: Dr. Rafael Solórzano

Time: Monday/Wednesday

4:30 PM – 5:45 PM

Are you passionate about racial and gender justice and queer rights? Also, are you interested about working and engaging with diverse communities? Join us, as we learn about Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Two Spirit communities and their fight for rights in Chicana/o/x, Latina/o/x, and Indigenous spaces?

This course explores the dynamic field of Jotería studies, an interdisciplinary field whose goal is the study of Chicana/o/x Latina/o/x sexuality and gender as a complex cultural, political, and intersectional formation in the U.S. and in Latin America. Students will examine the origins of our modern conception of gender and sexuality. Moreover, we will highlight the “bottom-up stories” of every day experiences in which, unknown communities negotiate, contest, and struggle against structural injustices. We will draw upon film, critical essays, manifestos, art, testimonios, social science research, and learn from guest speakers.

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