

## HSI Speakers (Fall 2018)



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José Luis Morín's areas of specialization include domestic and international criminal justice, civil and international human rights, Latina/o studies, and Latin American studies. He is the founding director of the Rossana Rosado Fellows Program. He is editor of *Latinos and Criminal Justice: An Encyclopedia*, selected by *Library Journal* as one of the "Best Reference Titles of 2016," and author of *Latino/a Rights and Justice in the United States: Perspectives and Approaches*, among other publications. Professor Morín served as the founding Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost of Stella and Charles Guttman Community College). He also established the CUNY-wide Latino Faculty Recruitment Initiative and served as its Interim Director. Before John Jay, he was a Visiting Professor at the Center for Hawaiian Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and worked as a civil rights and human rights litigator and advocate with organizations, such as the Center for Constitutional Rights and the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (now Latino Justice/PRLDEF).



### **NICHOLAS VARGAS**

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Nicholas Vargas received his B.A. in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Bloomsburg University, M.A. in Sociology from the University of Florida, and Ph.D. in Sociology from Purdue University. Before

coming to UF, Vargas was Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at Dallas. His research agenda is interdisciplinary and primarily driven by questions about racialization and racial boundaries. He is currently studying how different groups of Latina/os are perceived racially and how these distinct experiences of race are associated with Latina/os' racial ideologies, attitudes regarding immigration policy, and the racial/ethnic and socioeconomic makeup of close personal networks. Vargas is also researching issues related to racial contestation, the experience whereby one's personal racial identity does not match how they are perceived racially by others. His scholarly work can be found in journals including *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, *Social Science Research*, and *Sociology of Religion*, among others.



**NILDA FLORES-GONZALEZ**

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Nilda Flores-Gonzalez studies race and ethnicity, education, identity and U.S. Latinos. Her work has mainly focused on how kids construct identities in relation to school, how the school and its practices shape these identities, and how these identities influence educational outcomes. Her research has also explored how media discourses on inner-city schools and how these images shape public opinion and policy. She is the author of numerous articles, has written two books, *School Kids, Street Kids: Identity Development in Latino Students* (Teachers College Press, 2002) and *Citizens but Not Americans: Race and Belonging among Latino Millennials* (NYU Press, 2017), and co-edited two more, *Marcha: Latino Chicago and the Immigrant Rights Movement* (University of Illinois Press, 2010) and *Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Age* (University of Illinois Press, 2013).



**ANTHONY PEGUERO**

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Anthony Peguero's research interests involve youth violence, socialization and marginalization, schools, and the adaptation of the children immigrants. He serves as a consultant on the Cartoon Network's campaign against bullying, co-editor of Sociology Compass, Crime and Deviance Section, and the editorial board for the journal of Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, and Journal of Criminal Justice. He is also a National Institute Justice W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow, 2015 Virginia Tech Institute for Society, Culture and Environment (ISCE) Fellow, 2014 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Tory J. Caeti Outstanding Young Scholar Award Winner, 2013 American Society of Criminology Coramae Richey Mann Award Winner, and member of the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network which holds the dual goals of advancing research on the intersection of race, crime and justice and of promoting racial democracy within the study of these issues by supporting junior scholars from under-represented groups.