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## TRAILBLAZERS AND INNOVATORS 2021



DR. MINTZI MARTINEZ-RIVERA is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Providence College. She has a dual PhD (Folklore and Anthropology) from Indiana University Bloomington. Her research and teaching focus on P'urhépecha culture, indigenous youth culture, indigenous popular culture, expressive cultural practices, Critical Indigenous and Anti-Oppressive research methods, and cultural transformations. In June 2021, her co-edited volume with Dr. Solimar Otero *Theorizing Folklore from the Margins: Critical and Ethnical Approaches* will be published by Indiana University Press, and she is also completing her book manuscript *Getting Married in Angahuan: Creating Culture, Performing Community*. For the last 2 years she has cooperated with the Social Justice Collaborative.

**February 24, 2020 (Wednesday)** – Stages of Mentoring - Video recording [here](#).

### **March 24, 2021 (Wednesday)**

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm - Register [here](#).

Dr. Martinez-Rivera and Dr. Solimar Otero will discuss their new co-edited book: *Theorizing Folklore from the Margins: Critical and Ethnical Approaches* in advance of its release by IU Press.

### **March 26, 2021 (Friday)**

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm - Register [here](#).

*Workshop in Methods (SSRC) – Decolonial Ethnographic Approaches to Social Justice Research*

### **April 6 (Tuesday)**

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Register [here](#).

Dr. Martínez-Rivera, in conversation with Dr. Marvin Sterling, will share her insights about and strategies for transitioning from graduate student to faculty. The conversation will include such issues as research, publishing, teaching, mentorship and other service, and work-life balance, particularly as an anthropologist, a woman of color, and an international scholar. Attendees are encouraged to send questions for Dr. Martínez-Rivera to Dr. Sterling at [mdsterli@indiana.edu](mailto:mdsterli@indiana.edu) by Tuesday, March 30.

### **April 21, 2021 (Wednesday)**

2:00 pm-3:30 pm - Register [here](#).

*Tales from the Field Roundtable: Working in Conflict Zones*

Dr. Martinez-Rivera and Dr. Maria Hamilton Abegunde will discuss with students what it is like to conduct research in a conflict zone. If you would like to share a story, please register and complete [this survey](#).

Thank you to faculty in African American and African Diaspora Studies, Anthropology, Folklore and Ethnomusicology, Latino Studies, and the Social Science Research Commons for collaborating with us in this effort.

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