

How Do Latino Museums Elevate Cultural Equity in Communities?

Speaker Biographies

Celina Barrios-Millner is co-vice president of the Office of Race and Equity Research at the Urban Institute, where she manages the Office's support for equity-oriented research and practice across Urban. Barrios-Millner brings 20 years of experience advancing transformational equity and inclusion strategies through the public sector. She served as senior advisor to Boston Mayor Michelle Wu and as the city's chief of equity and inclusion under Acting Mayor Kim Janey. In that role, Barrios-Millner was charged with embedding equity and racial justice into all city planning and operations and provided the equity guidance to ensure over \$500 million in federal recovery funds were allocated to communities and sectors disproportionately affected by the pandemic. She previously established the city's first Supplier Diversity program, oversaw the city's local hire policy, and helped design the city's Immigrant Advancement Agenda. Previously, she was the northeast regional director for the National Immigration Forum, led partnership development for the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office, and has advocated for social justice causes as a community organizer. Barrios-Millner is a graduate of American University and holds a master's degree in public policy from the Harvard Kennedy School.

Luisa Godinez-Puig is an equity scholar and senior research associate in the Office of Race and Equity Research at the Urban Institute. Before joining Urban, she worked as a doctoral fellow at the Initiative on Cities and the Center for Antiracist Research (both at Boston University), she was a consultant for the City of Boston, and she was a research consultant at the Inter-American Development Bank and the Organization of American States in Washington, DC. Her work has been published in *Urban Affairs Review*, *Public Health Reports*, *Ethnopolitics*, and the *Monkey Cage* blog of the *Washington Post* and by the Brookings Institution and the Joint Center for Housing Studies of Harvard University. Godinez-Puig's work focuses on two interconnected areas of research, both centered on racial and ethnic justice. The first is on how state and local policies affect racial equity. The second centers on financial well-being for immigrant communities, particularly the role that tax benefits and financial inclusion play in underserved communities. Godinez-Puig holds a doctorate and a master's degree in political science from Boston University, a master of laws degree from the University of Chicago, and a law degree (juris doctor equivalent) from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

Sofia Hinojosa is a research analyst in the Health Policy Center at Urban Institute.

Laura Huerta Migus was appointed Deputy Director, Office of Museum Services, in July 2021. She comes to IMLS following her tenure as Executive Director of the Association of Children's Museums (ACM) in Arlington, Virginia, the world's largest professional society promoting and advocating on behalf of children's museums and children's museum professionals. Throughout her career, Laura has been devoted to the growth and education of children, particularly those from underserved and under-resourced communities. Under her leadership, ACM pursued innovative and effective partnerships to leverage the power of children's museums worldwide. In 2018, Laura was named as an Ascend Fellow of the Aspen Institute, and in 2016, she was recognized as a Champion of Change for Summer Opportunity by the White House. She is a noted speaker and author on topics of equity and audience-focused museum practice for institutions including the Board of Science Education of the National Academies of Sciences, the U.S. Play Coalition, and various university texts. Previously, she served as the Director of Professional Development and Equity Initiatives at the Association of Science-Technology Centers, Inc. and also held positions at the National Multicultural Institute and the National Association for Bilingual Education. Huerta Migus earned a B.A. in Spanish from Texas A&M University and an M.S. in Organization Development and Leadership from Saint Joseph's University.

Patricia Lannes is museum consultant whose work is centered on issues of cultural equity. Her expertise in expanding narratives and audiences is guided by principles and practices of social justice. She has over 20 years of experience specializing in museums, education and cultural non-profit organizations. As a way to transform museums into 21st century civic centers, she is committed to sharing knowledge through capacity building and leadership training, curriculum development, grant writing, publishing, conference presentations, strategic partnerships and culturally-specific leadership positions. Her latest publications include *Museums as Allies: Mobilizing to Address Migration*, (Journal Museum Education Roundtable) and *Intersectionality: A pedagogical Framework*. As the founder of CALTA21, an initiative that builds and supports museum, formal education and community-based organizations collaborations to strengthen the immigrant voice, she was nominated to the White House *Champions of Change* award. She holds a History degree from the Universidad de la República, Uruguay and is the former director of education at Nassau County Museum of Art, NY and Leslie-Lohman Museum, NY. She is also former chair of the Latino Network at the American Alliance of Museums.