

# HISTORY AND LITERARY ARTS

at the National Hispanic Cultural Center

## NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE NHCC

The NHCC welcomes a **new Executive Director!**

April 14, 2020

"The Department of Cultural Affairs is pleased to announce that Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal has been named executive director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center. A native of Mexico City, with dual Mexican and American citizenship, Gonzalez Mariscal worked as a consultant at the Museo Colegio de las Vizcaínas; an assistant registrar at the Museo Rufino Tamayo, and a research assistant for the general curator at the Museo Nacional de Historia.



Gonzalez Mariscal taught art history at both the Centro Universidad de Ciencias Humanas, Claustro de Sor Juana and the Universidad Iberoamericana in Mexico City. She holds a bachelor's degree in art history from Universidad Iberoamericana and a master's degree in public service and administration with an area of focus on nonprofit management from the Bush School of Government at Texas A&M University.

She is expected to begin work at the NHCC on May 3."

## WHAT DOES HISTORY TEACH US?



[Episode 3](#): The 1918 Spanish Flu: What Does History Teach us?

Tune in to episode #3 of "[La Hilacha: Words and Memories](#)," the new podcast produced by History and Literary Arts.

Our focus, with [this episode](#), is history. New Mexico State Historian Rob Martinez talks about the 1918 flu epidemic in New Mexico and elsewhere; we listen to a children's book featuring a Navajo legend; NHCC staff members Tey Marianna Nunn and Anna Uremovich talk about art and history, and the importance of personal papers to archives. We conclude with a delightful "Magic Show"

performed by NHCC staff member James Chavez and his family, sent from their living room.

We call our podcast "La Hilacha" because we see history and literature as an unraveling thread ("hilacha")--from the richness of our individual and collective stories to the writing that tells these stories to the world. [Listen!](#)

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## NATIONAL POETRY MONTH: JULIO CORTÁZAR

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As we near the end of an extraordinary National Poetry Month, HLA would like to share one more poem, this one a gift from [Blank Verse Films](#). *BVF* produces poetry-related films with a mission to broaden the reach of poetry and literature in digital culture.

This time, *BVF* has created its first film of a poem in Spanish, by Julio Cortázar (Argentina 1918-1984). We hope you love this as much as we do:

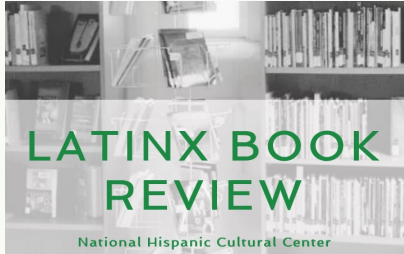


[Julio Cortázar: "Para Leer en la Forma Interrogativa"](#)

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## RECOMMENDED READING

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Check in with our new [book review blog](#) to read our recommendations for books by Latinx authors. There are new reviews each week, and we'd love for you to keep reading with us.

[NHCC Latinx Book Reviews](#)

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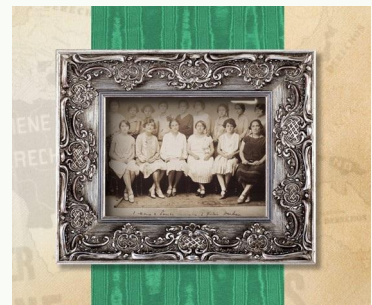
## NOW ONLINE: "EL VOTO FEMENINO" EXHIBIT

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You can now visit this exhibit [online!](#)

**"El voto femenino: Sufragistas Latinas luchando por el derecho al voto/The Women's Vote: Latina Suffragists Fighting for the Right to Vote"**

"El voto femenino" features Latinas from the international Hispanic diaspora (24 countries) who were instrumental in women's suffrage worldwide.



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## CANCELLED/POSTPONED EVENTS

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We are disappointed that the following events have been cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but we affirm our commitment to the health and safety of our

community. All NM Department of Cultural Affairs divisions are closed through May 15.

**La Canoa Legacy Talks** through May, 2020

**Children's Bilingual Book Festival**

Saturday, April 25, 9 AM - 5 PM

**While our buildings are closed** you aren't be able to visit the following exhibits in person: "El voto femenino," "Pan American Unity," Temporary Murals by Helen Atkins, Ruben Olguin and Reyes Padilla, but we are working hard to bring some form of these to you virtually. Visit our [section of the NHCC website](#) often, to see what we're presenting online.

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## AND FINALLY...

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**From our HLA Family to Yours--**

We extend our sincere wishes for the health and welfare of you and your families. Please know that you are in our hearts during this incredibly difficult time. We can't wait for the day when we will see you in the halls of HLA.



HLA staff, Valerie Martínez, Anna Uremovich and Cassandra Osterloh, and our remarkable family of interns and volunteers--Leon Armijo, Erica Bourdon, Rosa Bozhkov, Brianna Chaparro, Ed Chavez, Betty Jo Chavez, Helene Chenier, Leticia de la Vega, Celia Dollmeyer, Julian Espinoza, Alicia Fletcher, Yolanda Garcia, Ron Garcia-Herrera, Marcela Gutierrez, Mark Mondragon, Monica Montano, Lorenzo Montoya, Carolyn Mountain, Amelia Ranney, Elaine Reyes, Nila Romero, Brianna Saiz, Bertha Sarracino and Patrick Trujillo.

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For **more information** about any of these events, contact History and Literary Arts Director Valerie Martínez at [valerie.martinez@state.nm.us](mailto:valerie.martinez@state.nm.us), 505-263-1977.