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- Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

**COFFEE TALKS**
- Community Building
- Writing
- Research Opportunities
- Post-Election
- Cultivating Women of Color Leaders

**ADVANCEMENT**
- Writing Convivencia facilitated by Dr. Chang
- NCFDD
- Inkwell Writing Retreat
- Daily Writing Groups
- Faculty Women of Color in the Academy Conference

**GIVEAWAYS**
- Books to celebrate ASU FWoC authors
- Pleasure Activism Book Club
- Writing Convivencia Books
- FWOCC Shirts
- FWOCC tumblers
- Faculty Women of Color in the Academy Conference registration

**PLANNING**
- LC Fall Retreat
- LC monthly meetings
- Four General Caucus meetings
- LC Spring Retreat
- LC Transition Meeting
- Deans and Directors’ Packets
As we gathered together for the Faculty Women of Color Caucus End of the Year Celebration in mid-April, I felt a sense of profound joy to see so many women of color at ASU in one space who have supported each other during a very difficult year.

Academia can be a lonely place and we often note how isolated we feel in our academic units, schools, and college as women of color - an isolation that was even more pronounced this past year. We have found joy in virtual community - and it was a respite from that loneliness and isolation.

In the past year, the FWOCC showed up for each other - to lift up our women of color faculty community at ASU.

Our “Together We Rise” newsletter is a reflection of our desire to see one another and amplify the wonderful work that we do not just to advance the ASU charter, but to fundamentally change the way we create and engage in meaningful, reciprocal, and sustaining relationships with those around us.

This is the kind of community we need.

Serving as this year’s President of the Faculty Women of Color Caucus was not easy - this kind of work never is - but I can say with absolute certainty that this journey has been a consistent reminder that we bring some fierce energy to our communities, to our scholarship, and to our teaching.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you all in this capacity.
Welcome Vice Provost Dr. Tiffany Ana López!

Dr. Tiffany Ana López is Vice Provost for Inclusion and Community Engagement in the Office of the University Provost. She is also former director of ASU’s School of Film, Dance and Theatre with her leadership playing a key role building the film program to launch into The Sidney Poitier New American Film School. As a theater scholar, creative artist and dramaturge, López has worked with a range of theaters, including Cornerstone Theater Company, Oregon Shakespeare Festival, The Mark Taper Forum, The Los Angeles Theatre Center, and Breath of Fire Latina Theater Ensemble.

The first in her family to graduate high school and attend college, López transferred from community college to California State University, Sacramento, where she received a bachelor’s degree in English. She earned a master’s degree and a doctorate at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She was also the first Cesar Chavez Dissertation Fellow at Dartmouth College. Her honors include a Hispanic Lifestyle Latina of Influence Award, an ASU Faculty Women’s Association Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award, University of California Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research and grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation. She is also a Fulbright Scholar, a CORO Leadership Fellow and adjunct faculty, and an alumna of the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Executive Leadership Academy.
Welcome!
FWOCC Leadership Circle
2021-2022

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“I feel like I have a scholarly, women of color community at ASU. I started my position during the pandemic, so I felt isolated with making connections outside of my college. I have developed and deepened my friendships with my ASU colleagues as a result of this convivencia.” - Writing Convivencia participant
When we met again, Cindy came prepared with a list of the courses she intended to take, many had to do with writing for social justice and gender in the media. She kept writing and became a stellar student.

As an advocate for access to health care, Cindy has volunteered, for more than ten years, as a medical counselor for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), whose goal is to outreach to seniors, people with disabilities, and their families through presentations and counseling. SHIP also identifies federal, state, and other assistance programs for low-income beneficiaries.

Recently, following the heinous anti-Asian mass shootings on March 16th in Atlanta, Georgia, Cindy gave voice to this social injustice and published an essay titled, “Am I a Conditional American?” which has now received national attention.

Highlight by Angela Girón
FWOCC Celebrations

2021 FWOCC AWARDS

FWOCC Service Award
Debbie Tibbs-Collins, Assistant to the Vice Provost

This award recognizes an individual who has worked to advance the mission and goals of the FWOCC through direct service to the caucus. This year we are pleased to give this award to Debbie Tibbs-Collins, who works magic behind the scenes to support the FWOCC throughout the year and without whose guidance our work would not be possible.

Outstanding Contribution to FWOCC
C. Alejandra Elenes - Professor and Chair of the Department of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio

This award is in recognition of Elenes’ steadfast dedication to faculty women of color at ASU, in the community, and in professional organizations. The FWOCC also recognizes your commitment to mentoring students and faculty and your important contributions to the field of Chicanx Studies and Women and Gender Studies.

FWOCC Outstanding Graduate Student Award
Nicholet Deschine-Parkhurst
Ph.D Student – Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation

This award recognizes the scholarship, research, community service, leadership, and creative activities of graduate students at ASU who promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in their work. The FWOCC is delighted to recognize Nicholet as the inaugural recipient of this award.


De La Torre, Monica. 2021. Nominee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Zebulon Pearce Distinguished Teaching Award.


Fonseca-Chávez, Vanessa. 2021. Dr. Manuel Servín Faculty Award. Chicano/Latino Faculty Staff Association.


Kaveh, Yalda M. 2020. Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College, ASU Award for Excellence in Community Engagement.


Ward, Mako Fitts. 2020. ASU Community for Campus Inclusion (CCI) Catalyst Award.
Emir Estrada
2021 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education
Book of the Year Early Career Award

CONGRATULATIONS to CHANDRA CRUDUP on her recent appointment as Associate Dean of Inclusive Design for Equity and Access for Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions and Clinical Associate Professor for the School of Social Work.

¡Felicidades! Congrats to outgoing FWOCC President Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez on being awarded the the Dr. Manuel Servín Faculty Award from the ASU Chicano/Latino Faculty Staff Association

2021 Faculty Winner of the ZLH Award

Help us congratulate Liza C. Hita, Ph.D., NCC!!
Clinical Associate Professor, Psychology
Director, Online Programming and Digital Immersion
Arizona State University

As a 2021 recipient Dr. Hita will receive:
• A complimentary registration for the conference
• An engraved plaque
• A seat on the 2022 selection committee
• $1500 monetary award

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NEW BOOK PUBLICATIONS

Fictions of Migration: Narratives of Displacement in Peru and Bolivia 
The Ohio State University Press

New Article Publications and Book Chapters


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Congratulations

FACULTY WOMEN OF COLOR!

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PRESENTATIONS


De La Torre, Monica. Panelist "Women of Color Collective and GWSS" for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle. April 9, 2021.


Monica De La Torre, Keynote Speaker, 12th Annual Undergraduate Conference on Multiethnic Literatures of the Americas hosted by California State University, Fresno. March 12, 2021.
Faculty Celebrations

PRESENTATIONS

Giron, Angela. 2021. Narrated the video in honor of the Fuller Award presented to author Sandra Cisneros by The Chicago Literary Hall of Fame. link:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=La4NECQ9Zi4.


Mission and Vision

Mission
We affirm the contributions of faculty women of color and provide a distinct space to address the specific challenges we face at ASU; and we seek to promote ongoing dialogue about inclusion across the university.

Vision
The Faculty Women of Color Caucus recognizes and values the unique contributions faculty women of color make at ASU and advocate on behalf of their interests, concerns, and desires for a more inclusive institution.
Thank You 2020-2021
Leadership Circle

VANESSA FONSECA-CHÁVEZ
President

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VP of Programming & Co-President Elect

CHANDRA CRUDUP
Downtown Campus Representative & Co-President Elect

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Tempe Campus Representative

MONICA DE LA TORRE
Tempe Campus Representative
In gratitude for their service to the Caucus, we ask outgoing members:

**What is your fondest memory of serving on the LC?**

**Nilanjana Bhattacharjya:** “It’s not a single memory, but what I will always remember: how the events we planned brought so many women together and created spaces for us to support one another.”

**Chandra Crudup:** “Giving and receiving professional/emotional/parenting/psychological support from all who have led with me on the Leadership Circle during the past three years is something I will take with me. The informal gatherings the caucus had, providing space to network and meet other amazing women of color from across ASU, is one of my major highlights.”

**Monica De La Torre:** “My fondest memory is not an event but the friendships that have carried me through the challenging moments while being on the tenure-track. Thank you to the FWOCC and my academic sisters.”

**Emir Estrada:** “During one of the general meetings we were asked to write down our accomplishments and goals on an index card and pin that card to a quilt. I remember standing before the group, now as an LC member. I saw new faces and heard stories that reminded me of my first few challenging years at ASU. On that day, I realized that the way I spoke of my goals and experience could impact others. I took responsibility and I shared my goals with conviction. I decided to focus on what I could do and place energy on the things I wrote in that index card. That activity reinforced an important mental shift that impacted the way I decided to experience my professional journey.”

**Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez:** “One of my fondest memories of serving on the caucus was when Emir orchestrated the LC to sing Happy Birthday to me during our Fall Retreat. I really felt a sense of community and joy in that moment that I knew would carry us through the year!”

**Liza Hita:** “My fondest memory is the people I met through doing this work and their creative, fierce, justice-committed badassery. The work will evolve and change but these relationships are enduring as is their synergy. We always ate well. We laughed hard. We also cried good. And we listened deeply. We recognized the power of showing up.”

**Mako Fitts Ward:** “Sitting in the living room of a fellow LC member and looking around, seeing women of color of all faculty ranks, some of whom occupy top administrative positions at ASU, and realizing that no matter our position, we were ready to roll up our sleeves and do the work. The work of inclusivizing institutions takes ‘the village’ and FWOCC is a space where folks are committed to the work through transformational relationships and collective work and responsibility.”
FWOCC Leadership Circle Transition Meeting
Then and Now

Throwback to 2018

Planning for next year!

JOIN THE FWOCC LEADERSHIP CIRCLE!

FWOCC welcomes faculty interested to join the leadership circle. Elections are held each March. If you have any questions about FWOCC leadership, please email us at fwocc@asu.edu

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