

## *Biographical Notes about Cambio de Colores 2009*

### *Presenters*

**Preliminary list (in alphabetical order by surname)  
(updated 8 May 2009)**

#### **Kim Allen**

Kim Allen, PhD, is a state human development extension specialist and director of the Center for Adolescent Sexuality, Pregnancy and Parenting. Specific areas of expertise are adolescent sexual decision making, adolescent parenting, relationship development in youth and emerging adults and program evaluation. She received a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy from the Adler School of Professional Psychology and her PhD in Psychology in 2008 from Capella University.

#### **Georgeanne Artz**

Georgeanne joined the University of Missouri Department of Agricultural Economics in November, 2005 as an Assistant Professor, with a joint appointment in the Truman School for Public Affairs. A native of Maine, she earned a B.A. in Economics from Yale University. After graduation, she served for one year as a VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteer in Minot, North Dakota. She coordinated the Entrepreneurship Training Program, an effort to help low-income residents achieve financial self-sufficiency by starting small businesses. Georgeanne returned to Maine to pursue an M.S. in Resource Economic and Policy at the University of Maine in Orono. After graduation, she joined University Extension at Iowa State University as a program specialist, researching and providing outreach programming on retail trade analysis, community economic development and agribusiness management and cooperatives. While at ISU, she earned her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, graduating in 2005.

Georgeanne's research interests focus primarily on rural economic development but also include labor economics and farm management. Her current research projects include an analysis of rural region "brain drain" in the U.S. and an evaluation of the potential for machinery and labor sharing among farmers in the Midwest. Georgeanne teaches graduate classes in rural and regional economic development for both the Agricultural Economics department and the Truman School. She also teaches a writing-intensive undergraduate course titled "The Agricultural Marketing System." She is an affiliated faculty member of the Community Policy Analysis Center and is the advisor for the Graduate Students of Agricultural Economics Association (GSAE).

Georgeanne and her husband Greg have one son, John. In her spare time, Georgeanne enjoys gardening, cooking and reading fiction.

**Gilbert Bailón**  
**Editorial Page Editor, St. Louis Post-Dispatch**

In November 2007, Gilbert Bailón became Editorial Page Editor for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Bailón started his journalism career as a reporter at The Dallas Morning News in 1986, and later held positions as assistant metro editor, day city editor, metro editor and assistant managing editor/metro. In January 1996, he was named deputy managing editor for metro, state, and business coverage. A year later, he was named executive editor. In January 1998, he was named vice president and executive editor. In June 2003, he was named president and editor of Al Día, a new Spanish-language daily that serves North Texas. In April 2004, he became Publisher and Editor of Al Día. AlDiaTx.com won a national Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television News Directors Association. The site won the 2004 Non-Broadcast Web Site category among small newspaper Web sites—the first year a Murrow has been awarded to a non-broadcast Web site. In September 2004, Bailón received the prestigious ñ leadership award given by National Association of Hispanic Journalist (NAHJ).

Bailón is serving as the 2007-2008 president of American Society of Newspaper Editors (ASNE), the nation's largest newspaper editors association. Bailón joined ASNE in 1994 and has been a member of the board of directors since 1999. He has also been active in ASNE committee work, including chairing the diversity, media convergence, and readership committees. In 2005, he was selected to serve as co-chair of the Newspaper Association of America/ASNE Audience Development Initiative.

Bailón is past president of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and served for a number of years on the boards of NAHJ and Unity Journalists of Color, a consortium of the four national minority journalists associations. He also belongs to the National Association of Minority Media Executives. Bailón is a former member of the board of directors of the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education. Bailón was on the nominating jury for the Pulitzer Prizes for 2000-2001 and also served in 1993-94. Commencing in 2005, he served a two-year NAHJ seat on the Unity Journalists of Color board of directors.

He was selected as the outstanding journalism graduate at the University of Arizona in 1981 and earned his master's degree in American History from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1992. He was selected to Arizona Daily Wildcat Hall of Fame at the University of Arizona and the DFW Network of Hispanic Communicators. He has attended a number of professional development seminars including those at the American Press Institute, the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, the Advanced Executive Program at the Newspaper Management Center at Northwestern University, the Multicultural Management Program at the University of Missouri-Columbia, and advertising and

financial seminars at Southern Methodist University. Bailón was twice named "One of the Top 100 Most Influential Hispanics" by Hispanic Business magazine.

Bailón previously worked as a reporter at The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, The Los Angeles Daily News, The San Diego Union and The Kansas City Star. Among his reporting awards were: the 1988 Katie Award for Best Series and the 1987 Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Award for Team Effort for immigration coverage.

### **M. Ryan Barker**

Ryan has worked at the Missouri Foundation for Health since 2002. In his role as a Policy Analyst, Ryan's work focuses on topics such as the state's Medicaid program, health disparities, community prevention activities, and policy options to provide health insurance to the uninsured.

Before joining MFH, Ryan worked for The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati where his work focused on outcome evaluation and policy research. Prior to this, he worked as a case manager with runaway and street youth at social service agencies in both Cincinnati, Ohio and Portland, Oregon.

Ryan obtained a Bachelor in Science from Xavier University, holds a Masters in Social Work from the University of Cincinnati, and received a Masters in Public Policy Administration from the University of Missouri - St. Louis.

### **Amy Boren**

Amy Boren is an International Liaison/Research Assistant Professor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL). Amy's research has focused primarily on community responses to immigration as well as acculturation processes at the individual and community levels. Other published research includes studies on team development, learning styles, motivation, developmental readiness of communities, and cross-cultural mentoring. Amy lives and works in San José, Costa Rica fostering international research collaborations for UNL.

### **Kenneth Burke**

Mr. Kenneth Burke has earned a Masters of Arts in International Relations and a Masters of Education in Adult and Higher Education. He has presented papers to the Midwestern Association for Latin American Studies over the years. Kenneth presently continues his professional development and graduate studies at Washington University's University College in Arts and Sciences. Before beginning graduate work, he taught abroad and served as a volunteer for the Peace Corps in Paraguay, South America.

## **Adolfo Castillo**

Adolfo Castillo was born and raised as one of 13 children in a barrio of McAllen, TX, by two wonderful Hispanic migrant workers. Out of this background, Adolfo has developed the convictions and moral character to help others conquer the challenges of poverty, illiteracy, and discrimination.

Mr. Castillo started his military career in 1968 where he worked for his GOD. Mr. Castillo received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupation and Education in Management from Wayland Baptist University. His 20+ years of military service included 3 overseas tours of duty (one in Vietnam), and supporting Operation Desert Storm before his retirement in 1992. Mr. Castillo is a very well decorated Army Veteran and Patriot.

Since retirement, Mr. Castillo is the Vice-Chairman and Commissioner for the Human Rights Commission for the State of Missouri (appointed by Gov. Blunt). He represents the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and is the first Hispanic to serve as Vice-Chairman.

He has been a positive advocate for veterans' issues and is very active in the Hispanic community working to promote Hispanic issues. His vision is to encourage and motivate Latinos to take the reins of leadership and to mentor them to make the most of their untapped talent. He wants to help motivate the Hispanic community to recognize and break the patterns of poverty and ignorance that prevent them from having a successful way of life. Mr. Castillo believes that education, hard work, and preparation are the steps that lead to success. Mr. Castillo is married to the former Della M. Collins of Joplin and they live in Joplin.

## **María Chapelle-Nadal**

**Missouri Representative - District 72, University City, St. Louis County.**

Elected to the Missouri House in 2004, and re-elected in 2006 and 2008.

She is a member of the following House committees: Ways and Means; Special Committees: Immigration (ranking member); Senior Citizen Advocacy (ranking member).

She is a graduate of Georgia State University with a B.A. degree in political science and sociology. Previously worked as the Director of Communications, Director of Boards and Commissions and later became Missouri's Senior Advocate for former Lt. Governor Joe Maxwell. Member: Democratic Minority Caucus; Urban Progressive Caucus; Urban Arts and Athletics Student Caucus; Young Democrats of Missouri; Women in the Neighborhood; Olive Business Association; National Organization for Black Elected Legislative/Women and the Democratic National Committee.

Rep. Chapelle-Nadal is a University City native, and has Puerto Rican heritage.

**Hung Chiao**

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**Mary Ann Cook**

Mary Ann Cook, PhD, is the manager of JVC Radiology and Medical Analysis, LLC, a health services research business. Her primary research interested has been the doctor patient relationship. She serves on a variety of boards and committees advocating for increased access to health services for uninsured populations. Since May 2008, she has been the Chair of the La Clinica Board of Directors. La Clinica is a small community based health center for Latinos and other immigrants. She has been working to restructure La Clinica as an expanded medical home.

**Gloria Delany-Barmann**

Gloria Delany-Barmann is a Professor of Bilingual/Bicultural Education is the Department of Educational and Interdisciplinary Studies at Western Illinois University. She received her BA in Language Studies from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Her MA is in Spanish and Teaching from the University of Oregon. From 1991-1993 she worked as an agricultural extensionist with the Peace Corps in the highlands of Guatemala. She completed her Ed.D. in Curriculum and instruction at Northern Arizona Univeristy in 1997 with a focus on bilingual/multicultural education. Her interests include topics related to first language maintenance, teacher preparation, sociolinguistics, and language and educational policy. Her current research centers on dual language immersion and the social relations/networks of students in these programs. She has contributed articles to *The Journal of Migrant Education*, *Journal of Democracy and Education*, and the *Latin American Research Review*, among others.

**Carmen DeRusha**

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**Yolanda Díaz**

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**Lisa Dorner**

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**Adriela Fernández**

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**Jan Flora, Conference co-Chair**

Jan L. Flora is Professor of Sociology and Extension Community Sociologist at Iowa State University (ISU). He is also a Visiting Professor at the National Agrarian University-La Molina (UNALM) in Peru. He is co-author, with Cornelia Flora, of *Rural Communities: Legacy and Change*, published in 2008. The book focuses on community capitals. His research and teaching center on social capital, sustainable community development, and the sociology of agriculture. He also has extensive research and teaching experience on U.S. agricultural policies, social and environmental impacts of industrial agriculture, and innovative agricultural alternatives for small farmers. He recently directed a Professional Development Program that assists Extension, USDA, and other professionals in working with Latino farmers. Currently he is collaborating with Marshalltown Community College, the Prairie Rivers RC&D, and others on developing a farming incubator and local food marketing systems in Marshalltown, Iowa. With Cornelia Flora, he also directed a project on social impact of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) raids on Iowa meat packing communities. With collaborators in California, North Carolina, and Iowa, the Floras are co-P.I.s on a research and Extension project on Latino entrepreneurs in rural areas funded by USDA. In the past dozen years, Jan has been involved in research and outreach projects in Ecuador, Peru, Mexico, and now Bolivia, always collaborating with host country partners. The current project is coordinated by the University of Missouri at Columbia in the altiplano of Bolivia and southern Peru. It involves working with peasant communities to assist them in proactively facing shocks related to climate change and economic globalization. He is on the faculty and coordinating committee of the ISU Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture and the Great Plains IDEA Community Development distance Masters program. He speaks fluent Spanish.

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**Lisa Y. Flores**

Lisa Y. Flores (Ph.D., U. of Missouri) is an associate professor and co-director of the Center for Multicultural Research, Training, and Consultation at the University of Missouri. She teaches multicultural and vocational psychology courses in the Counseling Psychology program. Her research focuses on the educational and career decision-making of Mexican Americans. Specifically, she has examined socio-cognitive, personal, and environmental/cultural factors related to Mexican American students' career choices and educational goals and the role of mentors in students' career development. She is

currently involved in projects examining the educational and career choices of Mexican American college students attending a Hispanic serving institution and a predominantly White institution, and another that examines the work experiences of Latino immigrants in the Midwest. Lisa has co-authored 45 journal articles and book chapters, and over 90 conference presentations. She serves as Editor of the *Journal of Career Development* and Associate Editor of the *Journal of Counseling Psychology*, and is a past Editorial Board member of *The Counseling Psychologist* and *Career Development Quarterly*. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, running, watching independent films, and spending time with family and friends.

**Susan M. Fritz**

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**María Galarza-Heras**

Maria Galarza is from Mexico. She received the Bachelor degree in Industrial Engineering from the Monterrey Institute of Technology, and the master degree in Spain. Her interests are in the field of Family Resilience, specially in the ability of immigrant families to respond positively to the adverse situations they faced. Maria is involved in a study focus on Mexican Immigrant Families Illinois.

**Emily Hager**

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**Stephen Jeanetta**

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**Doris Kelly Christopher**

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**Mario A. Magaña**

Mario A. Magaña at the age of 20 came from the state of Michoacán, México to the United States in 1983 and arrived in the state of Washington as undocumented/migrant farm-worker as a young man and spoke no English. He worked in the fields of agriculture in the state do Washington for eight years applying pesticides, pruning trees and grapes; picking, apples, pears, cherries, peaches, grapes, and hops; and driving tractors and trucks.

In 1990 at the age of 27 he went to Washington State University's HEP Program and earned a GED Diploma. In 1991 at the age of 28, married, with two daughters, and his wife expecting a third girl, Mario was admitted to Oregon State University College Migrant Assistant Program and hasn't learned to read, write or speak English. Through perseverance and support, he learned English and completed his Bachelors of Arts degree in Liberal Studies in 1997; and then a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS) degree in Forest Resources, Adult Education, and Spanish in 1999.

Today Mario A. Magaña is an Associate Professor and the Camp Director for the Oregon 4-H International Summer Camps that will reach over 250 Latino youth this year. He also provides leadership to the 4-H Latino Soccer Programs in Oregon, and provides professional support to OSU Extension Faculty and Staff to find new ways to reach out to Latino youth and families. For nine years as an Associate Professor and Extension Faculty Latino Outreach Regional Educator in the College of Education 4-H Youth Development Department at Oregon State University, Mario has establish unique programs to reach children, youth, and families (who are in the same or worse situation that he was before); to inform them about educational options, special programs for Latinos, and financial support to help them achieve their goals and reach their dreams by pursuing a postsecondary education, become contributing citizens of this country, and leave the American Dream.

### **Mónica Marcos-Llinàs**

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### **Tom R. Marrero**

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### **Domingo Martínez Castilla**

Domingo Martínez is working at the University of Missouri-Columbia (MU) since 1991. He is currently Director of MU's Cambio Center for Research and Outreach on Latinos and Changing Communities, which has the goal of providing research-based knowledge and best practices to facilitate a smooth integration of newcomers to Missouri and the Midwest, and prepare all citizens for a diverse society.

An Agricultural Economist by trade (B.S. Universidad Nacional Agraria, Lima, Peru; M.S. by the University of Missouri-Columbia, and doctoral studies—ABD, also at MU), he worked for 15 years, until 1990, as assistant and associate professor at the Universidad Nacional Agraria (La Molina) in Lima, teaching and doing research in agricultural development in many areas of Peru. Until 1994, he also consulted on or carried out small-farm research in 10 Latin American and Caribbean countries and also in East Africa.

He has been involved in the “Cambio de Colores (Change of Colors)” annual conference since its inception in 2002, and was co-Chair of the 2004 edition “Gateway to a New Millennium,” in St. Louis. Altogether, as a graduate student or as a professional, he has lived in Columbia, Missouri for over 24 years.

After hours and in the weekends, since November 1996, he directs, edits, and publishes *Ciberayllu*, a well-established publication in Literature and the Humanities in the Spanish-speaking Internet world. *Ciberayllu* is known worldwide and is listed in many virtual libraries (e.g. the U.S. Library of Congress, the Bibliothèque Nationale de France, and Intute—the academic Humanities Hub based at the University of Oxford). It has also been presented at La Sorbonne, in Paris, in 2004.

### **Linda M. Martínez**

In February, 2009, Linda M. Martínez was confirmed by the state Senate as Director of the Missouri Department of Economic Development. She is the first woman to hold that cabinet position in the history of the state.

She is a 1982 graduate of the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis. Previously, she obtained a bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1976. She has received multiple awards and recognition from her peers and the community at large:

- Washington University School of Law, Honorary Order of the Coif, 2008
- Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Civic Award, 2007
- Washington University School of Law, Distinguished Young Alumni, 2005
- St. Louis Business Journal, List of Most Influential Minority Leaders 2005
- Woman of the Year, St. Louis Daily Record, 2004
- St. Louis Business Journal, List of Community Leaders, 2001-2007
- St. Louis Business Journal, 100 Leaders for the Millennium, January, 2000
- YWCA Special Leader, December, 2000

Linda Martínez has been a member of the Bryan Cave law firm in St. Louis since 1982, specializing her practice in banking, health care, public finance, and real-estate law. Her clients and projects have included BJC HealthCare, Kiel Center Partners, the Garden District Commission, Grand Center Inc., Washington University Medical Center, Marriott International, the St. Louis Blues Hockey Club, McDonald Douglas Corporation, the St. Louis Science Center and the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center. In addition, Ms. Martínez has worked on the renovation of numerous low-income and historic apartment complexes in St. Louis.

She also worked to oppose local laws attempting to regulate immigration, as she explains: "Through pro bono work, we recently challenged legislation in Valley Park that punished businesses that were hiring illegal immigrants. Under the Constitution, immigration is handled at the federal level, but they were trying to put the burden on local businesses. The effect of that legislation was so negative. The nation historically has gotten stronger

when we open our borders and work together rather than being isolationist. For me — my father moved here from Mexico in the '50s to do his residency and met my mother at Barnes Hospital — it was kind of personal." (*St. Louis Magazine*, February, 2009)  
In addition to her work with Bryan Cave, Ms. Martínez is a commissioner for the St. Louis Science Center, the St. Louis Art Museum, a director with the United Way of Greater St. Louis, director and president of Circus Flora and a member of the Friends Board of the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.  
About her appointment as Missouri Director of Economic Development.

**Rubén Martínez**

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**Carol Mertensmeyer**

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**Benjamin C. Mueller**

Ben Mueller is director of the Northern Illinois Area Health Center (AHEC) and director of Community Outreach of the National Center for Rural Health Professions, University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford.

He has been involved working with community and family health care issues, both in Latin America and in The United States. He has also been a Community Development Outreach and Extension specialist, addressing issues related to nutrition and health. He is fluent in Spanish.

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**Carla Paciatto**

Carla Paciatto, Ed.D., is currently as associate professor at Western Illinois University, where she teaches about culture, language, and education in the contexts of indigenous and immigrant populations. Her research centers on language maintenance and shift and language education policy and planning, focusing on the role of native language instruction in the revitalization of endangered and lesser-used languages. Her studies span from Mexico to the US, Italy, and Slovenia. Her dissertation won the National Association of Bilingual Education Dissertation Award and the Italian Award from Studies Related to Bilingualism and Multilingualism. She is currently conducting research on the social impact of dual language instruction and has recently contributed articles to the *International Journal of Bilingual Education and Bilingualism and Language Policy*.

**Marcela Raffaelli**

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### **Kathleen Tacelosky**

Kathleen Tacelosky, holds a Ph.D. in Linguistics and has taught Spanish, linguistics and ESL for over 15 years. She is now professor of Spanish at William Jewell College in Liberty, MO. She is coauthor of a Spanish language textbook, *Diálogos: hacia una comunidad global*, (forthcoming, Prentice-Hall, 2009) that integrates experiential, community-based learning while challenging students to think critically. Dr. Tacelosky has spent the past year interviewing migrants in the USA (Missouri) and in Mexico exploring the language of immigration in the first-person voices of people who immigrate.

### **Diego Thompson**

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### **Corinne Valdivia**

Corinne Valdivia is Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Missouri Columbia, and Fellow of the MU Cambio Center. Her research focuses on livelihoods strategies and settlement patterns of newcomers to rural areas of the Midwest, and the process of change and economic integration.

### **Alisa Warren**

Alisa Warren has a long track record of commitment of diversity and inclusion. Ms. Warren is the newly appointed Executive Director for the Missouri Commission on Human Rights. She has previously served as the Director of Access in Engineering, a minority and women in engineering program and Minority Science Student Coordinator for the University of Missouri. She also served as the Director of the Office of Equal Opportunity for the State of Missouri leading the state diversity initiative for women and minority employment and contract compliance.

She holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Missouri- Columbia from the College of Human Environmental Sciences (May 1986), Master of Public Administration from the University of Missouri- Columbia Truman School of Public Administration (1995), and is nearing completion of her PhD in Applied Sociology in the area of Community Development and Social Disparities.

### **Angela Wiley**

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## **Nicholas Woodward**

Nicholas Woodward graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Computer Science and minors in Math and Business Administration. He served in the Peace Corps from 2005 to 2007 in Nicaragua where he taught an entrepreneurship/economics class. After completing his service in Nicaragua, Nicholas was selected by the Organization of American States to observe the national elections in Guatemala. He is currently the Health and Technology Programs Director at El Centro de las Américas.