LATINX SPRING 2021 SPEAKER SERIES

Special Guests:

ALAN PELAEZ LOPEZ
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15  4:00PM – 6:00PM PST

NATALIA NARANJO
THURSDAY, MARCH 4   12:30PM – 1:30PM PST

YOLANDA ARROYO-PIZARRO
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21  4:00PM – 6:00PM PST

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What does it mean to write poetry when you can be criminalized, incarcerated and deported at any moment? This is the reality for many undocumented, refugee, asylee, and migrant creators. This art talk centers Alan Pelaez Lopez’s relationship to poetry as a place of refuge in which to process state-violence, but also a place of contestation because if the artist says too much, their family and friends can also become targets of the state. Ethical cultural production will be at the heart of this art talk as a way to de-center productivity, a measure that is by default anti-Black and anti-migrant.
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The Afro Puerto Rican writer Yolanda Arroyo-Pizarro, author of Negras (2012), Pelo bueno (2018), Afrofeministamente (2020), among other internationally recognized books, shares about her project Cátedra de Mujeres Negras Ancestrales. Through Cátedra, women, and stories of Black marronage are visible, contributing to reparation, healing, and Afro Puerto Rican contemporary emancipation. Arroyo-Pizarro will share fragments of the books produced under the Cátedra, and will provide a space for emancipatory writing among the attendees.