"Racial Utterances: Microaggressions, Algorithms of Pain, and Queer Latin@s"

This talk utilizes data from twenty-six Latin@ transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (TLGBQ) life stories to examine the role of racial microaggressions in narratives of harm and pain. I develop the concept of racial utterances to explore how racialized microaggressions are rendered silent or muted yet very much present within TLGBQ Latin@ testimonios. I argue that racial utterances represent a specific effect algorithms of pain have on the narrative representation of racial microaggressions in TLGBQ Latin@ life stories and account for these silences. Racial utterances with algorithms of pain clarifies the shared and shifting meanings racial microaggressions have with gendered, sexual, and class microaggressions, and identifies mechanisms by which racial microaggressions collude with other forms of social inequality to perpetuate social harm.