

SCHEDULE | BIPOC PoP 2025

Thursday, March 6th

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

Morning Mingle & *Cafecito/Dulce (Getting to know you Bingo)*

8:30 AM

Welcome Address

RLP 1.302 B

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Panel I: BIPOC PoP Education: Teaching, Creating, & Resisting

Presenters: Leticia Urieta, Gabriel Rodríguez Lemus Jr., Ernesto Cuevas

Moderator: Dani Orozco

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10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | RLP 1.302 B

Panel II: Xicanxfuturism: Shaping Our Future

Presenters: Osmani R. Alcaraz-Ochoa, Erika Said, Luis Valderas, Jaime Javier Rodríguez, Scott Russell Duncan

Moderator: Rachel González-Martin

RLP 1.302 B

Workshop I: How to Make a Graphic Novel

Facilitator: Ngozi Ukazu

RLP 1.302 C

Film Screening: 10am -12pm| RLP 4.102 Latinx Pop Lab 4th Floor

Hilando Sones / The Weavers' Songs

In San Pedro Amuzgos, Oaxaca, Mexico—known as "the town of the spinners"—director Ismael Vásquez Bernabé returns to the community that shaped him. As a child, Vásquez Bernabé would lie under his mother's loom and ponder life beyond his own existence in his small town. Now, as an adult, he follows this curiosity by focusing on three key figures of the community: Donato, a recently deceased legendary violinist; his son Lorenzo, who is attempting to uphold his father's legacy; and his own mother, Zoila, the only one of her sisters who still practices the art of weaving. Through these intertwined tales of music, dance, and tradition, the film explores the delicate threads that connect generations and the vital role of preserving cultural practices essential to the survival of an indigenous community. "It's up to us who remain to rescue the cloth on the loom."

Director: Vásquez Bernabé

Moderator: Larry Rattner

11am-1pm

Benson Archival Tour

[Benson Latin American Library](#)

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Panel III: Monsters for End Times: Monstrous Identities in Cultural Studies

Presenters: [Dante Olivas](#), [Travis Torres Thompson](#), [Colton Campbell](#)

Moderator: Dani Orozco

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

Best BIPOC PoP Essay & Creative Project Awards

Creative Projects: Presented by Frederick Aldama

Grad Essay Awards: Presented by Jackie Cuevas & Domino Perez

Undergrad Essay Awards: Presented by Paloma Aguirre & Andrea Escalante

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Panel IV: The Art of BIPOC Comic Writing

Presenters: [Darius Yancy](#), [Robert Carmichael](#), [José Alaniz](#), [Jaime Crespo](#), [Jiba Molei Anderson](#)

Moderator: [Enrique García](#)

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Workshop II: The Casual Comic Crafting Conundrum

Facilitator: [Patrick Lugo](#)

RLP 1.302 C

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel V: Redefining Art in Diverse Spaces

Presenters: [Dianita Vargas](#), [Ho-Seh Esquivel](#), [Sienna Wright](#), [Chris Peraza](#), [Peter Bonfitto](#), [2spiritqueer](#)

Moderator: [Lee Francis IV](#)

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Workshop III: Cosplay 101

Facilitator: Mike “Chicano Batman” Garcia

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3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Panel VI: Comics Industries: Power, Creativity & Change

Presenters: J. Gonzo, Henry Barajas, John Jennings, Jay Kalagayan

Moderator: Jiba Molei Anderson

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Panel VII: Building a Comic, Cartoon, & Video Game Multiverse

Presenters: Felipe Esquivel, Miguel Hernández, José Luis Martínez

Moderator: José Morey

RLP 1.302 C

4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Panel VIII: New Gen Scholars Pull Back the Curtain on BIPOC PoP

Presenters: Paloma Aguirre, Rene Arteaga, Samantha Ceballos, Rose Padilla, Andrea Escalante

Moderator: Lydia CdeBaca

RLP 1.302 B

5:30 PM - 9:00 PM

Reception (Drinks & Light Food Provided)

For details and location, email: aldama@utexas.edu

Friday, March 7th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Morning Mingle & Cafecito/Pan Dulce

RLP 1.302 B

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Panel I: Bridging Emotions and Literacy: Comics as Tools for Bilingual Life-Writing and Multimodal Emotional Expression

Presenters: Paty Abril-Gonzalez, Mr. Jose Perales, Cecilia Holt , Emi Holt
Moderator: Paty Abril-Gonzalez

RLP 1.302 B

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel II: My Primos Podcast Pop Quiz Round 1

Presenters: Fredie, Kevin, and Eliamaria

RLP 1.302 B

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Panel III: Industry / Publishing

Presenters: Angela Sanchez, Marc Sanchez, José Morey, Bill Nericcio, Pablo Leon,
Malcolm Harris,

Moderator: Corey “Roc Bottom” Davis

RLP 1.302 B

Workshop I: Getting Your Films Seen in the World

Facilitator: Larry Rattner

RLP 1.302 C

Workshop II: C.R.E.A.T.O.R.S Workshop

Facilitator: Darius Yancy

RLP 1.302 A

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

Part I: Screenings of Award-winning Animation Shorts

BIPOC PoP Emerging Artist Award & Animation Short Awards

Presented by Profe Latinx, Dr. Intergalactic, Angela Sanchez, Marc Sanchez, Felipe Esquivel

RLP 1.302 B

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM

Panel IV: BIPOC Brick & Mortar: Shaping Culture, Sparking Change

Presenters: Lee Francis IV, Lilia Rosas, Edward Vidaurre

Moderator: Stanford Carpenter

RLP 1.302 B

Panel V: My Primos Podcast Pop Quiz Round 2

Presenters: Freddie, Kevin, and Eliamaria

RLP 1.302 C

Workshop III: Show Your Own Story

Facilitator: Ernesto Cuevas

RLP 3.102 C

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel VI: Texas A&M Talks: BIPOC PoP Unleashed!

Presenters: Regina Mills, Joey Lopez, Sohee Kim, Joseline González-Ajanel

Moderator: Kevin Garcia

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Panel VII: Latin American Animation & Social Justice

Presenters: Pablo Leon, Marc Sanchez, Getse Pérez

Moderator: Angela Sanchez

RLP 3.102 A

Workshop IV: Let's Make Zines!

Facilitators: Tito & Chente

RLP 1.302 C

3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Black Comics Futurities

Presenters: Joanna Davis-McElligatt, Christian Hines, Kiana T. Murphy, D'Arcee Charington Neal, Sasha Sanders

Moderator: Domino Perez

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Workshop V: Latinx Multimodal Storytelling

Facilitator: Joey Lopez

RLP 1.302 C

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM | RLP 1.302 B

Aldama in Conversation with Jaime Hernandez & Lalo Alcaraz

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM | RLP 1.302 B

BIPOC PoP After Hours @ the Glickman

Food • Networking • Mixer

Live Drawing to Music

Musical Guest: Rico-ico

Saturday, March 8th

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Morning Mingle with Cafecito & Pan Dulce

RLP 1.302 B

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Panel I: Beyond the Stacks: How Diverse Librarians Can Amplify Diverse Voices in Comics

Presenters: Gabriel Lopez, Elizabeth M. Bradshaw, Majestie Varnado, Dan Johnson, Christina E. Taylor, Rafael Flores Jr.

Moderator: Gabriel Lopez

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Workshop I: Podcasting 101

Facilitator: Ayden Castellanos

RLP 1.302 C

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel II: Hidden Figures and Lost Worlds of the BIPOC Imagination: Black Panther's Wakanda, Tyroc's Marzal, and Adela's Cuba

Presenters: Stanford Carpenter, Margarita Castromán, John Jennings

Moderator: Kiana T. Murphy

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Workshop II: Intro to Storyboarding

Facilitator: Ray Mendoza Landa

RLP 1.302 C

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Panel III: Project: MASA.5 The Solar Eclipse Portals

Presenters: Kim Bishop, Kat Deck-Portillo, Juan C. Escobedo, Guilermana Zabala,
Brandy González, Luis Valderas

Moderator: D'Arcee Charington Neal

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Workshop III: Unleash Your Creativity: Zine Making with Austin Bat Cave

Facilitator: Leticia Urieta

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12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:45 PM | RLP 1.302 B

Aldama in Conversation with John Jennings & Peter Murrieta

2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Panel IV: Comics & Zines: From Idea to Marketplace

Presenters: Miki Ramirez, Plus Waco Comics, Gabriel Hernandez, Wilfred Esteves,
Rafael Flores Jr, Raisa Alvarado

Moderator: Héctor Rodríguez III

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Workshop IV: The Graphic Novel as a Transformative Medium

Facilitator: Bahar Momeni

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3:00 PM - 3:45 PM

Panel VI: Putting the BIPOC PoP Into Entertainment Spaces

Presenters: Emmanuel Valtierra, Armando Estrada, Adrian Villegas, CHISPA (Héctor

Rodriguez), and MexAmericon (Javi & Nino)

Moderator: José Morey

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Workshop V: Tarot & Verse: Crafting Original Poems with a Deck

Facilitator: Caroline De La Garza

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4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Panel VII: Being BIPOC in Games: Representation and Identity in Play

Presenters: Regina Mills, Anthony Jackson, Darius Yancy

Moderator: Felipe Esquivel

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Workshop VI: Zine Empowerment 101

Facilitator: Cristina Casas

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5:00 PM - 5:30 PM | RLP 1.302 B

What's Next for BIPOC PoP & Other BIPOC Actions & Events. . .

After BIPOC Pop

LatinX in Animation Mixer with Powerhouse Animation Studios

When: Saturday, March 8th, at 6:30-9pm

Where: Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd, Austin, TX 78701