

# Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine EDI Brief – September & October 2023

## National Hispanic Heritage Month

### **Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress in America**

The theme of this year's National Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the impact and contributions of Latine and Hispanic Americans. Read Ana Maria Cauce's "[Celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month's themes of prosperity, power and progress](#)" for her personal experience and celebration of UW's Latine community.

October 1 is [National Latino Physician Day](#). Celebrate Hispanic and Latinx physicians in the U.S. and to help build awareness and bridge the gap in representation. In WA 3.1% of physicians identify as Hispanic or Latino as compared with 14% of the state's population.

Recently published in the journal Pediatrics, researchers have linked [state-level anti-immigrant sentiment and policies to negative health outcomes in US Latino children](#). This study demonstrates the importance of focusing on macro-level social determinants of health in children. In a commentary also published in Pediatrics, **Dr. Nathalia Jimenez, our Vice Chair for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, stated, "this places the findings within the realm of public policy with a call to action to address state mandates that directly affect individual children."**

## EDI Council Updates

### **Anesthesiology Visiting Scholar Program**

Please welcome our September and October visiting scholars!

- Francisco Contreras Cervantes is currently rotating at Harborview Medical Center from **September 18 to October 13**.
- Abel Edossa is currently rotating at UWMC – Montlake from **September 18 to October 13**.
- Mikael Perla rotates at Harborview from **October 16 to November 10**.
- Collin Tran rotates at UWMC – Montlake from **October 16 to November 10**.
- **A special THANK YOU to the residents and faculty who have signed up to mentor these amazing students!**

### **SAVE THE DATE: Office of Healthcare Equity Foundational Training Series: Social Determinants of Health**

Join us for Grand Rounds on **October 25, 2023**, for Social Determinants of Health, presented by **Leo Morales, MD, PhD, MPH**

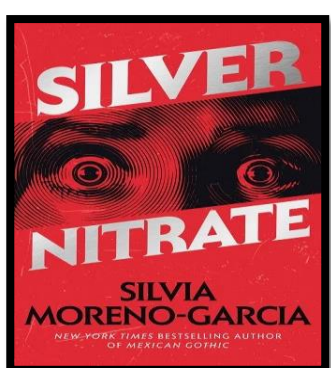
- This is the fourth of five trainings that have been offered to the department.

## Resources

### **Upcoming holidays in our community**

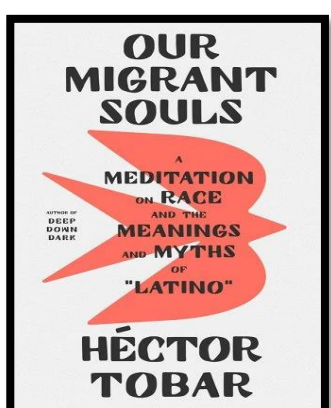
The EDI Council celebrates the diverse range of cultural, religious, and community celebrations in our department. Visit the [NIH Diversity Calendar](#) for a list of holidays in **October**.

### **Recommended Reading:**



[Silver Nitrate](#), Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Moreno-Garcia, author of the magnificent Mexican Gothic, transports us to the film industry of '90s Mexico City for a tale of occultism, sinister curses and hidden powers just in time for the Halloween season!



[Our Migrant Souls: A Meditation on Race and the Meanings and Myths of "Latino"](#), Héctor Tobar

Perfect for this year's theme of "Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power and Progress," Tobar addresses the impacts of colonialism, public policy, immigration and pop culture on the Latino community.