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| Facilitator Corner **Instructor:** Michelle L. Lopez  Email**:** [mlopez68@calstatela.edu](mailto:mlopez68@calstatela.edu)  Office Location**:** FA 230  Student Office Hours**:** Tuesday’s 10:45AM – 11:15AM in FA 230 and Thursday’s 10:45AM – 11:15AM via Zoom. By appointment (If you cannot see me during the allotted time, send me an email to let me know. I will work with you to schedule a day and time that fits your schedule via zoom.) Office hours are for you! Research shows that students who participate in office hours perform better in class. I invite you to attend office hours to discuss the course material, the Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies major, minor, graduate school, or anything else that is important to you. You may also consider attending office hours with a classmate. *Office hours are not for turning in assignments.*  Zoom Meeting Room**:** <https://calstatela.zoom.us/j/3035191289> You will need to sign in using your Cal State LA email address.  Meet Your Professor**:** You can call me Professor Lopez or Professor M. I am the eldest of three siblings, we are 3rd and 4th generation US born. Most of my family lives in and was born in Redlands, CA. When I was 12 years old my mother moved us to Kansas City, KS after divorcing my father. I moved back to California on my own when I was in my twenties. Currently, I live in Rosemead with my mom. My daughter just moved to San Francisco for college at San Francisco State University. My family came to the US from Mexico. My maternal great grandmother was from Guadalajara and my paternal family is from Santa Barbara and the Valley of Mexico. My educational journey was not linear I went to cosmetology school before attending Kansas University (go Jayhawks! NCAA Champions 2022!). Unfortunately, I ran out of money for college so I was forced to take some time off. During my time away from school, I had my daughter which also postponed my education but I finally made it through. I can honestly say that it was not easy, I definitely had my challenges and at some points I even felt like giving up. Now, I am a proud alumna of East Los Angeles Community where I received an AA in Liberal Arts and I am also a Cal State LA graduate, this is where I received my BA, MA, and MFA degrees. In 2016 I began teaching in the department of Chicana(o) and Latina(o) studies at Cal State LA. I have also taught in the Liberal Studies and Art Departments on our campus. My professional experience includes community organizing and working with non-profit organizations in the Boyle Heights area. In my leisure time I like to relax in Baja and attend a soccer games, go LAFC! |