



Zoia Cisneros Wins AWRN Graduate Student Research Grant

We are pleased to announce that the 2024-2025 Atlantic World Research Network (AWRN) Graduate Student Research Grant has been awarded to **Zoia Cisneros**, MFA Candidate in Choreography—School of Dance, College of Visual and Performing Arts.

This AWRN grant of \$500 will help to support research for Cisneros’s thesis project, an Interactive Dance Installation entitled **“When Memories Bleed / Cuando las Memorias Sangran.”** More specifically, this grant will enable Zoia to present a multi-room, interdisciplinary collaboration at the Greensboro Project Space integrating dance, story-telling, letter writing, and intercultural foodways; Zoia will portray her U.S. immigration experience as the daughter of an Afro-Venezuelan father and Jewish-American mother, as Zoia imagines and plans reconnections with her Latin American origins.

Congratulations to Zoia on a project that explores how allied arts—dance, narrative, correspondence, and cuisine—can investigate and even enact migration stories, creating opportunities for Zoia and her collaborators to connect with far-away family members, whether in Venezuela, elsewhere in the United States, or in other countries of origin around the world. Participating dancers/nondancers will share stories of migration, and together will engage in basic research at the event by interviewing others who share related stories. Together they will consider how we connect with those family and friends who are either not present or far away; how we “move with” those who are absent; and how we interact creatively with the past, the present and the future. Many thanks also to **Dr. Ana Paula Höfling** for contributing her helpful and detailed letter of support.

AWRN Graduate Student Research Grants are available by application each fall and are open to MA, MS, MBA, MFA, and PHD student applicants seeking to defray the costs of travel to collections, conferences, field work sites, artistic and theatrical venues, museums, summer seminars, and specialized summer schools. For further information, please email awrn@uncg.edu.

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