



## Lua Project

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### Current positions

Mellon Foundation Fellow 2023-present

*Virginia Commission for the Arts* touring artist 2020-present

Co-Founder, *C'ville Sabroso*, 2013-present

Founder/Director, *Charlottesville Dia de los Muertos Celebration* 2012-present

Director and Founder, *Blue Ridge Music Together*, Charlottesville, VA 2008-present

*Kardinal Hall* weekly residency, Charlottesville, VA (Olivarez Trio, 2022-present)

Resident Artists, *McGuffey Art Center*, Charlottesville, VA-2012-present

### Past positions

Lua Project weekly residency at *Bebedero*, Charlottesville, VA 2014-2017

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of the East Bay, *Oremi Project* co-founder and project director,  
Oakland Ca, 2005-2007

*Bandworks*, music instructor, Berkeley CA, 2005-2007

East Bay Music Together, early childhood music teacher, Berkeley, CA 2005-2007

*C and O* weekly residency (Olivarez Trio, 2008-2020)

Executive Council President, McGuffey Art Center 2021-2022

### Education

Estela Knott, B.A Social Work Longwood University. Farmville, Va 1998

David Berzonsky, B.A. English Literature, University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Va 1996

### Grants/Awards

- Mellon Foundation Grant (\$98,000 award shared w. Va. Tech and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 621 Luray, Va)-- Montañitas Reimagined: recording, exhibition, festival, performances, K-12 curriculum
- Virginia Humanities Rapid Grant (\$5000 award) Los Appalachianos Story Map and Digital Archive; oral history, studio and live music recording footage, musician interviews, in collaboration with the Virginia Tech Library Special collection
- Virginia Humanities Grant (\$9000 award), [Mexilachian Son: New songs from an Emerging Virginia Culture](#) recordings, interviews, ethnography and performances, 2018-2019
- Virginia Humanities Grant (\$3000 award) Son Jarocho workshops and performances, in collaboration with Zenen Zeferino Huervo and Julia del Palacio
- 2nd Jornada of Artists of Mexican descent living in the U.S. conference (Mexican Embassy Award) Mexico City, Mexico, December 2021
- Virginia Commision for the Arts Touring Grant (\$5000 award), Lua Project performances, workshops, and educational events, 2024
- Virginia Commision for the Arts Touring Grant (\$4000 award), Lua Project performances, workshops, and educational events, 2023
- Virginia Commision for the Arts Touring Grant (\$3500 award), Lua Project performances, workshops, and educational events, 2022
- Virginia Commision for the Arts Touring Grant (\$3000 award), Lua Project performances, workshops, and educational events, 2021

### **Notable Performances/Presentations**

Cultural Crossroads in Traditional Music & Dance, Moss Center, Va. Tech Nov. 2024

Blue Ridge Montañitas Festival, interdisciplinary festival, Luray, Va September, 2024

*Berea College Celebration of Traditional Music*, concert/workshops, Berea, KY, October, 2023

[Piedmont Virginia Community College](#), Concert, January, 2023

*Warren Wilson College*, workshop and performance, March 2023

*University of Virginia International Residential College* Lecture and Performance, Charlottesville, Va October, 2022

*Mountain Fiesta*, Festival Performance and school assembly, Cumberland Gap, TN September, 2022

SOMOS 2022, conference presenter, "*Bridging Latinx Traditions and Identities in the Commonwealth*", with Dr. Brenci Patiño, James Madison University, October 2022

*Intersections: Black and Indigenous Sound in the Early Atlantic World* Conference, performance and discussion, sponsored by Christopher Newport University, at Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA, September, 2022

High Holidays Worship Performers, Temple Micah, Washington, D.C 2021-2024

[Museum of the Shenandoah Valley](#), lecture/performance, September, 2022

*Folkfest*, performance, Cumberland Gap, TN, 2022

*Workhouse Arts Center Potomac Nights Series*, Lorton, VA July 2022

*Fridays after Five Concert Series*, Charlottesville, Va July 2022

*J.S. Bach Festival*, concert, Harrisonburg, Va June 2022

*String Band Summit and Corazon Latino Festival*, lecture presentation and performance, with Dr. Sophia Enriquez, Eastern Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN April, 2022

[Shepherd University Workshop and Performance](#), Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV, March 2022

[SALSA XIII Conference](#) (*Society for the Anthropology of Lowland South America*) Performance, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA July 2021

[Fiesta del Rio y La Palabra](#), w. Zenen Zeferino Huervo, Minatitlan, Veracruz, Mexico, June, 2019

Mary Baldwin University, workshop and performance, September 2021

James Madison University, performance and workshop, w. Zenen Zeferino Huervo, October 2018

Mary Baldwin University, performance and lecture presentation, w. Zenen Zeferino Huervo, Oct. 2018

[Millenium Stage, Kennedy Center w. Olivarez Trio](#) July 2016

*Jazz Zone*, concert, Miraflores, Lima, Peru March 2007

*Pan Alivio* Christmas concert (afro-peruvian choral music) w. Universidad de Católica Choir, National Cathedral of Peru, Lima, Peru, December 2006

*International Festival of Son Jarocho*, performance and workshops, Jaltipan, Veracruz, Mexico, May, 2001

### **Community and Education Work**

Roanoke County Schools, performances and assemblies, Roanoke, Va March 2023 & Oct. 2024

*Crafting Local Commemorations: Honoring Dia de los Muertos in the Shenandoah Valley*  
consultant/presenter, James Madison University, October, 2022-24

[Rural Education Conference](#), performance and panel presenter, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, VA, August 2022

Harrisonburg public elementary school performances, featuring the book “*A Bridge in Mexilachia*” by Estela Knott, February-March 2022

*Mountain Fiesta*, workshops and lecture presentation, w. Dr. Sophia Enriquez, Harrogate, TN, September 2021

*West Virginia University's Smithsonian Folkways World Music Pedagogy Course*, with Dr. Sophia Enriquez, July, 2021

Harrisonburg City Schools, Artist-in-Residence program, Harrisonburg, VA, September-November, 2018

### **Notable Projects/Press/Writings**

[VPM Life in the Heartlands](#) Lua Project soundtrack performance-2023

[West Virginia public radio feature “Inside Appalachia”](#)--2022

[Lua Project in the Daily Progress. jan. 2023](#),

[Estela Knott 100 days in Appalachia](#), October, 2020

[VPM television feature “Charlottesville Inside/Out” w. Terri allard](#) May 2020

[Lua Project in the Harrisonburg Daily News Record](#), April 2019

[C’ville Sabroso’s Latin Celebration](#), C’ville Weekly feature on C’ville Sabroso Festival, 2014

### **Featured Recordings**

*Los Appalachianos*, Charlottesville, Va 2024 (funded by Mellon Foundation)

*Mexilachia*, Charlottesville, VA 2022

*The Good Life*, Charlottesville, VA 2013(w.Olivarez Trio)

*Borrowed Time*, Lima, Peru 2007

*La Sirena*, Charlottesville, VA and Lima, Peru, 2004

*Wanta do Ke*, Greenwood, VA (w. Cheick Hamala Diabate) 2003

