

*The Arts and Sciences Honors Program Distinguished Lecture Series Presents*

# Donna Mejia

in a conversation on

***Creativity and Conventions:  
Forging Meaningful Exchange  
Between Innovation and  
Traditionalism***

**Tuesday, February 28th**

**Humanities 150**

**5:30-6:30pm**

**Arrive at 5:00pm for a seat and a slice  
of pizza! The talk starts at 5:30pm.**

**If you prefer to attend remotely, please join us via  
Zoom: <https://cuboulder.zoom.us/j/94548579163>**



Each of us is unique and trying to find a way to situate ourselves in larger communities. What is your genius – your craving for fulfilling and thrilling learning? Where in our educational system can we make room for the inner journeys that fuel our educational choices and priorities? Using research in Transcultural Fusion Dance as a case study, Donna Mejia invites you to a shared conversation drenched with realness and humor, informed by 30+ years in higher education. Let's explore the tension in our educational efforts between canonical legacies and the innovative edge we aim to reach. This session includes ballistic beats, copious candles, viral videos, and resilience strategies for the ups and downs of our lifelong learning.



CU Boulder's Associate Professor Donna Mejia is the Inaugural Chancellor's Scholar of Health and Wellness for the Crown Wellness Institute, and a member of the Theatre & Dance Department. She is also affiliated faculty for Women & Gender

Studies, Ethnic Studies, and the Center for Teaching & Learning. She is the first tenured faculty globally for Transcultural Fusion Dance (ToFD), a hybrid tradition that dialogs dances of the African and Arab Diasporas with American Hip Hop and Contemporary Dance. Her 40 years of study in ethnography, yoga, meditation and somatic studies continue to be central in all that she does. This interdisciplinary work and her performances, approached through the vantage point of her multi-heritage identity, have inspired connections to many astonishing people and collaborative fields of study, taken her around the world, instigated a life-long devotion to learning, and inspired her commitment to service and educational activism.

**This event is open to all CU Boulder faculty, staff, and students**