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Dear President Bacow,

It is with grave concern that we write as senior scholars of Latinx and Latin American Studies, Caribbean Studies, Dominican Studies, Ethnic Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, African American and Black Studies, and American Studies about Harvard University’s decision to deny tenure to Dr. Lorgia García Peña. This decision signals that the University is ill-equipped to evaluate the depth, breadth, and import of these fields of scholarship from one of its most brilliant and nationally-recognized practitioners. As scholars committed to the advancement of knowledge, the pursuit of intellectual equity, and the demands of public justice, we find this decision shocking both in its failure to properly evaluate the stellar merits of Dr. García Peña’s scholarship, but also in its refusal to recognize the invaluable contributions of this type of work to the larger academic community. In denying tenure to Dr. García Peña, Harvard substantially limits its ability to attract top talent in these fields, but also signals that, despite increasing demands from students, these areas of study are not intellectually significant in the tenure process. We would like to take this opportunity to explain why we believe Harvard University has grossly miscalculated the value of Dr. García Peña’s scholarship and must work harder to demonstrate its commitment to a truly diverse and inclusive interpretation of intellectual excellence.

First, Dr. García Peña’s impressive scholarly achievements have made invaluable contributions to the fields of Black and Latinx Studies, Caribbean Studies, Dominican Studies, Ethnic Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, and American Studies and demonstrate the groundbreaking possibilities of interdisciplinary and transnational scholarship. Her first book, *The Borders of Dominicanidad: Race, Nation, and Archives of Contradiction*, not only provides critical new understandings of the constructions of identity, but it does so utilizing a truly innovative and trans-disciplinary methodology. The study’s central notion, contra-diction, proposes innovative methodological approaches to discursive analysis and brilliantly deconstructs a stunning array of texts, from canonical literature to the most experimental video and performance work. The result is a series of transformative approaches for literary and cultural studies, as well as for the Humanities as a whole. To wit, the book was awarded prizes by the Dominican Republic-Haiti Section of the Latin American Studies Association (The Isis Duarte Book Prize), the Latinx Studies Section of the Latin American Studies Association (Bi-Annual Latinx Studies Book Prize) and the National Women’s Studies Association (Gloria E. Anzaldúa Book Prize). Further, this work makes crucial contributions to Afro-Latinx Studies, and Dr. García Peña is easily among the top three scholars in this new area of study. The book makes groundbreaking connections between Caribbean and Chicano/Latino/a studies, specifically by linking Gloria Anzaldúa’s concept of the *borderland* with the notion of the *rayano* in Hispaniola. In the process it uniquely applies a borderlands methodology to
Latinx Caribbean studies, traditionally understood through migration and diaspora. Her work is without peer in this regard and is a contribution to broader migration and cultural studies in how it remaps the idea of the border. Possibly the single most important book to be published in English in Dominican Studies in the past ten years, *The Borders of Dominicanidad* also demonstrates how the island, at the very nexus of hemispheric constructs of race and identity, must serve as the jumping off point for all scholarship of race and identity in the Americas. In sum, this book has made a massive impact across a wide swath of academic fields and areas of study. It is nearly impossible to find new work in the humanities around Dominican or Latinx Studies that does not cite or reference Dr. García Peña’s scholarship in some form.

Not only has Dr. García Peña been instrumental in putting the Dominican Republic more centrally into discussion of race and national identity across the hemisphere and providing innovative new methodologies in the process, but she has provided a groundbreaking model from which to discuss issues of blackness and diasporic belonging. Her forthcoming book, *Translating Blackness: The Vaivén and Detours of Latinx Colonialities in Global Perspective*, takes Afro-Latinx Studies beyond the confines of the United States and connects it with Afro-European studies by focusing on Dominican migration to Italy and Spain. This second monograph also engages comparative Black Studies by analyzing the connections between the intellectual networks among US African-Americans, US Afro-Latins, and Afro-Latins in Europe. This work stretches understandings of diaspora, pushing scholars to interrogate citizenship and blackness across migrational, theoretical, and kinship networks. It will again demonstrate Dr. García Peña to be the kind of innovative and groundbreaking thinker that would enrich a university well beyond a single department, discipline, or academic community.

Dr. García Peña is an internationally-recognized leader in Latinx Studies and Dominican Studies. She has been instrumental in expanding the conversation around Ethnic and Latinx Studies at Harvard through events and symposia, and she was a leader in establishing a subfield in Latinx Studies. It was her intellectual weight as scholar and leader that facilitated a national conference on Global Dominican Studies at Harvard in Spring 2019 preceding the international Latin American Studies Association conference, and it is her regular contributions to a variety of fields and subfields that has emboldened a number of highly innovative collaborations and scholarly projects. Moreover, Harvard’s efforts toward a cluster hire in the area of ethnicity, indigeneity, and migration are directly contradicted by this denial of tenure, signalling that the university is not, in fact, interested in supporting these areas of study as legitimate fields of research. Given the ways these areas of study have been marginalized by the broader intellectual community – despite their critical role in creating a sense of belonging for an increasingly diverse body of students and scholars – Dr. García Peña’s work has been an invaluable contribution to the creation of a truly inclusive intellectual community. She regularly contributes – lending her name and her labor – to Harvard’s efforts to diversify its faculty and student body. Demanding of her time and intellectual equity on the one hand, while denying her a place within that community is not only hypocritical, it signals to the larger academic community that Harvard University is not truly invested in supporting stellar scholars in these areas of study. Given what we know about the extremely positive outside peer review letters in her case, we also find ourselves unsure of why anyone would write in support of tenure at Harvard University if such recommendations are only to be patently ignored.

We understand that Harvard has been working to increase the level of diversity and sense of belonging among its intellectual community. According to the report on “Pursuing Excellence on a Foundation of
Inclusion” issued in May 2016, the University’s primary goal was to create a culture of Inclusive Excellence: “The goal of recruitment, promotion, and retention is to maximize excellence and diversity simultaneously. . . Achieving inclusive excellence also requires expanding our perception of areas worthy of research and teaching. Finally, the goal of achieving inclusive excellence should operate with equal rigor at the point of promotion as at the point of recruitment.” As both this report and broader trends in hiring across the nation indicate, it is time for the academy to expand their definition of areas worthy of research to include fields like Ethnic Studies and Afro-Latinx Studies. Harvard University has the opportunity to be a leader in such an initiative, but only if it demonstrates publicly a willingness to create the intellectual space for such efforts through the hiring and tenuring process. Dr. García Peña’s scholarship and leadership serve as a model par excellence of both the University’s own self-charge, but also stand at the cutting edge of a transformation in the academy. We urge Harvard University to put itself at the forefront of this transformation by recommitting to being open to change by embracing a model of a truly innovative and inclusive understanding of academic excellence.

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