

Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies Presents

Tonics & Toxins

Plants and Power in Latin America

October 8-9, William T. Young Library & The Arboretum

Thursday, October 8, Young Library Alumni Gallery

1-3 p.m. **Opening Keynote** | Avery Dickins de Girón, Vanderbilt University

Friday, October 9, Young Library & The Arboretum

9:30-10 a.m. Alumni Gallery | Breakfast

10-11:30 a.m. Auditorium | **Roundtable** | Healing and Harming
David Gonthier (Entomology), Patricia Marie Cordero Irizarry
(Horticulture), April Lamb (Horticulture), Cat Lamb (Sociology)
Moderator: Renee Bonzani (Anthropology)

11:30-1 p.m. Alumni Gallery | Lunch and discussion of *Sacred Plants of the Americas*
(Princeton, 2026) with Jill Pflugheber (Microbiology)

1-3 p.m. Auditorium | **Closing Keynote** | Rachel Laudan, Independent Scholar

4-6 p.m. The Arboretum | **Ethnobotanical Walking Tour** with Megan Buland
Reception at The Arboretum Visitor Center to follow



Avery Dickins de Girón is Executive Director of Latin American Studies and Senior Lecturer in Anthropology at Vanderbilt. Since 2016, she has led Vanderbilt's Latin American Ethnobotanical Garden.



Rachel Laudan is an historian of science and food. She is author of *Cuisine and Empire* (California, 2013). Her current project examines the relationship between geology and culture.

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