

## Scientists

**Daniel Anglés-Alcázar** joined the Simons Foundation in 2017 as a Flatiron Research Fellow at the Center for Computational Astrophysics. Anglés-Alcázar develops large cosmological hydrodynamic simulations to investigate the formation of galaxies and their central supermassive black holes. Recently, his research has focused on understanding the large-scale gas flows that govern galaxy evolution and the impact of interstellar medium and stellar feedback physics on the growth of supermassive black holes. Prior to joining the foundation, he was a CIERA Postdoctoral Fellow at Northwestern University. He holds a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Arizona, an M.S. in physics from the University of Puerto Rico and a B.S. (Licenciatura) in physics from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid.

Astrophysicist and artist **Dr. Nia Imara** is best known for her work blurring the boundaries between art and science. Currently a research fellow at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, she investigates how stars are born in the Milky Way and other galaxies throughout the universe. Imara is also a practicing artist whose vibrant paintings reflect her love of light, color, people, and their stories.

**Professor Jorge G. Moreno Soto** is a theoretical astrophysicist at Pomona College whose work focuses on using supercomputers to investigate star formation in galactic collisions. This research has resulted in several high-impact research articles, approximately 1-million dollars in research funding, over 100 invited colloquia worldwide, and the 2019 Joseph Morgan Physics Prize Lectureship. Profe Moreno, as he is known by his beloved students, is also an award-winning teacher, recipient of the 2019 SACNAS Outstanding Mentor Award. Born and raised in a low-income family in the Global South, and being one of the few non-binary “Latinx” de-Indigenized astrophysicists in the world, Profe Moreno has made it his life mission to incorporate lessons learned from activism in every space he inhabits. After serving the American Astronomical Society as Chair of the Committee on the Status of Minorities in Astronomy, he is now focusing his labor towards the decolonizing of his classroom, his research group, and the field of astronomy.

## Authors

**Zoraida Córdova** is the author of twelve novels, including the award-winning Brooklyn Brujas series and The Vicious Deep trilogy. Her short fiction has appeared in the *New York Times* bestselling anthology *Star Wars: From a Certain Point of View*, and *Toil & Trouble: 15 Tales of Women and Witchcraft*. She is the co-editor of *Vampires Never Get Old*, a YA anthology forthcoming from Imprint/Macmillan in fall 2020. Her upcoming YA novels include *Star Wars: A*

*Crash of Fate* (Disney/Lucasfilm Summer 2019) and *Incendiary*, book one in the Hollow Crown duology (Disney/Hyperion 2020). Zoraida was born in Ecuador and raised in Queens, New York. When she isn't working on her next novel, she's planning her next adventure.

**Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez** is a graphic novelist most notably recognized as the writer and creator of the critically acclaimed and bestselling superhero series *La Borinqueña*. In addition, he is celebrated for his philanthropic efforts via the benefit anthology *Ricanstruction: Reminiscing & Rebuilding Puerto Rico* featuring *La Borinqueña* teaming up with Wonder Woman, Superman, Batman and other DC Comics heroes. He self-published this anthology under his own studio *Somos Arte* and to date Edgardo has raised close to a quarter of a million dollars for grassroots organizations in Puerto Rico via the *La Borinqueña Grants Program*. As the Creative Director and owner of *Somos Arte*, a Brooklyn-based creative services studio he has worked with such notable clients as Atlantic Records, Columbia University, and Marvel. In addition, Edgardo is a curator of art exhibitions having already produced three original Marvel comic book art exhibitions and his very own *La Borinqueña* for the Smithsonian Museum. For more information please visit [www.la-borinquena.com](http://www.la-borinquena.com) and [www.somosarte.com](http://www.somosarte.com) and follow Edgardo on social media on Twitter @MrEdgardoNYC and Instagram/Facebook @LaBorinquenaComics

**Lilliam Rivera** is an award-winning writer and author of the young adult novels *Dealing in Dreams* and *The Education of Margot Sanchez*, both by Simon & Schuster and available in bookstores everywhere. Her work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Elle*, *Tin House*, *Nightmare Magazine*, and *Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, to name a few. Lilliam lives in Los Angeles.