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María DeGuzmán's 2010 work is called 'He Saw Himself in the Gaze of the Dominant Culture.'

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DURHAM -- We learned with the last U.S. census that North Carolina has the fastest-growing Hispanic population in the country. This is a story of politics and personal perspective.


What does it mean to be Hispanic in the Southeast today? That's the straightforward question behind a new exhibition of Latino

"Necessary Fictions" brings together six artists, three of them with connections to North Carolina. In about two dozen works in the terminology of background and ethnicity means different things to different people. Are we talking about Mexicans? Spanish people to be one of those and also be an American?

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Themes of home and tension emerged in the show, comparative literature, who, along with Mario Marza

"We didn't necessarily look for a common thread," F

The pair chose the artists with an eye toward emph

Politics were not a prerequisite, but then they didn't never far from the public discourse.

"If anything, the most political thing we can say about show the diversity of Latino/Latina artists, to show you to make that political you can. But we're trying to ke

Marzan, who came up with the idea, said he thinks in larger art markets. Both men hope the exhibit enc

does at least one other thing:

"What's happening now is the first generation of North Carolina Hispanics are part of this wave starting to go to college," Ribó says at UNC, State, Central, Duke they can be artists, too."

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If saying "KEEP the ILLEGALS OUT" is abusive then we have grown to be ridiculous.....I thought it would take 25-years but apparently the Latinos have already taken over.

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COURTESY OF MARÍA DEGUZMÁN



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A mixed-media artist born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley of south Texas, Vargas is inspired by his border upbringing. His compositions are related to identity, home and displacement. He received a master's degree in fine arts from UNC-Chapel Hill and now lives and works in Nashville, Tenn.

### Francis Marquez

A Cuban-American artist is completing a master's degree in fine arts at the University of South Florida. Marquez explores the experiences of a first-generation, U.S.-born Latina and her Caribbean heritage. Marquez, who lives in Tampa, explores the nomadic drift between resistance and assimilation.

### María DeGuzmán

An associate professor of English and director of Latina and Latino studies at UNC-CH, she has written extensively about ethnicity and culture, and teaches

about the relationship between literature and photography. A conceptual photographer, she has shown in galleries in the U.S. and Europe.

### Susy Bielak

A native of Mexico City who lives in San Diego, Bielak creates drawings, paintings, printmaking and other forms to explore ideas about personal and social relationships.

### Josué Pellotis

Pellotis is a Chicago conceptual artist from Puerto Rico who works in painting, sculpture and video, among other mediums. His work has been shown in the U.S. and abroad.

### Mario Marzan

Marzan bases his work on "scattered memories" that suggest a narrative. He references hurricanes and other natural phenomenon to explore identity. Born in Puerto Rico, he is an assistant professor of art at UNC-CH.

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details

**What:** "Necessary Fictions" art exhibit

**Where:** Golden Belt, Building 3, Room 100, 807 E. Main St., Durham

**When:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays, noon-6 p.m. Sundays through July 11

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** 967-7700, [www.goldenbeltarts.com](http://www.goldenbeltarts.com)

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