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**Brief description of my research:**

The purpose of my research is to explore how ethnicity, identity and sexuality concepts are embodied by fictional queer Chicana/o detectives represented up to date. In particular, this thesis explores the approach taken by both Chicano writers Michael Nava and Alicia Gaspar de Alba, and analyses how both writers depict their fictional detectives and include multicultural issues in the secondary narrative. My thesis also investigates what has been the impact of these novels within the canon of detection narratives and the Chicano literary tradition.