

**FACULTY NEWS**

Dr. **Antonio Estrada**, director of the Mexican American Studies & Research Center at the University of Arizona, in January was named to chair the university's Strategic Planning and Budget Advisory Committee (SPBAC). In that capacity he becomes one of fifteen members of the President's Cabinet. Estrada will continue his current teaching and research in Mexican American Studies and Public Health.

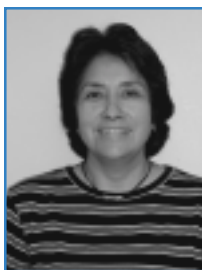


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Estrada has also recently been appointed to the National Institutes of Health, NIMH AIDS-Related Research Program Planning Committee.

*La Mesilla Conference*

On Saturday, April 17, the MASRC is hosting a mini-conference titled "La Mesilla Treaty and It's Impact on Tucson's Hispanic Community." Organized by MASRC Assistant Prof. **Lydia Otero**, it will take place at the historic El Centro Cultural de las Americas in downtown Tucson (40 W. Broadway). The 1853 treaty provided the basis for the U.S. to purchase from Mexico 30,000 square miles of territory that includes the southern portions of present-day Arizona and New Mexico. The confer-



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ence, which will kick-off the MASRC's new **Public History Program**, will begin at 11 AM and last until 3:30 PM. Featured speakers include Historian **Arturo Rosales** of Arizona State University, and Tucson writer **Patricia Preciado Martin**. It is free and open to the public.

On March 27, Otero will be a discussant in a session titled "Emerging Issues in the Study of American Historical Memory" at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians in Boston.

MASRC Adjunct Prof. **Anna Ochoa O'Leary** organized a panel presentation, titled "Educational Activism: Bridging Household, Community, and Classroom Practices," for the joint Pima Community College/University of Arizona Multicultural Institute Conference that took place in Tucson on Feb. 13 at the PCC Downtown Campus.



Anna Ochoa O'Leary

In January, the Center published a report by O'Leary as No. 31 in its Working Paper Series. According to the abstract, the report, titled *Social Exchange Practices among Mexican-origin Women in Nogales, Arizona: Prospects for Education Acquisition*.

[S]ummarizes quantitative and qualitative findings from a 1999 study of Mexican-origin households in Nogales, Arizona. An important finding shows that women's educational progress is facilitated with social support, and more importantly, that a household's investment in the educa-

tion of its members is significantly raised with the increase in the education attainment level of the female head of household. These findings form the premise for arguing that by systematically building on existent cultural frameworks for social support that advance women's educational progress, the chances for educational attainment for all Mexican-origin persons are improved.

She will present her findings at the First Binational Symposium of Educational Researchers in Mexico City on March 12 and 13, and at the annual conference of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) in Albuquerque, March 31 – April 4. Copies of the report are available from the MASRC for \$3, plus \$1 shipping.

Several other MASRC faculty members, including Adjunct Prof. **Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith**, Assistant Prof. **Gregory Rodríguez**, and **Lydia Otero** also will be presenting at the NACCS conference.

*Brown Bag Lectures*

Mon., Feb. 23 - **Celestino Fernández** (Sociology), "From Sonets to Rock 'N' Roll: The Origins, Development and Diffusion of Mariachi Music and Culture."

Monday, March 29 - **Antonio Estrada** (MASRC), "Eliminating Health Disparities Among Mexican Americans."

Monday, April 26 - **Lydia Otero** (MASRC), "Downtown Pancho Villa: Controversy and Meanings."

Lectures will take place at 12 Noon in the César E. Chávez Bldg., Room 200, and are free and open to the public.

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In Southern Arizona the histories of Mexicans and Chicanos/as have often been distorted or marginalized. The Mexican American Studies & Research Center's Public History program—*Nuestras Tierras, Nuestras Culturas, Nuestras Historias*—seeks to remedy the historical fallacies and inaccuracies that have resulted from the devaluation of Mexican people and their histories.

We are committed to re-search projects that highlight the complex aspects of Mexican and Chicana/o history that portray and reinforce realistic perceptions of this community and its many contributions to the area's development.

An additional aim of the program is to collect information, photographs, oral histories, and personal collections. Bringing together these types of valuable resources will provide a vital archival source for future researchers, and to the community in general as this



Clockwise from top: World War II veteran Pedro Robles (Tucson, AZ). Inscription reads: "Entered American forces Aug. 3, 1940. May God see that he returns after performing his duty."; Sonoran mining family, 1905 (Bisbee, AZ); Sonoran women, early 1900s (Bisbee); School, 1906 (Nacozari, Sonora, Mex.); Mexican children, early 1900s (Bisbee); Sonoran family, 1914 (Douglas, AZ); Teresa Urrea (Clifton, AZ); Center photo: Isabel Estrada and child, 1908 (Douglas).

project will share and showcase research and findings in various open forums and public events on a regular basis.

*Nuestras Tierras, Nuestras Culturas, Nuestras Historias* relies on the community to share its information, resources, and ideas. This necessitates accessible and culturally sensitive outreach and education efforts to inform community members that their stories, letters, photographs and other mementos are laden with social, cultural and historical value, and that these items deserve to be shared, preserved and celebrated.

We have large aspirations for this project and would also appreciate financial contributions. If you are interested, or would like more information, contact:

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Scenes from Tucson's Barrio Histórico



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