

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH 2017

In observance of Hispanic Heritage Month, September 15 - October 15, Del Mar College's Mexican-American Studies (MAS) Program and the DMC chapter of the Texas Association of Chicanos in Higher Education announce the following events.

All events are free and open to the public.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18—1 P.M., ROOM 100, VENTERS BUSINESS BUILDING,
(ALSO IN OBSERVANCE OF CONSTITUTION DAY)**

From the Failure of Comprehensive Immigration Reform to the Great, Great Wall: An Exploration of Shifting Politics and Policy of Immigration in the Obama and Trump Administrations

PRESENTER: Adrian Clark, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Political Science

Following the reelection of President Barack Obama in 2012, a bipartisan group in the Senate crafted a comprehensive immigration bill. However, the bill failed to be enacted into law. During the next two years, Donald Trump dominated the national agenda in his successful presidential campaign, advocating the construction of a great wall along the entirety of the U.S./Mexico border along with mass deportations of the undocumented. This presentation charts these developments and explains the shifting landscape of the politics and policy of immigration in the Trump and Obama administrations.

Party Change, Political Generations, & Implications for Mexican Americans in Texas

PRESENTER: Juan Carlos Huerta, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

By 2002 the state completed the transformation from a one-party Democratic state to a one-party Republican state and led to Texas becoming a key state for the Republican Party. Is it realistic to expect change in Texas party competition? This presentation examines party identification in Texas by examining state demographic data and comparing political generations and racial/ethnic groups.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28—11 A.M., WOLFE RECITAL HALL, FINE ARTS CENTER MUSIC BUILDING

"Ten Dollars to Hate: the 1920s KKK and the forgotten Texas hero who fought back"

PRESENTER: Patricia Bernstein, Author

Patricia Bernstein puts perspective into today's news events as she tells the story of the Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s and Dan Moody, the first prosecutor in the nation to successfully convict and jail Klan members. Sponsored by the Tejano Civil Rights Museum and Del Mar College; FMI: 361-425-5661.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5—7 P.M., ROOM 514, WHITE LIBRARY

Historians at Work: An Evening With Del Mar College Professors Derek Oden and Mark Robbins

PRESENTERS: Derek Oden, Ph.D. and Mark Robbins, Ph.D., Associate Professors of History

Dr. Oden's book, *Harvest of Hazards*, examines the problem of farm safety, especially in the midwestern "Corn Belt." He shows how dangerous farming could be, especially as farmers accustomed to traditional modes of agriculture adjusted to the use of new mechanical equipment and chemicals.

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For information,
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Dr. Robbins's book, *Middle Class Union*, looks at how the idea of a "middle class" emerged in American cities in the early Twentieth Century. He shows how people who were neither business owners nor laborers found ways to organize to protect their right to affordable food, clothing, shelter, and other consumer goods.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11—1 P.M., ROOM 514, WHITE LIBRARY

South Texas Life: A Genealogy Display

PRESENTER: Renato Ramirez, Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Social Sciences Department

Professor Ramirez discusses his extensive personal collection of South Texas memorabilia. His display features Dr. Cleotilde P. Garcia's "Captain Blas Maria De La Garza Falcon-Colonizer of South Texas," "Padre Jose Nicolas Balli and Padre Island" and her 1979 Application for Historical Marker, "Padre Island and Padre Jose Nicolas Balli." Additionally, the collection features a "Genealogy Reports-Children of Solomon Valerio Reyes and Guadalupe Balli Castillo" (Ramirez' maternal grandparents) and their relationship to "Marcos Alonso Garza Y del Arcon" by Michael Reyes (June 20, 2014 version). Examples of Oil and Gas Leases from the 1930s from Hispanic property owners to representatives of oil and gas companies for drilling and mineral rights along with three or four framed family trees of prominent Hispanic families traced back to the early settlement of the South Texas region and further back to French and Spanish ancestry in Europe will augment the display.

Exhibits

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 – DECEMBER 5 , JOSEPH A. CAIN MEMORIAL ART GALLERY, FINE ARTS CENTER

"Mexican-American Perspectives 2017: My casa is your casa" Art Exhibit

It's a matter of perspective. Join Del Mar College's Art Program with the Department of Art and Drama for their fall exhibit, "Mexican-American Perspectives 2017: My casa is your casa." Opening as part of Hispanic Heritage Month, the exhibit features over 30 artworks representing 17 invited local and South Texas artists' expressions of their Mexican-American heritage and cultural perspectives. Gallery hours are scheduled Mondays through Thursdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. until noon.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 – OCTOBER 15, FIRST FLOOR, WHITE LIBRARY

Literary Works by Mexican-American Authors: Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction and Plays

This collection features both some of the works examined in English 2351: Mexican-American Literature, and other personal favorites of the Del Mar College English faculty who teach the course.

