

**El Retorno Al Valle: Symposium on Gloria E. Anzaldúa & Literary Landmark Unveiling**

Monday, March 28, 2022

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (UTRGV)

*last updated: 3/9/22*

*schedule subject to change*

**Edinburg Campus Ballroom**

In-Person & Zoom Webinar

[Register Here & to request accommodations](#)

Free & open to the public

Live interpretation English/Spanish will be available

An art exhibit of work influenced by Anzaldúa will run simultaneously with the symposium in the Ballroom

**8:30am, CST**

Breakfast & Registration

**8:45am, CST**

Land Acknowledgement

Welcome by the UTRGV Center for Mexican American Studies

**9:00am – 10:15am, CST**

**Panel 1 – Gloria Anzaldúa, the Rio Grande Valley & Tejas**

Aída Hurtado (UC Santa Barbara)

Priscilla Celina Suarez (Gloria Anzaldúa Legacy Project)

Anel I. Flores (La Otra Taller Nopantla)

Inés Hernández-Avila (UC Davis)

Moderator: Noreen Rivera (UTRGV)

**10:30am – 11:45am, CST**

**Panel 2 – Gloria Anzaldúa's Impact**

Norma E. Cantú (Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa & Trinity U.)

Graciela Sánchez (Esperanza Peace & Justice Center)

Alicia Gaspar de Alba (UCLA)

Moderator: Mariana Alessandri (UTRGV)

**11:45am – 12:45pm, CST**

**Lunch & Poetry Performances**

Host: Lina Suarez (Gloria Anzaldúa Legacy Project)

Ari Chagoya (doula, sobadora, curandera)

César L. de León (UTRGV)

Daniel García Ordaz (McAllen Poet Laureate 2023 & Texas Tech U.)

Erika Garza (South Texas College)

Amalia Ortiz (SAY Sí)  
José Antonio Rodríguez (UTRGV)  
Veronica “Lady Mariposa” Sandoval (Washington State University)

**1:00pm – 2:15pm, CST**

**Panel 3 – Gloria Anzaldúa’s Impact (II)**

Rebeca L. Hey-Colón (Temple University)  
Celeste De Luna (Northwest Vista College)  
Sheila Contreras (Michigan State University)  
Moderator: Stephanie Alvarez (UTRGV)

**2:30pm – 3:45pm, CST**

**Panel 4 – Gloria Anzaldúa's Impact & Perspectives into the Future**

Ana-Maurine Lara (University of Oregon)  
Sergio Gael Barrera (University of Michigan)  
Alexandra Nichole Salazar (Jotx y Recuerdos & UT Austin)  
Moderator: Aaron Hinojosa (UTRGV Center for Diversity & Inclusion & DREAM Resource Center)

**4:00pm - 4:45pm, CST**

Literary Landmark Unveiling  
UTRGV Edinburg Library Courtyard

Live Conjunto  
“Los Poderosos,” PSJA Early College High School

**Program:**

Land acknowledgement  
Reading of Anzaldúa's Work by Local Poets  
Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa  
Gloria Anzaldúa Legacy Project  
UTRGV Center for Mexican American Studies  
UTRGV Office of the Provost  
Texas Center for the Book  
Member of Anzaldúa’s family

**5:00pm – 6:00pm, CST**

Closing Reception – Refreshments  
UTRGV Edinburg Library Lobby