Borderlands History Symposium

December 4-6, 2018

Day One: December 4, 2018: ELABN 117- UTRGV

7:10-7:20 PM, Introductory remarks. Dr. Jamie Starling

Panel One 7:20-8:00 PM: The Frontiers of Faith in the Borderlands.


Laura Leal, “Curanderismo: Mexican Folk Healing in South Texas.” 7:35-7:50

Comments. 7:50-8:00

Panel Two 8:00-8:40PM: Making a Modern Borderland in the Twentieth-Century Rio Grande Valley.

Aaron Cuevas, “Border Progress: How Developing Infrastructure Forever Changed South Texas, 1900-1930.” 8:00-8:15


Comments 8:30-8:40

Panel Three 8:40-9:10 PM  Youth Activism and Resistance in the Twentieth-Century Borderlands. Moderator: Dr. Mayra Ávila


Jose A.P. Alaniz, “Football as Resistance in the Rural Delta Area Communities of Edcouch and Elsa.” 8:55-9:10

Comments 9:10-9:20


Leticia Castillo, “Eligio ‘Kika’ de la Garza’ and the Rio Grande Valley of South Texas.”


9:50-10:00 PM  Closing Comments
Day Three, December 6, 2018: Brownsville Library (Room TBA)

7:20-7:25 PM  Introductory Remarks

Panel One: Community Formation in the Borderlands.

7:30-7:45 PM  Alvino Flores Sr., “The Prejudice that Prevails: An Assessment of Race Relations in South Texas, 1821-1920”

7:45-8:00 PM  Kristen Davis Kline, “A Little Bit of France in the Rio Grande Delta, 1850-1930”

8:00-8:15 PM  Gina Silva, “Rio Rico and the Winding Rio Grande River”

8:15-8:30 PM  Questions

Panel Two: Policing and Militarizing the Borderlands in the Twentieth Century

8:30-8:45 PM  Rogelio Garza, “America’s Illegal War: The 1916 Punitive Expedition”

8:45-9:00 PM  Mariel Toledano, “The U.S.-Mexico Border: From an Imaginary Line to a Physical Boundary.”

9:00-9:10 PM  Closing Comments