



Our Lady of the Lake University, the Center for Mexican American Studies and Research, the Sueltenfuss Library, the Humanities and Social Sciences Department, and Refusing To Forget proudly present “Life and Death on the Border: 1910-1920,” a panel exhibit that includes photographs, postcards, court documents, and rare artifacts that tell the story of daily life and re-examines Texas historical events of the early 1900s in the Rio Grande Valley and South Texas. The Refusing to Forget project worked alongside colleagues throughout the state and nation to help research and put together this exhibit and event series. These histories inspired Tejano literature, art, and music and influenced the creation of the Mexican American civil rights movement.

The exhibit will be on view from November 11, 2023 – March 31, 2024, at the OLLU Sueltenfuss Library.

The schedule for the event is as follows:

Saturday, November 11th from 10 AM – 2 PM

Historias de la Gente: Oral History recording session where OLLU students and volunteers will help record the stories of the community:

Topics might include:

1. Stories of living through anti-Mexican violence and its impact.
2. Stories of living growing up in the Westside | Southside of San Antonio, South Texas
3. Stories of civil rights struggles
4. Stories that detail family history and lore

We will also be opening a call to community members to donate/ have on display items and artifacts that reflect the history of Mexican Americans in San Antonio and South Texas or that relate to the history of Chicanos in South Texas. These items will only be on loan to the OLLU library during the length of the exhibit: November 11, 2023 – March 31, 2024.

Opening session: Saturday, November 11th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

10:00 – 10:15 AM: Coffee and Check in

10:15-10:35 AM: Welcome by Christopher Carmona, Valerie Martinez [First-Second Year Coordinator, Yolanda Rodriguez-Escobar [CMAS Director], Maria Cabaniss [OLLU Library]

**10:35 – 11:35 AM: Panel 1: “La Lucha Sigue: Women’s Activism Amidst Violence”
Guest Speaker Former Councilperson Rosie Castro, Councilperson District 5 Teri Castillo and Larissa Martinez, CEO/Founder, Circle of Arms**

11:35 – 11:45 AM: Break

11:45- 1:00 PM: Lunch will be served

12:00 – 1:00 PM: Panel 2: “Refusing To Forget” [Lunch Panel] *Lunch provided

1:00 – 1:30 PM: Cultural Presentations [Danza Azteca]

1:30 - 2:00 PM: Exhibit Viewing

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