

Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Latina/o Diaspora in the Americas Project Receives National Endowment for the Humanities 'Latino Americans: 500 Years of History' Grant

Gainesville, FL—The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program has been selected to receive a competitive Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will receive a cash grant of \$10,000 to hold public programming and conduct an oral history project about Latino history and culture in Tampa, Florida. The grant is coordinated by Sarah McNamara, PhD candidate at the University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, in connection with scholars at the University of Florida working through SPOHP's Latina/o Diaspora in the Americas Project. McNamara is a SPOHP alumna and graduate of the History Honors program at the University of Florida.

Planned programs at the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program's event agenda will include:

October 15, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.: Community Book Group, "Tampa through Testimonios"
A group discussion of Jose Iglesias' book, *The Truth About Them*
Tampa Bay History Center, 801 Old Water Street, Tampa, FL 33602
Sponsored by the Tampa Bay History Center (<http://tampabavhistorycenter.org/>)

October 17, 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.: Ybor City Walking Tour: "From Immigration to Urban Renewal"
New World Brewery, 1313 East 8th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605
Sponsored by the Tampa Bay History Center (<http://tampabavhistorycenter.org/>)

December 16: "Learning to Listen: Understanding Tampa's Latina/o Past through Oral History"
Speaker, Sarah McNamara
Florida Conversations Series, Sponsored by the Tampa Bay History Center and University of South Florida (<http://tampabavhistorycenter.org/> and <http://www.usf.edu/>)

February 2016: PBS Latino Americans Documentary: Prejudice and Pride
Documentary Viewing and Mediated Panel
Sponsored by Hillsborough County Libraries (<http://www.hcplc.org/>)

March 2016: Ybor City through Women's Eyes: Walking Tour
New World Brewery, 1313 East 8th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605
Sponsored by the Tampa Bay History Center (<http://tampabavhistorycenter.org/>)

March 2016: Latina History and Tampa History: On Film and In Person

Documentary Viewing and Mediated Panel

Sponsored by the Tampa Bay History Center (<http://tampabayhistorycenter.org/>)

June 2016: Online Exhibit Reveal

Sponsored by the Ybor City Museum Society (<http://www.vbormuseum.org/the-society/>)

The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program will also receive the six-part, NEH-supported documentary film "Latino Americans," created for PBS in 2013 by the WETA public television station. The award-winning series chronicles the history of Latinos in the United States from the 16th century to present day. (Learn more about the series at <http://www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en/>).

"Latino Americans are the country's largest minority group, with more than 50 million people, and still many people are unaware of their rich and varied history and culture," said Dr. Paul Ortiz, Director of the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program. "I'm thrilled that SPOHP has this opportunity to explore this topic in our communities throughout Florida."

The Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grantees represent 42 states and the District of Columbia, and include 78 public libraries, 68 college/university libraries and organizations, 19 community college libraries, 10 state humanities councils, 12 museums and a range of other nonprofit organizations.

Dr. Ortiz will also lead events with Santa Fe College on a separate Latino Americans: 500 Years of History grant in Fall 2015:

November 10, 2:00 p.m.: "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, Episode 3"

Documentary Screening and Discussion

Santa Fe Library, 3000 NW 83rd Street, Gainesville, FL 32606

November 15, 2:00 p.m.: "Latino Americans: 500 Years of History, Episode 3"

Documentary Screening and Discussion

Alachua County Library (Downtown), 401 East University Avenue, Gainesville, FL, 32601

About the National Endowment for the Humanities

Created in 1965 as an independent federal agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities supports research and learning in history, literature, philosophy and other areas of the humanities by funding selected, peer-reviewed proposals from around the nation. Additional information about the National Endowment for the Humanities and its grant programs is available at www.neh.gov.

About the American Library Association

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with approximately 58,000 members in academic, public, school, government and special libraries. The mission of the American Library Association is to provide leadership for the development, promotion and improvement of library and information services and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.

For more details about the Latina/o Diaspora in the Americas Project and other collections, please visit <http://oral.history.ufl.edu> or call the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at 352-392-7168.

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