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## **MEXICAN AMERICANS IN TEXAS: NOTABLE WORKS, 1985-1989**

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This short, multidisciplinary bibliography brings together an array of recently published works on various aspects of the Chicano community in Texas. With a few exceptions, the publications listed here fall within the social sciences. Many of these works share a common theme--mexicano attempts to redress a legacy of maltreatment and denial of fundamental civil rights. All titles cited are located in the Benson Latin American Collection.

Brischetto, Robert R. **The Political Power of Texas Mexicans, 1974-1988.** San Antonio: Southwest Voter Research Institute, 1988. 21 p.

This slim volume "describe[s] the demographic characteristics of Texas Mexicans, their voting patterns and their views on a variety of policy issues." Includes ample statistical data.

**F / 395 / M5 / B75 / 1988 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks**

De León, Arnoldo. **San Angelenos: Mexican Americans in San Angelo, Texas.** San Angelo: Fort Concho Museum Press, 1985. 176 p.

An historical study that details the social and political activities of a largely forgotten Chicano community. Prominent throughout text is the role of such organizations as the mutualistas, LULAC, and the American G.I. Forum.

**F / 394 / S15 / D35 / 1985 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks**

De León, Arnoldo and Kenneth L. Stewart. **Tejanos and the Numbers Game: A Socio-Historical Interpretation from the Federal Censuses, 1850-1900.** Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1989. 119 p.

Drawing "extensively on statistical analysis" of demographic characteristics and trends, this work attempts to present a more precise profile of the heterogeneous Texas Mexican community in the latter part of the 19th century.

F / 395 / M5 / D42 / 1989 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Foley, Douglas E. , et al. **From Peones to Politicos: Class and Ethnicity in a South Texas Town, 1900-1987.** 1st rev. ed. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1988. 318 p.

North Town is revisited ten years later in this case study which adopts a unique approach in examining how Anglos and Mexicans "have dealt with the problems of economic inequality" in a small South Texas community.

F / 395 / M5 / F64 / 1988 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

García, Ignacio M. **United We Win: The Rise and Fall of La Raza Unida Party.** Tucson: Mexican American Studies & Research Center, University of Arizona, 1989. 284 p.

A comprehensive and excellent overview of the third party, conceived and fostered in Texas, which irrevocably changed the political landscape in the Southwest.

JK / 2391 / R39 / G36 / 1989 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Jackson, Jack. **Los Mesteños: Spanish Ranching in Texas, 1721-1821.** College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 1986. 704 p.

Every Cavazos, Flores, Garza, Guerra, or Hinojosa whose ancestors formed part of the early ranching trade in South Texas will find interesting this "tribute...to those brave rancheros who pioneered an institution synonymous with this land and things Texan."

F / 389 / J25 / 1986 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Kreneck, Thomas H. **Del Pueblo: A Pictorial History of Houston's Hispanic Community.** Houston: Houston International University, 1989. 246 p.

Intended as a "public history," this work chronicles the social and cultural activities of the city's Mexican American citizens. Extensive and very readable text accompanies the black and white photographs.

F / 394 / H89 / S754 / 1989 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Maril, Robert Lee. **The Poorest of Americans: The Mexican Americans of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas.** Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1989. 228 p.

This general survey looks at the Valley's historical development as well as its current condition, particularly in the fields of labor, economic development, education, and health. Author argues that devastating and widespread poverty is due to historical factors which have shaped existing feudal-like systems.

F / 392 / R5 / M37 / 1989 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Márquez, Benjamin. **Power and Politics in a Chicano Barrio: A Study of Mobilization Efforts and Community Power in El Paso.** Lanham, MD.: University Press of America, 1985. 264 p.

Focusing on poor housing conditions faced by residents of South El Paso--El Barrio--this study examines how grass roots Chicano political organizations have "challenge[d] a white power" with ensuing repercussions.

F / 394 / E4 / M27 / 1985 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Montejano, David. **Anglos and Mexicans in the Making of Texas, 1836-1986.** Austin: University of Texas Press, 1987. 383 p.

This award-winning history examines 19th and 20th century social and ethnic relations between mexicanos and Anglos and constitutes an extremely significant contribution to ethnic and Southwestern studies.

F / 390 / M78 / 1987 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Peña, Manuel H. **The Texas-Mexican Conjunto: History of a Working Class Music.** Austin: University of Texas Press, 1985. 218 p.

Focusing on the post-WWII period and utilizing oral histories of musicians and radio and recording industry personalities, this book examines the evolution of conjunto music vis-a-vis social and cultural factors at play in the tejano community.

ML / 3481 / P46 / 1985 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Rodríguez, Reymundo and Marion Tolbert Coleman, eds. **Mental Health Issues of the Mexican Origin Population in Texas: Proceedings of the Fifth Robert Lee Sutherland Seminar in Mental Health.** Austin: Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, University of Texas, 1987. 239 p.

Papers discuss the identification of characteristics of the Mexican American population and its mental well-being; gender and mental health; utilization and underutilization of state agency programs; substance abuse, and the Mexican American elderly, among other topics.

RC / 451.5 / M48 / R6 / 1986 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Ruiz, Vicki L. and Susan Tiano, eds. **Women on the U.S.-Mexico Border: Responses to Change.** Boston: Allen & Unwin, 1987. 247 p.

Although not limited to the Texas-Mexico border region, over half of the essays in this multidisciplinary work are based on research conducted in the El Paso-Juárez and Austin areas. Women in the maquila industry and gender roles are among topics discussed in this significant collection.

F / 790 / M5 / W66 / 1987 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

San Miguel, Guadalupe, Jr. **"Let All of Them Take Heed": Mexican Americans and the Campaign for Educational Equality in Texas, 1910-1981.** Austin: University of Texas Press, 1987. 256 p.

Discusses how educational practices faced by Mexican American children--including institutional discrimination, substandard facilities, and irrelevant curriculums-- led the Chicano community to develop new strategies and mechanisms to combat this situation. Concludes that Mexican Americans continue to face educational inequality.

LC / 2687 / T4 / S36 / 1987 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

**"The Texas Mexican Legacy: Enduring Effects and Implications."** Special issue of *The Borderlands Journal*, v. 10, no. 1 (Fall 1986).

A "revisionist" response to the many publications commemorating the Texas Sesquicentennial, articles in this thematic issue focus on the Valley. Seven contributions cover topics that range "from South Texas pre-history to Rio Grande Valley folklore."

AP / 2 / S714 / v. 10 / 1986 / no. 1 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Thompson, Jerry D. **Mexican Texans in the Union Army.** El Paso: Texas Western Press, University of Texas at El Paso, 1986. 82 p.

A fascinating, if brief, story of the nearly 1000 tejano and mexicano ranchers, farmers, and herdsmen who saw action in the Civil War as members of the Second Texas Cavalry. Reasons for high incidence of subsequent desertions encapsulate prevalent Anglo attitudes towards Mexicans.

F / 395 / M5 / T497 / 1986 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Villareal, Roberto E., Norma G. Hernández, and Howard D. Neighbor. **Latino Empowerment: Problems and Prospects.** New York: Greenwood Press, 1988. 152 p.

Based on papers presented at a symposium on Chicano empowerment held at the University of Texas at El Paso in 1986, several of these essays explore the role of LULAC, institutional obstacles, education, local government and voting rights in Texas.

E / 184 / M5 / L33 / 1988 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Zamora, Emilio. **El movimiento obrero mexicano en el sur de Texas, 1900-1920.** México, D.F.: Secretaría de Educación Pública, 1986. 205 p.

This work, based on the author's 1983 dissertation at the University of Texas at Austin, identifies and describes cases of Mexican labor activity in South Texas. Author posits that oftentimes discrimination and racism were workers' major grievances and prevented their incorporation into broader labor organizing efforts in the U.S. at that period.

E / 184 / M5 / Z32 / 1986 / LAC • Benson Collection stacks