

Westside Humanities Project Presentations

April 21 and 22, 2021

With O'Connor Chair resources, the St. Mary's University's Westside San Antonio Humanities Project funded ten faculty-student teams to research and showcase aspects of the culture and history of San Antonio's Westside neighborhoods throughout 2020-2021. Known historically as Barrio Laredo (18th century), Laredito (19th century), the Latin Quarter (early 20th century), and now the Westside, this predominantly Mexican American section of the city has grown dramatically during the last two centuries but few know of its rich history and culture.

On April 21 & 22, during the Annual Student Research Symposium & Creative Arts Exhibition, the project research teams will present their findings and launch a project website hosting their projects. Please join us in celebrating San Antonio's Westside which has hosted St. Mary's University campus since 1894.

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Presentation Day 1: Wednesday 4/21 11AM-1PM

- 11:00AM:** Gerald E. Poyo, Lindsey Passenger Wieck, & Amanda Hill, Westside Humanities Project Introduction
- 11:05AM:** Gerald E. Poyo and Edgar Velázquez Reynald, "Latino St. Mary's: the 1930s & the 1960s"
- 11:30AM:** Rick Sperling and Micaela Cruz, "Mexicanidad on the Westside: Tracing the Legacy of Incomparable Servingness at Our Lady of the Lake University"
- 11:55AM:** Meghann M. Peace and Yamilet Muñoz, "Bilingual, Biliterate, and Bicultural: Dual Language in Westside Schools"
- 12:20PM:** Bernadette Hamilton-Brady & Jorge Martinez, "IDENTIDEM <—>IDENTIDAD<—>IDENTITY: A Transformative Theatre Project Capturing the Spiritual and Cultural Realities of Youth and Young Adults in Holy Rosary Parish, San Antonio, Texas"
- 12:45PM:** Amanda Hill and Sydney Jara-Barrio, "Westside Stories: A Virtual Platform to Showcase the Research of the Westside San Antonio Humanities Project"

Presentation Day 2: Thursday 4/22 1:30PM-3:30PM

- 1:30PM:** Lindsey Wieck and Victoria Villaseñor, "Water and Structural Inequities in the Westside: Remembering the Flood of 1921"
- 1:55PM:** Joseph Gershtenson and Cynthia Rodríguez, "The Influential Leaders of San Antonio's Westside"
- 2:15PM:** Sue Nash and Angely Noriega Baron, "The Effect of the Housing Crisis on Westside Community Health: A Focus on Historical and Present Day Epidemics/Pandemics"
- 2:40PM:** Claudia Donoso and Kathryn Kokkler, "Education Inequality in Westside San Antonio during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of Lanier High School"
- 3:05PM:** Teresa Van Hoy, Harold Johnson, and Gerardo Nino Pozos, "Black in the Barrio: African American History of San Antonio's Westside"

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