Please join the Texas A&M Race & Ethnic Studies Institute (RESI) and the Carlos H. Cantu Center for Hispanic Education & Opportunity Endowment on March 2nd, 2021 at 6pm for the screening of the film *The First Rainbow Coalition*. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with director Ray Santisteban, Henry Gaddis and Jose "Cha Cha" Jimenez. The film chronicles a historic multiracial coalition of the Black Panthers, the Young Lords, and the Young Patriots. The film can be viewed asynchronously [here](#) up to 14 days before the event.

Ray Santisteban’s work consistently explores activist and artist profiles, addressing the themes of justice, memory and political transformation. He directed and produced *The First Rainbow Coalition* with archival footage and interviews with former Coalition members.

Jose “Cha Cha” Jimenez became one of the founding members of the Chicago-based Rainbow Coalition. He was the catalyst who helped to transform the Young Lords from a gang into a civil and human rights movement.

Henry Gaddis, who joined the Illinois chapter of the Black Panther Party, organized and maintained relations between the member organizations of the Rainbow Coalition on the North side of Chicago.

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