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THE EVOLUTION OF **JUAN CROW IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

FROM LULAC V RICHARD TO THE PRESENT

In 1987, MALDEF filed a class action lawsuit against Texas, asserting that the state denied higher education opportunities to Mexican Americans along the Texas-Mexico border. While the initial jury found Texas guilty, the Texas Supreme Court ruled against the plaintiffs. Rather than perceive the lawsuit as a failure, it is credited with UT and A&M's expansion into the border region and with compelling the Texas Legislature to pass the South Texas Border Initiative (STBI), providing millions of dollars for nine institutions within the border region.

STBI is often hailed as a success—expanding opportunities for Mexican American residents within a region previously referred to as a higher education desert. Closer scrutiny of socio-demographic data for the region and its institutions of higher education suggests that STBI's accolades are overstated. The inequality between Non-Hispanic Whites and Mexican-origin people persists because the institutional racism and discrimination at the root of the inequality has evolved, becoming more subtle but no less powerful. Dr. Isabel Araiza will unpack this in her presentation.

Dr. Araiza is a scholar interested in institutions and processes that (re)produce the marginality of Mexican-origin people. Her recent scholarly publications addressed working with vulnerable populations and access to clean water. She is committed to using her sociological toolkit to positively impact her community and the lives of others.



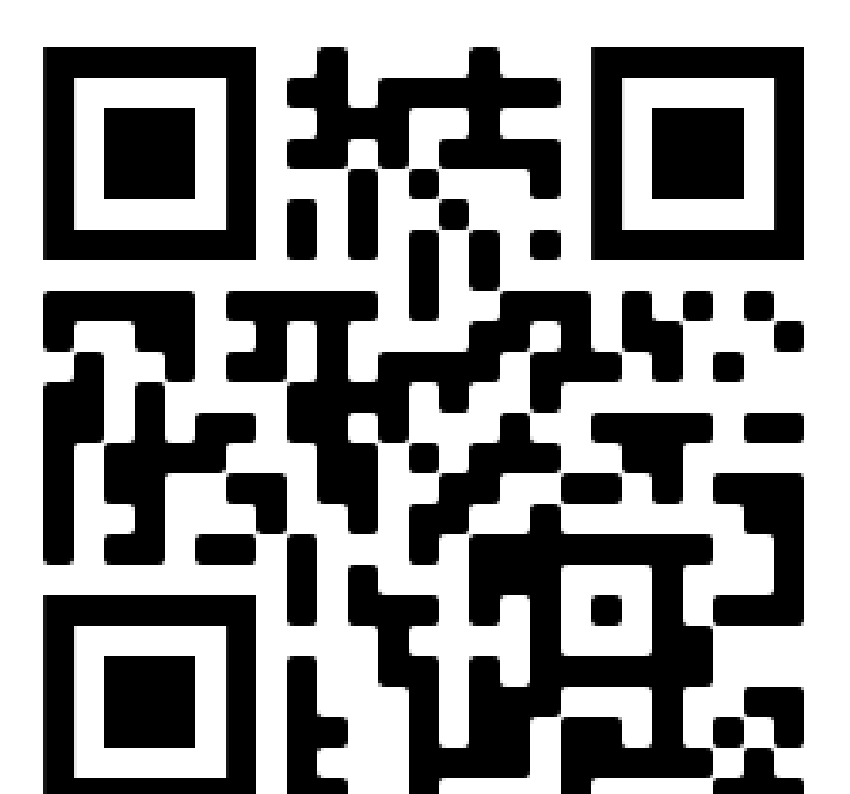
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