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UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Event Announcement

Talk: Omar Valerio-Jiménez presents “Owning History: Mexican American Activists and the U.S.-Mexican War”



Left: *Brown Berets Leave Catalina Island, 1972*, Underwood Archives
Right: *LULAC Convention, 1929*, Benson Library, University of Texas

Thursday, May 5, 2016

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

CSRC Library - 144 Haines Hall

The U.S.-Mexican War (1846-48) is known as the America’s “forgotten war” because few Americans know the causes or consequences of the conflict that transformed the U.S. into a continental power. Yet, the war is central to Mexicans’ collective memory because it created the first generation of Mexican Americans and influenced the identity of subsequent generations. This project addresses this paradox by identifying Mexican Americans’ choice of remembered events, exploring how memories were transmitted, and analyzing their meaning.

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