Book Talk: José M. Alamillo presents *Deportes: The Making of a Sporting Mexican Diaspora*

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Please join us online when José M. Alamillo, professor and chair of the Chicana/o Studies Department at CSU Channel Islands, presents his new book, *Deportes: The Making of a Sporting Mexican Diaspora* (Rutgers University Press, 2021). Spanning the first half of the twentieth century, *Deportes* uncovers the hidden experiences of Mexican male and female athletes, teams and leagues and their supporters who fought for a more level playing field on both sides of the border. Despite a widespread belief that Mexicans shunned physical exercise, teamwork or “good sportsmanship,” they proved that they could compete in a wide variety of sports at amateur, semiprofessional, Olympic and professional levels. Professor Alamillo will be introduced by Genevieve Carpio; assistant professor of Chicana/o and Central American Studies at UCLA; Rudy Mondragón, doctoral candidate in Chicana/o and Central American studies at UCLA, will moderate the Q&A.

Alamillo was the 2002-2003 Institute of American Cultures visiting scholar at the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, where he first started researching sports history. He taught the first Chicana/o sports history class at UCLA, “Race, Sport & Recreation in Chicana/o Los Angeles,” in Spring 2003.

This event is organized by the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center and co-sponsored by the César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o and Central American Studies, the Department of History, and the Center for Mexican Studies. This event is free and open to the public.


A Zoom link will be sent to registrants the day before the event. This webinar will be recorded.

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