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## MALRC On The Move

**Welcome to MALRC On The Move** Volume 1, Issue 1, November 2005

I am very pleased to send to you the very first issue of MALRC On The Move. In this issue, I would like to inform you as to the areas of concentration into which MALRC Developmental Grants are located. Professors are choosing to work in six areas: Labor and Community, Education and Human Development, Health and Environment, Housing, Literature and Language, and Family and Youth. Of course, these areas work very well with the Colleges of the Council of Participating Deans, and strongly support faculties in their Colleges. Also, MALRC is open to other research initiatives whose work will support research in the other Colleges at Texas A&M.

Secondly, I would like to report that MALRC has requested membership in the Inter-University Program for Latino Research. This is a consortium of 16 universities throughout the United States and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. The advantages of membership in IUPLR to MALRC are several. First, member institutions receive valuable information about research opportunities from IUPLR. Second, the Directors of IUPLR affiliated Centers meet twice a year to exchange information and gather information about research opportunities.

As the title of the newsletter indicates, MALRC is truly "On the Move" and the newsletter will be the means by which information about MALRC will be sent to you.

Edward Murguia, Founding Director

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### MALRC Developmental Grant Areas of Concentration

#### LABOR AND COMMUNITY

**NAME:** Flores, Nadia Y.

**DEPARTMENT:** Sociology

**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts

**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Exploring the Segregation of Immigrants and Non-immigrants in Houston.

**NAME:** Lessem, Ann

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Policy Research Institute

**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts

**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** A Contextual model for Determinants of Retirement Amongst Hispanic Populations

**NAME:** Valdez, Zulema

**DEPARTMENT:** Sociology

**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts

**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Self-Sufficiency through Ethnic Entrepreneurship? Micro-Enterprise among Micro-Enterprise among Disadvantaged Latinos in a Houston Ethnic Enclave



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#### EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

**NAME:** Albrecht, Don E.  
**DEPARTMENT:** Recreation, Park & Tourism Sciences  
**COLLEGE:** Agriculture & Life Science  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Education as a Pathway from Poverty: A Study of Hispanics in Urban Texas

**NAME:** Diaz, Zulmaris  
**DEPARTMENT:** Teaching, Learning, and Culture  
**COLLEGE:** Education and Human Development  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Family Involvement Helping Children Achieve in School

**NAME:** Gonzales, Jorge E.  
**DEPARTMENT:** Educational Psychology  
**COLLEGE:** Education & Human Development  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Migrant Students and Educational: Discovering the Factors which Influence the Migrant Education and its Outcomes

**NAME:** Joshi, R. Malatesha  
**DEPARTMENT:** Teaching, Learning, and Culture  
**COLLEGE:** Education & Human Development  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Identification of Literacy Problems Among Spanish-speaking Elementary School Children.

**NAME:** May, Marlynn  
**DEPARTMENT:** Social & Behavioral Health  
**COLLEGE:** A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Community Health Worker Certification: An Impact Study

**NAME:** Vacano, Diego A. von  
**DEPARTMENT:** Political Science  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Race and Identity: Learning from Latin American Thought

#### HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

**NAME:** Betrán, Javier  
**DEPARTMENT:** Poultry Science  
**COLLEGE:** Agriculture & Life Sciences  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Evaluation of Quality Protein Maize in Poultry Nutrition and its Effects on the Functional Properties of Poultry Meat

**NAME:** Cooper, Sharon P.  
**DEPARTMENT:** Epidemiology & Biostatistics  
**COLLEGE:** A&M Health Science Center, School of Rural Public Health  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Back Symptoms and Work among Farm Worker Adolescents from Starr County, Texas

**NAME:** Gelwick, Frances  
**DEPARTMENT:** Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences  
**COLLEGE:** Agriculture and Life Sciences  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Replicable Citizen Participation Models for Water Use and Sustainable Delivery of Low-Cost Goods and Services by Healthy Aquatic Ecosystems along the Texas-Mexico Border

## Areas of Concentration continued



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#### HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT con't

**NAME:** Perez, Marisol  
**DEPARTMENT:** Psychology  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Obesity: An Equal Opportunity Disorder

**NAME:** Sanchez-Plata, Marcos  
**DEPARTMENT:** Poultry Science  
**COLLEGE:** Agriculture & Life Sciences  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Approaches to Enhance the Dietary Functionality of Eggs and Poultry meat Products by Evaluating Product Applications and Preservation Strategies to Minimize the Deterioration of Functional Components

#### HOUSING

**NAME:** Giusti, Cecilia  
**DEPARTMENT:** Landscape, Architecture, and Urban Planning  
**COLLEGE:** Architecture  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Micro-credit for Home Improvement in *Colonias* Along the Texas-Mexico Border: Revolving Fund as a Sustainable Community Approach

**NAME:** Reimers, Carlos A.  
**DEPARTMENT:** Architecture  
**COLLEGE:** Architecture  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Housing Diversity in Low-Income Environments: Relationships Between Housing Forms and Housing Arrangements in the *Colonias* of the US-Mexico Border

#### LITERATURE & LANGUAGE

**NAME:** Alonzo, Juan J.  
**DEPARTMENT:** English  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** The Mexican 'Badman' and the American Western

**NAME:** Portales, Marco  
**DEPARTMENT:** English  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Chicano Literature and American Studies: *Washington Gomez* and the *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*

**NAME:** Vaid, Jyotsna  
**DEPARTMENT:** Psychology  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Linguistic and Cognitive Impact of Language Brokering by Mexican American Youth

#### FAMILY AND YOUTH

**NAME:** Ackerman, Jeffrey M.  
**DEPARTMENT:** Sociology  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Domestic Violence Re-Victimization in Mexican American and Latino Communities

**NAME:** Cepeda-Benito, Antonio  
**DEPARTMENT:** Psychology  
**COLLEGE:** Liberal Arts  
**GRANT APPLICATION TITLE:** Feasibility of a Computer-Based Drug Prevention Program for Mexican American Children