



MALRC On The Move

Welcome

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It is a distinct pleasure to announce that Dr. Armando Alonzo, Associate Professor in the Department of History, College of Liberal Arts, received notice that he has received the title and rank of Visiting Fellow at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Alonzo has been awarded \$30,000 to accept a Visiting Fellow position at the Institute for Latino Studies and the University of Notre Dame. Dr. Alonzo specializes in Mexican American, Texan, and Spanish borderlands history.

Congratulations, Dr. Alonzo! We sincerely hope that your success continues, and we are pleased to have played a part in your obtaining funding to support your important work.

Edward Murguía
Director

Dr. Armando Alonzo

A native of the Lower Valley of Texas, Professor Alonzo received his Ph.D. in History from Indiana University in 1991 and has taught at Southwest Texas State University and the University of Texas at San Antonio. His research interests are the history of Tejanos and Borderlands of Mexico and the U.S. He is the author of *Tejano Legacy: Rancheros and Settlers in South Texas, 1734-1900*, published by the University of New Mexico Press in 1998. With funding from the National Research Council, he is currently studying the history of Texas and Northern Mexico in the period 1700-1865.

Professor Alonzo's work at Notre Dame will focus on three distinct time periods in the history of the Texas-Mexico borderland. The first period, 1799-1820, examines the Hispanic foundation and the beginnings of the Atlantic trade during the Wars of Independence. The second period, 1820-1900, focuses on expansion and maturation of the Atlantic trade, impact of international railroads, and new migrations to Texas. The third period assesses the impact of larger 20th century events such as the Great Depression, which temporarily restricted migration from Mexico and stimulated a repatriation of Mexicans. The previous pattern of extensive transborder transactions returned during World War II because of the U.S. need for labor, servicemen, and material resources for the war. Since the 1980's greater complexity in binational interactions has yielded a mixed result of favorable and unfavorable connections for both countries.



Dr. Murguía presents Dr. Alonzo with the MALRC Grantsmanship Award at the MALRC office on August 27, 2007.

NEW!!! Upcoming MALRC Events & Revised Deadlines NEW!!!

MALRC Research Field Trip—Deadline: September 21, 2007

Join us on this fantastic research opportunity. The trip will take place October 10 & 11. Find out what research opportunities are available in the Bryan/ College Station area for your research interests.

MALRC RFA—Deadline: September 17, 2007

The MALRC RFA deadline has been extended. We want you to take advantage of the opportunities MALRC offers new and tenured TAMU faculty.