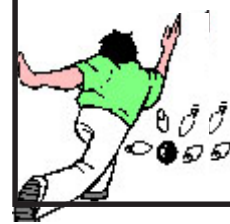


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## Deborah Vargas Now Teaching at Univ Calif. Irvine

Deborah Vargas was born on the West Side of **San Antonio**. She has conducted several oral histories with Texas-Mexican women singers (**Lydia Mendoza, Rosita Fernandez, Eva Ybarra**) for the Smithsonian Institute's Latino Music Oral History Project.

**Dr. Vargas** earned two bachelor's degrees from **The University of Texas at Austin** in 1988 and 1990. She then went on to earn a master's degree (1997) and in 2003, a Ph.D. in sociology from the **University of California at Santa Cruz**. Her dissertation (Las Tracaleras: Texas Mexican Women, Music, and Place) After completing a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Chicana/o Studies at **UC Davis**, she became an Assistant Professor in the Chicano/Latino Studies Program at **UC Irvine**.



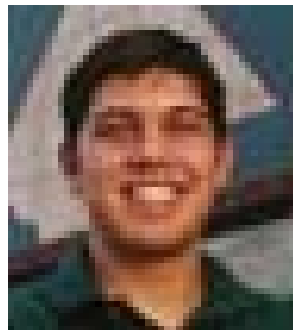
## Cynthia Feliciano Explores the Aspirations of Immigrants in US

**Cynthia Feliciano** is currently an Assistant Professor at the **University of California at Irvine** in the Department of Sociology. Among her research interests is how immigrant children form educational aspirations and expectations.

**Dr. Feliciano** received her bachelor's degree in political science from **Boston University** and in 2003, a Ph. D. in sociology from the University of California at Los Angeles.

Her research interests have been supported by a number of prestigious grants including dissertation fellowships from the **Ford Foundation**, and **UCLA's Graduate Division** and a **UC President's Postdoctoral fellowship**.

She has also published several articles and book chapters on Asian and Latino immigrants, immigrant culture, and education.



## Arnaldo Becho Studying for MS Degree in Library Science at UNT

**Arnaldo Becho**, a fellow in **University of North Texas' Rio Grande Initiative**, first worked in a library while earning his psychology degree at **Baylor University**.

With a wife and new baby to support, he returned to his hometown of **McAllen** and joined the South Texas Community College Library there in April 2004. He began working on his master's degree in library science through the Rio Grande Initiative last January.

Now halfway through the program, he says the online classes have helped him in his work as a reference and circulation specialist managing about 20 part-time employees. And he says his knowledge of Spanish and the border culture also comes in handy when assisting library patrons. "Providing access for all individuals is one of the most important principles of librarians," he says. "I'm really happy to be able to provide access to the library's resources for people of my culture."

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# Editorial

## Por Qué al Mexicano No Le Tienen Respeto?

Dicen que el Mexicano tiene miedo de hablar.

Dicen que cuando el Mexicano recibe su cambio en el HEB y no esta correcto, raro es la vez que le dice algo a la cajera.

Dicen que el Mexicano no esta organizado, que trabaja por arroz y frijoles y que cuando se presenta la oportunidad, pisotea a su proximo.

Aunque todo o una parte de lo que dicen es verdad o no, el imagen del Mexicano ha sido construido a travez de los años por una seria de representaciones en las medias de comunicaciones y por una mentalidad perputada por el Mexicano mismo. No ayuda de ninguna manera cuando en restaurante Mexicano, (con dueños Mexicanos) usa el hombre dormido bajo un nopal con el burro esperando que se despierta.

Todo estos ejemplos (y hay más) han bajado el nivel de respeto del Mexicano altravez de los años. Creo que al Mexicano no lo respetan porque ha dejado que otros lo pisotean y no ha dicho casi nada en su defensa.

Pero eso dias de hace amigabale, y de no decir nada se estan acabando. En este siglo que se esta abriendo, el Mexicano, como otros inmigrantes antes, esta realizando que si uno quiere respeto, tiene que exejirlo. Y no nomas tiene que exejirlo, tiene que estar despuesto a pelear por ese respeto!

**Chavez, Tijerina, Gonzalez y Gutierrez** enseñaron a la nación que el Mexicano si sabia luchar por sus derechos. Y ahora la gente esta saliendo a las calles para enseñar a los demas que la lucha por el derecho de darle comer a la familia apenas esta empezando.

## Why the Mexican Gets No Respect



Alfredo R. Santos c/s  
Editor

They say that Mexicans are afraid to speak up.

They say that when a Mexican is given incorrect change at the HEB, he will rarely say something to the cashier.

They say that the Mexican is not organized and will work for rice and beans and that he will pull down his fellow countryman when given the opportunity. (People like to tell the old crab and bucket story to support this contention).

Whether any or all of these contentions are true or not, the public image of the Mexican in the United States has been constructed over the years through a series of stereotypes, biased media representations (movies and the daily news) and a "si señor" mentality perpetuated by Mexicans themselves. It does not help the image of Mexicans when restaurants, (owned by Mexicans), use the image of the guy sleeping under a cactus while his burro stands by patiently waiting for him to wake up.

All of these examples, (and there are more), have driven down the "respect quotient" for Mexicans over the years. I believe that Mexicans, as a group, have gotten very little respect because they have allowed others to step on them have said next to nothing.

But the days of being the friendly, *si señor*, give me a cold tortilla and step on my toes anytime you want Mexican are quickly coming to an end. As the 21st Century opens up, the Mexicans, like other immigrants before him is realizing that if you want respect, you have to demand it. And not only must you demand it, you must be willing to fight for it.

While **Cesar Chavez, Reies Lopez Tijerina, Corky Gonzales and Jose Angel Guterrez** showed the nation in the 1960s, that Mexicans were indeed very capable of fighting for civil rights, a whole new crop of activists have now risen up to demonstrate that when people believe their backs are to the wall, they will come out fighting. The debate over who gets to call themselves an American is just starting.