

# **Texas Latino Policy Symposium III**

## ***Latinos Bienestar During and Post COVID-19***



Virtual Conference  
hosted by

St. Mary's University – College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences,  
Department of Economics & Graduate Program in Public Administration  
Co-sponsored with The University of Texas at San Antonio –  
College of Health, Community and Policy, Policy Studies Center

### **Agenda**

#### **Day 1: October 1, 2020**

❖ **8:00 – 8:30 AM: Virtual Café and Pan Dulce**

❖ **8:30 – 9:00 AM: Welcome and Opening Discussion**

- Belinda Roman, Assistant Professor of Economics, St. Mary's University
- Leona Pallansch, Dean  
College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, St. Mary's University
- Juan Flores, MUP, Co-Founder, Texas Latino Policy Symposium (TLPS)
  - *“TXLPS Background and Economic Mobility Challenges Under Covid-19”*

❖ **9:00 – 10:15 AM: Education**

*Moderator: Natalia Garcia, MS, College for Health, Community & Policy, UT San Antonio*

- “Latinx achievement and achievement growth during elementary and middle school in Texas from 2008-2015”
  - Pat Rubio Goldsmith, Professor, Sociology; Peggy Carris, and Mary Jalufka (Doctoral Students), Texas A&M University
- “Effects of House Bill 3 on Young English Learner Students”
  - Chloe Latham Sikes, Deputy Director of Policy and Ana Ramon, Deputy Director of Advocacy, Intercultural Development Research Association (IDRA)
- “Education and Labor Force Trends for Latino Men in Texas: Policy Implications for Our Progress of 60X30TX”

- Victor Saenz, Chair, Department Education and Policy, Jorge M. Burmicky, Assistant Director, Research Project MALES. and Wonsun Ryu, Post-Doctoral Fellow Population Research Center, UT Austin

❖ **10:30 – 11:45 AM: Labor and Employment**

*Moderator: Belinda Román, PhD, St. Mary's University*

- “Latino Labor Market Realities”
  - Salvador Contreras, Associate Professor, Director, Center for Border Economic Studies, UT Rio Grande Valley
- “Wage Equity for Latinos and the COVID Crunch”
  - Lily Casura, MSW, Doctoral Candidate, Applied Demography, UT San Antonio
- “Construction Worker Abuses, COVID Impact, and Policy Demands”
  - Amelia Casas, Dallas Policy Coordinator, Workers Defense Project

❖ **12:00 – 1:30 PM: Plenary Session: Texas Latino Policy Priorities: Latino Policy Priority due to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

*Moderator: Angela Kocherga, KTEP News Director (El Paso)*

- *Latinos and the Future of Texas: Focus on the Post-Covid Future”*
  - Marta Tienda, Texas Higher Education Opportunity Project, Office of Population Research, Princeton University
- “*Latino Policy Priorities in our COVID-19 Pandemic”*
  - Rob Santos - Vice President and Chief Methodologist, Director, Statistical Methods Group, Urban Institute – Austin
- “*Pulling Back the Curtain: Politics and Policy Under Covid-19”*
  - Mercy Murguia, Commissioner Precinct 2, Amarillo, Texas, Potter County

❖ **2:00- 3:15 PM: Affordable Housing Development**

*Moderator: Roger Enriquez, JD, Director, Policy Studies Center, College for Health, Community & Policy, UT San Antonio*

- “*Federal/State Policy Under Covid-19: Latino Affordable Housing Implications”*
  - Noel Poyo, Executive Director, National Association of Latino Community Asset Builders (NALCAB)
- “*State of Housing in Houston and Harris County & the Latinx Population”*
  - Julia Orduna, MPA, Community Navigator, Texas Housers, Houston, Texas
- “*Affordable Housing: Local Level Response: City of San Antonio*”
- Veronica Soto, FAICP, Director, Neighborhood & Housing Service Department, City of San Antonio

❖ **3:30 – 4:45 PM: Health and Human Services**

*Moderator: Rogelio Saenz, PhD, Professor, Demography, College for Health, Community & Policy, UT San Antonio*

- “Covid-19: Caos En La Comunidad”
  - Estela Reyes-Lopez, Public Informations Officer, Centro de Salud Familiar La Fe El Paso, Texas
- “*Non-Profit Service Responses to Worsening Disparities Under Covid-19*”
  - Rosamaria Murillo, PhD, LMSW, CEO, El Buen Samaritano, Austin, Texas
- “*Outreach and Preventive Health Efforts in the Latino Community*”
  - Anelia Banda, Executive Director, Hispanic Wellness Coalition, Fort Worth, Texas

❖ **4:45 – 5:15 PM: Round-up**

- Juan Flores, MPH

**Day 2: October 2, 2020**

❖ **8:00 – 8:30 AM: Virtual Café and Pan Dulce**

❖ **8:30 – 9:45 AM: Covid-19 and the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session**

*Moderator: Belinda Román, PhD, St. Mary’s University*

- “Policy Priorities and Plans for 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature”
  - Jose Rodriquez, Texas State Senator, District 29, El Paso

❖ **10:00 – 11:30 AM: Master/Doctoral Student Perspectives on Latino Policy Priorities**

*Moderated by Rogelio Saenz, PhD, The University of Texas at San Antonio*

- St. Mary’s University
  - “Funding Futures: Assisting the Hispanic Serving Institutions of Texas”
    - Micaela S. Cruz
- UT San Antonio
  - “*Latino Household Experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic*”
    - Uriel Lomeli
  - “*Colonias in Tejas: Time for a State Update*”
    - Coda Rayo-Garza
- UT Austin
  - “*Measuring Immigrant Incorporation: A Collaborative Effort*”
    - Aaron I. Escajeda
    - Ana G. Perez
- University of Houston
  - “*Latina Partner Violence Under Covid-19*”

- Flor Avellaneda – Social Work
- *Legalize it? Recreational Marijuana*
- Gabriela Mohr – Social Work

❖ **11:30 – 1:00 PM: Discussion and Closing Remarks**

- Juan Flores, MPH

❖ **1:00 PM: Adjournment**