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On behalf of Latinos in Heritage Conservation's board and staff, we welcome you to Congreso 2022, our fourth biennial national convening! Congreso is the only conference dedicated to the Latinx preservation movement. We are thrilled to be in Denver, a city that is nearly one-third Latinx and has played a prominent role in storied Latinx history. Its residents and community leaders are actively engaged in addressing critical issues facing Latinx communities such as gentrification and the need to document our communities, history, and culture.



Congreso 2022 also marks a major milestone for LHC. Since our founding in 2014, we have been volunteer-run, relying on our passion and free time to shape our vision. That is, until the last few months. In late 2021, LHC received a \$750,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to support our programs and the hiring of our inaugural staff. Thanks to this generous support our inaugural Executive Director, Sehila Mota Casper, takes the helm!

As LHC begins this exciting new chapter, we want to thank those who have supported our growth over the years. Additionally, we'd like to offer our deepest gratitude to our partner, Historic Denver, and our host site, the History Colorado Center! Their work to preserve and elevate Latinx histories will be featured through our conference sessions. With the support of our sponsors and behind-the-scenes planning of many, we assembled a stellar lineup of speakers. This is an opportunity to learn from others, share our successes and challenges, and expand our networks of allies. We've got a lot of work to do, and we hope you leave Congreso feeling inspired and renewed.

On behalf of Latinos in Heritage Conservation, thank you for joining us!

Paz y solidaridad,

Desiree Aranda
Co-Chair, LHC Board of Directors

Sarah Zenaida Gould, Ph.D.
Co-Chair, LHC Board of Directors



On behalf of Historic Denver’s Board of Trustees, staff, volunteers, and members, welcome to Denver! We want to thank the board of Latinos in Heritage Conversation for choosing our community for this important gathering and thank our friends at History Colorado for their generous support and for offering their beautiful museum as the Congreso host-site.



Founded in late 1970 to save the Molly Brown House Museum, Historic Denver has worked to ensure Denver is a diverse, distinctive, and dynamic city for fifty years. Our work is always evolving and is best accomplished in close partnership with community. We are proud to share some of this work during Congreso, including the investments our local preservation community is making in recognizing, amplifying, and protecting the spaces and places that tell local Latino/a and Chicano/a stories. This work includes the designation of the first local historic cultural district associated with the Chicano Movement, a city-sponsored context study

called Nuestras Historias, and the tremendous efforts of the Chicano/a Murals Project of Colorado to advocate for the preservation of a powerful and at-risk set of resources.

But most significantly, we’re excited to learn from all of you—Congreso’s speakers, students, and participants. Your work has already catalyzed action here in Denver as we’ve sought guidance and shared challenges over e-mails and phone calls. Congreso’s impact will resonate in our community for years to come, inspiring the work of our organization and our partners to expand narratives, practice inclusive preservation, and ensure that everyone in our communities sees their stories reflected in the places and spaces we work to sustain and protect.

Annie Robb Levinsky
Executive Director
Historic Denver, Inc.

John Lucero
Board Chair
Historic Denver, Inc.

FELICIDADES TO OUR CONGRESO 2022 SCHOLARS!

Jeronimo Roldan
PORTLAND, OR

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SAN LEANDRO, CA

Alejandra Peña
MAYAGUEZ, PUERTO RICO

Eric Munoz
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Roselia Banuelos
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DES MOINES, WA

Alondra Espejel-Cano
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Katrina Gallegos
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ARLINGTON, TX

Andrea Valdez
WACO, TX

Jonathan Angulo
CARROLLTON, TX

Stephanie Garcia
SALT LAKE CITY, UT



Our Themes

- REGION
- RESOURCES
- RIGHTS

Bienvenid@s a **Congreso 2022!** The location and geographical focus of LHC’s fourth biennial conference is the **inter-mountain region**, an area characterized by diverse geographies, ecological zones, cultures, histories, and traditions. The name of our gathering recalls El Congreso de Pueblos de Habla Española, the coalition of civil rights and labor rights organizations that first convened in Los Angeles in 1938. In the same spirit, we remember the Crusade for Justice and the Chicano Youth Liberation Conferences it hosted in Denver beginning in 1969. Today, as we continue to assert our **fundamental rights**, we also seek to protect the **historical, cultural, and natural resources** we share in this region and beyond—our stories, art, music, foodways, neighborhoods, waterways, public lands, and enduring landscapes.

Registration Hours

LOCATION: History Colorado Atrium
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, starting at 8:00 am

Session Recordings

Sessions will be recorded and available for download following Congreso.

Live Streamed

Conference welcome, sessions, Friday reception, and Saturday luncheon will all be livestreamed on Zoom. An email with login credentials will be sent to virtual participants one day before Congreso.

Book Signing

Join us on Saturday for a book signing event with Raymond David Vela, former acting director of the United States National Park Service, as we celebrate his 2022 publication, *Hola Ranger, My Journey Through The National Parks*.



Congreso is supported in part by the Mellon Foundation and a History Colorado–State Historical Fund grant.



Event Sponsors:



11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.
Registration

1:00 p.m.–1:45 p.m.
Congreso 2022 Welcome

SPEAKERS:

Desiree Aranda, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Dr. Sarah Zenaida Gould, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Annie Levinsky, Historic Denver

Dawn DiPrince, History Colorado



Joshua Emerson, Denver American Indian Commission

1:45 p.m.–2:15 p.m.
Latinxs Communities in Denver

FACILITATOR: **Laura Dominguez**, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Colorado State Historian Nicki Gonzales, Ph.D. will share an overview of the history of Latinx communities in Denver. Her talk will encompass a variety of topics and themes, including local contributions to the Chicano Civil Rights Movement and how Latinxs have responded to displacements over time.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Nicki Gonzales, Colorado State Historian and Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Regis University

2:15 p.m.–2:45 p.m.

Latinos in Heritage Conservation: Past, Present, and Future of LHC

LHC Board Co-Chairs will reflect on the organization’s origins and major achievements. They will introduce LHC’s first Executive Director who will share exciting things to come.

SPEAKERS:

Desiree Aranda, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Dr. Sarah Zenaida Gould, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Sehila Mota Casper, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

2:45 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Break

3:00 p.m.–4:00 pm.

REGION

Regional Perspectives: Cultural Landscapes, Environment, and Conservation

This session will discuss regional work and perspectives on traditional and cultural building methodologies, environmental education, cultural heritage, and celebrate culinary

and food traditions. Participants will discuss how they approach the field and provide insight into new strategies, successes, and challenges in working with Latinx cultural landscapes and living heritage.

SPEAKERS:

Eddie Torrez, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Francisco Uviña, University of New Mexico

Juan Pérez Sáez, Environmental Learning for Kids

Lane Santa Cruz, City of Tucson

4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

RESOURCES

American Latino Heritage Initiative Retrospective

A “Scholars Expert Panel” advised the National Park Service’s American Latino Heritage Initiative (2011-16) and produced *American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study* (2013). Members of this panel will reflect upon and discuss their work with the NPS, its significance, its legacies, and the work that remains unfinished.

SPEAKERS:

Dr. Antonia Castañeda, American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

Dr. Estevan Rael-Gálvez, American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

Belinda Faustinos, American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

Dr. Ray Rast, American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

Dr. Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

5:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception

FACILITATOR: **Dr. Ray Rast**, American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the NPS’s American Latino Heritage Initiative, we’ll kick-off Congreso with a special reflection and remarks by former Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar who will join us remotely, live from Mexico City and end with Q&A. This lively gathering will include music by Eddie Torrez. Your ticket gets you two drinks, hors d’oeuvres, and a fabulous evening of mingling with colleagues.

SPEAKERS:

Sara C. Bronin, Cornell University



Ken Salazar, United States Ambassador to Mexico

8:00 a.m.–8:45 a.m.**Registration & Breakfast****8:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m.****Welcome****SPEAKERS:****Desiree Aranda**, Latinos in Heritage Conservation**Dr. Sarah Zenaida Gould**, Latinos in Heritage Conservation**9:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.****REGION** **RESOURCES****Innovative Strategies to Preserve Denver Latino/a Heritage****FACILITATOR:** **Amanda Sandoval**, Northside City Councilperson District 1

This panel discussion will focus on innovative strategies and tools used to preserve Denver's Latino/a and Chicano/a heritage, including the La Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District, the Chicano/a Murals of Colorado Project, and Denver's Nuestra Historias Context Study. The case studies will highlight how these efforts pushed preservation boundaries, catalyzed further preservation action, and how such strategies can be applied in other communities.

SPEAKERS:**Annie Levinsky**, Historic Denver**Lucha Martinez de Luna**, Chican@ Murals of Colorado Project**Jenny Buddenborg**, City of Denver**10:15 a.m.–10:30 a.m.****Break****10:30 a.m. –11:30 a.m.****REGION** **RIGHTS****Protecting Nature, Preserving Culture: The Intersection of Environmentalism and Heritage Conservation**

This session will explore the connections between the natural environment and Latinx history and culture. Where does our work as Latinx environmental and heritage conservationists overlap? How are our goals and visions for the future intertwined? Hear the perspectives of three Latinx environmental conservation leaders.

SPEAKERS:**Laura Navar**, National Parks Conservation Association**Ean Tafoya**, Green Latinos**Jerry Otero**, Grand Canyon National Trust**Beatriz Soto**, Protége, Conservation Colorado**11:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m.****Conversation with the Honorable Raúl Grijalva, U.S. House of Representatives (D-AZ-03) and Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee****FACILITATOR:** **Betty Villegas**, Latinos in Heritage Conservation**SPEAKERS:****Sara C. Bronin**, Cornell University**Raúl Grijalva**, Third Congressional District of Arizona and Chair of the House Natural Resources Committee**12:30 p.m.–1:45 p.m.****Lunch****LOCATION:** MDC/Richmond Terrace Room, 4th Floor*Sponsored by Regis University***2:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.****RESOURCES****Democratizing and Documenting Latinx Heritage**

This roundtable discussion explores the intersections of preservation and public history working to democratize and re-envision Latinx narratives through various types of documentation work and approaches.

SPEAKERS:**Moira Nadal**, Former LHC Co-Chair**Laura Dominguez**, Latinos in Heritage Conservation**Mika Selly**, Archivist**Tamil Maldonado**, Raíces Brewery**3:00 p.m.–3:15 p.m.****Break****3:15 p.m.–4:15 p.m.****RESOURCES****Protecting Intangible Cultural Heritage**

Unlike the physical places and objects of tangible heritage, intangible heritage is composed of the arts, music, foodways, stories, spiritual or religious practices, among many other expressions of traditions, that are passed on from generation to generation. This panel presents

three pivotal traditions that sustain individuals and communities: music, foodways, and the religious traditions of the San Francisco Morada.

SPEAKERS:

Josephine S. Talamantez, Chicano Park, Barrio Logan, San Diego, CA

Dr. David (Dabi) García, Cultural Anthropologist, Musician, New Mexico Acequia Association

Dr. Maribel Alvarez, University of Arizona

Hon. Gabrielle Aragón, former City Councilwoman, San Luis, CO

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Conversación, Conservación, y Cerveza

LOCATION: 2060 West Colfax Ave
Denver, CO 80204

COST: Complimentary hors d'oeuvres with advanced registration. A variety of beverages will be available to purchase.

Join us for great conversaciones y cervezas at Raíces Brewery. Raíces is a Latino owned and operated brewpub in CO. It features award winning craft beers, non-alcoholic beverages, and a rotating Latin American food selection and on-going cultural events Raíces aims to become a reference center for those interested in learning about Latin culture. Raíces, meaning "roots", is the community taproom delivering high quality craft beer and entertainment to connect its guests through Latino culture.

8:00 a.m.-8:45 a.m.

Registration & Breakfast

8:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Welcome

SPEAKER: **Sehila Mota Casper**, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

REGION RESOURCES RIGHTS

Revisiting Preservation in Auraria: 50 Years Later

Nearly 50 years ago hundreds of residents were displaced from Denver's close-knit and heavily Latino/a Chicano/a Auraria Neighborhood to make way for a center for higher education. In the wake of this decision a young non-profit, Historic Denver, worked to save one block of the 19th century homes, now the 9th Street Historic Park. This panel discussion will revisit that preservation effort, asking questions about what stories have been told over time, and what could be done to better reflect the diverse layers of history, preserve intangible heritage, and foster community.

SPEAKERS:

Annie Levinsky, Historic Denver

Gregorio Alcaro, Casa Mayan

Councilwoman Jamie Torres

Nolbert Chavez, University of Colorado, Board of Regents

10:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.

REGION RESOURCES

Rural Perspectives in Latinx Heritage Work

This session will highlight formal and informal efforts to document and memorialize the Latinx presence in rural communities of the region. We will learn how Latinx heritage advocates are utilizing the National Heritage Area program of the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve Latinx history and culture. Unique challenges and opportunities faced by rural heritage sites will be examined in the case of the Boggsville Historic Site (CO). The third case study is the Migrant Trail Walk, a 75-mile and 7-day pilgrimage and protest march that commemorates the migrants who have died in the Sonoran Desert.

SPEAKERS:

Steven Moreno, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Julie Chacon, Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area

Cindy Nasky, Colorado Historical Foundation

Magda Mankel, Anthropologist



11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Closing Luncheon

LOCATION: History Colorado Room

FACILITATOR: Alison Garcia Kellar, Latinos in Heritage Conservation Education Committee

Sponsored by Protégete y CHISPA

The closing luncheon will mark the last key event for Congreso at History Colorado. This year our host site is History Colorado, our statewide preservation partner. State Historic Preservation Officer, Dawn DiPrince, will share the organization's Museum of Memory Initiative, a public history project that works together with Colorado residents to co-author a shared history.

SPEAKERS:

Dawn DiPrince, History Colorado

Desiree Aranda, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

Dr. Sarah Zenaida Gould, Latinos in Heritage Conservation

FIELD SESSIONS

2:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.

Both Field Sessions will depart the History Colorado Center at 2:30 and return attendees to the same location. Pick-up and arrival location is located between N. Broadway

and Lincoln Street. Please see the registration desk if you would like to change or register for one of the tours.

1 Denver's Art and Historic District on Santa Fe Drive

Bus Pick-Up: 5:00 p.m.

The Art District on Santa Fe is one of Colorado's designated Creative Districts, and a nationally known arts and cultural district, encompassing more than 30 art galleries, studios and innovative businesses. The neighborhood's traditionally Latinx roots are evident around every corner, from colorful murals and the exhibitions at Museo de las Americas, to the Latinx influence on the neighborhood's restaurants and theaters. This tour will visit three sites along Santa Fe Drive and will include The John "Thunderbird Man" Emhoolah, Jr. Branch Library, Su Teatro Cultural & Performing Arts Center, and the Aztlan Theatre.

2 La Alma Lincoln Park Historic Cultural District: Architecture, Art, & Community Preservation

Bus Pick-Up: 5:00 p.m.

Denver's Westside has layers of history—from Indigenous land, to early city-building to the birth of Denver's Chicano/a Movement. This tour will highlight these layers, with particular focus on how the tangible and intangible history is related, the buildings that tell important stories, the cherished Chicano/a murals, as well as the effort to amplify and protect these elements through

an innovative historic cultural district designation, approved in 2021. Participants will meet local advocates and artists, and hear the stories of the neighborhood's Chicano/a leaders. As one of the first local historic districts in the nation to celebrate Chicano history, the tour will also highlight the innovative ways the project pushed preservation boundaries to meet the needs of the community.

5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.

Final Reception with Keynote and Author, Raymond David Vela

FACILITATOR: Dr. Sarah Zenaida Gould, Mexican American Civil Rights Institute and Latinos in Heritage Conservation

LOCATION: Museo de Las Americas, 861 Santa Fe Dr, Denver, CO 80204

COST: Free with advanced registration

Sponsored by Mexican American Civil Rights Institute

Join us for our last evening in Denver. Our final keynote will be David Vela, the former acting director of the United States National Park Service and author of *Hola Ranger, My Journey Through the National Parks*. We will be closing out

SPEAKERS:

Lucha Martinez de Luna, Chican@ Murals of Colorado Project

Ean Tafoya, Historic Denver Board Member

Annie Levinsky, Historic Denver

Mia Martinez Lopez, Principal, West High School

Congreso 2022 at Museo de las Americas, a museum that is dedicated to collecting, preserving, interpreting, and exhibiting the diverse arts and cultures of the Americas from ancient to contemporary, through innovative exhibitions and programs. Featuring small bites from Chef Edwin Sandoval of Xatrucho Concepts. Books will be available for purchase following the discussion. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

SPEAKERS:



Raymond David Vela, former acting director of the United States National Park Service

Gregorio Alcaro

Gregorio Ramon Alcaro is a Denver Native and Displaced Aurarian, whose family roots are in Denver's Westside since 1918. He is a preservationist and urban designer. Through the grassroots organization "Auraria & Casa Mayan Heritage," he works to research, develop programs: exhibits, and tours related to the 200 year history of Auraria. He has a master's degree in Urban Design & Landscape Architecture from the University of Colorado at Denver, focusing on Architectural Programing & Site Analysis.

Dr. Maribel Alvarez

Dr. Maribel Alvarez is executive director of the Southwest Folk Alliance and a trustee of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. At the University of Arizona, she is Associate Research Professor in the School of Anthropology, and a public folklorist at the Southwest Center.

Gabrielle Aragón

Hon. Gabrielle V. Aragón, an eighth generation Coloradan; her grandfather Agustin was the Hermano Mayor of the Morada, and she was the youngest elected official representing San Luis, the "Oldest Town in Colorado." As President of the San Luis Planning and Zoning Commission, she passed a Land Use Code that protected acequias, and other cultural and historical landmarks.

Desiree Aranda

Desiree Aranda is an urban planner and heritage specialist based in Phoenix, Arizona where her family has lived for over five generations. She is a founder and the current co-chair of Latinos in Heritage Conservation. With nearly decade in the historic preservation and planning fields, Desiree specializes in documenting, evaluating, and designating historic properties, as well as developing community-based cultural heritage programs. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Women's Studies and a Master of Science in Planning.

Sara C. Bronin

Sara C. Bronin is a Mexican American architect, attorney, professor, and policymaker whose interdisciplinary work focuses on how law and policy can foster more equitable, sustainable, well-designed, and connected places. She is a Professor of the Cornell College of Architecture, Art, and Planning, an Associated Faculty Member of the Cornell Law School, and a Faculty Fellow of the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability.

Jenny Buddenborg

Jenny is the Adaptive Reuse Senior Project Administrator for the City of Denver, and previously served as a senior city planner in the Landmark Preservation program where she balanced preservation and development in one of the country's fastest growing cities. She spearheaded and led the Denver Mexican American/Chicano/Latino historic context, published in February 2022. She also spent more than a decade as a preservation advocate with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Sehila Mota Casper

Sehila Mota Casper is a historic preservationist and Latinx heritage advocate. She is the inaugural Executive Director for LHC, and previously worked for the City of Austin and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She serves on the board of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, Preservation Texas, Texas Dance Hall Preservation, the Texas Historical Commission's State Board of Review, and the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, and until recently, the Board of Latinos in Heritage Conservation.

Dr. Antonia Castañeda

Dr. Antonia I. Castañeda received her Ph.D. in U.S. History from Stanford University and taught until her retirement in 2007. Now a community based historian, she serves on the Program Committee of Congreso 2022, on the Board of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, co-founded the Westside Preservation Alliance, and served on the American Latino Scholars Panel.

Julie Chacon

Julie was raised between La Jara and Capulin, Colorado on her family homestead. She was previously the Financial Director at Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, and has been the Executive Director for the past three years. Julie is also the Treasurer for the Alliance of National Heritage Areas.

Nolbert Chavez

Nolbert Chavez served four terms in the Colorado House of Representatives, from 1995 to 2002. After being term-limited from the state legislature, he founded a government affairs and strategic planning consulting firm. Currently, Nolbert D. Chavez is Chief of External Initiatives, HSI Engagement and Executive Director of CU Denver CityCenter. He works with cities throughout the region, business and community organizations to create meaningful partnerships and help solve tough urban/suburban issues.

Dawn DiPrince

Dawn DiPrince became History Colorado's Executive Director on September 1, 2021, and was named Colorado's State Historic Preservation Officer by Governor Jared Polis the following month. DiPrince has served in several leadership roles since joining History Colorado in 2012.

Laura Dominguez

Laura Dominguez is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History at USC, where she studies race, heritage, and place-making in the American West. She is a founding board member of Latinos in Heritage Conservation and chairs its Education & Programs Committee.

Joshua Emerson

Joshua Emerson is a Diné stand-up comedian and actor based in Denver. He also serves as co-chair of the Denver American Indian Commission.

Belinda Valles Faustinos

Ms. Faustinos currently serves as a Strategic Advisor to Los Angeles Waterkeeper. She previously served as the Executive Director of Nature for All. She is on the

Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and is an alternate California Coastal Commissioner. Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar appointed her to the National Park Service Advisory Board in 2010 and she was re-appointed in 2014 by Secretary Jewell. As a member of the NPS Advisory Board she Co-Chaired the American Latino Heritage Scholars Experts Panel and served as Chair of the Urban Committee.

David (Dabi) Garcia

David (Dabi) García, Ph.D. (They/Elle) is a cultural anthropologist, a graduate of UT Austin and a community musician from El Guache New Mexico who reflects on the public spaces and cultural movements related to land based knowledges in the US Mexico Borderlands. In addition, García has accompanied the ritual dance drama of Los Matachines de Alcalde for the last 25 years playing the violin. He a forthcoming recording of New Mexico folk music in collaboration with Dr. Brenda Romero titled *Café y Atole* in April of this year.

Alison Garcia Kellar

Alison Garcia Kellar grew up in South Florida and studied design at UC Davis and historic preservation at the University of Pennsylvania. For nearly a decade, she has worked to preserve and document a wide range of historic properties in California including McDonnell Hall, the home parish of labor leader Cesar Chavez. She is a member of Latinos in Heritage Conservation's Education Committee, which is embarking on the Abuelas Project, and is excited to bring attention to the meaningful places revered by Latinx communities. She currently works as a senior architectural historian at Environmental Science Associates in San Diego, California.

Dr. Nicki Gonzales

Born and raised in Denver, Colorado State Historian Nicki Gonzales serves as Professor of History and Vice Provost for Diversity and Inclusion at Regis University. She specializes in the history of the American West, specifically the history of Mexican land grants and social movements in Southern Colorado, as well as Chicano History.

Dr. Sarah Z. Gould

Sarah Zenaida Gould, Ph.D. is Executive Director of the Mexican American Civil Rights Institute, a national project to collect and disseminate Mexican American civil rights history. Gould is a co-founder and currently serves as co-chair of Latinos in Heritage Conservation. Additionally, she serves on the board of the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission, on the council of the American Association of State and Local History, and is an Advisor for the National Trust of Historic Preservation and an active member of the Westside Preservation Alliance.

Congressman Raúl Grijalva

A lifelong public servant to his home community of Tucson, Raúl has always fought for underrepresented voices and spent 12 years on the Tucson Unified School District and 15 years on the Pima County Board of Supervisors before coming to Congress. In Congress, he serves as Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, Chair Emeritus of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, and is a longstanding member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

Annie Levinsky

Annie Robb Levinsky is the Executive Director of Historic Denver, Inc., a position she has held since 2009. During her time with Historic Denver Annie created the award-winning Denver Story Trek program, launched Historic Denver's Action Fund, and expanded the organization's capacity to work with underrepresented communities.

Tamil Maldonado

In 2019, Tamil Maldonado Vega co-founded Raices Brewing in Denver, Colorado. Raices is a Latino owned and operated brewery that also acts as a reference center for those interested in learning about Latin culture.

Dr. Magda Mankel

Dr. Magda E. Mankel is an anthropologist and ethnographer whose research

interests include cultural heritage, heritage trails, cultural landscapes, and transnational migration. For her dissertation research, Dr. Mankel worked with the Migrant Trail Walk and explored the intersections between border enforcement policies, cultural heritage resources, and immigrant advocacy in the Arizona-Sonora borderlands. Prior to her, she worked with the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic.

Lucha Martínez de Luna

Lucha Martínez de Luna was born and raised in Colorado. She serves as associate curator of Latino Heritage at History Colorado. She is director of the Chicana/o Murals of Colorado Project, a grass roots organization that advocates to protect, promote, and preserve the ongoing visual heritage of Chicana/o public art in Colorado.

Steven Morreno-Terrill

Public historian and professor of Chicana/x/ethnic studies, Steven Morreno-Terrill, offers culturally relevant, antiracist, and place-based curriculum to students at Hispanic Serving Institutions in Southern California. His current work includes the pilot project Southern California Latinx Public Humanities Institute, which interlinks college Chicana/x/ethnic studies curriculum with humanities projects, exhibits, cultural sites, and historic preservation organizations, empowering students to preserve and highlight hidden histories of race and place, cultivate racial justice literacy, and connect their accounts to the cultural landscape.

Maira Nadal

Maira Nadal is a Historic Preservation Specialist with the District of Columbia Historic Preservation Office. She was previously at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the New Jersey State Historic Preservation Office, and Heritage Consulting Inc.

Cindy Nasky

Cindy serves as the Director of Preservation Programs at the Colorado

Historical Foundation and focuses on conservation easements and preservation initiatives.

Jerry Otero

Jerry is the Legislative and Policy Director at the Grand Canyon Trust. A fourth-generation Coloradan, Jerry was born and raised in Fruita, and resides in western Colorado.

Juan Pérez Sáez

Juan Pérez Sáez is the Executive Director of Environmental Learning for Kids (ELK). He worked for several nonprofit organizations in Latin America and the United States, as well as the U.S. Federal Government. Juan has a Bachelor of Engineering in Environmental Management from the Universidad de Panamá, a Master of Science in Environment and Natural Resources from The Ohio State University and was also a Fulbright Scholar recipient between 2012-2014.

Dr. Estevan Rael-Gálvez

Dr. Estevan Rael-Gálvez, previously served as the state historian of New Mexico, executive director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center, and senior vice president of historic sites at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He served on the Scholars Panel of the American Latino Heritage Initiative, who fashioned *American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study*. Currently, he is CEO and the founding principal of Creative Strategies 360.

Dr. Ray Rast

Dr. Ray Rast, an Associate Professor of History at Gonzaga University, served as the lead historian for the National Park Service's Cesar Chavez Special Resource Study (2013), he served on the Scholars Panel for the Park Service's American Latino Heritage Initiative, and he has written several National Register and National Historic Landmark nominations. He currently serves as a board member for Latinos in Heritage Conservation and for the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation.

Dr. Maggie Rivas-Rodríguez

Dr. Maggie Rivas-Rodríguez is Associate Professor, Journalism, Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas, Austin; Founder and Director of the VOICES – Oral History Project at UT, Austin; and was a member of the American Latino Heritage Initiative, and on the panel of scholars who fashioned *American Latinos and the Making of the United States: A Theme Study*. Rivas-Rodríguez received her Ph.D. as a Freedom Forum doctoral fellow from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Ambassador Ken Salazar

Ken Salazar was sworn in as United States Ambassador to Mexico on September 2, 2021. In 2009, President Obama nominated Mr. Salazar to serve as Secretary of Interior where he had a lead role on the Obama-Biden agenda on energy and climate, the nation's conservation agenda including America's Great Outdoors, and Indian Country.

Councilwoman Amanda Sandoval

Councilwoman Amanda P. Sandoval is a proud lifelong resident of Northwest Denver. As Councilwoman for District 1, she has been a leader in her passions of land use, development and zoning. Her genuine compassion has been integral to addressing issues both large and small and creating a community where both current and future generations will thrive.

Lane Santa Cruz

Lane Santa Cruz is a second-generation Tucsonan, born and raised in the Southside and the current Vice-Mayor of Tucson, AZ. Before running for office, Lane worked as a council aide for Ward 1 and spent over a decade working on issues related to sexual/gender violence, food justice, migrant rights, DIY bicycle mechanics, and ethnic studies. As the vice mayor, Lane's mission is to serve as the bridge between working families and city hall. Lane is also a mother of four children, ages 4 to 14.

Mika Selly

Mikaela Selly is a native Houstonian with eight years of professional experience as an archivist and hands-on experience in the preservation, documentation and digitization of historical manuscripts and photographs significant to Houston's Hispanic and Latina/o heritage. She is also part-time Program Manager for the Recovering the US Hispanic Literary Heritage Project at Arte Público Press.

Beatriz Soto

Beatriz is Protégete Director at Conservation Colorado. She has worked at the intersection of community building, social justice and working towards a stable climate for the past two decades. Beatriz is a LEED certified architect that worked on a variety of energy related projects, from Net-Zero affordable housing to high performance straw bale homes, sustainable developments in the pacific coast of Mexico, as well as providing professional trainings with the US and the Mexican Green Building Councils. She is former Director of Defiende Nuestra Tierra for The Wilderness Workshop, also a co-founding member of Voces Unidas de las Montañas, first non-profit organization in the central mountain region, made up of Latinx leaders that helps create opportunities for Latinos to speak and advocate for themselves.

Ean Tafoya

Ean is active in Denver Public Affairs, Colorado Public Policy, and Federal Environmental Policy. He currently holds contracts for the Colorado Water and Climate Organizer for the national non-profit GreenLatinos. In addition to being a small business owner, Ean serves in leadership roles on several municipal advisory committees and service organizations such as the Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation, Historic Denver, and the Colorado Latino Forum.

Josephine S. Talamantez

Josephine S. Talamantez (Chicana/ Yaqui) is an Organizational Management, Public Policy and Governmental Relations consultant with a specialization in Arts, History and Cultural Public Programming, Historic Preservation, Cultural Resource Management and Public History. She is the Founder and Board Chair of the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center.

Councilwoman Jaimie Torres

Councilwoman Jamie Torres took office as the Denver City Council Member representing District 3, Denver's westside, on July 15, 2019. She was elected to the leadership role of Pro Tem of the Denver City Council in 2019 and is a member of the Land Use, Transportation & Infrastructure Committee as well as the Safety, Education, Housing & Homelessness Committee where she is also Vice-Chair. She is a third generation Denverite, her grandmother was born in a small house in the Curtis Park neighborhood and grew up in the old Auraria Neighborhood and her grandfather grew up in Sun Valley.

Edward Torrez

Edward Torrez, AIA, LEED, NCARB, AP, is a preservation architect and principal at Bauer Latoza Studio in Chicago, Illinois. Edward has been specializing in Historic Preservation, Adaptive Reuse, Rehabilitation, and Urban Planning projects in Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Texas for over 30 years. He serves as a Board member of Latinos in Heritage Conservation, Advisor for the National Trust of Historic Preservation, past-member of the Illinois Historical Sites Advisory Council, member of Landmark Illinois' Reinvestment Committee, and the Grant Park Advisory Council's Sculpture and Monument Committee.

Francisco Uviña Contreras

Francisco is the Director for the Historic Preservation and Regionalism Graduate Certificate Program at the School of

Architecture and Planning at the University of New Mexico. Previously, he worked for Cornerstones Community Partnerships, a non for profit organization, focusing on traditional building methods and served as the Architectural/Technical Manager. Francisco is the co-author and illustrator of Cornerstones' Adobe Architecture, A Conservation Handbook.

Raymond David Vela

David Vela retired from the National Park Service in September 2020 after 30 years with the agency, most recently serving as Deputy Director, Exercising the Authority of the Director. He also served as Chair for the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. He is the recent author of *Hola Ranger, My Journey Through The National Parks*. David and his wife Melissa have two children and seven grandchildren.

Betty Villegas

Betty Villegas a third-generation native of Tucson, Arizona. She retired from the Pima County government as the Housing Program Manager for Community Development and Neighborhood Conservation in 2016. In early 2020, after the unexpected death of Supervisor Richard Elias, she was appointed to serve out the remaining term as the Interim Pima County Board of Supervisors. She then returned to the workforce and is currently the City of South Tucson Housing Director. Betty is a founding member of Latinos in Heritage Conservation, Co-Director of Arizona's first Mexican American Heritage and History Museum, and Vice President of Los Descendientes de Tucson, a group founded by descendants of Tucson's first settlers and pioneers. Betty has served on several boards and commissions that support and promote equity and equality, healthy living, a sense of place, and social justice.

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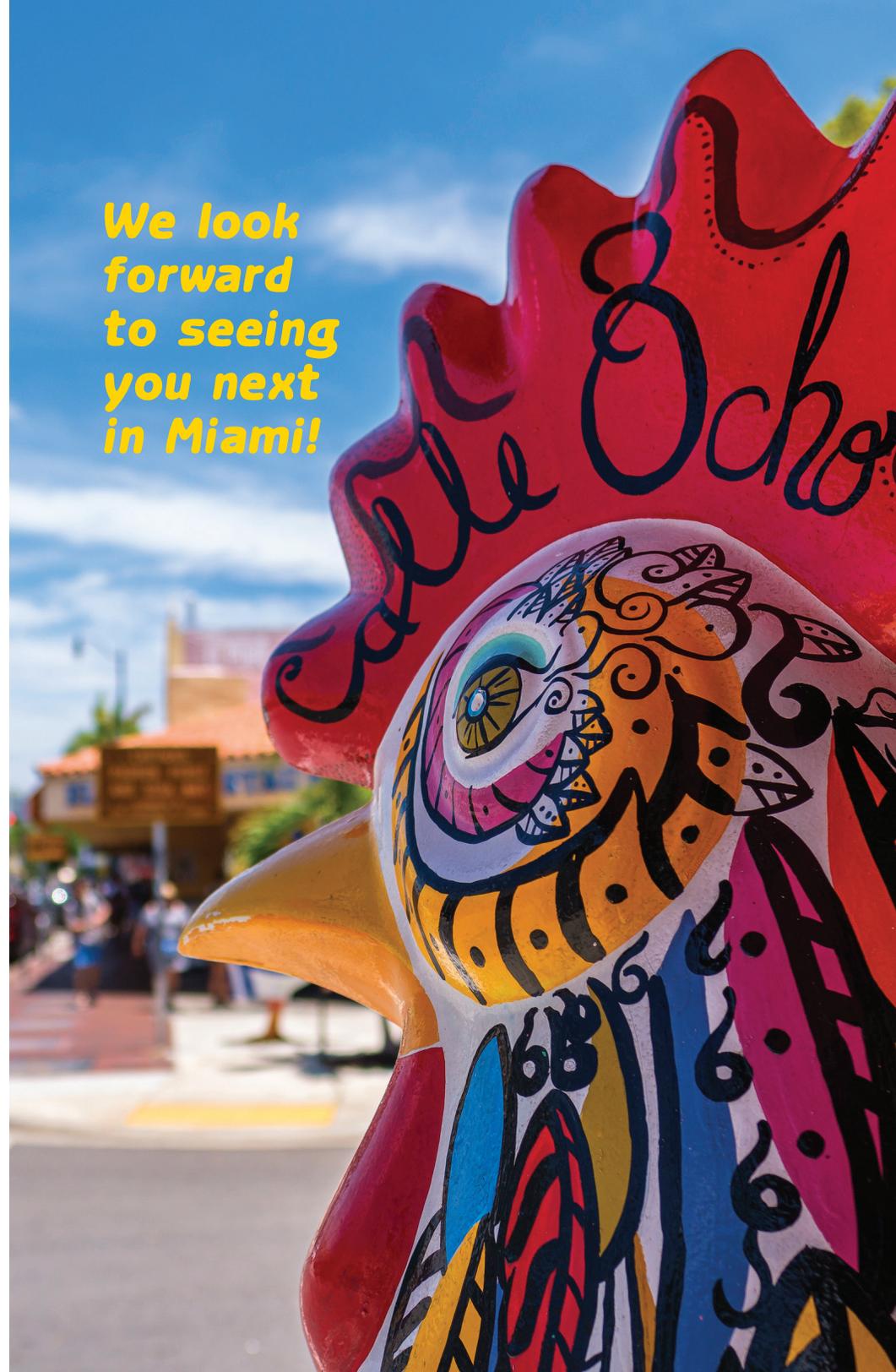
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