

Notas Y Más

April 2014

Brief news items on upcoming community events.
Send items for Notas y Más to: lavoz@esperanzacenter.org
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The deadline is the 8th of each month.

The International Society for Criminology will hold its *XVII World Congress of Criminology* in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico at the **Cintermex Congress Center** August 10-14. The theme is on *Gangs, Trafficking & Insecurity: Empowering the Community*. Deadline for submission of papers: **April 1st** See www.criminology2014.com for details.

Las Américas Letters, A Series in Literature & the Arts at St. Mary's University in San Antonio from April 3-5 pays tribute to Jorge Luis Borges with a presentation by his widow, María Kodama, President of the J. L. Borges International Foundation. Call 210-436-3107 or go to www.stmarytx.edu/las-america-letters.

EntreFlamenco San Antonio has shows at 8:30 pm on April 4th & 5th and May 2nd & 3rd. Doors open at 8. Call 210.842.4926 or www.entreflamenco.com

From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom Hampshire College's 28th

annual conference takes place April 11-13 in Amherst, MA. See: clpp.hampshire.edu/conference

NATURE BATS LAST, an intermedia art exhibit with 12 artists interpreting 12 one-minute scripts co-curated by Juanne Peck & Tammy Melody Gomez will take place at the Irving Art Association, **Jaycee Park Center for the Arts**, 1975 Puritan Drive, Irving TX. It opens on Sunday, April 13th from 2pm to 5pm. Call 972.721.2488 or locally, 210.639.3622.

The **2014 Battle of San Jacinto Symposium** takes place at **The Ripley House**, 4410 Navigation, in Houston on Sat. April 12th examining the Tejano side of the Texas Revolution from the siege of Béjar through the Battle of San Jacinto. \$55 covers lunch, speakers and parking. Call 713.237.8997 or see www.sanjacintoconservancy.org

The journal, **Decolonization: Indigeneity, Education & Society**, is calling for submissions to be published in the fall of 2014. Entries that center decolonization,

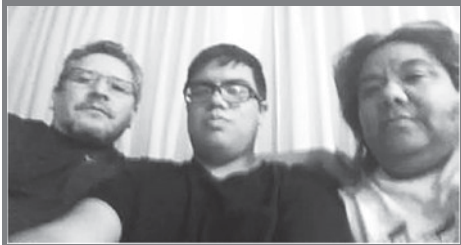
Indigeneity or scholarship are preferred. Send to: www.decolonization.org no later than **April 25th, 2014**.

Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies invites submissions for a special issue on *Transnational Feminism*. **Deadline: May 1st**. Ck: frontiers.osu.edu/submissions

The Journal of South Texas seeks contributions about the social, political, military, economic and cultural history of South Texas for its fall 2014 issue. E-mail Dr. Alberto Rodríguez at alberto.rodriguez2@tamuk.edu & cc: jst@tamuk.edu with articles by **May 15, 2014**. For info, see: journalofsouthtexas.wix.com

The **Julián Samora Research Institute** at Michigan State University is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a conference, **Latinos in 2050: Restoring the Public Good**, in East Lansing on Oct. 30th to Nov. 1st. A call for papers has been issued with a **July 1st deadline**. Call 517.432.1317 or go to jsri.msu.edu/vents/25years. Papers may be submitted to jsamorai@msu.edu

Tell the City of S.A. **WE WILL NOT BE MOVED FOR THEIR "DECADE OF DOWNTOWN"!**
¡NO NOS MOVERAN!



I am Christian Amador, 22 years old, a full-time student at San Antonio College who also works full time at McDonald's. I've lived in the Mission Trails Mobile Home Park for the past 8 years with my parents, Adriana and Luis. In February residents learned that the park was going to be rezoned so it could be sold to developers. We did not receive any notice from management or the owners. We first heard of this when my dad saw a yellow city rezoning sign out front. When we called the number, we learned that a developer,

White-Conlee Builders, represented by the lobbyists, Kaufman and Killen, had put in an application to rezone. They want to build high-end apartments right on the river. If they do this, we will all lose our homes. Although we rent our lots from American Family Communities, an out-of-state landlord, most of us own our mobile homes and pay property taxes.

Mission Trails Home Park has been here for at least 35 years. There are about 125 mobile homes and 200 residents. Some have been here since the park began. We are a very tight-knit community, neighbors take care of each other. When school buses did not even stop here, we organized to get service for our children. We've also done much of the maintenance on our homes that management neglected. Unfortunately, the city, the developer and our councilwoman are using the excuse of bad management to say that the park should be condemned and that we should be relocated. Not everyone here has the ability to leave and start over. There are many elders in the community on fixed incomes. Most of the trailers are older — ours was constructed in 1984. These

days, trailer parks often take only homes built in the last ten years.

We don't want to go. This is our home. If the owner is going to sell, he should sell to us, so we can own the land together. Help us pressure City Council to say NO to rezoning. It's the city's job to listen to residents first, not to greedy developers and powerful lobbyists. People all over the U.S. are watching to see what "*San Antonio, City on the Rise*" means — respect for its citizens, or if "on the rise" means on the backs of our homes and wellbeing.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Call City Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran, 210.207.7064 and the Mayor, 210.207.8998, and ask them to meet with us and support our efforts to stay in our homes! ♦

