

# Notas Y Más

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Brief news items on upcoming community events.  
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The deadline is the 8th of each month.

*The Texas Foco* of NACCS is proud to announce the Call for Nominations for the *Premio Estrella de Aztlán Lifetime Achievement Award* honoring individuals whose work has contributed towards the betterment of Chicanas/os in Tejas. The 2015 *Premio Estrella de Aztlán* will be awarded to up to 3 individuals. E-mail nominations to Arturo Madrid, Chair, Premio Estrella de Aztlán Committee, at [amadrid@trinity.edu](mailto:amadrid@trinity.edu) **Deadline** for submitting nominations is **December 31, 2014**.

Put bilingual/bicultural books on your gift lists this year. **Cinco Puntos Press**, an independent book publisher in El Paso, TX is having a holiday sale! Save 25% when you spend \$20 or more through December. Shop online at: [www.cincopuntos.com](http://www.cincopuntos.com)

Beginning in January, 2015 **Celebration Circle** will meet at a new site on Sundays — 11am at **Say Sí**, 1518 S. Alamo. The meditation group continues to meet Wednesdays, 7:30pm at **The Friends Meeting House**, 7052 Vandiver. See [www.celebrationcircle.org](http://www.celebrationcircle.org) or call 210.533.6767.

Registration is now open for **Texas Com-**

**mission on the Arts** (TCA's) *State of the Arts* conference in Austin on January 29 & 30, 2015. The agenda is now online at: [www.arts.texas.gov/initiatives/agenda/](http://www.arts.texas.gov/initiatives/agenda/)

Deadline to complete applications for the **2015 Women of Color in Political Science Workshop** is **Monday, February 2, 2015**. The workshop will take place in San Francisco, CA on September 1 & 2. Women of color who are advanced graduate students, junior faculty & associate professors are may apply. Financial assistance with lodging is available. No workshop fees apply. See: [www.facebook.com/WCPS15](http://www.facebook.com/WCPS15)

**The National Association of Chicana/o Studies, Tejas Foco**, *Putting More Community in Community College and Beyond: Scholars, Professors, Writers, Teachers, Students and Families Unite to Open Higher Education to Our Youth* will be hosted by **Lone Star College-North Harris** in Houston, TX on February 26 through March 1, 2015. Check: [www.tejasfoco2015.org](http://www.tejasfoco2015.org)

**The Center for Mexican American Studies (CMAS)** at the **University of Texas at Austin** in cooperation with the **Society for**

**the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa** are honored to serve as the host of "El Mundo Zurdo 2015: Memoria y Conocimiento, Interdisciplinary Anzaldúan Studies--Archive, Legacy, and Thought." The conference will take place May 27-30, 2015 on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin. Details will be announced in January 2015.

**The University of North Texas Press** announces the publication of an important new book, **Three Decades of Engendering History, Selected Works of Antonia Castañeda**. This volume, edited by Linda Heidenreich, collects ten of Castañeda's key writings that have helped shape the fields of Chicana history, Western history and Women's Studies insuring that Chicanas have been written into history. Books can be pre-ordered at: 1.800.826.8911 or visit [www.tamupress.com](http://www.tamupress.com)

**Aztlán Libre Press**, an independent Xicana/o press based in San Antonio, TX announces the publication of: **At the Risk of Seeming Ridiculous ... Poems from Cuba Libre** by B.V. Olguín; and **Where the Reckless Ones Come to Die** by Vincent Cooper. Check: [aztlanlibrepress.com](http://aztlanlibrepress.com)



*Nick "Ki"  
Calzoncit*

**P** *peace advocate, activist, educator, veteran, social and political commentator, champion of the poor and loving father, brother, uncle and friend Nick "Ki" Calzoncit passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 15, 2014 at the age of 82.*

The son of Nick G. and Lucille Calzoncit he graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1949. He served as a medic in the United States Air Force after finding that he could not enlist as a conscientious objector. A lifelong educator, Nick found his calling in teaching and advocating for people living with disabilities, particularly the deaf. He spent most of his career working as an Education Administrator for Harlandale Independent School District. Nick was an early supporter of the Martin Luther King Jr. March and started a public cable television show more than 10 years ago called the "Mexican American Advancement Program," later renamed the "Peace Project" where he hosted a television program on San Antonio Public Access TV focusing on a variety of peace and social justice-themed shows. He was a regular at all protests and rallies and led a weekly "Peace March" in downtown San Antonio. It was not uncommon to see him at City Council or in the news voicing his concerns. He even led efforts to rename schools in the Harlandale District to honor historic figures like Emma Tenayuca and Cesar Chávez. His daughter, Suzanne Calzoncit Duda noted, "He wanted to make the world a better place, and I think he absolutely left the world a better place." Nick will be missed but his spirit of activism will live on. The Esperanza community extends condolences to his family and the community of activists and friends who knew and worked with Nick throughout his long and caring life. ¡Nick Calzoncit! ¡Presente!