

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.

Four major exhibits devoted to the artwork of Chicano artist, **Mel Casas**, will be on view throughout San Antonio now thru October 2015. **Getting the Big Picture: Political Themes in the Art of Mel Casas** 1968-1977 is at **The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center**, 723 S. Brazos St. and **Mel Casas: The Southwestern Cliches, 1982-1989** is at **Texas A&M University San Antonio Centro de Artes**, 101 S. Santa Rosa Ave. See: www.melcasas.com

In anticipation of a favorable ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court, **Unity Church of San Antonio (UCSA)**, 1723 W. Lawndale St. is planning a **Freedom to Say I Do** event on **July 4th** where same sex couples can get married from 9:30 am to 5pm. At that time couples must present a marriage license obtained 72 hours beforehand. Contact: reception@unityofsa.org to reserve a time for a \$25 fee. For more, visit unityofsa.org.

Poet **Barbara Jane Reyes** will teach a poetry workshop, **Poetry and Poetics of "We,"** at **Gemini Ink**, 1111 Navarro on Sat., **July 11th** from 10am to 3pm. Cost is \$95. Her work tends to revolve around issues of identity, place, and the hidden memory of places we've been. She will also give a free reading with novelists, Bob Flynn and Rod Davis, on July 10th at 7pm. Both the reading and workshop will be at **Gemini Ink**. Go to www.geminink.org or call 210.734.9673.

Bil Haus Arts located at 2803 Fredricksburg Rd. presents a gallery talk by Dr. Lisa Zottarelli, **Denature by Design: A Sociological Exploration of Disasters**, about the human response to disasters exacerbated by climate change on Sat. **July 11** at 2 pm. Also, on Sat., **July 18th** there will be a reading with a line-up of poets reading at 2 pm organized by **Mobi Warren**, founder of 350SA. Check: www.bihlhausarts.org/

The **2015 MALCS Summer Institute** is on for **July 29th to August 1st** at the **University of New Mexico** in Albuquerque. Hosts/organizers are Alma Rosa Silva-Bañuelos, Director of **UNM LGBTQ Resource Ctr** and Rosa Isela Cervantes, Director of the **UNM Centro de la Raza** and

Special Advisor to the President on Latino Affairs. For more check: institute.malcs.org or malcs2015unm@gmail.com

The 3rd Biannual **Sal Castro Memorial Conference** on the emerging historiography of the Chicano Movement takes place **Feb. 26 & 27, 2016** at the **University of California, Santa Barbara**. Graduate students and faculty who are writing on Chicano history or the movement may submit a 5000 word proposal and short CV. to Prof. Mario T. García at Gracia@history.ucsb.edu. **Deadline: Sept. 1st.**

A new anthology, **Talking Back: Voices of Color** (Red Letter Press, 2015), presents an unusually diverse group of writers speaking out on issues affecting communities of color. **Nellie Wong**, Bay Area poet and social justice activist, is the book's editor and author of the introduction—a striking meditation on the importance of "talking back" in asserting identity and power on an individual and collective level. Available

from www.RedLetterPress.org

Using qualitative research on Mexican/Mexican Americans and their historias that center on concepts such as *buen trabajador*, *bien educado*, and *buena gente*, Octavio Pimentel reveals that when social networks guide personal goals in these communities, goals become community-oriented rather than personally-oriented in his new book, **Historias de Éxito within Mexican Communities—Silenced Voices**. Online at www.palgrave.com

A son of migrant farm workers in California, **Juan Felipe Herrera** will be the next U.S. poet-in-chief. **The Library of Congress** announced Wednesday, June 10th, the appointment of Herrera as the nation's **21st poet laureate** for 2015 through 2016, beginning in September. Herrera, 66, whose parents emigrated from Mexico, will be the nation's first Latino poet laureate since the position was created in 1936.



Aug 6-9 Downtown San Antonio

Travis Park United Methodist Church

Speakers include:

Bishop Minerva Carcaño; Bishop Melvin Talbert; Rev. Frank Schaefer; Rev. Grace Imathiu, Methodist Church in Kenya; Niklas Mawanda, Founding Director, Trans Support Initiative, Uganda; Rev. Prof. Peter Storey, Methodist Church of South Africa; and others.

www.gather2015.org

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