

NACCS Tejas Foco
2021 Regional Conference

Call for Papers

Generaciones: Commonalities and Differences over the Generations

February 19-20, 2021

Conference to be Hosted Virtually by Tarrant County College – Northeast Campus

“¡Mis padres no entienden!” Throughout any culture, parents and their children often fail to see eye-to-eye when addressing countless issues. Certainly, Chicanx is not immune to this dynamic. As a result of a variety of factors including, but not limited to, changing cultures, shifts in environments, new legislation, migratory issues, and religious differences, a stumbling block toward progress and unification are disagreements from one generation to the next. Regardless, generations often maintain significant, congruous long-term goals. This conference’s theme, *Generaciones: Commonalities and Differences over the Generations* addresses this long-standing and important issue. This subject was evident on a broad scale in the late 1960s and early 1970s when the more militant Chicano Movement often clashed with established LULAC and GI Forum Leaders, and on a more personal basis, this issue often arises when younger Chicanx community members take on lifestyles that are contrary to those promoted by older generations. Presently, understanding intergenerational commonalities and differences are critical to mobilizing Chicanx in our current political environment. By filling these gaps, Chicanx has can increase socio-political power and cultural pride. At times, generational differences make it difficult for widespread consensus regarding important issues, but these cultural and personal transformations can also provide a more nuanced, independent, and empowered Chicanx mindset.

The 2021 National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies--Tejas Foco conference is an interdisciplinary conference. We invite submissions that offer analysis into past, current, and future generational differences and how these changes reflect ideas of resistance and redefinitions of self and community.

We encourage submissions that address to the following questions and topics:

- How have generational shifts challenged, supported, or changed the definition on Chicanismo?
- How has Chicanx culture evolved or adapted to American society in the 20th and 21st centuries?
- How wide are gaps in Chicanx generations, presently or in the past?
- What difficulties do generational changes present for Chicanx? How do we use the challenges to be better and stronger than previous generations?
- How do Chicanx generational changes affect interracial or intercultural relationships across the United States?
- How have intergenerational differences influenced political power and social movements in the past and present?
- What role does tradition play as Chicanx culture changes over time?

- What role does the LGBTQIA community play, or what role has it played, in shaping generational differences?
- What role does environment (social, cultural, and/or geographic) play in general differences?

We welcome paper presentations and panel submissions, exhibitions, performances, workshops, poetry readings, and other forms of expressions that offer insight on past, current, and future analysis of generational differences. We also welcome proposals that address the Tejano/a/x experience in general but do not necessarily fall under the conference theme.

All submissions should be sent via email to *naccstejas2021@gmail.com* and are due by December 1, 2020.

In your email, please include the following:

- Your name
- Affiliation (University, College, or Independent Scholar)
- If Individual paper: include a 200-300 word abstract and one-page CV
- If Panel proposal: include a brief description of the panel, a 200-300 word abstract for each paper presentation, and a one-page CV for each panel participant
- If Roundtable proposal: include one participant as contact and a one-page description of the roundtable along with a one-page CV for each participant
- If Alternative format proposal: include a one-page description of the session including its formats and goals, as well as one-page CV for each participant
- Indicate Audio/Visual equipment needs

Full panel proposals are welcome and encouraged. If submitting an individual proposal, please include a brief list of relevant keywords you employ so that we can organize panels in a more effective manner.