Inaugural Week: "Seeking Common Ground"

Monday, October 8
"Reaping the Seeds of our Heritage"
A panel presentation on the history of Latinos in Oregon, where we are, and what is ahead. Natalia Fernández, José-Antonio Orosco, Erlinda Gonzales-Berry and Susana Rivera-Mills will discuss the Bracero program, Cesar Chávez, Mexicanos in Oregon, and current demographics of the Latino population. This event will also feature guitarist Jim Garcia. Inaugural reception for CL@SE to follow.
6:00pm-8:00pm, Valley Library Main Floor Rotunda
Braceros in Oregon Collection Exhibit on display through October 26, 2012

Tuesday, October 9
Keynote Address:
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr., President of the U.S. Hispanic Leadership Institute

USHLI has developed into one of the most powerful, nationally and internationally recognized Latino organizations in the country by organizing and conducting nonpartisan voter registration and leadership development programs in 40 states. USHLI has been able to maintain a stable presence in hundreds of communities over the years by promoting empowerment and civic responsibility.

USHLI is led by Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr., one of only two Latinos in history to receive a Presidential Medal "for the performance of exemplary deeds of service for the nation” and “promoting leadership and civic participation,” and the 11th Latino in history to be decorated by a U.S. President (Bill Clinton).

This lecture is sponsored by the Provost's International Speaker Series.
6:30pm-7:30pm, CH2M Hill Alumni Center Ballroom

Wednesday, October 10
Art Exhibit “Del Corazón: By Heart” Analee Fuentes
Analee Fuentes is a painter whose work reflects her Latina cultural identity. A third-generation Chicana, her maternal grandfather was a tailor and her grandmother a homemaker. The ever-growing presence of the Latino community has given her a larger audience for her expression, and one that understands her own artistic references.
4:30pm-6:00pm, Fairbanks Gallery, opening reception    Exhibit will be displayed October 8–31, 2012

Thursday, October 11
CL@SE's Research Symposium: Beyond Disciplinary Borders

The Research Symposium will be an opportunity to exhibit current studies by OSU faculty and community organizations. It will also allow participants to connect with others who share similar interests regarding Latino/a issues. It is intended to develop and foster multidisciplinary research clusters focusing on issues relevant to the Latino community (e.g. education, health, economic development, immigration).
6:00pm-8:00pm, Valley Library Willamette Seminar Rooms

The mission of the Center for Latin@ Studies and Engagement is to promote engaged research and outreach devoted to advancing knowledge and understanding of Latino/a contributions and the issues surrounding this population in our state, region and beyond.