

RESILIENCE EN EL VALLE: REMEMBERING THE MATANZA OF 1915

October 7 - 14, 2017



University Library
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Latino/a & Mexican American
Studies at Texas A&M University



The Refusing to Forget Project will host a series of events to commemorate the unveiling a historical marker that recognizes the violence done to Mexican American peoples in the lower Rio Grande Valley of south Texas just over a century ago. "The Matanza [The Massacre] of 1915" was a critical moment in Valley history, even if often forgotten today. At that time, Texas Rangers (more commonly known as "los rinches") killed an estimated 1,000 Mexicans and Mexican Americans with no semblance of due process.

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Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony

Saturday, October 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Southbound EXIT 16, Parking/Rest Area

Between San Benito and Los Fresnos exits

WELCOME

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BENEDICTION

Diocese of Brownsville

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HISTORICAL MARKER

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REMARKS

The Honorable Eddie Lucio III
Texas State Representative—District 38

The Honorable Terry Canales
Texas State Representative—District 40

RECOGNIZING DESCENDANTS

Dr. Trinidad Gonzales

CLOSING REMARKS

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Panel Discussions at UTRGV-Brownsville

Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 12:30 – 8:00 p.m.

PlainsCapital Gran Salon, 2nd Floor Student Union Bldg.

Parking at the UTRGV-Brownsville campus will be free for Saturday events.

PANEL 1:

12:30 – 1:50 p.m.

“Writing from an Unremembered Past:
3 Authors Discuss Writing About a Traumatic History”

Guadalupe Garcia McCall, Alfredo Cisneros,
and Christopher Carmona

PANEL 2:

2:00 – 3:20 p.m.

“Historical and Literary Examinations of the Law”

Carolina Monsivias (UTEP), Alberto Rodriguez (TAMU-Kingsville),
and Noreen Rivera (UTRGV)

PANEL 3:

3:30 – 4:50 p.m.

Donna High School Mexican American Studies Students

Organized by Juan Carmona

1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

UTRGV Library Harvest Days

Community members are invited to bring
their photographs, letters, and stories

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Refusing to Forget Closing Reception & Dinner

Featuring corridos performed by Rosa and Joe Perez
and musical entertainment by Marimba Reyna del Valle

ASSOCIATED EVENTS

Saturday, October 7, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

Mission Historical Museum

Dr. Trinidad Gonzales will discuss the events of La Matanza.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

South Texas College in McAllen

Dr. Ben Johnson will discuss the relevance of La Matanza for the present moment.

Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Brownsville Museum of Fine Arts

Artists will display their responses to La Matanza.

Friday, October 13, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

El Hueso de Fraile in Brownsville

Poets and writers will perform their responses to La Matanza.

REFUSING TO FORGET MEMBERS

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