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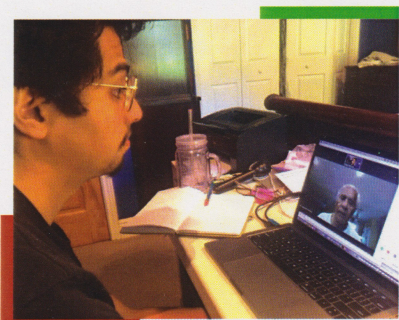
We hope you and yours are well and safe during this extraordinary time. We want to take a moment to share with you how our year has been.

Spring

This year started off smoothly, as we planned and implemented Voces of Mariachi, interviewing 14 San Antonio mariachis. The Mexico Center at the University of Texas at San Antonio hosted our interviewing event on March 8. We got those interviews just in time: five days later, our university shut down and our staff had to work from their homes.



We are nothing if not adaptable: we moved our entire process online and launched Voces of a Pandemic. We are partnering with 11 institutions across the country to document the lives of Latinas & Latinos affected by Covid-19. As of this writing, we have recorded 90 interviews on Zoom. You can see our work at vocesofapandemic.org.

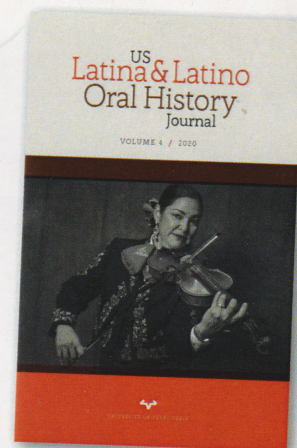


Summer

We held our fourth annual Oral History Summer Institute for faculty and grad students on Zoom. It was a remarkable success – even online!

Fall

Voces prides itself on building research into its interviews. Some of it is published in the US Latina & Latino Oral History Journal, which we produce annually. Vol. 4 of the journal features an article about Voces of Mariachi.



It's been a challenging year, but one that makes us deeply grateful to our resourceful and diligent staff, our many dedicated volunteers, our loyal supporters.

We hope that 2021 will bring worldwide health and peace and that the troubles of this year will be behind us. In the meantime, please know that we continue doing what we do best: documenting the lives of the Latino/a experience to create a greater awareness of our perspective and serve as a guide to future generations.

All best,

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