

Voces in Review

2023



Telling OUR Story...
¡Sin pelos en la lengua!

Next year, Voces will celebrate a milestone: **25 years** of telling the **Latino/a story** and sharing **our contribution to our nation's fabric**. The reflection, however, on what's changed and what hasn't has already begun. The testimonials in our **WWII archives** of young GIs returning to a hostile environment at home don't feel that distant. The issue of **representation** in the media highlighted in our interviews with Hispanic documentary filmmakers continues to be a discussion **today**. And the voting rights lawsuits occurring throughout the South in these past months are eerily similar to stories in our **civil rights archives**, which recount events dating back decades.

We could go on. What is clear to us is that telling our story, ***sin pelos en la lengua***, and claiming our space in the national narrative is as essential today as ever in our history

That's why Voces has dedicated much of this year to sharing our story with peers, academics, and historians **across the country**, from presenting at the **National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Tejas Foco conference** in Brownsville, to participating in the **Oral History Association conference** in Baltimore, and being back in person for the **Voces Summer Institute** to train the next generation of oral historians. Rest assured, we've conducted **more interviews** and **more research** that you will read about in the following pages, because as Latino contributions evolve and grow, Voces will be here to ensure our story is **captured** and **on the record**.

All the best,

Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez

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Director, Voces Oral History Center

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A Busy Year for **Voces**

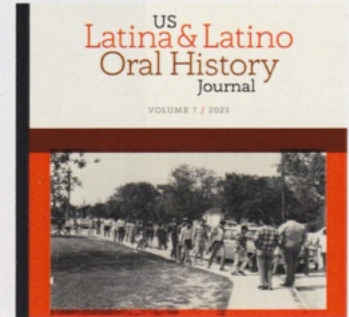
We've done more interviews – with a small Latino community in eastern central Arizona, and with some of UT Austin's first Black undergraduates in Houston and Austin. We've shared our work at conferences. We've published our annual journal. And we've produced stories about Latino individuals, events and institutions in Texas for public radio stations across the state.



Feb. 2023 - Immigrants in World War II: Basques in Texas
A panel discussion with **Rep. Rafael Anchía, Dr. Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez** and **Dr. Pedro Oiarzabal** at the Texas Capitol.



Hispanic Heritage Month Stories
Student interns **Dacia Garcia** and **Elisabeth Jimenez** worked with director **Dr. Maggie** to produce daily stories about Latinos in Texas for **NPR** stations.



US Latina & Latino Oral History Journal
In this issue, we published an article about a 1970 student walkout in Uvalde, Texas.



February & May 2023 - Contextualization and Commemoration Initiative
Multiple Individual Interview Sessions (MIISs) in Houston and Austin to finish the 2nd MIIS of a 2-year commitment



March 2023 - National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies in Brownsville
We presented on **Voces of a Pandemic**, our 13-institution partnership that recorded interviews with 436 Latinas/os nationwide.



April 2023 - The Voces of a Pandemic Symposium brought together researchers and members of the public who discussed the most memorable aspects of the COVID experience.



June 2023 - Voces Summer Institute
Faculty and graduate students from throughout the country came to Austin or joined us via Zoom to fine-tune their oral history projects.



June 2023 - CMAS/Voces Collaborative OH Fellowship
A small Catholic church in Arizona was the focus of this inaugural, competitive fellowship. The **UT Center for Mexican American Studies** and **Voces** joined forces to do interviews and scan photos.



Oct. 2023 - Oral History Association conference in Baltimore
Voces' Asst. Dir. Kristine Navarro McElhaney and **Dir. Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez**, presented on the Collaborative Fellowship, along with fellowship recipient **Vanessa Fonseca-Chávez** of ASU.

Gearing Up for the **BIG 25**



A note from Voces' 25th Anniversary Co-Chairs

We are delighted to share our expertise, experience and networks with the worthy cause of the **Voces 25th Anniversary**. Voces has special personal meaning to both of us. (It interviewed both of our fathers and Guillermo's mother.)



Eliseo Cremar



Irma and Emilio Nicolás

But beyond our personal gratitude for its work, Voces deserves our attention. Through its many years of interviews and preservation of materials, it has created a treasure trove of materials that tell the story of Latinos and Latinas who have shaped our country and their communities. Voces has reflected the pride that we have in our culture and in our families.

We invite you to help us celebrate Voces' 25th anniversary by becoming one of its supporters. Your gift is tax deductible under IRS code 170(c); you can give to Voces online or by check. Please help Voces usher in a new era of excellence, history-making and American pride.

Terry Cremar Modoff

Guillermo Nicolás

To donate online, go to: [IsupportVoces.org](https://supportVoces.org). To pay with a check, mail check with a notation that it is for the Voces Oral History Center to: The University of Texas at Austin | UT School of Journalism and Media
300 W. Dean Keeton St. Stop A1000
Austin, Texas 78712-1073

Voces' Virtual Homecoming for Former Students and Staff

Over 25 years, Voces has provided students with internships and jobs – from stuffing envelopes, to setting up gear, to learning how to produce audio and video stories. We've been talking to them over Zoom, and they are sharing how Voces gave them important lessons of a lifetime.



Voces Family and Friends Campaign

In this campaign, we ask family members of interviewees and other friends to help Voces thrive. You'll be hearing more from us on this – as it takes on an important role in raising awareness and funds for our work.

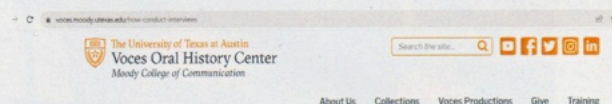
Check Out our **Refreshed Website**

We have a new(ish) website!

It has **streamlined navigation** and **more photos**, and when it is completely done, will provide visitors with an **exciting experience**.

It's **important**: our website attracts over 65,000 unique visitors every year.

We thank the **General Libraries** for its many years of hosting our site. And we thank the **Moody College of Communication** for taking over now.



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But wait, there's **more!**

2024 will be another busy year for Voces! In celebration of our 25th anniversary, we have trips to San Antonio and Uvalde, and an exhibit in Austin all in the works.

We're proud to have sustained our mission since 1999, and we look forward to the next 25 years, but we can only get there with your support. If you believe the Latino/a perspective must be woven into the U.S. historical narrative, give to Voces today. Scan the QR code for more, and stay tuned for Voces' 25th Anniversary updates!

