

Recovering & Commemorating 200 Years of Struggles for Liberation

Crowne Plaza Houston Downtown

November 11-13, 2010

This year's Recovery Conference seeks to commemorate the histories and legacies of the Spanish American colonies struggles for independence, especially Mexico's 1810 War of Independence and 1910 Revolution. Of particular interest is how the struggles during these two centuries impacted and influenced those regions and communities that would one day become part of the United States. We also seek scholarship that will shed light on the interplay between the wars of liberation and the movements for liberation it encouraged elsewhere. Inevitably these interplays are also fraught with contradiction, exploitation, and disappointment, whether it be Mexico's early tenuous hold of its northern territories in the 19th century, Cuban and Puerto Rican movements of liberation launched from U.S. shores, the exodus of refugees from Mexico, the Caribbean, Central America and points south and settlement in the United States before 1960, which became part of the tremendous growth of U.S. agribusiness, mining, railroad, manufacturing and heavy industries throughout the United States. All the same, just as 1810 and 1910 redefined the contours of politics and social mores throughout the U.S./Mexico Borderlands, the Caribbean, and Latin America, so too did these years become the basis of new aesthetics and strategies for liberation, much of which had to deal with the growing hegemony of the United States. We dedicate this conference to those past acts, narratives, and theories of liberation.

As always, studies on the following themes, as manifested before 1960, will be welcome:

- Analytical studies of recovered authors and/or texts
- Critical, historical and theoretical approaches to recovered texts
- Curriculum development
- Religious thought and practice
- Folklore/oral histories
- Historiography
- Language and linguistics
- Library and information science
- Social implications, cultural analyses
- Collections and archives

Deadline for Submissions of Abstracts

APRIL 15, 2010

Submit a 100-word abstract and short version of curriculum vitae via e-mail to:

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