

Ernesto Galarza Remembered: A Reflection on Graduate Studies in Chicano History

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ABSTRACT

This paper focuses on research on Chicanos and particularly on Ernesto Galarza, who helped establish the field of Chicano Studies. After being a spectator at a conference the author shares his perspective on the state of the discipline of Chicano history as a graduate student. He presents a response to what he thinks are many of the main themes that surfaced at the conference, as well as a summary of the type of work being done by students working on Master's and doctoral degrees. He reinforces the importance of the work being produced by graduate students in the field of Chicano history as it shapes the understanding of the field and shows where the field is heading.

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