

History and Anthropology: Conducting Chicano Research

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ABSTRACT

The author was asked to speak about her historical research on Chicanos from an anthropological perspective. Her approach is different from that of the historian, as her intent in conducting historical research is to understand the evolution of culture over time. Therefore, what she does is to first explain the sub-specialization of history and anthropology, and second to discuss the relationship between Chicano Studies and the field specializations of history and anthropology; and third, she closes with two examples from her research.