



## American Latino Scholars Expert Panel

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**Belinda Valles Faustinos** is a member of the National Park System Advisory Board and was a member of the National Parks Second Century Commission. She was Executive Officer of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles River and Mountains Conservancy for the last nine years of her forty-year career with the State of California. She has been a leader in the development of integrated regional watershed management planning, urban nature parks, river parkway, and interpretive programs. Currently she serves as an alternate California Coastal Commissioner, Land Trust Alliance Board Member, California State Audubon Board Member, and as an Executive Advisor to the San Gabriel River Discovery Center Foundation. She earned her bachelor's degree from Pitzer College and lives in the San Gabriel Valley.

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### Members

**Antonia Castañeda, Ph.D.**, is a retired Professor of History from St. Mary's University in Texas. She previously held appointments at the University of California, Santa Barbara and the University of Texas at Austin. She is co-editor of the *Chicana Matters Series* and of the anthology, *Gender on the Borderlands: The Frontiers Reader*. Additionally, she is the recipient of the 2007 Scholar of the Year award from National Association for Chicano and Chicana studies. Castañeda received her BA from Western Washington State College, MA from the University of Washington, and Ph.D. from Stanford University.

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**Estevan Rael-Gálvez, Ph.D.**, is Vice President of Historic Sites at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Previously, he served as the State Historian of New Mexico, the chairman of the New Mexico Cultural Properties Review Committee, and as the Executive Director of the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Rael-Gálvez received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and has received numerous fellowships for his work, including the Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. Dr. Rael-Gálvez is working on his book, *The Silence of Slavery*.

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**Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor of Journalism at the University of Texas at Austin. She was a journalist for over 17 years and helped organize the creation of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists. In 1999, she founded the U.S. Latino & Latina WWII Oral History Project (now the VOCES Oral History Project) and has directed it ever since. She is the lead editor of four books based on the Latino/a WWII experience and is writing a fifth that examines three examples of civil rights advancements by Mexican-Americans of the World War II generation. Rivas-Rodriguez received her bachelors in journalism from UT-Austin, her masters from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism and her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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