

National Park System Advisory Board

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- Margaret Wheatley, Co-founder and President Emerita, The Berkana Institute; Author, speaker, and writer on leadership practices; Provo, Utah

Acknowledgments

In late 2011, the American Latino Scholars Expert Panel was established under the auspices of the National Park System Advisory Board. The expert panel includes the following members:

- Belinda Faustinos, Member, National Park System Advisory Board, Co-Chair; and
- Luis Hoyos, AIA, Associate Professor of Architecture, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Co-chair;
- Antonia Castañeda, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, San Antonio;
- Rodolfo O. de la Garza, Ph.D., Eaton Professor of Administrative Law & Municipal Science, Columbia University;
- Frances Negrón-Muntaner, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English & Comparative Literature, Columbia University;
- Stephen J. Pitti, Ph.D., Professor of History & American Studies, Yale University;
- Estevan Rael-Gálvez, Ph.D., Senior Vice-President of Historic Sites, National Trust for Historic Preservation;
- Raymond Rast, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History, Gonzaga University;
- Maggie Rivas-Rodriguez, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Journalism, University of Texas, Austin;
- Vicki Ruiz, Ph.D., Professor of History, University of California, Irvine; and
- Virginia Sánchez Korrol, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Brooklyn College, City University of New York

Subject matter experts from the National Park Service also contributed to the panel's development of the theme study, including David Vela, Regional Director, Southeast Regional Office; Joseph Sánchez, Ph.D., Superintendent, Petroglyph National Monument, and the Spanish Colonial Research Center; and Dennis Vasquez, Superintendent, Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

The panel advised the Board and the National Historic Landmarks Committee staff on the structure of the theme study, appropriate authors for the essays, and major sources of information. Panel members also reviewed essay manuscripts in their areas of expertise. With coordination provided by the Organization of American Historians, the selected scholars wrote and revised their essays to reflect the panel's comments and provided recommendations on illustrations and sites associated with their topics.

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