



Quixote's Soldiers: A Local History of the Chicano Movement, 1966-1981, David Montejano

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David Montejano is full professor of ethnic studies and former chair of the Center for Latino Policy Research at the University of California, Berkeley. Previously he was an associate professor of history and sociology and director of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. He joined the Berkeley faculty in 2002.

Dr. Montejano's major areas of interest include comparative and historical sociology, political sociology, social change, race and ethnic relations, and community studies. A native of San Antonio, Texas, he received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at Austin and two Masters, and a PhD in sociology from Yale University.

Past teaching appointments include the University of California, Santa Cruz, and the University of New Mexico. He also has held appointments as Fellow of the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford, Resident Scholar of the School of American Research in Santa Fe, and as a Rockefeller Post-Doctoral Fellow.

Dr. Montejano is the author of the prizewinning historical overview, *Anglos and Mexicans in the Making of Texas, 1836- 1986*, published by the University of Texas Press in 1987. It is now in its 11th Printing. The book has also been translated and published in Mexico (Mexico City: Editorial Alianza, 1991). Since its publication, *Anglos and Mexicans in the Making of Texas* has been the recipient of much scholarly recognition, including the Frederick Jackson Turner Prize from the Organization of American Historians, as well as awards from the American Historical Association, the Texas Historical Commission, and the Texas Institute of Letters. The sequel, titled *Quixote's Soldiers: A Local History of the Chicano Movement, 1966-1981*, was recently published by the University of Texas Press. He has authored numerous scholarly articles and book chapters.

He is a past board member of the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities and a past commissioner of the Texas Commission on the Arts (1992-1998). He was inducted into the Texas Institute of Letters in 1995.

During his term as director of the Center for Mexican American Studies at the University of Texas, Dr. Montejano was much involved with higher education public policy, especially in regards to university admissions. He is the intellectual author of the "Top Ten Percent Plan," which the Texas Legislature enacted into law in 1997 in response to the end of affirmative action. Dr. Montejano has continued his involvement in higher education admissions at the University of California, Berkeley.