

**Finding Aid for Ricardo Parra
and Olga Villa Parra Papers
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Summary Information

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| Repository | Julian Samora Library at the Institute for Latino Studies |
| Title | Ricardo Parra and Olga Villa Parra Papers |
| Date | 1972-2000 |
| Extent | 1.5 Linear feet |
| Language | Multiple languages |

Language of Materials note Materials mostly in English, with select pieces in Spanish.

Preferred Citation note

Researchers wishing to cite materials from this collection may use the following acknowledgement: [title of item], Ricardo Parra and Olga Villa Parra Papers, Julian Samora Library at the Institute for Latino Studies, University of Notre Dame.

Biographical/Historical note

Ricardo and Olga Villa Parra, husband and wife, met in 1970 at the Mexican American Conference held at the University of Notre Dame. The emergence of the Chicano movement infused some activists in the Midwest with a new sense of purpose, and how they both became very involved in the Midwest Council of La Raza (MCLR) in carrying out social work for the Hispanic communities was very much triggered by the strong currents of student activism in states like California and Texas in the late 1960s. Ricardo became the executive director of the MCLR while Olga Villa, from Muskegon, Michigan, served as the Social Action Specialist at the Spanish Speaking Catholic Commission as she is a naturally affable person who made friends easily. They were both deeply engaged in the organization of various social causes and movements for the Hispanic communities, as evidenced by materials in this collection.

Scope and Contents note

The Ricardo Parra and Olga Villa Parra Papers include collected writings and photographs related to the Chicano experience in the midwestern United States. Of particular note is a set of the Midwest Council of La Raza newsletter, *Los Desarraigados*, 1972-1978 and numerous photographs and slides that document the Parra Villa's participation in Midwestern boycotts, demonstrations, and meetings. Also includes a 300+ page draft manuscript on the social and cultural organization of Mexicans throughout the Midwest, aimed to provide anecdotal narratives on the ordinary lives and to document the distinct yet interwoven generational stories; a 350+ page newspaper documentary history of the Chicano community in South Bend, Indiana, highlighting the common Chicano experiences; papers written by Ricardo Parra on topics that range from Hispanic ministry to labor organizations to undocumented immigrants & the media; and several inscribed publications.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Midwest Council of La Raza.

Genre(s)

- Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.)
- Photographs

Personal Name(s)

- Driscoll de Alvarado, Barbara, b. 1950
- Parra, Ricardo
- Santillan, Richard
- Villa Parra, Olga

Subject(s)

- Chicano movement
- Los Desarriagados Newsletter
- Mexican Americans--Civil rights--United States--History--20th century
- Mexican Americans--Indiana--Social conditions
- Social movements--Indiana--History--20th century

Collection Inventory

Los Desarraigados Newsletters 1972-1978

Los Desarraigados Nov 1972

Los Desarraigados Nov 1973

Los Desarraigados Dec 1973

Los Desarraigados Apr 1974

Los Desarraigados June 1974

Los Desarraigados Aug/Sep 1974

Los Desarraigados Summer 1975

Los Desarraigados Fall 1975

Los Desarraigados Spring 1976

Los Desarraigados Summer 1976

Los Desarraigados - special edition Summer 1976

Collected Writings

Los Desarraigados Fall 1976

Los Desarraigados Winter 1976

Los Desarraigados Winter 1976/1977

Los Desarraigados Spring 1977

Los Desarraigados Summer 1977

Los Desarraigados Fall/Winter 1977

Los Desarraigados Spring 1978

Collected Writings 1974 - 1999

"Mexican Social History in the Midwest United States: A Study of Four Generations, 1915-1995" by Richard Santillan 1994

"A Newspaper Documentary History of the Chicano Community of South Bend, Indiana" by Barbara A. Driscoll 1978

"A Progress Report, 1974-1975" by the Spanish Speaking Catholic Commission, NCCB Regions VI and VII 1974-1975

"Mexico in Chicago: La Bamba cultural", annual publication of the Mexican Cultural and Educational Institute of Chicago 1999

Photographs & Slides

"Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation" by John Phillip Santos 1999

"Me voy pa' Pensilvania por no andar en la vagancia" by Barbara Driscoll 1996

"An Alley in Chicago: the Ministry of a City Priest" by Margery Frisbie 1991

"Harvest of Hope: The Pilgrimage of a Mexican-American Physician" by Jorge Prieto 1989

Photographs & Slides 1970s

Photographic slides

Photographs

Ricardo Parra Writings & Lectures 1966-1978 (Bulk, 1972-1978)

Power: a suggested position for the poor Aug 8, 1966

Unos pensamientos sobre aspectos de programas sociales y el movimiento 1972

Hispanic ministry Oct 8, 1973

Concientizacion organization Nov 17, 1973

Mid-west council organization: past, present, and possibilities Mar 28, 1974

Ricardo Parra Writings & Lectures

Human Relations Commission hearing on Mexican American education May 13, 1974

Farm labor organizations 1976

La causa politica Spring 1977

Media: vehicle or destination Apr 8, 1976

Undocumented immigrants and the media Oct 8, 1976

Latinos and media: some practical suggestions Apr 13, 1978