

Finding Aid for Refugio Rochin Papers

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Summary Information

Repository	Julian Samora Library at the Institute for Latino Studies
Title	Refugio Rochin Papers
Date [inclusive]	1964-2002
Extent	41.0 Linear feet
Language	English

Preferred Citation note

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

Biographical/Historical note

Refugio Rochin is Professor Emeritus of Chicana/o Studies and Agricultural Economics at the University of California, Davis and retired Director of Research and Evaluation, Educational Partnership Center at U.C. Santa Cruz. He received a BA degree in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley (1966), an MS degree in Agricultural Economics/Anthropology from the University of Arizona (1967), and a PhD degree in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University (1971). His publications number over a hundred articles in professional journals, government reports and monographs on topics ranging from the shifting demographics in the U.S. and economic contributions of undocumented workers to public programs and rural reform policies to education and employment opportunities for immigrants from Central America.

Refugio Rochin has served in several high profile positions including Director Emeritus: Executive Director at the Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Latinos and Native Americans, Director of the Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University, founding Director of the Smithsonian Latino Center 1998-2002, and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Latino Studies at the University of Notre Dame. He was also the Associate Director for the Inter-University Program for Latino Research from 2002 to 2003, for which he established a Washington, D.C. office and worked to strengthen the capacity of Latino research centers to generate policy-relevant Latino focused research. He has also served on several national boards such as the Center for the Mathematics Education of Latinos/as, the Board of the American Society of Hispanic Economists, and the Council of Economic Advisors of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Rochin has also worked with government entities such as the USDA, US Department of State, and California Board of Food and Agriculture. His involvement with international projects on economic development is extensive, as is his engagement with social causes.

Scope and Contents note

This collection is comprised primarily of Refugio Rochin's extensive subject research files, copies of his writings and publications, as well as a few administrative files from his time as director of the Smithsonian Latino Center. Research files contain journal articles, government documents, dissertations, census statistics, and other academic publications concerning a variety of topics, including poverty, civil and human rights, income distribution and economic discrimination, trade policies and legislation, agriculture and food crisis, labor force and rural society, dislocated workers, public welfare, housing and education, changing demographics and cultural assimilation, economic and social behavior, border issues and immigration from Central America, among numerous others.

Arrangement note

The collection is currently arranged as it was received, that is, primarily as subject files kept by Refugio Rochin in roughly alphabetical order. Rochin's own writings were grouped together and administrative files from the Smithsonian Latino Center seem to be mixed in. Further processing is needed to distinguish subject files from administrative files and determine if they should be separated. Books received with the donation were integrated into the Julian Samora Library book collection.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Julian Samora Library at the Institute for Latino Studies

Related Materials

Related Archival Materials note

The Michigan State University holds a collection of clippings and articles donated by Rochin on topics of labor, free trade, immigration, and experience of undocumented workers. They can be found in The José F. Treviño Chicano/Latino Activism Collections: Refugio I. Rochin Papers, MSS 355, Special Collections. The MSU Special Collections web site can be accessed at <http://specialcollections.lib.msu.edu/>

Controlled Access Headings

Personal Name(s)

- Rochin, Refugio I.

Subject(s)

- Hispanic Americans--Economic conditions
- Hispanic Americans--Statistics
- Income distribution--United States
- Labor--United States--History--20th century
- Labor--United States--Statistics
- Latin America--Rural conditions
- Mexican-American Border Region--Economic conditions
- Poverty--United States--Cross-cultural studies
- Social mobility--United States