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## Guide to the Erlinda Gonzales-Berry Papers, 1982-2007

### Title

Erlinda Gonzales-Berry Papers (MSS Gonzales-Berry)

### Dates

1982-2007 (inclusive)

2000-2006 (bulk)

### Creator

Gonzales-Berry, Erlinda, 1942-

### Summary

The Erlinda Gonzales-Berry Papers document the research and publishing of Gonzales-Berry in the fields of Latino literature and culture and immigration from Mexico to the United States and include publications and speeches, awards, photographs, sound recordings, and a videotape. Gonzales-Berry was chair of the Oregon State University Ethnic Studies Department from 1997 until 2007.

### Quantity

0.5 cubic foot, including 14 photographs and 1 videotape (2 boxes, including one oversize box)

### Restrictions on Access

Collection is open for research.

### Language

Materials in English and Spanish.

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## Biographical Note

Erlinda Gonzales-Berry joined the Oregon State University faculty in 1997 as chair of the Ethnic Studies Department, a position she held until her retirement in December 2007. Gonzales-Berry specialized in teaching Latino literature and culture; published extensively on Chicano and Nuevomexicano literature and culture; and conducted research on immigration from Mexico to the United States. She organized several conferences and symposia on Chicano studies in Oregon.

Prior to her appointment at OSU, she was a professor of Spanish and Chicano/Latino Culture and Literatures at the University of New Mexico, where she also served as chair of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese. She earned her BA, MA, and PhD degrees from the University of New Mexico.

She served on the Oregon Commission for Hispanic Affairs, several MLA boards, the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities board, and the National Advisory Board of the U.S. Latino Literary Heritage Project.

## Content Description

The Erlinda Gonzales-Berry Papers consist of paper records, photographs, sound recordings and a videotape documenting Gonzales-Berry's teaching and research on Latino literature and culture and immigration from Mexico to the United States. The paper records include correspondence, newspaper clippings, certificates, posters, publications, and speeches. These records document awards she received, conference presentations, her appointment to the Oregon Commission for Hispanic Affairs, and her accomplishments as chair of the Ethnic Studies Department. The records also include materials pertaining to the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride in 2003.

The photographs, made between 1997 and 2006, include images of Gonzales-Berry, other College of Liberal Arts department chairs and faculty, and special events taken between 1997 and 2003. The sound recordings consist of 34 audiocassette tapes of interviews with Mexican immigrants and the children of early Mexicano migrant settlers in Oregon assembled as part of a research project.

The videotape includes two interviews recorded from the Spanish television program *Cita Con Nelly*. In an interview with program host Nelly, Gonzales-Berry describes the OSU Ethnic Studies Department; the book *Herencia*, which she edited; and resources at the OSU Archives on the Bracero Program. The second interview on the videotape is with Javier Cervantes, coordinator of Casa Educacional, the OSU Minority Education Office for Latina/o and Chicana/o students.

## Preferred Citation

Erlinda Gonzales-Berry Papers, Oregon State University Archives, Corvallis, Oregon.

## Processing Note

This collection is not fully processed; this guide is preliminary.

## Related Material

This collection is a component of the [Oregon Multicultural Archives](#), which includes several other collections pertaining to Latinos in Oregon as well as the [Ethnic Studies Department \(RG 227\)](#), [Minority Education Office \(RG 229\)](#), and [Office of Multicultural Affairs \(RG 225\)](#) Records.

## Subjects

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the OSU Libraries Catalog. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons, or places should search the catalog (<http://oasis.oregonstate.edu>) using these headings.

## Organizations

Oregon State University--Faculty.

Oregon State University--Students.

Oregon State University. College of Liberal Arts.

Oregon State University. Dept. of Ethnic Studies.

Oregon State University. Minority Education Office.

Oregon. Commission on Hispanic Affairs.

**Topics**

Alien labor, Mexican--Oregon.

Hispanic American literature (Spanish)--History and criticism.

Hispanic American college students--Oregon.

Mexican Americans--Oregon.

**Forms of Materials in the Collection**

Oral histories (document genres)

Photographic prints.

Sound recordings.

Video recordings.