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November 3 - November 19, 2015, 6:00 PM
Holyoke Public Library
***Latino Americans* – The landmark 6-hour PBS documentary**
part of
Herencia Latina 2015-16: Exploring Latino Heritage
in the Pioneer Valley

The Holyoke Public Library invites the public to a screening and community discussion of the entire six-episode PBS documentary ***Latino Americans***. This landmark series weaves together personal stories and new scholarship to illuminate the history of Latino Americans from the sixteenth century to the present.

At each episode, a special guest or guest will introduce the film. Post-film discussions will follow. On November 12 and November 19, scholars Ginetta Candelario (Smith College) and Joel Blanco-Rivera (University of Puerto Rico), respectively, will be facilitating the discussion. Other special guests include Holyoke City Councilor Jossie Valentin, Holyoke Deputy Director of Veterans' Services Wilfredo Melendez, and Dr. Carlos Turriago. See below for the complete schedule. Light refreshments will be offered.

When: November 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, and 19, 6:00 PM

Where: Holyoke Public Library Community Room, 250 Chestnut Street, Holyoke.

Other: Free and open to the public. Free parking adjacent to the Library.

These screenings and discussions are part of **Herencia Latina 2015-16**, an expansive project spearheaded by the Pioneer Valley History Network and the Springfield City Library. It includes fourteen film-and-discussion events, four exhibits, and six cultural programs and festivals, as well as related events, in Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, and Turners Falls. A full list of programs and partners can be found on the website <http://herencialatina2015-16.org/>. The project is funded by grants from the American Library Association, National Endowment for the Humanities, and Mass Humanities, and supported by El Sol Latino, Nuestras Raices, and WGBY Public Television. The **Pioneer Valley History Network** is a non-profit consortium of historical institutions throughout Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties of western Massachusetts.

November 3, 2015, 6:00 PM: Episode I: Foreigners in Their Own Land – An illuminating introduction to the first Hispanic-Americans and scholars' attempts to recover their lost history. Introduced by Library Board members **Manuel Frau-Ramos and Terry Plum**.

November 5, 2015, 6:00 PM: Episode II: Empire of Dreams – The compelling stories of migrants from Puerto Rico, Cuba, and Mexico, many of whom faced deportation when the United States sank into economic depression in the 1930s. Special guest Holyoke City Councilor **Jossie Valentin** will introduce the film.

November 10, 2015, 6:00 PM: Episode III: War and Peace – In spite of dedicated and often heroic military service in World War II, Latino Americans struggled for basic civil rights in the U.S. Special guest **Wilfredo Melendez**, Deputy Director of the Holyoke Department of Veterans' Services, will introduce the film.

November 12, 2015, 6:00 PM: Episode IV: The New Latinos – Tells the story of mass post-war migration to the U.S. from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, and Cuba. **Ginetta Candelario**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Latin American & Latina/o Studies at Smith College, will introduce the film and lead a post-film discussion. Professor Candelario has collaborated for more than a decade with community-based organizations in Holyoke as a teacher, speaker, and board member. Her research interests include Dominican and Latina/o communities and identity formations and Dominican feminist thought and activism.

November 17, 2015, 6:00 PM: Episode V: Prejudice and Pride – The 1960s brought the building of a new Chicano identity for Mexican-Americans, driven by those seeking to end persistent discrimination and widespread poverty among Latinos in the American southwest and California. Special guest **Dr. Carlos Turriago** will introduce the film.

November 19, 2015, 6:00 PM: Episode VI: Peril and Promise – This final episode raises questions about Latino assimilation and identity. Special guest Professor **Joel Blanco-Rivera** (University of Puerto Rico), whose current research includes archives and the documentation of the Puerto Rican diaspora in the United States, will introduce the film and lead a post-film discussion.