



Latino Movements for Social Justice: Puerto Rican Struggle for Civil Rights

Monday, March 31, 2014 4pm - 5pm Mary Idema Pew Library (Multipurpose Room)



José "Cha-Cha" Jiménez, founder of the Young Lords Movement, will discuss the national youth grassroots movement for Puerto Rican and Latino community control and empowerment. He will share the story of the ongoing struggle with Chicago officials for fair housing, self-determination and human rights.

The Young Lords were part of a historical moment in the U.S. where youth questioned and challenged many decisions of government and experimented with alternatives to deal with issues of civil rights, racism and social justice. The Latino Civil Rights movements led by César Chávez and others encouraged and inspired members of the Young Lord to organize groups to fight for their social, economic and political rights.

An overview of the Young Lords in Lincoln Park Oral History collection (part of the GVSU University Libraries Digital Collection) that documents the history of the displacement of Puerto Ricans and Latinos and others from Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood in the 1960s will also be provided.

For more Information about the Young Lords in Lincoln Park: http://www.gvsu.edu/younglords

This program is part of César E. Chávez Commemorative Week. For more information about other events: http://www.gvsu.edu/oma

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Event is free and open to the public. If you require special assistance or accommodations, please call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at (616) 331-2177. For event information, contact Carlos Rodriguez at rodrigue@gvsu.edu.

Community guests need to obtain a parking permit at the Public Safety Services.