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Willson Lecture Series at Texas Wesleyan University: A Latino Conversation

This year's Willson Lecture Series at Texas Wesleyan University will focus on Latino culture, history and faith. The public, students, faculty and staff are invited to attend these lectures, which will feature many diverse voices: theologian, priest, councilman, lawyer, pastor and activist.

The Lecture Series begins Monday, Oct. 10, with Dr. Daisy Machado, dean of Lexington Theological Seminary speaking about "Being Brown in the 21st Century: History and Imagination in the Making of a People." The Latino experience in the U.S. has shown that in many ways, Latinos/as have been "imagined" by the dominant culture and given a created identity that has served to marginalize and limit the participation of Latinos/as in the wider U.S. culture. This lecture will seek to explore the use of this historical imagining, its impact on Latinos/as in the U.S., and how Latinos/as have responded through self-awareness and their own self-imagining.

After chapel service and lunch with religion professors and students, Latino/a student groups, guest speakers, and a panel discussion will be held on Immigration Issues. Panelists will include Father Stephen Jasso, All Saints Catholic Church; Sal Espino, Fort Worth City Council; and Jesus Saucedo, immigration lawyer. This discussion will be a time to learn about the realities of immigration from different Latino voices: a priest, a city councilman and an immigration lawyer. The audience will be invited to ask the panel questions for them to discuss.

On Tuesday, Oct. 11, Alberto Govea, director of District 21 for the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), will speak about Latino culture, focusing on the difficulties experienced within Latino families as the American culture is integrated into their own. The lecture series will conclude with a chapel service and lunch. The Rev. Raul Gutiérrez of Arlington Heights United Methodist Church will lead the chapel service on Tuesday.

The annual Willson Lecture Series are made possible by a gift from the late Mavis Terry Willson and the late J.M. Willson of Floydada, TX. In 1946, the Willsons provided an endowment to

bring outstanding speakers to campus. Through the years, these speakers have delivered messages that have challenged and inspired thousands of Texas Wesleyan students, faculty and staff.

October 10

- Dr. Daisy Machado, Science Lecture Theater, 1303 Wesleyan St., 10 a.m.
- Chapel and Lunch, Fellowship Hall at Polytechnic United Methodist Church (Poly UMC), 3229 E. Rosedale St., 12 p.m.
- Panel Discussion, Science Lecture Theater, 1:30 p.m.

October 11

- Alberto Govea, Chapel of Poly UMC, 11 a.m.
- Chapel and Lunch, Chapel of Poly UMC, 12:15 p.m.

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