In Celebration of the Bicentennial of Mexico’s Independence and the Centennial of the Mexican Revolution

Wednesday, September 15, 12:00-8:00 p.m.
SJSU King Library 5th Floor
Cultural Exhibitions/Presentations of Shared Heritage: Mexico/California 200 Years

1:00-3:00 Steinbeck Center
Dr. George Vásquez, San José State University
Introduction and screening of the film, Viva Zapata!

3:00-4:00 Cultural Heritage Center Reading Floor
Carlos von Son and students, National Hispanic University
Pénjamo (birthplace of Miguel Hidalgo, the founding father of Mexico): a play in honor of Mexican Independence.

4:00-5:00 Cultural Heritage Center Program Room - 525
Guadalupe Cepeda, artist from Jalisco, México
Demonstration of the traditional Mexican fashion and art form called Rebozos.

5:00-6:00 Schiro Room
Dr. Ruth Wilson, San José State University
Lecture and photographic exhibit of the Zócalo in Mexico.
Light reception to follow.

6:00-8:00 Schiro Room
Dr. Susan Shillinglaw, San José State University

Co-hosts: Dean of the Library, the Cultural Heritage Center, the Steinbeck Center, and SJSU Special Collections, San José Public Library, and the Departments of Mexican American Studies, African American Studies, World Languages and Literatures, Global Studies, and History.
Thursday, September 16, 1:30-8:00 p.m.
SJSU King Library, Room 229, 2nd floor
Shared Heritage: México/California 200 Years
SJSU Symposium

1:30-2:15 Panel: “Shared Heritage and Mexican Independence”
Dr. Patricia Lopes Don, SJSU, “American Independence from the Mexican Perspective.”
Dr. Ruma Chopra, SJSU, “Mexican Independence from the American Perspective.”

2:30-3:45 Panel: “Shared Heritage and Mexican California”
Dr. Glen Gendzel, SJSU, “The Meaning of Mexican Independence for Mexican California”
Dr. Robert Senkewicz, Santa Clara University, TBA
Dr. Damian Bacich, SJSU, “A Troublesome Friar in the Last Days of Mexican California.”

4:00-5:00 Panel: “Shared Heritage and Mexican Immigration”
Dr. Margo McBane, SJSU, “Los Olvidados: The History of Mexican Immigrants in the Santa Clara Valley Canning Industry.”
Angelica Alvarez, SJSU, “The Bracero Program and the United States Congress”
Dr. Julia Curry Rodriguez, SJSU, “The Legacy of Women in Mexico’s Immigration”
Dr. Paul López, CSU Chico, “Braceros, Familias, Social Networks, and Settlers”

5:00-6:00 Book Presentation
Dr. Paul López, CSU Chico. ¿Que Fronteras?: Mexican Braceros and a Re-examination of the Legacy of Migration. Lecture and Q&A with Author. Light Reception follows.

6:00-8:00 Film Screening: Harvest of Loneliness: The Bracero Program
Dr. Vivian Price, CSU Dominguez Hills. Lecture/Q&A follows.

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