Public and Private Sociology: Making a Difference

Dr. Mindiola is the former Director of UH’s Center for Mexican American Studies. He is a political and social analyst whose career has examined race relations in the United States, with particular emphasis on Mexican Americans. Dr. Mindiola is credited with forming and then developing CMAS into one of the premier academic programs of its type in the country. Under his direction, the Center developed a minor in Mexican American Studies, a visiting scholars’ program, research and graduate fellowships, leadership training, community service, and much more. Retiring after 34 years of service in spring 2015, Dr. Mindiola will return to campus on March 2, 2016, to talk about how sociology helped him to understand people, communities, power, politics, financial issues, and organizational dynamics, and how he used his sociological perspective to make a difference in the community and the university as he set up, and conducted his work at, the Center.

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