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# Louisville Latinx Oral History Project

Creating visibility, lifting voices and  
empowering people through documenting  
narratives of Louisville's Latinx community

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# LOHP Team



## Sarah Nuñez

- Assistant Director, Cultural Center
- Core Team Leader, Louisville Latino Education Outreach Project (LLEO)
- Co-Director, Latinx Oral History Project



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## **Heather Fox**

- Director, Oral History Center, Archives and Special Collections
- Manuscript Archivist
- Co-Director, Latinx Oral History Project
- Associate professor



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## McClain Owens

- Intern for LOHP Spring of 2018-Current
- Senior Women's and Gender Studies Major and Sociology Major
- Muhammad Ali Scholar



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## **Diana Lalata**

- Intern for LOHP in Spring of 2017
- Interviewed four people: a queer racial justice organizer from Texas; Peruvian academic; a Guatemalan musician and community radio host; college student who has only ever lived in Louisville
- Transcribed the interviews



# In the Beginning...

- **When:** Established in Spring of 2017
- **Why:** We have little documentation of the Latinx population in Louisville, one that has grown significantly in the last 20 years
- **How:** Train Latinx community members and students to interview, record, and share stories as a tool for empowerment.



# Interviews

- **What country are you or is your family originally from?**  
De que país eres tu familia o tu familia?
- **How did you or your family end up in the USA?**  
Como así tu familia llegó a los EEUU?
- **How did you or your family come to be in Louisville?**  
Como así llegó tu familia a Kentucky/Louisville?
- **When was the first time you found "your people" or have a glimpse into your ancestry? What did it taste like, feel like, look like?**  
Cuándo fue la primera vez que te encontraste con "tu gente" o tuviste consciencia de tu cultura? Puedes describir que sabor tenía, lo que viste y sentiste?



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# Impact

- Dr. Massoth's LALS Class (Spring 2018)
- Two paid internships
- Community training summer of 2018
  - La Casita community center
  - bi-lingual live translation
  - UK students were present at this training
    - led to collaborative efforts in Lexington



# Presentations

- The Midwest Archives Conference (Fox, Spring 2018)
- Kentucky Honors Roundtable at Western Kentucky University (Owens, Fall 2018)
- Norton Healthcare Diversity Conference (Nunez, 2019)



# Next Steps

- More interviews
  - Focus interviews with Latinx Students in the Cultural Center's HLI programs
- Follow up with Community Training attendees
  - Organize a second training
  - Explore more themes (health justice, Cuban American stories)
- Explore broader collaboration with University of Kentucky and ECU to create a *statewide* Latinx Oral History Project



Thank you!

