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Albert Camarillo

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Bio

BIO

A member of the Stanford University History Department from 1975 to 2017, Camarillo is widely regarded as one of the founding scholars of the field of Mexican American history and Chicano Studies. He was born and raised in the South Central Los Angeles community of Compton where he attended the Compton public schools before entering the University of California at Los Angeles as a freshman in 1966. He continued his education at UCLA in the Ph.D. program in U.S. History where he received his doctorate in 1975 and where his dissertation was nominated that year as one of the best Ph.D. theses in the nation in American history. He is the first Mexican American in the nation's history to receive a Ph.D. in U.S. history with a specialization in Chicano History. Camarillo has published eight books and dozens of articles and essays dealing with the experiences of Mexican Americans and other racial and immigrant groups in American cities.

Camarillo's newest book is his memoir, Compton in My Soul: A Life in Pursuit of Racial Equality (Stanford University Press, 2024). Two of his books, Chicanos in a Changing Society: From Mexican Pueblos to American Barrios (Harvard University Press, 1979, six printings; Southern Methodist University Press edition, March 2005) and Chicanos in California: A History of Mexican Americans (Boyd and Fraser, 1984, four printings) have been widely read.

Over the course of his career, Camarillo has received many awards and fellowships. He is the only faculty member in the history of Stanford University to receive six of the highest and most prestigious awards for excellence in teaching, service to undergraduate education, and contributions to the University and its alumni association. At Stanford's Commencement in 1988 and in 1994 respectively, he received the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Outstanding Service to Undergraduate Education and the Walter J. Gores Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 1997, he was awarded the Bing Teaching Fellowship Award for Excellence and Innovation in Undergraduate Teaching. Camarillo was awarded the Miriam Roland Prize for Volunteer Service for 2005, an award that recognizes a Stanford Faculty member who "over and above their normal academic duties engage and involve students in integrating academic scholarship with significant volunteer service to society." He received the Richard W. Lyman Award from the Stanford Alumni Association in 2010 and the President's Award for Excellence Through Diversity in 2011. Camarillo has also received various awards for research and writing including a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship and a Rockefeller Foundation Fellowship; he was also a fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences and at the Stanford Humanities Center.

Camarillo served as President of the Organization of American Historians for 2012-13, the nation's largest membership association for historians of the U.S. He is also the past president to the American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Emeritus Faculty, Acad Council, History Department

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Leon Sloss Jr. Memorial Professor, Stanford University, (2011- present)
- Professor, School of Education, (2008- present)
- Special Assistant, Provost for Faculty Diversity, (2007- present)
- Miriam and Peter Haas Centennial Professorship in Public Service, Stanford University, (2002-2011)
- Founding Director, Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity, (1996-2002)
- Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies, School of Humanities and Sciences, (1992-1994)
- Mellon Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies, Stanford University, (1991-1994)
- Founding Executive Director, Inter-University Program for Latino Research, (1985-1988)
- Founding Director, Stanford Center for Chicano Research, (1980-1985)
- Professor of History, Stanford University, (1975- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- President's Award for Excellence in Diversity, Stanford University (2011)
- Richard W, Lyman Award, Stanford Alumni Association (2010)
- La Familia Award, Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley (2007)
- Top Ten Most Influential Hispanic Educators in Silicon Valley, Mexican American Community Services Agency, Inc. (2007)
- Miriam A. Roland Faculty Volunteer Service Prize, Stanford University (2005)
- Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (2002-2003)
- Bing Fellowship for Excellence and Innovation in Teaching, Stanford University (1997-2000)
- Ernest A. Lynton Award for Faculty Professional Service and Academic Outreach, Honorable Mention, New England Resource Center for Higher Education (1997)
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (1994-1995)
- Walter J. Gores Award, Stanford University Commencement (1994)
- Fellow, The Huntington Library (1990)
- Fellow, Stanford Humanities Center (1988-1989)
- Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award, Stanford University Commencement (1988)
- Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (1982-1983)
- Research Fellowship, Rockefeller Foundation (1982-1983)
- Research Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities (1977-1978)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- President, Organization of American Historians (2012 - 2013)
- Program Committee, Organization of American Historians (1999 - 1999)
- Executive Board, Organization of American Historians (1992 - 1995)
- Committee on Minority History and Historians, Organization of American Historians (1987 - 1989)
- Nominating Board, Organization of American Historians (1982 - 1984)
- President, AHA-Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association (2005 - 2006)

- Division Committee on the Profession, American Historical Association (1987 - 1990)
- Task Force on NAEP, U.S. History Assessment, American Historical Association (1991 - 1992)
- Council Member, Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association (1997 - 1999)
- Council Member, Pacific Coast Branch, American Historical Association (1980 - 1982)
- Executive Board, Urban History Association, American Historical Association. (2002 - 2005)
- Council, California Council for the Humanities, American Historical Association (1985 - 1988)
- Editorial Board Memberships, Pacific Historical Review,American Historical Association
- Editorial Board Membership, Western Historical Quarterly
- Editorial Board Membership, Mexican Studies Journal

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity (CCSRE)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D, UCLA , History (1975)
- BA, UCLA , History (1970)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Navigating Segregated Life in America's Racial Borderhoods, 1910s-1950s** *JOURNAL OF AMERICAN HISTORY*
  Camarillo, A. M.
  2013; 100 (3): 645-662
- **Looking Back on Chicano History: A Generational Perspective** *Pacific Historical Review*
  Camarillo, A.
  2013; 82 (4)
- **Blacks, Latinos, and the New Racial Frontier in American Cities of Color: California's Emerging Minority-Majority Cities** *African American Urban History: The Dynamics of Race, Class, and Gender since World War II*
  Camarillo, A.
  edited by Trotter, J., Kusmer, K.
  University of Chicago Press.2009
- **Chicanos in a Changing Society: From Mexican Pueblos to American Barrios**
  Camarillo, A.
  Southern Methodist University Press.2005
- **Chicanos in a Changing Society: From Mexican Pueblos to American Barrios**
  Camarillo, A.
  Harvard University Press.1996
- **Chicanos in California: A History of Mexican Americans**
  Camarillo, A.
  Boyd and Fraser Publishers.1984
- **The State of Chicano Research in Family, Labor, and Migration Studies**
  Valdez, A., Camarillo, A.
  edited by Amaguer, T.
  1983
- **The American Southwest: Myth and Reality**
  Allen, R., Camarillo, A., Billington, A.

Clark Memorial Library Publications.1975

- **Furia y Muerte: Los Bandidos Chicanos**
  Castillo, P., Camarillo, A.
  UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Publications.1973