Tejano Leadership

"Tejano Leadership in Mexican and Revolutionary Texas," a symposium held on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006, in conjunction with the Latino Presence at Texas State celebrations held in fall 2006, brought together 13 scholars on the history of early Texas to discuss the roles of leading Tejanos to the development of the state during the 1820s and 1830s, including their contributions to Texas independence. An audience of over 300 students, faculty, and general public attended the day-long event, which included a luncheon keynote by Sam Houston State historian Carolina Castillo-Crimm. Many attendees commented on the uniqueness and importance of the subject, which demonstrated the university's commitment to social, cultural, and ethnic diversity in its programming and research/instructional agendas. The presentations were subsequently made available for listening at [http://nuestrafamiliaunida.com/podcast/TejanoLeadershipConference.html](http://nuestrafamiliaunida.com/podcast/TejanoLeadershipConference.html). A book of essays based on the presentations is in preparation.