

Subject: Call for Proposals: Cuentos and Testimonies II: Students' Voices, Inclusion, & Anti-Racism
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Almost two years ago, we solicited contributions to an interdisciplinary digital collection of essays, [Cuentos & Testimonies: Diversity & Inclusion at Texas State University](#). The purpose of the first edition of *Cuentos and Testimonies*, which was published in April 2019, was to provide a space for faculty to share their hopes and ideas for strengthening diversity and inclusion at Texas State University.

To continue this important conversation, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Octavio Pimentel and Dr. Miriam F. Williams, both of the Department of English and editors of the first issue, have agreed to edit a second edition. The second edition, *Cuentos and Testimonies II: Students' Voices, Inclusion, & Anti-Racism*, will highlight students' voices and perspectives. Various forms of expression or art are acceptable, including but not limited to short essays, poetry, interviews, videos, and photography.

In this edition of *Cuentos and Testimonies*, students are asked to focus their responses and reflections on events, activities, and programs related to diversity and inclusion, broadly construed. Emphasis may be on events, activities, and programs held at Texas State, but exploration of external events or activities are acceptable. Students' reactions and reflections on [Common Experience](#) events, Student Government's [Diversity Week](#), Department of Philosophy's [Dialogue Series](#), the university's [Action Plan to Build Capacity](#), course and program curricula, undergraduate research projects, and many other opportunities on campus provide a fertile setting for this second edition. Students may also wish to reflect on or respond to national or global incidents of racism, misogyny, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, religious intolerance, and/or incidents that demonstrate how these forms of intolerance intersect or overlap. Students are encouraged to work in consultation with staff or faculty to develop their ideas and submissions.

As is the case in most edited collections, not all submissions will be accepted, but the online format provides ample opportunity to consider many submissions. All interested students are asked to submit 300-350 word proposals to the editors, Dr. Pimentel via email at Octavio.Pimentel@txstate.edu and Dr. Williams via email at mfw@txstate.edu, for consideration by November 1, 2019. If you intend to work in consultation with a staff or faculty member, please include their name in the proposal. The editors and reviewers will then ask selected contributors to submit their contributions for further consideration by April 15, 2020. At this time, *Cuentos and Testimonies II: Students' Voices, Inclusion, & Anti-Racism* is expected to be available to the Texas State community in fall 2020.

Timeline:

Proposals Due: November 1, 2019
Notifications: November 15, 2019
Submissions Due: April 15, 2020

Reviewer Comments: June 1, 2020
Revisions Due: August 15, 2020
Publication: Fall 2020

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