



Northern Illinois University

NIU Libraries

Barnhart, September 17, 2020

Heart of the University ...



Based on relationships...

- All types of users
- All disciplines and departments
- Scholarship in all formats



Heart of the University ...



- "Thirdspace"
- Center of campus



Contributes to:

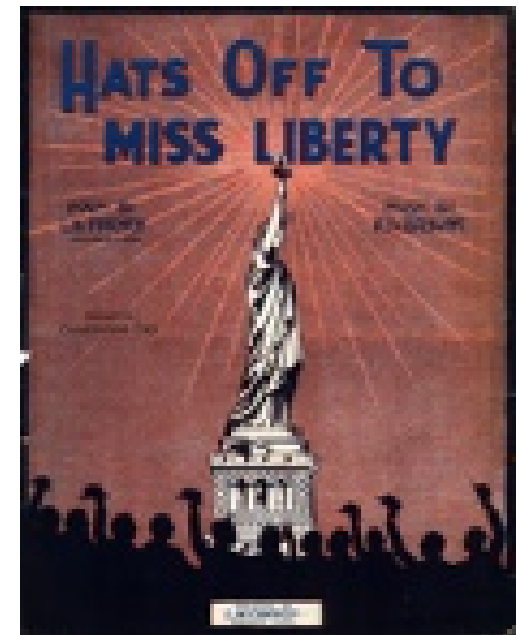
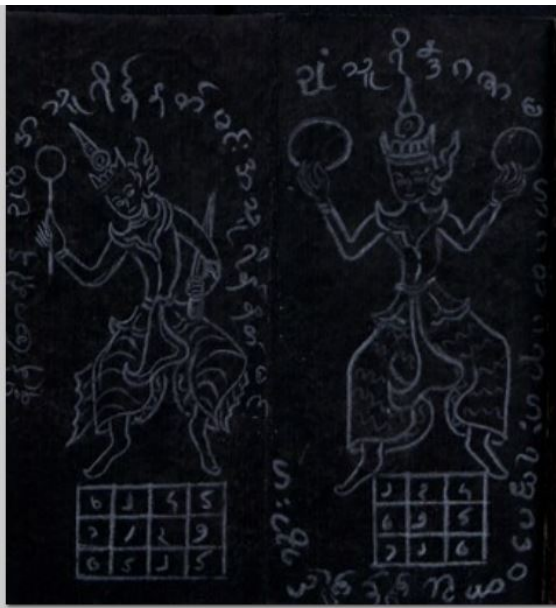


- Enrollment
- Student Success
 - Retention
 - graduation rates
 - learning
 - engagement
- Faculty research productivity
- Faculty teaching and service

Unique collections:



- SE Asian Collection
- Dime Novels Collection
- Lee Schreiner Sheet Music Collection



Unique collections:



- University Archives
- Oral histories

125th Anniversary Oral History Project

The 125th Anniversary Oral History Project was a collaborative effort led by History Professor Amanda Liffauer and History PhD student Jaime Lozano with support from the NIU President's Office, the NIU Libraries, the Friends of the NIU Libraries, and the DeKalb Public Library. Eleven undergraduate and graduate students studying Oral History Methodology interviewed a total of 28 former and present NIU staff, faculty, and alumni about their experiences at NIU since the 1950s.

Contact: Dr. Amanda Liffauer, Associate Professor, Department of History/Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality

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Interview with Agapita Smith, 2019 October 2



Interview with Amy Levin, 2019 October 11



Interview with Ann Kaplan, 2018 October 2



Interview with Cahlia Roman, 2019 October 18



Interview with Dennis Barsema, 2019 October 15



Interview with Edmund Bates, 2019 October 20



Interview with Grant Olson, 2019 October 9



Interview with Jan Bach, 2019 November 7

NIU Latinx Oral History Project

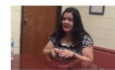
The Center for Latino and Latin American Studies established the NIU Latinx Oral History Project in 2014 to document the lives and experiences of Latinx in the Midwest. The collection contains over 150 audio and video interviews with NIU faculty, students, and staff, undocumented migrants, community activists and leaders, and other Latinx in the region. Many of the interviews have focused on themes of family, identity formation, Latinx social and political organizing, and the difficulties faced by the undocumented in the United States. Interviews continue to be collected and processed by NIU undergraduate and graduate students. Some interviews have also been deposited in the Regional History Center at NIU's Founders Memorial Library and are open to researchers for consultation.

Contact: Dr. Christina D. Abreu, Director, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies

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Interview by Michelle Nuñez Salas, 2018 March 22



Interview with Maribel Taboada, 2015 July 14



Interview with Luis Naveez, 2015 July 10



Interview with Maria Isabel Valdovinos-Bhatia, 2018 March 23



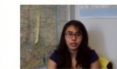
Interview with José Luis Escalante, 2018 February 25



Interview with Erick Flores, 2015 July 6



Interview with Elisa Flores Mejia, 2015 November 2



Interview with Cindy Augustin, 2016 July 12



And now ... the pandemic



- Limited access
- Safety protocols
- All services virtual
- Laptops and hotspots



Challenges:



- Budget
- Digital divide
- Facilities
- Personnel

Future Opportunities:



- Facilitate partnerships
- Disseminate NIU scholarship
- Digitize collections
- Innovate the libraries' structure and facilities



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Huskies ask questions!