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What We Did (and Why We Did It):
50 Years of Institution Building

From the mid-20th Century through the first decades of the 21st Century members of the Chican@/Latin@ Academic communities of the US have had as their project to develop the intellectual resources and the institutional mechanisms to advance the interests of the Latino community. A significant percentage of that leadership came out of Departments of Spanish and Portuguese. Over the course of the past half century we have witnessed the creation of programs, centers, publishing entities, associations, and organizations dedicated to that end. The advances have been substantive and significant, but they have been met with great resistance, have come at considerable cost, and are ever vulnerable to economic, ideological, and political attacks.