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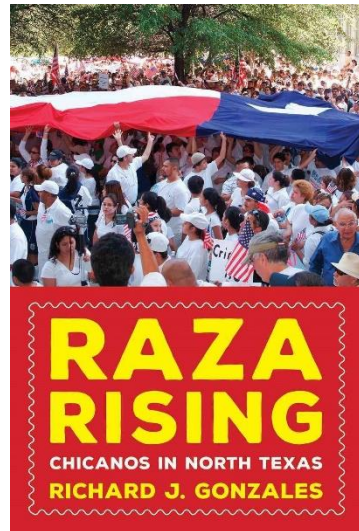
## *Richard Gonzales*

### “The History of the Mexican American Community in Fort Worth”

**January 21, 2017**

Since the 1800s, Mexicans have lived and worked in Fort Worth, contributing their skills to build a vibrant city. Yet, little has been written or taught about the Mexican presence in Cowtown. Like other immigrants to Texas, Mexicans journeyed to Fort Worth for a better life. Some fled from the hardships of the Mexican Revolution. Others sought to make their fortune in a land that was once part of Mexico. Some Mexicans trace their presence in Texas for several generations and say that they didn't cross the border, the border crossed them. Learn about their challenges to adapt to a new culture and language, to find jobs, to educate their children and to raise their families as Mexican Americans in Panther City.

Author Richard J. Gonzales has lived in North Texas over forty-seven years, researching and writing about Mexican Americans. He graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with concentrations in English, history and social work. His work has appeared in the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, various print and online newspapers, college textbook, and literary journal. His book, *Raza Rising: Chicanos in North Texas*, was published by the University of North Texas Press in March 2016.



Join us for coffee and “nibbles” beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday morning, January 21, 2017 10:00 to 12:00**

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