

EVENT NOTICE



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AFRO-MEXICANS IN LOS ANGELES Part of the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at WLAC



NOTE: The family of Pio Pico, the last Governor of Alta California, was of Spanish, Mexican, African, Italian and Native American descent.

WHAT: Presentation on the shared history of Mexicans, African Americans and Afro-Mexicans in Los Angeles
(FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

WHEN: Wednesday, September 28
11:15am – 12:45pm

WHERE: West Los Angeles College
Fine Arts Theater
9000 Overland Avenue (near Jefferson)
Culver City, CA 90230
Park in the South Parking Structure - \$2.
Cars entering from Overland should turn right at the blue "Welcome" sign.

WHO: **Alva Moore Stevenson,**
Program Coordinator in the UCLA Library Department of Special Collections
Alva Moore earned her Bachelor's degree in English and Masters in African Americans Studies, with a Minor in Latin American Studies, at UCLA. She is Program Coordinator in the UCLA Library Department of Special Collections including responsibilities with the Collecting Los Angeles initiative and the University Archives. Alva spent twenty-five years in the Center for Oral History Research where she coordinated the Center's documentation of African Americans in Los Angeles. A highlight was an exhibit she curated entitled, Forming and Transforming the City: African Americans in Los Angeles. Alva's Master's thesis focused on the history of her mother's family who are biracial African American and Mexican.

Terri de la Pena, Descendant of Early California Land Owners

Terris de la Pena is a descendant of Francisco Marquez and Maria Roque Valenzuela who co-owned the 1839 Mexican land grant "Rancho Boca de Santa Monica" with Ysidro Reyes. With her Marquez-Reyes cousins she has been researching the family's genealogy, which includes ancestors of African-Yaqui descent, Sephardic Jews, mestizos from all over Mexico, as well as their connections to the founding families of Los Angeles, San Diego, and Santa Barbara.

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