Making Space for Inclusion: A Case Study About A Latina Anthropologist

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Introduction

- Case Study
- American Anthropological Association (AAA)
- Latina Anthropologists Research Project
Historical Background

History


AAA sponsored surveys (COSWA and Minority Anthropologists)

Book on Black Feminist Anthropologists

Latinos in anthropology and feminist anthropologists
Significance of Research

- Little research and history
- Unique “insider” perspective
- Guide for future Latina anthropologists and those working with Latina anthropologists
Methodology

Literature Review:
- Latina/o anthropologists
- Chicana/o scholars and anthropology
- Chicana Feminists
- Feminist Anthropology
Methodology (Cont.)

- Interviews
  - Criteria for participants
  - Recruitment through ALLA
  - Open-ended and Semi-structured
  - Interview included 7 major parts
Methodology (Cont.)

Survey

Recruitment of participants through ALLA

Questions

Demographic
Educational History
Current Employment
Research and Applied Interests
Experiences
Methodology (Cont.)

- **Case Study**
  - Review of literature and analysis of one interview

- **Coding (Richards, 2005):**
  - Descriptive
  - Topical
Case Study

Confidentiality of Informant

Biographical Information:

- Born in Costa Rica
- College in California and Washington D.C.
- Full Professor
Findings

Experiences

Awareness of inter-ethnic relations
   - Ethnic Politics (Zavella, 1993)

Navigating the academic system
   - Chicano scholars on academic system (Chabram, 1998)
Findings (Cont.)

Contributions

Applied projects with the Latino Community

- Latina/o Anthropologists engage in applied projects (Perez, 2007)

Inclusion of Latino Scholarship and Latino students in the discipline

- Long exclusion of Latino Studies in academia (Davila, 2006)
Conclusion

- Multiple roles played in community and university
- Contributions
  - Applied anthropology (Perez, 2007; Rosaldo, 1985)
  - Inclusion (Davila, 2006)
- Experiences
  - Strategies (Chabram, 1998)
  - Inter-ethnic relations (Zavella, 1993)
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