



**A Struggle for Social Justice:
The Chicano voice of Julian Samora
How Does His Legacy Respond to
Conservatives' Attacks on Churches
That Preach Social Justice?**

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On one of his daily television shows this month, Fox News personality Glenn Beck set out to convince his audience that "social justice," the term many Christian churches use to describe their efforts to address poverty and human rights, is a "code word" for communism and Nazism. This discussion will address theological and secular notions of social justice, their interplay and alliances. The work of Julian Samora, a chicano scholar will be used as a case example of how a scholar addressed social justice in his work.

Julian Samora (1920-1996) was the founder of Latino Studies. If there is a theme in his life, it is his fight for social justice, for himself, for Mexican-Americans trying to make a living in the Midwest and Southwest, for Mexicans struggling to survive in the border regions of both countries, and for the multitudes of people identified Latino in the United States. During his forty-year career, Samora helped in remarkable ways to bring their struggles to light

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DATE, TIME AND LOCATION

Wednesday, April 14, 2010
5901 Bishop Blvd
Prothro Hall Refectory – Room 104
Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6:30 pm Gathering for light dinner
7:00-8:30 pm Discussion

SUGGESTED READING:

Moving Beyond Borders: Julian Sonora and the Establishment of Latino Studies.

Introduction: "Moving Beyond Borders."
Alberto Lopez Polio,
Barbara Driscoll de Alvarado, and Carmen Samara.

Chapter 29: "Julian Somora and His Lesson of Revelation." Alberto Lopez Polio.

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