

Our papers will all detail the work of three scholars, who we call “Los Tres Grandes”. Ernesto Galarza, Herman Gallegos, Julian Samora. These three activists and scholars founded the National Council of La Raza, yet we detail their quite different narratives, arcs, and approaches. Our method is to each present on a scholar, therefore: Barbara Driscoll de Alvarado will present a paper on Ernesto Galarza who was largely known for his work with labor organizers and the Bracero Program, Carmen Samora will speak about Herman Gallegos who developed models for philanthropy and worked with private councils and organizations, while Annette will detail the work of Julian Samora, who worked largely in academia (most notably at Notre Dame) with mentorship and leadership programs. We feel that their collective efforts for the NCLR were dynamically made possible by their individual work. We will also have a commentator, possibility Dr. Alberto Pulido Professor of Ethnic Studies at UCSD. Dr. Pulido was a graduate student working under the direction and guidance of the late Dr. Julian Samora and has continued his work in Ethnic Centers.