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When asked, in the spring of 1981, to review anthropological writings on Chicanos for a conference at the University of California, Santa Barbara, I did some preliminary research, hoping to discover the magnitude of the job ahead of me. *Books in Print* yielded only two ethnographies (1, 35) and a few dissertations that had been printed (by Arno Press and R & E Research Associated) to meet the demand for Chicano studies course materials. A computer search with the keywords Chicano(s), Chicana(s), and Mexican American(s) provided, with duplication, exactly 710 titles, but anthropologists virtually never appeared on the printout, which was dominated by people from other disciplines writing on the topics of health care and bilingual education. So little appeared to have been published by anthropologists writing on Chicanos that I readily accepted the invitation and confidently took on what seemed a simple task.

Then I decided to write the few anthropologists known to me who did research on Chicanos. My letter requested lists of their writings, bibliographies on the subject, and the names of other researchers. Nobody sent a review article or bibliography of the field, but virtually everybody sent their own writings and the names of other people to contact. When my "chain letter" reached four removes (contacts of contacts of contacts of people initially contacted), diminishing returns set in. At last most of the people to contact were already known to me.

To make a long story short, thanks to the generous responses of the authors cited in this review, as well as the exceptionally able research assistance of Janice Stockard, I have now compiled a virtually exhaustive (as contrasted with the more selective list of works cited below) "Working Bibliography of Anthropological Writings on Chicanos, 1970–1983," which lists 321 books and articles (available, on request, from Stanford Center for Chicano Research, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305). During the period 1970–1983, the productivity in Chicano studies has followed a steadily rising curve from 1970 to 1981, when it has dropped off, perhaps reflecting the fate of affirmative

action in the Reagan era. The exact numbers are: 31 entries for 1970–72, 36 for 1973–75, 77 for 1976–78, 101 for 1979–81, and 60 for 1982–84. Despite the field's productivity (and in marked contrast with such other Chicano studies disciplines as history, political science, sociology, and psychology), anthropological writings on Chicanos have never been reviewed [except in a working paper of mine (142)], and have proved difficult even to identify. Only nine anthropology books on Chicanos appeared during the period under review. The major anthropology journals have printed but four papers on Chicanos (68, 110, 211, 219), though *Human Organization*, the journal of applied anthropology, has 12 entries. Less visible journals in anthropology, Chicano studies, and other disciplines carried a certain number of other articles, but the majority were published in collections, conference proceedings, or as working papers with narrow distribution.

Evidently, as it now appears in retrospect, only my ignorance of its magnitude allowed me to embark on this project. Indeed, my ignorance was shared by the anthropologists studying Chicanos, who, in the absence of discipline-based review essays and conferences, have known themselves only partially, more as segments of networks than as a group. They have succeeded in being prolific without engaging in ongoing exchange with their fellow anthropologists, either in Chicano studies or in other areas of their discipline. This review essay attempts, as one step in a longer process, to make Chicano studies more visible, both to itself and to other anthropologists.

AN INITIAL ASSAULT

The characteristics of Chicano studies since the late 1960s in large measure date back to a series of papers by an anthropologist, Romano (137-141), and a sociologist, Vaca (173, 174), published at the beginning of the period under review. Publishing in El Grito, the Chicano journal they founded, Romano and Vaca set an agenda for the future and stridently attacked previous writings by Anglo anthropologists. Though they spoke of the social sciences in general, the writers most vilified for negative stereotyping prominently included such anthropologists as William Madsen, Arthur Rubel, Munro Edmonson, and Margaret Clark. Graduate students who read Romano and Vaca learned a litany of infamous names and were taught to protest against cultural determinism. They learned to recognize that anthropologists who assert that Chicanos suffer from their own alleged cultural values, such as passivity, fatalism, and envidia, have simply adopted the timeworn tactic of blaming the victim. The critique had the unintended consequence of so stigmatizing anthropology that one Chicano, who began his career in the early 1970s, called himself a behavioral scientist rather than acknowledge his anthropological identity.

Octavio Romano's voice, empowered as it was by the larger political movement in which he participated, has to be heard in all its late sixties flamboyance in order to appreciate its impact. He began with a telling critique of members of minority groups who exploit their own, such as "Mexican-American labor contractors who delivered and still deliver cheap Mexican labor (137, p. 7)." His tract claimed that such people not only exploit, but also stereotype their own by heaping upon them denigrating epithet after denigrating epithet, in the following manner:

That is to say, once they [members of minority groups] occupy some position or role in society that is above abject poverty they all too often speak of those who remain in such straits as people who are fatalistic, resigned, apathetic, tradition oriented, tradition bound, emotional, impetuous, volatile, affected, non-goal-oriented, uncivilized, unacculturated, non-rational, primitive, irrational, unorganized, uncompetitive, retarded, slow learners, underachieving, underdeveloped, or just plain lazy (137, p.7).

The jist of his objection to this demeaning rhetoric comes in his next sentence:

In using such words as these to describe other people they thereby place the reasons or causes of "inferior" status *somewhere within the minds, within the personalities*, or *within the culture* of those who are economically, politically, or educationally out of power (137, p. 7).

Romano, in other words, called for ex-victims to stop blaming present victims. He went on to assert that members of all American groups, whether ethnic, subcultural, or religious, have perpetuated the same mystique about the cultural reasons for their personal success versus the failure of others in their own group.

Romano extended his argument further and asserted that social scientists were not immune from the general American pattern of blaming the victim. In his words:

This peculiar rationale has remained with us to this day, as witness the ubiquitous terminology of contemporary American social science that repeatedly describes people in the lower rungs of society as underachievers, retarded, fatalistic, tradition bound, emotional, etc., etc., etc., Good examples of this can be found in the Parsonian universal dichotomy which divides social systems into the instrumental-rational social systems (us, of course) *versus* the affective-emotional social systems (they, naturally) (137, pp. 8–9).

Here he touched a nerve. Social scientists thought they were too objective to participate in such shabby, even if culturally prevalent, rhetorical practices. Nor were they prepared for the onslaught that awaited them in future issues of the appropriately named *El Grito*.

The Romano-Vaca critique, if that is not too polite a term for so rude an assault, affirmed that social scientific notions about Chicanos developed during the 1950s and early 1960s simply reflected institutional racism and forms of domination prevailing in the society at large. Unwittingly laced with ideology, the anthropological writings attacked by Romano in retrospect do appear to be

as often objectifying as objective. In any case, most researchers entering the field in the 1970s came with critique in hand, fully prepared to slay the by then doddering dragon who went by the name of passive-fatalistic-present-oriented-static-homogeneous-traditional culture.

A MORE DEVASTATING CRITIQUE

Writing about a decade after the Romano-Vaca onslaught, Paredes (129) revisited the terrain earlier so utterly demolished (see also 88, 154). He begins his essay with a tone of moderation, by stating the distressing facts in a matter-of-fact manner, as follows:

We are well aware of the current quarrel in this country between minority groups and the social sciences. Nowhere has this quarrel reached greater proportions than between Chicanos and anthropology, with Chicanos bitterly attacking ethnographies made of their people by Anglo anthropologists. Octavio Romano, who himself received his doctorate in anthropology and did his fieldwork in a Chicano community, is perhaps the best known and most persuasive of these critics (129, p. 1).

In his next sentence, however, the tone shifts, becoming both more humorous and more pointed:

The main target of Chicano wrath has been anthropologist William Madsen, Romano's erstwhile colleague, who has become a sort of *bête blanche* of the *movimiento*. Madsen's little book *Mexican-Americans of South Texas* is Exhibit A, to which all Chicanos point with disgust (129, p. 1).

This shift from Romano's relentless strident assault to Paredes's more modulated posture, now the voice of reason, now gentle humor, now irony with an edge, reflects a decade of changes in the broader political climate and in Chicano studies as a discipline.

In Paredes's hands, the critique of anthropology becomes both more devastating and more constructive. Paredes showed that the ethnographies of Madsen and Rubel erred less in overt prejudice than in the more subtle (and therefore more pernicious) unconscious perpetuation of stereotypes. In his words:

[A]ttempting to be as objective as possible—and that is as much as one may expect either of anthropologists or the subjects of anthropologists—I must say that I find the Mexicans and Chicanos pictured in the usual ethnographies somewhat unreal (129, p. 2).

He further asserts, in the following passage, that his perceptions are shared by members of the communities under study:

I am thinking especially of the reaction to studies such as those by Madsen, Arthur Rubel, and others on the part of the average Chicano student, especially those students coming from the communities studied by the Hogg Foundation Hidalgo County Project in 1957–1962. It is not so much a sense of outrage, that would betray wounded egos, as a feeling of puzzlement, that

this is given as a picture of the communities they have grown up in. Many of them are more likely to laugh at it all than feel indignant (129, p. 2).

His positive critique succeeds in being both more devastating and more constructive than his predecessors' because he elegantly dismantles specific analyses and builds convincing alternative interpretations. In one case, for example, he discusses how the anthropological folklorist, Munro Edmunson, has in part derived his analysis of Mexican fatalism from a mistranslation of the following stanza of a song:

Guadalajara en un llano, México en una laguna; me he de comer esa tuna aunque me espine la mano.

In justifying his analysis of fatalism as a key Mexican cultural value, Edmonson renders these lines as follows:

Guadalajara on a plain; Mexico on a lake. I have to eat this *tuna* even if it pricks me.

Paredes, however, suggests the following alternative translation:

In these last two lines the first thing worth noting is the presence of he, a form of the helper verb haber. Bilingual dictionaries usually translate haber de as "ought to" or "must." But any Spanish speaker knows that he de denotes a strong determination to do something. What the singer is saying is, "No matter what, I will eat that prickly pear, even if I get my hand full of thorns." And the pear in question is not an actual fruit, of course, but a woman's favors (129, p. 7).

By comparing the lines with a speech by Shakespeare's Hotspur, Paredes suggests the following less literal, yet more telling translation:

"Out of this thorny cactus, danger, I will pluck this *tuna*, beauty." Fatalism, indeed! (129, p. 7).

Suffice it to say that further examples in Paredes's essay are circumstancial, abundant, and convincing. Ethnographic errors in Madsen and Rubel include, among others, mistranslations, failing to see double meanings in speech, taking literally what people meant figuratively, and taking seriously what people meant as a joke. If ethnographers wish to move beyond stereotypes, Paredes suggests, they must acquire a deep grasp of the language, a fine understanding of social relations, and a rich sense of social context that minimally includes the ability to distinguish joking banter from deadly earnest.

Embodied in performance and embedded in social context, the concept of culture in Paredes's analysis no longer refers to that timeless, homogeneous essence: the monolithic Chicano. Paredes further enriches the notion of culture

when he discusses how researchers can misinterpret what they hear if they fail to take into account their own positions in a field of interethnic and class conflict where certain people are dominant and others subordinate. Chicanos who in seeming earnest say, for example, that all Mexicans are stupid, lazy, and backward expect not agreement, but a response indicating that their friend, the researcher, differs from other Anglos who simply accept the dominant culture's racist stereotypes. How surprised they would be to learn that their remarks, meant to test the waters, have made their way into ethnographies as earnest self-descriptions, understood to be expressions of a cultural inferiority complex (129, pp. 20–21)! The meaning of people's words cannot be separated, in other words, from who is speaking to whom in what context. Paredes thus links cultural performance and power relations.

Always embedded in the analysis of particulars, Paredes's (121–133) theory of culture and power deserves a more general statement, even at the risk of excessive schematization. His view allows for a certain autonomy in people's patterned lifeways, suggesting that culture can both shape and reflect the larger political economy. His approach can be exemplified here in relation to the term "interests." Can one determine group interests simply by looking at their economic conditions? Or must one also discover how interests are culturally mediated, both reflected and created, through what people value and find worth struggling for? Crude idealist theories of culture, on the one hand, remove interests from factors that condition them. Such views ignore the practices through which interests achieve objective expression and undergo continual revision. Vulgar materialist theories of culture, on the other hand, reduce interests to socioeconomic formations. They fail to see how such conditions both enable and constrain the emergence of cultural conceptions. In Paredes's analysis, culture neither determines all human behavior nor dissolves into the economic base.

In this revised form the concept of culture allows for historical change and variation by region, class, city versus country, and time of immigration. It also permits one to stress tensions within and between cultures and classes, such as Mexican nationals, Chicanos, other American minorities, and Anglos. Analyses need not, in other words, generalize to Chicano culture as an eternal totality in a manner comparable to how scholars, according to Edward Said, have characterized the Orient.

THE POLITICS OF RESEARCH

The critical stance that has become prevalent in recent anthropological works on Chicanos faces in two directions. Looking inward toward the academic discipline itself, as Arvizu has said, "Chicanos continue to critique anthropology as a discipline which has developed through colonizing traditions (8, p.

119)." Looking outward toward Anglo American society, as Cuéllar asserts, insider studies stress "a critical dimension that centers on the rigorous analysis and critique of dominant perspectives and institutions (30, p. 70)." Anglo researchers in the field, to varying degrees, have adopted similar positions. Kutsche, for example, accounts for the reported factionalism of Hispano villages of northern New Mexico by affirming, "The simple and in my view adequate explanation [of factionalism] is oppression (84, p. 10)." Whether they take on their discipline or the dominant society, this shared critical posture both unifies researchers and enables them to ride off in widely divergent empirical and theoretical directions.

These writings have also explored what happens when so-called natives, the subjects of anthropological investigation, talk back, question research findings, and produce findings of their own. More often than not, the Chicanos talking back are also anthropologists with university teaching positions. This dual position, as Chicano and as anthropologist, particularly complicates the general debate about whether anthropologists and their subjects can engage in analytically productive exchange. In many, but not all cases Chicano anthropologists are not members of the particular communities for which they speak. Indeed, anthropologists who call themselves Chicanos on campus often do research among people of Mexican ancestry who call themselves, depending on context and region, Mexicanos, Mexicans, Mexican-Americans, and so on.

Let me hasten to say that in this essay Chicano (as is common in the literature) refers broadly to people of Mexican descent residing in the United States, rather than more narrowly to the urban (often university-based) political movement that emerged in the late 1960s. Readers who wish to learn about the etymology, political performance, and limits of the term Chicano should consult Limón (96). Paredes (130) has also insightfully explored contextual parameters of the enormously varied ethnic names in use among Americans of Mexican ancestry. His analysis stands as a cautionary tale against reifying a single term as an ethnic community's one and only self-designation.

Chicano anthropologists' identification with their subjects, whether or not they happen to have grown up in the community under study, includes a perception that ethnographer and informant share a common heritage. Thus the gap otherwise separating the pragmatic everyday uses of language among "natives" and the analytical projects of academic "anthropologists" seem less likely to confound matters when "native anthropologists" critique their own discipline on behalf of their subjects. Chicanos not trained as anthropologists have also commented on academic writings, and they have done so with insight (42, pp. 242–60; 176).

Both the engaged stance and Chicano responses to research have raised issues about the connections between power and knowledge. Who decides whether or not an ethnographic report is significant or accurate? Should the

dialogue and debate about the validity of particular interpretations include only trained anthropologists, community members, or both? The anthropological discipline at large clearly should be (though it has not been) concerned with how vexing problems in the politics of research have been played out in the field of Chicano studies.

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

In what follows the literature surveyed, first by geographical region and then by analytical topic, has been shaped, among other significant factors, by three relatively senior scholars. Paredes, just retired from the University of Texas, Austin, set a standard of creative scholarship in folklore and anthropology that has inspired younger scholars, foremost among others, his outstanding student, Limón. Kutsche, at Colorado College, has organized research projects and conferences that have shaped the regional vision that distinguishes studies of Hispanos in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. Carlos, at the University of California, Santa Barbara, has published jointly with scholars from other disciplines, as well as with his two students, Gilbert and Keefe, in a substantial series of papers on social organization, health care delivery, and agricultural development.

Researchers have developed broad sketches of the boundaries and characteristics of regions and subregions within the area inhabited by people of Mexican ancestry. Spicer (148, 149; see also 91) provides a useful point of departure for the American southwest. His concept of plural society stands as a reminder that Chicanos cannot be understood in isolation. Although he proposes ethnic subdivisions (such as rural Norteño, urban Norteño, Hispano, and Mexican-American), Spicer notes that, unlike Native American groups, people of Mexican ancestry speak the same language and vary only by dialect and degrees of linguistic competence in Spanish (compare 135). The linguistic basis for Chicano unity probably seems so self-evident that only a comparative perspective can highlight its distinctive import. Spicer, on the other hand, speaks about the divisions separating Mexican-Americans, usually landless working class or peasant immigrants, from the Hispanos, who have resided continuously since the seventeenth century in northern New Mexico and southern Colorado. The latter identify with the land they own and inhabit, rather than with Mexican or Norteño culture. His distinction indicates the need for diverse sociohistorical accounts, rather than a single history, to explain how communities of Mexican descent in the United States have come to be as they are today.

Spicer's broad sketch of southwestern cultural types has been supplemented by Galarza's (43) more differentiated analysis of seven regional groupings: "the San Francisco Bay Basin, metropolitan Los Angeles, the Central Valley of California, the Salt River Valley of Arizona, the upper Rio Grande Valley of

New Mexico and Colorado, a less-defined area centering in Denver and Texas." He goes on to say, "There is an eighth which I will call the 'Border Belt' (43, p. 267)." Galarza's regions combine ecological, rural-urban, and cultural criteria. His classification implicitly calls for further research on the mutual influences of cultural forms and regional political economies.

The area most fully studied from a regional perspective has been the Hispano upper Río Grande Valley of northern New Mexico and Colorado. This area lends itself to anthropological study because the population, which owns the land it inhabits, resides in villages that make suitable units for community and comparative studies. Although only one ethnography of an Hispano village (88) has been published, historians, sociologists, and anthropologists have collaborated in illuminating comparative studies marked by an effort to understand the broader region (13–16, 55, 79–90, 135, 153a–157, 176–181, 222, 223). Van Ness and Kutsche (84, 88, 178, 179, 181) have together developed a broad ecological typology of three distinct subregions, including (a) a northern area of community land grants, small economic enterprises, high social solidarity, and relative social equality; (b) a southern area of individual land grants, large ranches, huge herds of sheep, and social inequality separating patrón [owner] and peon [laborer]; (c) and an eastern area settled only after 1848 and dominated by commercial cattle operations worked by cowboys.

The Hispano region has also been marked by a self-conscious pride in its own heritage. This awareness of traditional lore, which itself has a long distinguished history in the academic writings of Hispano folklorists, has been reflected in recent anthropological studies of folklore, religion, and local crafts (13–16, 207, 208). Among more recent writers, Briggs's published and forthcoming work appears especially promising. Paredes (127, 128, 133) has studied two Hispanos, one a psychologist and the other a novelist, who have written about the traditions of their homeland.

The most original contribution to cultural studies of the region is by Valdez (176), an Hispano intellectual who is not a university-based academic. In discussing *vergüenza* [shame], Valdez begins by contrasting the term with *sin vergüenza* [without shame, shameless], and convincingly shows that a person "with shame" has qualities of virtue and moderation. Such people are trustworthy and know how to keep a confidence. They appear more as paragons of self-control than as reflexes of social control. Valdez's analysis thus subverts the dominant view, current for the circum-Mediterranean and Spanish-speaking regions of the Americas, that "shame" is an external mechanism for doing the job that guilt, conscience, and inner control accomplish in "Western" cultures. Valdez himself stands as an exemplar of the Hispano region's remarkable cultural vitality, its capacity to produce what Antonio Gramsci called organic intellectuals.

Studies of the border region have only begun, but show considerable potential (6, 41, 130, 200–202, 225). Fernández Kelly has done pertinent research of

high quality on *maquiladoras* working on the Mexican side of the border. In a fine oral history of his own extended family, Alvarez has shown the continuity in family relations and patterns of coordinated movement over the past two centuries on both sides of the southern-Baja California border.

Though a number of significant studies have focused on south Texas (92–104, 121–133, 224–227) and the Santa Barbara area (17, 18, 20, 50, 51, 66–76, 119, 120), this confluence reflects the inspiration of effective teachers, Paredes and Carlos respectively, more than an effort to analyze the regions as spatially organized systems. In part the absence of regional studies elsewhere should be attributed to the difficulties ethnographers face in attempting to discover the contours of historically and demographically complex areas. Such work would probably require an interdisciplinary team able to mix methodologies more diverse than those so successfully deployed in the Hispano region of northern New Mexico and southern Colorado.

TOPICS OF STUDY

Health care has been more extensively written about than any other topic in Chicano studies. One paper provides a profile of the health status of Chicanos in the United States (169). Another analyzes the status of Chicanas in the nursing profession (5). A number of articles offer outlines of ethnomedicine (4, 56–58, 61, 62, 115) and "traditional" curing practices (39, 45). Others study the interaction between ethnomedicine and modern medical health therapies (67, 71, 72, 116, 119, 120, 199, 204). These papers study the therapeutic effectiveness of traditional practices. They also ask about their role in supplementing, impeding, or promoting the use of other health care facilities.

The substantive issue that has received the most attention is fertility. Papers range from ethnographic descriptions of childbirth practices (60, 63), through menstruation (64) and menopause (65), to fertility rates (170) and fertility regulation (59, 168). Researchers also have treated the more politically volatile issue of involuntary sterilization (37, 186, 187). Vélez-Ibáñez effectively uses particular cases to make his analyses vivid.

Health care delivery and utilization is the explicit focus of a number of articles (21, 22, 67, 108, 116, 119, 120, 152). Much of this work, particularly that originating at the University of California, Santa Barbara, by Carlos and Keefe, uses network analysis to explore the interpersonal relations along which Chicanos seek help for their medical and mental afflictions. These researchers regard personal networks as support systems whose functions should be understood by institutions attempting to deliver mental health care (74–76, 118–120). This work's strength has been its systematic exploration of network analysis as a conceptual tool. It has not, however, attended sufficiently to cultural conceptions that shape the quality of social relations. What, for

example, are the cultural notions of intimacy, friendship, *confianza* [trust], and helping?

Kinship and social organization have also been studied through network analysis, with similar strengths and weaknesses as in the health care field. Carlos (17) thus compares Mexican and Chicano compadrazgo [cogodparenthood, fictive kin relations]. Gilbert (50) and Keefe (68–70, 73) have used network analysis to study the extended family. The former (51) has also compared social structural variations in communities in the Santa Barbara area. In an analysis that nicely supplements studies by the Santa Barbara group, Vélez-Ibáñez (184, 189) has explored networks organized by exchange relations and the cultural conception of confianza [trust]. Trueba (161) uses life history materials to plead for less prejudiced accounts of Chicano and Mexican family life. Changing family relations in south Texas have been studied by Whiteford (227), and Wells (214) has perceptively characterized the rural Chicano family.

The two phases of the life cycle that have received the most attention are youth and aging. Among studies of youth, Vigil and his coworkers have studied gangs, particularly the relations between life style and educational performance (105, 113, 192, 195–198). Spielberg Benítez (150) has studied humor in youth gangs. Among studies of aging, Newton (117, 118) has given an overview, and Cuellar and his coworkers (12, 26, 28–30, 33, 34, 205) have studied the elderly from a variety of theoretical and empirical perspectives, including an extended case history of a senior citizens center, dilemmas of "insider" research, attitudes toward death among the elderly, and the political power of the aged. For both youths and the aged, researchers continually ask applied questions: how can the lives of their subjects be improved?

Feminist questions about gender have been the focus of two collections that include essays by anthropologists (109, 114). The former collection discusses childbirth (63), abortion (171), the nursing profession (5), and women as innovators (226). The latter collection provides a broad discussion of women in organizations (36), an overview of involuntary sterilization (37) plus a case study on the same topic (187), and a theoretical statement on class, nationality, and gender (38). Similar practical and political concerns underlie the writings on fertility and its regulation, discussed above under health care. Other feminist studies include Melville (107) on women's adaptation to migration, Geilhufe (47) on discrimination against women in San Jose jails, and Keefe (66) on gender and nationality in politics, with particular reference to Santa Barbara and Santa Paula, California.

Educational anthropology has been relatively well developed. Arvizu (7, 9) has discussed the creative potential in biculturalism and cross-cultural issues concerning parent participation in schools. The practical issue of bilingual education has received more attention than any other. It has been assessed both

from philosophical (77) and policy perspectives (53). Anthropologists with central interests elsewhere have discussed the role of culture in bilingual education (3, 31). Trueba and his coworkers have given this topic broad sustained attention that includes general issues (158–160), assessment of language skills (166), models (162), adjustment problems (165), and ethnographic approaches (163, 164, 167).

Immigration has developed in lopsided fashion, more in demographic and sociological studies than in ethnographic ones. Cornelius's UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies has surveyed materials on immigration in southern California (23), and in the San Francisco Bay Area (24). In this connection, Chávez (21, 22) has written well on issues of health care delivery for undocumented workers. Elsewhere writers have explored explanations and theories of migration (143) and connections between ethnicity and migration (110). More specific studies include one on women's adaptation to migration (107), and another on retrained, relocated workers (172). Wells (210–212) has published a series of sophisticated studies on immigration in relation to factory labor in a Wisconsin small town.

Political economy has a small number of good studies. Carlos & Brokensha (19) have compared the effectiveness of government agencies for inducing socioeconomic and cultural integration among rural agrarian populations in California's San Joaquin Valley and Sinaloa, Mexico's Fuerte Valley. Moles (112) has shown how Mexican workers are replacing small farmers in the Sacramento Valley of northern California. Patricia Zavella has a good book forthcoming on cannery workers in San Jose, and a number of papers in preparation on women in the electronics industry of northern New Mexico. Vélez-Ibáñez (188, 189) has studied how rotating credit associations in the United States and Mexico have created and reflected cultural conceptions of confianza [trust] and socioeconomic exchange relations. Wells (213, 215–221) has developed a series of outstanding studies on the strawberry industry in the Salinas region of coastal northern California.

Urban life has been handled in a dispersed fashion that perhaps reflects the nature of the phenomenon under study. Cuéllar (25) formulated an early model for urban studies that should bear fruit in his forthcoming studies of Chicano and Mexican urban youth culture. Achor (1) has done an informative ethnography of a Dallas barrio. Davidson's (35) study of Chicano prisoners in San Quentin opens a field for further study. Geilhufe (46–48) has also studied women in jail, Chicanos and the police in San Jose, California, and urban life. Eiselein & Marshall (40) have reported on the effectiveness of public television programs designed for Chicanos in Tucson, Arizona. Weeks and Spielberg Benítez (206) have surveyed the cultural demography of Chicanos in the midwest, and the latter has explored Chicano work values and cultural traditions (151, 153).

The Chicano movement has been studied in a useful ethnography (42) of a south Texas community influenced by the Raza Unida movement in the early 1970s. This work has been innovative in using a historical perspective and by printing commentaries on the monograph by community members. Vigil's (193) superficial panoramic sketch, touching all from the Olmecs to the present, attempts to comprehend the Chicano movement in its most sweeping historical context. Other more focused essays on the Chicano movement include Kuroda (81), Vélez-Ibáñez (185), and Vigil (190). In a number of telling papers, Limón (92, 93, 96, 98) has studied the Chicano movement in its historical antecedents and among University of Texas at Austin students during the 1970s. His concerns have tacked back and forth between the "folk" and the university and between ideas and practical activities.

Cultural life has been explored in a number of studies that range from philosophy (78) and values (151), through nationalistic celebration (106), to mural art (52) and popular culture (54). Readers interested in folklore, particularly in its social context, should consult the fine works by Paredes (121–133) and Limón (92–104). Paredes (131, 133) and Limón (101, 104) have also written on Chicano literature, and Herrera is both a doctoral student in anthropology and a noted Chicano poet. García Castañón (44) has written an insightful interpretation of Bernabé, a work performed by the Teatro Campesino.

Theory and method have been developed in ways that reflect issues in the discipline and the exigencies of a politically committed anthropology. The concept of culture in relation to applied anthropology has received attention (10, 11, 49, 194). Poggie (134) has published a life history. The extended case method of the Manchester school has been used and explicated by Cuéllar (28, 32) and Vélez-Ibáñez (182). Marxist analysis has been invoked by Vigil (191) and given substantial formulation by Limón (103). Action research as method has been discussed in a number of papers (40, 111, 136, 144–147, 175).

Issues concerning insider research have been discussed by Aguilar (2) and Vélez-Ibáñez (183). Cuéllar (30) has compared insiders and outsiders in applied projects. Playing on Carlos Castañeda's *Teachings of Don Juan*, Cuéllar suggests that insiders face four enemies: fear, clarity, power, and fatigue. The privileged access that insiders can attain, in other words, creates its own characteristic dilemmas. Reflections on the position of Chicano anthropologists also notably include a report on minority participation in the profession coauthored by Weaver (203).

THE COMING GENERATION

Future anthropological writings on Chicanos will be significantly shaped by four scholars in their late 30s and early 40s. Their work has developed by combining, with varying degrees of emphasis, concerns at once political,

applied, and theoretical. Each of these writers has a distinctive style and voice, reflecting their political commitments, research topics, and theoretical predilections.

Cuéllar (12, 25–34, 205) has studied Chicano gerontology and minority aging, often in collaboration with people from other disciplines and usually with an eye to applied interests. His distinctive methodological tool has been the analysis of generational cohorts. In doing cohort analysis, he includes historical factors and period of immigration from Mexico, with a view to studying the formative life experiences within age strata as well as the patterns of interaction between age strata. Recently, Cuéllar has turned from the aged to youth culture. He has embarked on a comprehensive investigation of the *cholo* style in urban culture, both in its homeland of east Los Angeles and as it has diffused to the American southwest and northwestern Mexico.

Vélez-Ibáñez (182–189) has done field research in Mexico City and Tucson, Arizona, concentrating on politics and economics, particularly rotating credit associations. His analyses combine concepts from economic anthropology with the Manchester School's extended case method. Recently, Vélez-Ibáñez has started a survey of relations of exchange and *confianza* in Tucson, Arizona, where he hopes to develop a community profile of social inequality and interpersonal alliances. This promises to be the most systematic study of a Chicano urban community to date.

Wells (209–221) has done field research on labor migration in the midwest, and on California's coastal strawberry industry. Her work draws creatively on neoclassical economics and Marxian analyses of political economy. Her study of the strawberry industry shows how labor has been empowered by the practical exigencies of production processes themselves. Strawberries, in a word, require extensive labor inputs that cannot be mechanized. Here ethnographic method illuminates a problem that aggregate statistical analysis cannot even discern. Following broader trends in Marxian thought, her work will probably devote more attention to political consciousness in the future. She is now writing a book that builds on the fine analyses in her articles on the strawberry industry.

Limón (92–104) has recently entered an especially creative phase. His studies of folklore have fruitfully combined symbolic anthropology and Marxian analysis, especially on the topics of culture, class, and ethnicity. His studies focus on local contexts such as student meetings, meals, or a restaurant, where folklore is practiced in everyday life situations. As he shows how folklore reveals class and ethnic conflict, he moves from specific practices to class relations and back again. Limón's studies have been theoretically explicit, employing and critiquing concepts authored by theorists ranging from Mary Douglas to Antonio Gramsci. Work of this caliber promises to make Chicano studies increasingly visible in the ongoing debates and dialogues of anthropology.

Anthropological writings on Chicanos over the past 15 years must be understood in relation to the politics of the late 1960s and early 1970s. As a direct outgrowth of that period, this subfield has developed a committed stance, engaged at once with the ideology of a broader political movement and concerned with applied problems involving migrant workers, health care delivery, and education. Unlike Thomas Kuhn's paradigm-bound scientists who systematically blind themselves to social problems, anthropologists studying Chicanos find that their research projects emerge from community politics and issues of social justice as often as from pressing conceptual puzzles in their discipline. Chicano studies, for the most part, share in the broader endeavor of combating ideological, political, and economic forms of oppression confronted by their research subjects.

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