Inclusive Pedagogies Series Guest Speaker
Michael A. Olivas, Ph.D., J.D.

"Colored Men and Hombres Aqui":
Hernández v. Texas and the Emergence of Mexican American Lawyering

Public Lecture on Monday, April 26
12:00pm in University Hall 1000

Professor Michael A. Olivas will discuss an important but almost forgotten U.S. Supreme court case, Hernández v. Texas, 347 US 475 (1954), the major case involving Mexican Americans and jury selection, published just before Brown v. Board in the 1954 Supreme Court reporter. This landmark case, the first to be tried by Mexican American lawyers before the US Supreme Court, held that Mexican Americans were a discrete group for purposes of applying Equal Protection. Although the case was about discriminatory state jury selection and trial practices, it has been cited for many other civil rights precedents in the intervening 50 years. Even so, it has not been given the prominence it deserves, in part because it lives in the shadow of the more compelling Brown case.

Workshop for LMU faculty at 1:30pm in CTE (See reverse)