

Interviewee: Charlie Jaquez
Location: Cooper Room, Nielson Library
Time: 4:00pm
Date: 01/28/2015

Interview protocol:

Welcome, Charlie. It's certainly wonderful to have you here this afternoon. The basic idea of this interview is to have a casual conversation about the San Luis Valley and specifically about your life experiences here in the Valley.

With that being said, let's go ahead and get started.

Can you tell us a little about your connection to the San Luis Valley, and specifically, to the town of San Luis?

We understand that San Luis has a unique local culture. Could you share with us some of the beliefs and traditions unique to your community?

How have these beliefs and traditions changes over the years?

Have you been able to pass any of these traditions on to your children? If so, which ones?

Related to culture, we understand that you speak both Spanish and English. Can you tell us a little about the Spanish language in the Valley?

What was it like growing up bilingual in Valley?

We understand that you attended college in the late 1960s and early 1970s. These years were formidable years across the country but especially here in the Southwest. Can you tell us a little about what these years were like for you?

Rural areas are often known for their tight-knit communities. With that in mind, could you comment on some of the ways you have stayed connected to your community through the years?

In particular, we would be very interested in hearing more about your participation in San Luis' struggle to regain access to its traditional lands. Could you share with us a little about your involvement in this process?