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50 Years of Chicana/o, Women's, and Oral History: HONORING THE LEGACY OF DR. LOUISE AÑO NUEVO KERR

Friday, October 2, 2026 | 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Behavioral Sciences Building, 1007 W Harrison Street, Suite 153, Chicago, IL

This year marks the 50th Anniversary since Dr. Louise Año Nuevo Kerr completed her PhD and groundbreaking dissertation, "The Chicano Experience in Chicago, 1920-1970," in UIC's Department of History. Año Nuevo Kerr was the very first Mexican American woman to earn a History PhD anywhere in the U.S. She had a long career in higher education at a time when there were few Chicanas, Latinas, or women in academia, the discipline of history, and university administration. She was a passionate promoter of Chicana/o, Women's, Oral, and Public History. This symposium brings together historians to reflect on her foundational scholarship, her impact in higher education, and how we continue building on her legacy.

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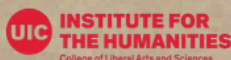
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