



Student Scholars Working Paper Series



INTRODUCTION

The Center for Hispanic Studies at Kennesaw State University and the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials are proud to initiate the **Student Scholars Working Paper Series**. Our goal is to give voice and visibility to students in Georgia and other parts of the globe whose scholarship in the broadly defined, interdisciplinary area of Hispanic Studies addresses issues of local, state, regional, national or global relevance in a manner consistent with peer-reviewed journal manuscript submissions. The working papers are nevertheless preliminary works in which collegial discussion is encouraged and revisions are anticipated. Students are expected to have a faculty sponsor to advise the student during the research and writing process and review the manuscript prior to submitting it to the Series' Senior Editor. All manuscripts will be reviewed in-house as well to determine their suitability for publication within the Series. The content, views and opinions expressed in each working paper will be those of the author or authors, and not necessarily those of the Center for Hispanic Studies or the Georgia Association of Latino Elected Officials (GALEO).

The working paper that inaugurates this Series, titled *The Emergence of Mexican Immigrant Communities in the State of Georgia*, was researched and written by Michael K. Bess, a graduate student undertaking his master's degree with a concentration in Latin American History at Georgia Southern University. We consider the work by Mr. Bess to reflect the principles of sound scholarship, and publish it, first, to share and advance knowledge in this highly charged area that continues to produce local, state, national and global tensions, conundrums and conflicts, and that demonstrates little in terms of consensus leading to viable solutions at any of the geopolitical levels mentioned. The second rationale for its publication is to generate critical discussion and commentary as a means to refine and extend its content in keeping with the spirit of the working paper format and forum.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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