Latino Americans: 500 Years of History  
Session 1: Humanities Themes and Scholarship  
Sunday, June 28, 2015  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
San Francisco Hilton Union Square - Imperial A

NEH's Latino Americans was developed to support the public's exploration of the history and experiences of Latinos, and how they've shaped the U.S. over the last 500 years. Project scholars and staff will speak about the humanities themes within WETA's “Latino Americans” documentary series, including the diversity of immigrant experiences and the creation of Latino identities. We will also discuss the project's use of documentary film to spark dialogue about the past, present and future of Latino communities. In so doing, we will highlight the project’s national scope and significance.

**Agenda**

I. **ALA welcome and session introduction (5 minutes)**  
Camila Alire, ALA Past President and NEH Council member

II. **NEH welcome and opening remarks (5-10 minutes)**  
Eva Caldera, NEH Assistant Chairman for Partnership and Strategic Initiatives

III. **Importance of the Latino Americans initiative: engagement, documentation, exploration, understanding (25 minutes)**  
David Montejano, Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley

IV. **Keynote on Latino Americans humanities themes (25 minutes)**  
Stephen Pitti, Professor of History and American Studies and the Director of the Ethnicity, Race and Migration Program at Yale University

V. **Exploring immigration and bilingual education: maximizing impact, managing controversy (20 minutes)**  
Lesley Williams, Head of Adult Services, Evanston Public Library

VI. **Q&A (10 minutes)**