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The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries announce the availability of a web site permitting access to digitized oral history interviews with Mexican American public figures in Texas. The interviews were conducted by UTA political science professor, José Angel Gutiérrez. Grant funding to support the cataloging of 77 interviews was received last year from the TexTreasures program of the Texas State Library and Archives; the UTA Libraries contributed staff and equipment to digitize the interviews and create the web site. An additional 80 interviews are held by UTA's Special Collections but have not yet been cataloged and digitized. A complete listing of interviews is available on the project web site.

Project Cataloger, Carolyn Kadri, created catalog records for the interviews, while staff in the UTA Libraries' Digital Library Services program area carried out the digitization. Kris Swenson created digital audio files from the videotaped interviews, Julie Williams and Scott Holmes encoded interview transcripts in XML, and Jonathan Scott authored the stylesheet for transcript display. The web site was designed and implemented by DLS staff Sarah Jones, Kris Swenson, and Joshua Dugdale. It provides background information on the project and features a page devoted to each interviewee where the researcher may view several images of the interviewee, read a brief biographical note about the interviewee and a summary of the interview, and choose to see the full text of the interview transcript and/or play the audio file of the entire interview. The biographical notes and summaries are drawn from the work of the project cataloger. An added feature of the site is the ability to find interviewees by geographic location. This is accomplished by clicking on a map of Texas, which generates a list of interviews from the selected region. Future plans for the site include the addition of PDF versions of the transcripts and full-text search functionality.

Ann Hodges served as project manager and Marie Irwin, DLS Coordinator, provided technical advice for the digitization component of the project. The Tejano Voices web site may be found at <http://library.uta.edu/tejanovoices/>.

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