Teaching Central America is a campaign spearheaded by Teaching for Change. This initiative offers different resources like lesson plans, books, films, poetry, and more, to support teaching about Central America in K-12 schools. Currently, more than four million Central Americans reside in the United States, and the region shares many ties with the United States in terms of culture, foreign policy, immigration, etc.

Read about this campaign and the available resources here.
ORIGINS ARTICLES ABOUT CENTRAL AMERICA

*Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective* is a digital magazine from the history departments of The Ohio State University and Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Origins’ articles “… focus on the long-term trends and patterns, search for the foundations of today’s events, and explore the often complicated nature of a particular current event.”

Origins’ publications include several articles related to the history of Central American countries and milestone events from the region. See a list of Origin’s most relevant publications connected to Central America here:

**The Sandino Manifesto and the Birth of the Nicaraguan Revolution**

A brief account of Augusto “César” Sandino’s legacy against interventionism and its influence in the formation of the Nicaraguan Revolution.

*Left: Augusto César Sandino*

**The Murdered Churchwomen in El Salvador**

This article (video and podcast also available) locates us in El Salvador during the 1980s, where four churchwomen from the United States were murdered amidst the civil war in the Central American country.
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**Honduras, Temporary Protective Status, and US Policy (A History Talk podcast)**

History podcast about immigration policies during the Trump administration and the reasons behind the migratory movements from Central American countries like Honduras to the United States.

**The Guatemala Inoculation Experiments**

An article that recounts the Inoculation Experiments conducted in Guatemala between 1946 and 1948, where around 1,500 people were intentionally infected with sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

Other related articles:

- *Yearning to Breathe Free: The American Immigration Story*
- *Hacer América and the American Dream: Global Migration and the Americas*
OSU contains a vast number of resources, programs, groups, and classes regarding Central America that spans multiple disciplines. They all aim to educate students on the history and culture of Central America, as well as providing them with the opportunity to put their disciplines to use in the real world.

Guatemala Engineering Service-Learning at OSU

The Guatemala Engineering Service-Learning Program at OSU allows students to learn more about Guatemalan culture and issues while applying humanitarian concepts related to their Humanitarian Engineering minor.

- This blog includes pictures and details about the student participants’ personal experiences in this program, as well the information they learned about Guatemala’s culture and current events.

Big Dreams are Changing Healthcare in Honduras

This article details the journey of OSU alumna Angie Overholt in providing Honduras with the tools for improvement through her program, the Instituto Educativo de Transformación Integral.
OSU GROUPS & INITIATIVES

Project Nicaragua at The Ohio State University
The Ohio State University chapter of Project Nicaragua has worked with the rural town of Rancho Grande since 2009 on projects centered around HOPE: Healthcare, Outreach, Partnership, and Education.

The SFS Costa Rica and The SFS Panama
Ohio State works in cooperation with the School of Fields Studies to teach and engage students in environmental problem solving in Atenas, Costa Rica and Bocas del Toro, Panama.

Panama: Through the Lens of AgriCulture, Sustainability, and Diversity
This program gives students the opportunity to change their perspective on agriculture, socioeconomic status, and sustainability in a developing culture through first-hand interactions and projects.
COMMUNITY AND NATIONAL INITIATIVES

Community and national organizations, associations, and programs pertaining to Central America.

**Granville High School Global Awareness Research**
The International and Area Studies librarians at OSU compiled resource lists for their corresponding area studies, to aid Granville High School students.

**Empowering the Next**
Columbus Laser and Cataract supports this Columbus based non-profit that serves at-risk youth in Guatemala by providing them with support through educational programs, mentorship, and scholarships.

**Montaña de Luz**
Based out of Worthington, OH, “Montaña de Luz is a faith-based organization dedicated to empowering children, youth and families affected by HIV/AIDS in Honduras.”

**Central American Newsletter**
A noise-free newsletter that helps you follow Central American News.

**Festival Latino**
Annual Latino festival celebrated in Columbus, OH. Check out the [celebration](#) from August 2022!
CENTRAL AMERICANS IN COLUMBUS

Information about the Central American community in Columbus and other organizations/initiatives that could be of interest to the community.

Ohio Latino Affairs Commission

"The purpose of the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission is to advise state government on issues affecting Hispanic Ohioans, to connect the diverse Latino communities across the state, and to build the capacity of community organizations so they may better serve the fast growing population of Ohio."

Latino Community Resources

"Our Latino Community Resources connects the diverse Latino communities across the State of Ohio by serving as a hub of information for and about Hispanic Ohioans by hosting meetings, conducting surveys, promoting collaboration, encouraging communication, and endeavoring to assure access to decision-making bodies."

Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives (by the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission)

Resource for the community to learn and utilize the services available to the Hispanic/ Latino community in Ohio, as a directory to connect state government employees to bridge the divide between constituencies and government.

Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)

Independent non-profit organization that serves the refugee and immigrant populations in Central Ohio.
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