

Project Contract

“Toward a Better Land: Migration on the Minnesota Prairie”

Project description and goals

In this project, “Toward a Better Land: Migration on the Minnesota Prairie,” Joy Stephansen and Amy Schmidgall explore how the past migration of the Apostolic Church fellowship relates to the current influx of Mexican migration to Stevens County. The Apostolic Church community has uniquely shaped the history, culture, and development of Stevens County and played an important, yet overlooked, role in current migration patterns. By showcasing the migration stories of the Apostolic and Latino communities in Stevens County, we will be the first to examine the similarities existing between these past and present narratives as well as their respective contributions. The goal of this project is to bring greater understanding, respect, and empathy to all different types of immigration as well as build an appreciation for the unique tapestry of people and cultures in Stevens County.

We envision building a website that will be used by people in Stevens County as a good representation of the cultural diversity that has taken place because of these two divergent, yet intertwined migrations. The integration of unique people groups has set apart Stevens County, and is recognized throughout the project. We will be using a comparative format that clearly outlines the general history, process of migration, culture, and institutionalism of both the Apostolic and Mexican communities with a summary conclusion in each section. The conclusions drawn will showcase comparisons and differences that have been found throughout our research on primary and secondary sources and their relationship to Stevens County. We hope to present our findings to a group of Apostolic community members as well as to the University of Minnesota Morris cultural exchange groups and Latino community groups.

Tools and resources used in this project

- Oral histories, primary texts, secondary sources
- Wordpress for site development (Parabola)
- Prezi presentation software
- Photoshop and Microsoft Publisher to create and edit images

Division of tasks to be completed

Amy

- Personal Blog and Tweeting
- Design web page layout and menus
- Write and edit information to Prezi presentation (Emphasis on Apostolic content)
- Scan and format images, text, and documents
- Create demographics map outlining Mexican and Apostolic presence in the US.
- Timeline creation and presence (optional based on time limits)

Joy

- Personal Blog and Tweeting
- Organize research and order global and local events for timeline, review and edit
- Proofread and edit all written content
- Write and edit information to Prezi presentation (Emphasis on Latino content)
- Ensure quality of Prezi presentations, web design layout, and flow.

Project schedule

Week of 9/11

- Sept. 14, 2017 - About Us complete

Week of 9/18

- Sept. 19, 2017 - Contract and Project Introduction complete

Week of 9/25

- Design storyboard
- Meet with historians on Mexican migration to Steven's County (Wulf)

Week of 10/2

- Design storyboard
- Oct. 3, 2017 - Timelines and Story Map complete
- Oct. 6, 2017 - Final Contract
- Draft of storyboard and organization of site.

Week of 10/9

- History Prezi - create rough draft of Apostolic and Mexican history presentation.

- Embed Prezi link on website

Week of 10/16

- Migration process Prezi - create rough draft of Apostolic and Mexican migration process presentation.
- Embed Prezi link on website

Week of 10/23

- Culture Prezi - create rough draft of Apostolic and Mexican culture presentation.
- Embed Prezi link on website

Week of 10/30

- Cultural institution Prezi - create rough draft of Apostolic and Mexican cultural institution presentation.
- Embed Prezi link on website
- Oct. 31, 2017 - Rough Draft due

Week of 11/6

- Reevaluate plan for historical timeline and demographic map - embed in website
- Verify all citations.
- Finish “Welcome” page information on “How to use cite.”

Week of 11/13

- Verify all pages are complete and functioning.
- Verify glossary and bibliography are accurate.

Week of 11/20

- Verify that all pages, menus, and multimedia are functioning. Add any finishing touches. Make any final changes.

Week of 11/27

- Nov. 28, 2017 - Final Presentation

Week of 12/4

- Final editing and revisions to all site pages and links

Week of 12/11

- Dec. 11, 2017 - Final project website and write-ups