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Dutchirican: A Latinx History of Lancaster County

*LancasterHistory to Host Lebanon Valley College Professors for Discussion on Latinx
Community & Migration History in Lancaster County*

LANCASTER, Pa. – LancasterHistory is excited to announce an upcoming lecture featuring Lebanon Valley College professors **Dr. John Hinshaw** and **Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala**. On Thursday, April 20, 2023, the two esteemed scholars will discuss the history of Latinx migration to central Pennsylvania, particularly that of Puerto Ricans, shedding light on a topic at the intersection of local, national, and global trends.

Through oral history interviews with area residents, Guzmán-Zavala, Hinshaw, and their students have documented the stories of Latinx migrants who have come to central Pennsylvania, including the *Tomateros* who picked fruits and vegetables in the 1950s and more recent arrivals attracted by affordable housing.

In this lecture, the speakers will share the stories of these migrants, including their struggles with racism and the formation of communities that cross cultural lines.

"Join us for a fascinating exploration of the diverse histories and personal narratives of Latinx people in central Pennsylvania," President and CEO of LancasterHistory, **Dr. Tom Ryan**, said.

“Attendees will gain a unique perspective on the complex and intersectional forces driving Latinx migration to this region. From the challenges of racism and cultural integration to the formation of new identities, the stories shared in this lecture offer a compelling and illuminating look at the diverse communities that make up our rich cultural tapestry.”

Dr. Ivette Guzmán-Zavala is a Professor of Spanish at Lebanon Valley College. Guzmán-Zavala hails from Caguas, Puerto Rico where she graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a degree in art education. She went on to complete an MA at Syracuse University and her Ph.D. at Rutgers University. Guzmán-Zavala has published several articles on the literary, artistic, and photographic perceptions of mothers and women in Puerto Rican history, analyzing the role of migration and the diaspora in Puerto Rican women’s narratives. Her forthcoming book, *Maternidades puertorriqueñas*, examines visual and textual representations of biological and non-biological mothers.

Dr. John Hinshaw is a Professor of History at Lebanon Valley College. Hinshaw hails from Columbia, Missouri. He received his BA from Macalester College in Minnesota and his MA and Ph.D. from Carnegie Mellon University. He has written or co-written three books on industrial and labor history in the United States and the world.

This lecture is scheduled to occur in person at LancasterHistory on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Doors open and a light reception begins at 5 p.m., followed by the talk at 5:30 p.m. Those who prefer to attend virtually may join the lecture via Zoom, which will also begin at 5:30 p.m.

The lecture is free and open to the public, but tickets may not be available at the door due to capacity restrictions. Those who [wish to attend in person](#) are encouraged to register in advance to guarantee a seat. Virtual attendees must also [register in advance to receive the Zoom link](#).

For more information and to register for this event, please visit [LancasterHistory's website](#) or call (717) 392-4633.

About LancasterHistory

LancasterHistory is a community-based, not-for-profit organization established to educate the public on the history of Lancaster County and its place in the history of Pennsylvania and the United States, to advance the missions of regional historical organizations, and to promote the acquisition, preservation, and interpretation of resources representing the history of Lancaster

County, Pennsylvania within the broader context of state and national history, including the life and legacy of America's 15th president, James Buchanan, and to preserve and maintain Wheatland, his home.

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