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RAÚL H. & PATRICIA M. CASTRO

**BORDER STUDIES  
& OUTREACH CENTER**

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## **CASE STATEMENT**

The Raúl H. & Patricia M. Castro Border Studies and Outreach Center will greatly enhance the connections between the City of Nogales and the University of Arizona. It will provide a place for scholarly research on border issues and collaboration between faculty in Arizona and Mexico. It will also contribute to economic development in the region as well as the social and cultural vitality of border communities. We hope you will consider joining us in this effort to build a dynamic community educational center that celebrates the legacy of Raúl and Patricia Castro.



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College of Social  
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## INTRODUCTION

Since it was founded, the University of Arizona has had close ties with Mexico as a partner in research and economic development efforts in Nogales, Arizona. Through the recent gift of the Raúl H. and Patricia M. Castro home to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the University now has an opportunity to establish a stronger presence in the border region and increase opportunities for partnerships between the communities of Ambos Nogales and the University of Arizona. With your support, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences can establish the Raúl H. and Patricia M. Castro Center for Border Studies and Outreach in the Castro family's former home, located at 429 W. Crawford Street in Nogales.

Raúl H. Castro overcame hardship and discrimination to rise to the highest levels of government. In the 1960's, he served as a U.S. ambassador to El Salvador and Bolivia. Castro made history in 1974 when he became the first and only Mexican-American to be elected Governor of Arizona. After completing two years of his four-year term as governor, Castro was chosen by President Jimmy Carter to be ambassador to Argentina, a post he held until 1980 when he returned to Arizona to practice law. He retired in 2003.

The Castro Center would memorialize and honor the distinguished life of the former governor and celebrate the accomplishments of his wife Patricia M. Castro. As a graduate of the James E. Rogers College of Law and a passionate supporter of the Center for Latin American Studies in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Raúl H. Castro was a treasured member of the University of Arizona community for decades. The Center would continue the Castro family's legacy of service to the community and connection to the University of Arizona.

Built in 1910, the Castro House represents an exciting time in Nogales's history. The Mexican Revolution was just beginning, and the city grew rapidly as Pancho Villa's army occupied the Sonora side of the city, and the U.S. Army was garrisoned on the Arizona side. The Castro House has been an anchor through this birth and growth of the modern Ambos Nogales community, but time has taken a toll on the building. Many improvements are needed to turn the home into a community educational center. Funding is needed for renovations to modernize it and to bring it to code for state-owned property.



Ambos Nogales is a unique border community. Since the late 1990s, my students and I have been privileged to work with an outstanding group of community leaders and youth on both sides of the border to recognize the value of and take responsibility for our shared watershed and airshed. The Castro Center will be an important place to continue to gather and learn together.

-Dr. Diane Austin, Professor and Director, School of Anthropology

Taught weekly in Ambos Nogales, our *Anthropology of Migration: The Borderlands of the American Southwest* class engages students with border issues – of security, public health and labor – to provide on the ground research training to understand the social processes and forces that give shape to the contemporary US-Mexico border. Students have enthusiastically described this class as a 'mini-study abroad.' A Border Center in Nogales would provide instructors and students with a pedagogical space to explore these issues with visiting scholars, guest speakers, and workshops.

- Dr. Linda Green, Professor and Director, Center for Latin American Studies



## COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES UNITS WITH BORDER CONNECTIONS AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE

**Department of American Indian Studies:** *Tribal lands, culture and literature, economic development*

**School of Anthropology:** *Migration, environment, border culture, archaeology, health*

**School of Geography and Development:** *Water and environment, migration, human rights*

**Department of History:** *U.S.-Mexico history, regional history of the Southwest and Sonora*

**School of Journalism:** *Border journalism, journalism in Mexico*

**Center for Latin American Studies:** *Migration, human rights, environment*

**Department of Linguistics:** *Tribal languages (Tohono O'odham, Yaqui)*

**Department of Mexican American Studies:** *Border health, migration (Border Migration Institute), social justice*

**Southwest Center:** *Border history, culture, and environment*

**Southwest Institute for Research on Women (SIROW):** *Women's health, wellness*

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## OTHER POTENTIAL UA PARTNER COLLEGES:

Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

## VISION

We envision the center to be fully integrated into the Nogales community, providing both educational and economic development resources. The center will welcome students from Nogales High School and Ambos Nogales residents to learn about their community as well as provide a hub for UA students and faculty to connect and collaborate with researchers from El Colegio de la Frontera Norte and Universidad de Sonora in Nogales, Sonora. Students and faculty from across UA, including UA South, would come to the Center as part

of regular courses on the border, and UA staff would be on hand to coordinate the Center's outreach activities and schedule its meeting spaces.

Many issues—such as transportation, health, migration, security, environment (land, water, and air), education and culture—impact economic development in the border region. When it's fully operational, the Center will support economic growth in the region by working with local, state, and national organizations, Mexican businesses,

NGOs, and government entities to address these issues and promote well being. The Center will be a place for the community to learn, share, organize, and act with the collective goal of improving the economy, cultural and social life, and the environment in the border region. Having the Center's presence in Nogales could positively impact future leaders dedicated to making their livelihoods on the border while continuing to work for its social and economic improvement.



## POTENTIAL USES OF THE RAÚL H. AND PATRICIA M. CASTRO CENTER FOR BORDER STUDIES AND OUTREACH

- Welcome and launch center for students in UA's border studies courses
- Hosting center for visiting students and faculty from other universities worldwide
- Hosting center for workshops and conferences on border issues
- Outreach and internship center for Nogales residents and high school students
- Meeting place for UA and Mexican academic delegations
- Classroom, seminar and workshop space for Ambos Nogales residents
- Permanent library for U.S.-Mexico border studies scholars
- Permanent office space for UA's Office of Global Initiatives in Nogales
- Meeting space for Ambos Nogales businesses, non-profits, and government agencies

## HISTORY OF COLLABORATION

Divided by the international boundary, the communities of Ambos Nogales provide unique opportunities to study the complexities of the relationship between the United States and Mexico. For decades, students and faculty from the University of Arizona have visited Ambos Nogales to learn about the effects of immigration policies, the unique bicultural traditions that define Southern Arizona folklife, and the ecological impacts of breaking a natural landscape into man-made divisions.

In keeping with the University's land-grant mission, UA departments and centers also have a long history of providing services and outreach to the community. The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is well placed to operate the Center as a focal point of scholarly activity about the border, as well as a hub of community outreach activity. The College is home to a number of departments and centers that focus on border studies. Expertise in regional public policy, environmental studies,

leadership and empowerment, and Mexican-American history and culture converge within the College's academic units, contributing substantially to scholarship and research on bi-national issues.

(Please see sidebar on previous page for a full list of programs that conduct research and provide services in the border region.)

## SUPPORT



With your investment, faculty and students can strengthen the ties between UA and the communities of Ambos Nogales. We can build a research and outreach hub to encourage cooperation and collaboration between thought leaders in Mexico and the United States, and we can ignite growth and development in the border region. Your contribution to this project can be highlighted through the following naming opportunities:

### NEEDS:

Balcony Overlooking Nogales, Sonora, Upgrade and Extension.....	\$55,000
High Tech Library .....	\$250,000
Community Education Center .....	\$100,000
Community Lounge .....	\$75,000
Garden and Parking Facility .....	\$125,000
Kitchen Modernization and Upgrade.....	\$45,000

We accept any gift to the Castro Border Studies and Outreach Center.

To make a gift, please contact:

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