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County Historian to host workshop to help history professionals engage Latino population

Event will be conducted by Sergio Villavicencio, a frequent lecturer in the Latino community

Goshen, N.Y. – Orange County Historian Johanna Yaun will host a workshop for history professionals and historical society volunteers geared to engage the Latino population with the history of the United States from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 24th at the County’s Emergency Services Center, located at 22 Wells Farm Road in Goshen.

The workshop will be conducted by Sergio Villavicencio, an expert on presenting historical lectures to the Latino community.

“Sergio’s global knowledge and his own background traveling and working in a variety of Spanish speaking counties will make this presentation very informative and entertaining for those who work with diverse audiences,” Yaun said.

As a board member of the Alexander Hamilton Awareness Society, Villavicencio has reached out to various Latino groups to lecture on U.S. history. The workshop, “Engaging Latinos with the History of the USA: The Big Picture,” will be divided into three parts: Understanding the cultural differences of the perception of history in the U.S. versus Latin America, connecting the narrative; and keeping Latinos engaged.

Villavicencio's deep interest in history has taken him to over 50 countries, identifying and researching cultural differences and similarities on the ways to approach history.

“This is my first time speaking to the Orange County historical community and I'm thrilled to be able to share my experiences,” Villavicencio said. “Those in attendance will be able to incorporate what I've learned into their programs to provide their audiences with a greater understanding of America's past.”

This event is free, but RSVP's are appreciated. Contact Cher Vickers at 360-6978 or email cvickers@orangecountygov.com.

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