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DR. IGNACIO M. GARCIA
2019 MINK AWARD

Ignacio M. García is the Lemuel Hardison Redd Jr. Professor of Western & Latino History at Brigham Young University and the author of seven books on Mexican American/Chicano civil rights and politics as well as a study of sports in the Latino community. Two of his books: *Viva Kennedy: Mexican Americans in Search of Camelot* and *When Mexicans Could Play Ball: Basketball, Race, and identity in San Antonio, 1928-1945* won best book awards. The latter has been optioned for a feature film.

His most recent book, a memoir, is *Chicano While Mormon, Activism, War and Keeping the Faith* which chronicles his life as a young Mormon Chicano rights activist. Professor Garcia was raised in San Antonio, Texas, served in Vietnam as a combat medic, and then entered Texas A&I University where he received his bachelor's degree in journalism and theater. He worked as a journalist for 10 years and covered the Lebanese civil war and the Central American wars. He also wrote on Mexican American civil rights and the Chicano movement.

He then attended the University of Arizona where he received his Ph.D. in history. He has taught at Brigham Young University for 22 years. He has twice served as a bishop in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Professor García is currently working on a biography of Eduardo Balderas, the first Spanish-speaking translator for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and also its first Latino patriarch.

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