

**Latina/o & Latin American Studies Film List**  
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TITLE	FORMAT	DURATION	DESCRIPTION	YEAR
All She Can	DVD	94 minutes	A high school powerlifter Luz Garcia wants something different than the options available after graduation. She's earned admission to the college of her dreams, but her family is too saddled with debt to afford it. Luz pins her hopes on a scholarship but when fear gets in the way, she must find a different kind of strength to keep her dream alive.	2011
America By the Numbers	DVD	240 minutes	Two disc set. Reveals how dramatic demographic changes are playing out in the U.S. Explores the growing number of Asians, Latinos, African Americans, persons of mixed race, immigrants, women, youth and LGBT's whose influence over culture, commerce and the outcome of elections is affecting every aspect of contemporary life.	2014
Archeology of Memory: Villa Grimaldi	DVD	88 minutes	The film follows Chilean exiled musician Quique Cruz from the San Francisco Bay area to Chile and back, as he creates his master work, a multimedia art piece, to heal his wounds inflicted by state sponsored torture by the Pinochet regime.	2010
(A) Better Life	DVD	98 minutes	Undocumented immigrant and hardworking single dad Carlos Galindo embarks on a physical and spiritual journey in order to reconnect with his teenage and son and keeping him from getting pulled into the local gang life.	2011
Bless me, Ultima	DVD	87 minutes	Based on acclaimed author Rudolfo Anaya's novel is a turbulent coming-of-age story about a young boy growing up in New Mexico during World War II. When a curandera named Ultima moves in with his family, Antonio experiences a series of mysterious and terrifying events which cause him to grapple with questions about his own destiny, and the powers of this mystical woman.	2009
Black in Latin America	DVD	4 parts, 60 minutes each	Harvard academic Henry Louis Gates Jr. hosts this four-part series that explores colonialism, slavery and the influence of African culture in Latin America, making stops in 1) Haiti and Dominican Republic, 2) Cuba, 3) Brazil and 4) Mexico and Peru.	2011
California and the American Dream: The Price of Renewal	DVD	59 minutes	This documentary examines complex issues of community development, philanthropy, and civic engagement by chronicling the long-term redevelopment of an older, deteriorating neighborhood called City Heights, often referred to as the Ellis Island of San Diego.	2005
(The) Central Park Five	DVD	120 minutes	A documentary that examines the 1989 case of five black and Latino teenagers who were convicted and imprisoned for the rape of a white woman in Central Park. The convictions were later overturned. <i>The Central Park Five</i> tells the story of the rush to judgment by the police, a media clamoring for sensational stories and the five lives upended by this miscarriage of justice.	2012
Cesar Chavez	DVD	102 minutes	Theatrical release about Cesar Chavez and his triumphant journey that began in California and led him across the US and to Europe .	2013

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Chac The Rain God	DVD	94 minutes	Shot in the Chiapas, the film focuses on a small village during a drought. Desperate for relief, thirteen men set out on a quest to save their people from starvation. They seek a solitary Diviner who lives in the mountains and knows the ways of the Ancients; they hope that he can summon Chac, the Rain God. A dazzling portrait of a Native American spiritual quest.	1974
Challenging Hispanic Stereotypes (Bill Moyers Journal)	DVD	30 minutes	With Arturo Madrid (teacher and president of the Tomas Rivera Center which focuses on policies affecting the Latino community). Madrid discusses with Bill Moyers the controversy surrounding bilingual education and the state of education, in general, for Hispanic people.	2008
(A) Class Apart: A Mexican American Civil Rights Story	DVD	60 minutes	From a small-town Texas murder in 1951 emerged a landmark civil rights case. The little-known story of the Mexican American lawyers who took Hernandez v. Texas to the Supreme Court, challenging Jim Crow-style discrimination.	2009
Cruz Reynoso: Sowing the Seeds of Justice	DVD	58 minutes	A study of the life of Cruz Reynoso, son of Mexican American farm workers, activist, attorney, Presidential Medal of Freedom winner and law professor who has worked tirelessly to turn the tide of social injustice on countless fronts, from California farm workers to Florida citizens deprived of their votes in the 2000 election.	2010
Devil's Miner (The)	DVD	82 minutes	14 year old Basilio (narrator of the film) and his 12 year old brother work in the Bolivian silver mines to support their family and earn money for school. Through their eyes, we learn about the impact of the ancient belief that the Devil determines the fate of all who work in the mine and see the bleak and dangerous conditions that reflect the enduring colonial legacy in Latin America. <b>(Spanish w/English subtitles.)</b>	2005
Discovering Dominga	DVD	58 minutes	Denese Becker, a manicurist living in Iowa, discovers she is Dominga Sic Ruiz, a survivor of a 1982 Guatemalan massacre. Denese's journey home to Guatemala is both a voyage of self-discovery that permanently alters her relationship to her American family and a political awakening that sheds light on an act of genocide against this hemisphere's largest Indian majority.	2003
El Norte	DVD	140 minutes (2 disc set)	Brother and sister flee persecution at home in Guatemala and journey north, through Mexico and on to the U.S. with the dream of starting a new life. It's a story that happens everyday, but until Gregory Nava's El Norte, the personal travails of immigrants crossing the border to America hadn't been shown in the movies with such urgent humanism.	1983
Familia (La) en la produccion del calzado como identidad de Leon	DVD	15 minutes	A brief look at the family (nuclear and extended) in the production of footwear in the city of Leon as a form of social identity. <b>(Spanish without English subtitles.)</b>	2009
Fidel: The Untold Story	DVD	91 minutes	A documentary about the political and social impact Fidel Castro has had on the world. Includes interviews with Nelson Mandela, Arthur Schlesinger, Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Alice Walker.	2002

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Fighting For Our Lives	DVD	60 minutes	An Oscar nominated portrayal of the UFW's 1973 strike when grape workers made history by talking off the job from Coachella to Fresno to fight for a UFW contract. A moving testimony to the bravery of the farmer works in their non-violent struggle against police brutality on the picket lines. <b>(We have English and Spanish version. )</b>	1975
Five (The) Suns: The Sacred History of Mexico	DVD	54 minutes	This film, illustrated with colorful animation in the style of pre-Columbian painting, employs authentic pre-Columbian Aztec iconography to depict the most important creation myths and sacred stories of the Aztecs and other Nahuatl-speaking peoples of ancient central Mexico. Like all creation stories, this one provides mythic answers to life's most perplexing questions and offers an ethical vision of how we should live.	1996
Globe Trekker Travel Series	DVD	Various See Description	Argentina - 60 minutes (2004) Brazil - 104 minutes (2005) Caribbean Islands - 60 minutes (2012) Cuba and Haiti - 60 minutes (2007) Ultimate Mexico - 246 minutes, 2 discs (2006) Peru - 60 minutes (2004)	Various See Description
Goodbye Baby (Adoptions from Guatamala)	DVD	58 minutes	An examination of the ramifications that money, private lawyers, media coverage and women's rights have on the intercountry adoption process. Informed by the filmmaker's own experiences - she's the mother of two children adopted from Guatemala, where she's lived on and off during the past 25 years.	2005
(The )Graduates	DVD	120 minutes	<i>The Graduates/Los Graduados</i> explores pressing issues in education today through the eyes of six young Latio and Latina students from across the U.S. Offers the first-hand perspectives on key challenges facing Latino high school students and their families, educators and community leaders.	2013
(The) Harvest - La Coescha	DVD	80 minutes	Every year there are more than 400,000 American children who are torn away from their friends, schools and homes to pick the food we all eat. Zulema, Perla and Victor labor as migrant farm workers, sacrificing their own childhoods to help their families survive. <i>The Harvest/La Cosecha</i> profiles these three as they journey from the scorching heat of Texas onion fields to the winter snows of the Michigan apple orchards and back south to the humidity of Florida's tomato fields to follow the harvest. English & Spanish with subtitles.	2011
Harvest of Empire	DVD	92 minutes	Based on the groundbreaking book by Juan Gonzalez, <i>Harvest of Empire</i> takes an unflinching look at the role that U.S. military actions and corporate interests played in triggering unprecedented waves of migration from Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America.	2012
Harvest of Lonliness (The Bracero Program)	DVD	58 minutes	Shedding light on the current debate over immigration reform and the use of "guest workers" in American agriculture, this documentary examines the Bracero Program - a system put in place rom 1942 to 1964 to recruit Mexican farm laborers for temporary work in the U.S. The film presents testimony from surviving braceros and contains extensive archival material.	2010

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(The) Headless Woman	DVD	87 minutes	A bourgeois woman is driving alone on a dirt road, becomes distracted, and runs over something. She becomes obsessed with the possibility that she may have killed someone. The police confirm that there were no accidents reported in the area and everything returns to normal until a gruesome discovery is made. This film examines the intricacies of class status and the role of women in a male-dominated society	2009
(The) Homestretch	DVD	90 minutes	<i>The Homestretch</i> follows three homeless teens as they fight to stay in school, graduate and build a future. This documentary focuses on milestones of high school while navigating a landscape of couch hopping, emergency shelters, transitional homes, street families and a school system on the front lines of this crisis.	2014
In Beauty I Walk: The Navajo Way to Harmony	DVD	28 minutes	Focus on Navajo art, cosmology, and culture. The film explores the importance of the Navajo sense of place for the centering of one's moral, spiritual and social being and how the traditional way of life, called "walking in beauty," seeks to replicate the innate order and harmony of the universe within each individual.	2002
Innocent Voices	DVD	110 minutes	Based on the true story of screenwriter Oscar Torres's embattled childhood in 1980's El Salvador, the film follows the drama of an eleven-year-old boy who must choose between enlisting in the Salvadoran army or joining up with a guerilla band of peasant rebels (FMLN). <b>(Spanish w/English subtitles).</b>	2004
La Mission	DVD	116 minutes	Ex-convict and recovering alcoholic Che gets by on his macho persona, but lives for the love of his son, Jesse. When he discovers Jesse is gay, Che reacts violently and is forced to examine his actions and the life he lives.	2009
Latino Americans	DVD	6 hours (3 part)	First major documentary series for television to chronicle the rich and varied history and experiences of Latinos, who have helped shape the United States over the last 500-plus years and have become, with more than 50 million people, the largest minority group in the U.S. See episode guide enclosed with DVD or go to <a href="http://www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en/episode-guide/">http://www.pbs.org/latino-americans/en/episode-guide/</a> .	2013
(The) Longoria Affair	DVD	52 minutes	<i>The Longoria Affair</i> tells the story of the refusal, by a small-town funeral home in Texas after WWII, to care for a dead Mexican American soldier's body "because the whites wouldn't like it" - and shows how the incident sparked outrage nationwide. Examines the relationship between LBJ and Dr. Hector Garcia and how it helped Latinos become a national political force.	2010
Lost In Detention: President Obama's Tough Immigration Enforcement	DVD	60 minutes	In a co-production with the Investigative Reporting Workshops, correspondent Maria Hinojosa investigates Obama's enforcement strategies and journeys into the secretive world of immigrant detention, with a penetrating look at who is being detained and what is happening to them.	2011
Machuca	DVD	115 minutes	Released to widespread acclaim and controversy in Latin America, <i>Machuca</i> explores Chile's bloody 1973 coup through the coming of age story of a pair of 12 year old boys. From opposite extremes of society, they form an unlikely friendship as politics rip their world apart. <b>(Spanish w/English Subtitles)</b>	2004

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Madame Sata	DVD	105 minutes	A story inspired by the life of one of the most remarkable figures in Brazilian popular culture, João Francisco dos Santos (1900-1976). In turn, bandit, transvestite, street fighter, brothel cook, convict and father to seven adopted children, dos Santos--better known as Madame Satã--was also a notorious gay performer who pushed social boundaries in a volatile time. (Portuguese w/English Subtitles)	2002
Made in L.A.	DVD	70 minutes	Focuses on the moving transformation of three Latina garment workers on the fault lines of global economic change. <i>Made in L.A.</i> provides an intimate view into both the struggles of recent immigrants and into the organizing process itself. In Spanish and English with bilingual subtitles.	2007
Madres Unidas: Parents Researching for Change	DVD	58 minutes	Five immigrant mothers involved in an effort to start a small school for their children subsequently become researchers and videographers to document their journey. Their stories are set in the context of a city-wide school reform and community organizing movement in Oakland, California.	2003
Maid in America	DVD	58 minutes	Explores in an intimate way the lives of 3 Latina immigrant women who work as nannies and housekeepers in Los Angeles. Through these women's lives we'll explore the globalization of motherhood, the challenges they face while pursuing the American dream and the significant role they play in American households today.	2004
Manito	DVD	77 minutes	A riveting story of two brothers (one an ex con and one a salutatorian) set against the volatile backdrop of a changing inner city. Shot in cinema verite style, <i>Manito</i> reflects a community when it transforms from drugs and violence to one of the most vibrant Spanish-speaking communities in the U.S.	2005
Mi Gran Bandera	DVD	Will Advise	Radio interview about self-determination within the barrios of the U.S. with Jose (Cha-Cha) Jimenez founder of the Chicago Young Lord's (a grassroots Latino political movement).	Unknown
Not In Our Town: Light In The Darkness	DVD	60 minutes	Tells the story of residents of a Long Island taking action after anti-immigrant violence devastates their community. This film is part of a PBS <i>Not In Our Town</i> series, which tells the stories of communities standing together against intolerance.	2011
Other (The) Conquest (La Otra Conquista)	DVD	105 minutes	A drama about the aftermath of the 1520s Spanish Conquest of Mexico told from the perspective of the indigenous Aztec people. It explores the social, religious, and psychological changes brought about by a historical process of colonization that both defined the American continent and is also highly reminiscent of today's neocolonialism. <b>(Spanish &amp; Nahuatl w/English subtitles.)</b>	2007
(The) Other Side of Immigration	DVD	55 minutes	Based on over 700 interviews in rural Mexican towns where about half the population has left to work in the U.S. This film asks why so many Mexicans comes to the U.S. and what happens to the families and communities they leave behind.	2010

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(The) Power of Community	DVD	53 minutes	When Cuba lost access to Soviet oil in the early '90's, the country faced an immediate crisis. The film tells the story of the Cuban people's hardship, ingenuity and triumph over sudden adversity - through cooperation, conservation and community, told in their own words.	2006
Precious Knowledge	DVD 2 copies	53 minutes	Arizona lawmakers are trying to shut down the Tucson High School's successful Mexican American Studies program because they believe students are being indoctrinated with dangerous ideology and embracing destructive ethnic chauvinism. <i>Precious Knowledge</i> illustrates what motivates Tuscon High School students and teachers to form the front line of an epic civil rights battle.	2011
Rancho California (Por Favor)	DVD	59 minutes	This visual essay provides a troubling journey through migrant farmworker camps in suburban southern California. The film explores the charged debate over the meaning and consequences of immigrant culture near America's southern border, and along the way examines the complex realities of race and class in this country.	2003
Ruben Salazar - Man in the Middle	DVD	60 minutes	Documentary examines the life and mysterious death of Ruben Salazar - pioneering journalist who became a primary chronicler/supporter of the radical Chicano movement of the late 1960s and was killed by police in 1970. Featuring material from recently released files, this film removes Salazar from the glare of myth and martyrdom and offers a clear-eyed look at the man and the times.	2013
Searching for Sugar Man	DVD	87 minutes	Two South African music lovers embark on a mission to uncover the fate of an obscure, 1970s-era U.S. rocker, Sixo Diaz Rodriguez, whose debut album became a surprise hit in their home country, and uncover a shocking secret along the way.	2013
Sin Nombre	DVD	96 minutes	Seeking the promise of America, a young woman, joins her father on an odyssey to cross the Latin American countryside. Along the way, she crosses paths with a teenaged Mexican gang member, who is maneuvering to outrun his violent past. Together they have to rely on faith, trust, and street smarts if they are to survive their increasingly perilous journey towards the hope of new lives. <b>(Spanish with Subtitles in English)</b>	2009
Kiss of the Spider Woman	DVD	119 minutes	An exceptional character drama of two men - one a gay window dresser imprisoned for corrupting a minor and the other a journalist jailed for his leftist political activities. Despite their differences their relationship eveloves into understanding and respect. It is a brilliant study of worlds in collision. The black and white codes of straight vs. gay, masculine vs. feminine, reality vs. fantasy, and power vs. submission erode until nothing is left but myriad shades of gray.	1985
Toured (The): The Other Side of Tourism in Barbados	DVD	38 minutes	Documentary that discusses the experience of tourism in Barbados from the point of view of those who are "toured." Examines the realities of making a living in a tourist economy, dealing with stereotypical ugly Americans, the cultural change involved due to foreign visitors, and the government's involvement.	1992
Tal Como Somos (The Latino GBT Community)	DVD	71 minutes	Examines the lives of seven Latino GBT men and women, offering insights into their relationships with family and loved ones while exploring their sexuality in the contexts of culture, religion and work.	2007

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Tierralismo	DVD	50 minutes	Focuses on a urban agriculture initiative "Vivero Alamar." This cooperative offers a worthy model towards economic efficiency, food security and sustainable development while having concern for the welfare of their workers. <b>(Spanish with English Subtitles -- produced in Cuba)</b>	2013
Trading Democracy	VHS	57 minutes	Bill Moyers takes an investigative look at the way corporate investors are using an obscure provision in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) to secretly challenge laws, regulations and jury verdicts before an international trade tribunal.	2002
Under The Same Moon	DVD	110 minutes	The special bond between a mother and son can never be broken. It gives hope to Carlitos, a nine-year old boy whose mother, Rosario, has gone to America to build a better life for the both of them. While Rosario struggles for a brighter future, fate forces Carlitos' hand and he embarks on an extraordinary journey to find her. <b>(Spanish with Subtitles in English)</b>	2007
Undertow	DVD	100 minutes	Miguel is fisherman in a small fishing village on the Northern coast of Peru, where the community has deep-rooted religious traditions. He is married to the Mariela, who is pregnant with their firstborn, but he harbors a secret: He is having a love affair with Santiago, a painter who is ostracized by the townsfolk for being agnostic and open about his sexuality. UNDERTOW (Contracorriente) is the emotional intersection of contemporary sexuality, confronted by tradition and belief. <b>(Spanish with English Subtitles)</b>	2009
Undocumented	DVD	96 minutes	A small group of documentary filmmakers chronicle the trials and inequities faced by Mexican undocumented immigrants. When they join a group of families illegally crossing the border to record the experience firsthand, their truck is pulled over and detained by a band of violent right-wing radicals determined to carry out the sort of "justice" that the legal system cannot.	2011
Voices from Mariel (Los Marielitos, Then and Now)	DVD	80 minutes	In 1980, nearly 125,000 Cubans fled their country in hundreds of boats, heading for the US. Told through the previously unrecorded stories of ten Cuban-American families.	2011
Wetback: The Undocumented Documentary	DVD	91 minutes	Follows two friends traveling from Central America to North America. On their journey they encounter gangs and vigilantes as well as border patrol. But these immigrants navigate real-life nightmares with uncanny calm, grace and even humor in their perilous pursuit for a better life.	2004
When Worlds Collide	DVD	87 minutes	Chronicles the rise and fall of Spain's global empire from the reign of Isabel and Ferdinand through the reign of Philip II. Documentary explores how collision of the Old World and the New World completely transformed the nature of ethnicity/identity in the Americas and led to the birth of a new Latino culture.	2010