



Organizing for Political and Social Action: Exploring Gloria Casarez's Impact on Philadelphia

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This course reading...

- Provides a snapshot of the life and legacy of Philadelphia civil rights pioneer Gloria Casarez, and gives insight into how her work inspired a generation of organizers and activists.
- Features a transcript of one of Gloria's final speeches before her death at the Philadelphia Dyke March in 2014.
- Is ideal reading for students of Chicanx and Latinx Studies, Queer and LGBT+ Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, History, and American Studies, as well as leaders, activists, and community organizers.

How did the life and legacy of Philadelphia civil rights pioneer Gloria Casarez inspire a generation of organizers and activists?

As a leader, Chicana, Lesbiana, and Philadelphia native, Gloria Casarez led efforts around public safety, education, economic development, health, homelessness, and city services. This book documents Casarez's lifetime of community organizing, which left indelible imprints on the LGBTQ+ and Black and Brown communities of Philadelphia. As well as leader of the Latinx social justice organization GALAEI, Casarez was the first Director of LGBT affairs in the city where she instituted the broadest LGBTQ protections in the country.

Hoping to capture the collective vision Gloria's leadership evoked, a world which centred justice, author **Nic Rodriguez Villafañe** explores her enduring legacy after her untimely death in 2014, demonstrating the ways in which she inspired a generation of leaders, organizers and activists across diverse identities and experiences. Part community biography, part vision for social justice, this book is ideal reading for students of Chicanx and Latinx Studies, Queer and LGBT+ Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, History, and American Studies, as well as leaders, activists, and community organizers.

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