



Megan Elizabeth Allen

Thesis Defense
College of Humanities and
Social Sciences
Department of English
MA, English

**Transforming Expectations: Analyzing Mexican
American Women's Connections to Culture as
Transferred by Maternal Figures**

La familia es lo primero—Family comes first. This proverbial phrase often heard on the lips of Mexican American mothers reminds their children of the age-old expectation of familial values within Latinx culture, just as it was told to them when they were children by their mother, who was told by their mother, and so on. However, traumatic lived experiences without the psychological, emotional, and/or mental support of a maternal figure can forever alter how the subsequent generation perceives their culture, thus altering ideology. Chicana feminist texts *The Distance Between Us*, by Reyna Grande, *Native Country of the Heart*, by Cherrie Moraga, and *I Am Not Your Perfect Mexican Daughter*, by Erika Sanchez provide mother-daughter subjects to explore.

Event Information

Date: 03/27/2024

Time: 03:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Committee Members

Dr. Evelyn Soto

Dr. April Shemak

Dr. Kandi Tayebi

Dr. Diane Dowdey



Sam Houston State University

PUBLIC DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT