

# Kenyon College

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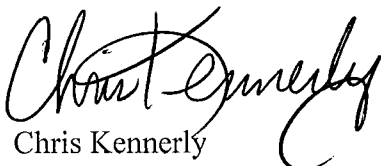
Dear Professor Sheffield:

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is excited about the Great Lakes Colleges Association Oral History in the Liberal Arts funding proposal. We believe this project will complement the recent *Latinos in Rural America (LiRA)* project, undertaken by Clara Román-Odio, professor of Spanish and director of the Latino/a studies program at Kenyon College. Similar to the *LiRA* project, "Claiming Our Place: In Search of the Latino/a Presence on "The Hill" will provide insight into the experiences of Latino/a students who matriculated at Kenyon. This project will also enhance exciting archives by chronicling previously untold stories of the Latino/a experience at Kenyon.

From an administrative perspective, we are also excited about the opportunity to use collected information and stories to improve existing programs and to create new programs that might meet the needs of Latino/a students at Kenyon. We are confident that current Latino/a students and alumni returning for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the founding of Adelante would be excited about the opportunity to review the findings of the project during the event in September.

The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion also believes that if afforded the opportunity, this high impact project would be essential to the curricular and co-curricular success of Alma Urbano '18. We are excited about this oral history project and are more than willing to serve as institutional resource and support. It is with sincerity and great anticipation that we offer our support to this project.

Sincerely,



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Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

