The 1998 Mexican Mosaic focused on migrant farm labor in Adams County, Pennsylvania, just south of Carlisle. Adams County has long been a productive fruit growing region of the United States. Local growers of apples, peaches, pears and other orchard fruits have historically depended upon migrant laborers to cheaply and efficiently harvest their crops. Workers come from Mexico, as well as Puerto Rico, Guatemala and Haiti to assist in the harvesting and processing sectors of the fruit industry. Some workers are seasonal while others have chosen to settle in this South-Central region of Pennsylvania. Through the establishment of Mexican-American communities in Adams County, new levels of linguistic, racial, religious, and cultural diversity have been introduced to the community. The Mexican Mosaic was an intensive, semester-long program designed around fieldwork immersion. Eighteen students and two Professors—Kjell Enge of the Anthropology department and John Bloom of the American Studies department—organized and conducted the research.

Dickinson students worked in internships that provided social services to agricultural workers, such as Adams County Head Start, Human Services (which provided GED, and ESL courses), Rural Opportunities (providing food, childcare, job assistance, and educational services), and health centers. Through these internships, students had an opportunity to extend their education beyond the classroom, gain experience working with diverse populations, and participate in field research. They were required to keep a daily journal, attend their internship about 20 hours a week and conduct two types of research projects; one ethnographic and one based on the oral histories of Hispanics or human services employees. Topics students chose ranged from education to religion. At the end of the semester, a public exhibit was presented at Dickinson with a sound documentary (including narratives of students and workers) and poster board displays. The exhibit then traveled to other destinations in Adams County so that the research of this community could be shared with others.

The collection is divided into 4 series. Series 1 consists of 16 interview transcripts, typed accounts of Mexican Mosaic interviews conducted by various interviewers. Interviews are organized alphabetically according to narrator’s last name. Series 2
consists of 31 student papers. Series 3 consists of 2 folders of course materials, including project overview and consent forms. Series 4 consists of 18 audio cassette tapes.

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