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Our Migration Story: Farmworker Families that Settled in Eastern Washington



Image: Irwin Nash, *Hop Workers at Yakima Ranch*, 1971,
Irwin Nash Photographs of Yakima Valley Migrant Labor,
Manuscripts, Archives, and Special Collections, Washington State University

Tacoma and Yakima, WA – Explore the stories of farmworker families of Eastern Washington. Join community leader **Herminia Esqueda** from **5:30 PM to 8:00 PM** on **Thursday, November 5, 2026**, at the **Yakima Valley Museum** (or via [online livestream](#)) for [*Our Migration Story: Farmworker Families that Settled in Eastern Washington*](#). Organized by the Yakima Valley Museum and the Washington State History Museum, this special event features historical presentations, live performances, and a community reception.

Schedule of Events

- **5:30 PM** - Spanish presentation of *Our Migration Story*, with a musical performance by Lorraine Peterson.
- **6:30 PM** - Reception
- **7:00 PM** - English presentation of *Our Migration Story*, with a musical performance by Lorraine Peterson.

Featured Speaker

Herminia Esqueda is a Pro-Equity, Anti-Racism Strategic Initiatives Administrator for the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS). As a Certified Diversity Executive and Certified Public Manager, she leads the Latino Leadership Network's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee and is dedicated to creating spaces of belonging where all communities can thrive.

About the Yakima Valley Museum

Visit the [Yakima Valley Museum](#) and learn about the history of the Yakima Valley through educational exhibits, hands-on displays, and engaging programming. Exhibits include a *Life and Legacy of William O. Douglas*, an exhibit on our longest-serving U.S. Supreme Court Justice who lived in Yakima; a live beehive that connects visitors with the importance of pollinators; and displays that reflect the vibrancy and culture of our valley, including artifacts that tell the stories of our past and celebrate our future. The Yakima Valley Museum connects audiences with the people, places, and events that have shaped our region. While visiting, stop by the Museum Store for locally made gifts, books, and other items that connect with the stories of the Yakima Valley. Also open Tuesday-Saturday is the 1930s Soda Fountain, serving lunch from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Address: 2105 Tieton Dr, Yakima, WA 98902

Hours: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Tuesday through Saturday; 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM Sunday

Admission: \$8 adults; \$6 seniors; \$5 children 6-18, FREE children 5 and under; \$6 students.

About The Washington State Historical Society and History Museum

The Washington State Historical Society works with our communities to explore how history connects us all. Its most prominent activity is the Washington State History Museum, located in Tacoma's Museum District on Pacific Avenue. The museum features interactive core exhibitions about Washington in the Great Hall, rotating special exhibitions, and public events and programs covering a wide range of historical topics. The WSHS provides curriculum resources, downloadable exhibitions, and educational support statewide, as well as consultation and resources for museums and heritage organizations. For more information about the event and the museum's exhibitions, public programs, and other offerings, visit:

www.WashingtonHistory.org.

Address: 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Hours: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM Tuesday through Sunday.

Admission: FREE for members; \$17 adults; \$14 seniors (age 65+) and military (with ID); \$11 students (age 6-17). Through the Museums for All program, licensed Washington Foster Parents can attend for \$1 per person or \$2 per family.