Greetings Everyone!

This is a friendly reminder that Eddie Valentin will defend his dissertation: *Black Enlisted Men in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: Race, Citizenship, and Military Occupation, 1866-1930* TOMORROW, Monday, March 23 at 1:00pm.

**The defense will be conducted 100% via Zoom***. There will be no in-person component (i.e. HUMA 327 will NOT be used in any capacity).

To attend the defense via Zoom, please click the link below or dial in using one of the phone numbers at the bottom of the email.

**Topic:** Thesis Defense: Edward Valentin, Jr.  
**Time:** Mar 23, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting ID:** 774 595 969  
**Join Zoom Meeting:**  
[https://riceuniversity.zoom.us/j/774595969](https://riceuniversity.zoom.us/j/774595969)

*A few notes about the defense structure using Zoom:*

1. Dr. Caleb McDaniel, Eddie’s committee chair, will serve as the meeting host.
2. All participants will have their video and audio muted upon joining the meeting.
3. Dr. McDaniel will activate the other committee members’ audio and video at the appropriate times. Dr. Fay Yarbrough and Dr. Nicole Waligora-Davis are the additional committee members.
4. After an introduction of the thesis (around 10 minutes), each committee member will have about 25 minutes to ask questions. The committee chair will be the final questioner.
5. The committee will then go into a virtual breakout room to discuss the defense. They may invite Eddie back into the breakout room for more questions.
6. At this time, non-committee participants will be “holding” until the committee chair opens the meeting back up to everyone.
7. The committee will announce their assessment of the defense.
8. ??Virtual “high-fives” to Eddie???

Keep in mind that this is the first HUMA defense conducted 100% via Zoom. We thank Eddie for being a HUMA Grad “pioneer”! 😊  
Lessons learned will be used for refining future History student defenses:  
**Wed, 4/8/20 @ 2:00pm:** Will Jones  
**Fri, 4/10/20 @ 2:00pm:** Sean Smith

More about the content of Eddie’s dissertation can be found here:  
[https://events.rice.edu/#!view/event/date/20200323/event_id/84100](https://events.rice.edu/#!view/event/date/20200323/event_id/84100)

**Additional Methods to join the defense:**

**Meeting ID:** 774 595 969  
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Dial by your location:
Hello All,


**NOTE:** Current guidelines from the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (GPS) regarding defenses are as follows:

“Defenses may still take place on campus if social distancing requirements are met.”

(https://events.rice.edu/rgs)

While HUMA 327 has been reserved, a very limited number of people will be allowed to attend in person due to social distancing constraints. Attendees are encouraged to watch the defense via Zoom: https://riceuniversity.zoom.us/j/774595969.

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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Please note that all remaining defenses this semester will include a Zoom link for participants.

Thank you,

Lydia