

PROPOSAL SECTIONS

PART A: Summaries of Project Request (separate page) 200 words

1. In 2007 and 2008 I traveled to Tijuana, Guatemala City, Tecun Uman, and Tapachula to interview and document immigrants, volunteers, and priests at shelters run by the Scalabrini Missionaries. The resulting 21 hours of digital video are being used to make two documentaries: *Proyecto Scalabrini: Casas Del Migrante Red* deals with five migrant shelters in Mexico and Guatemala and *Proyecto Scalabrini: Voluntariado* documents a volunteer program.

The new videos will be made available for faculty to use and should initiate cross-discipline projects (learning communities, documentaries, lectures). The missionaries will use the new documentaries in their efforts to raise awareness about their shelters and migration in the Americas. Already, my previous work is being shown to students by TAMIU social science professors, and the Scalabrinis use it at lectures and conferences.

Furthermore, *Proyecto Scalabrini* aligns with our institutional priority to strengthen the University's *international* position as well as the 1st Year Success Program's mission to encourage students to be active participants in world issues. As such I set an example for students as I connect local realities to larger world issues and explore migration socially, politically, and economically in collaboration with the Scalabrinis.