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### **UTSA PROFESSOR TO DISCUSS TEXAS FAMILY STORIES AT GEMINI INK**

SAN ANTONIO – UTSA Department of History Senior Lecturer Marian Aitches will participate in the upcoming *New Tertulia Community Talks* event “Texas Roots and Family Stories” as a part of the Gemini Ink Community Conversation Series. The event will take place at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 26 at Gemini Ink. Audience participation is at the heart of this new series, which will focus on life in San Antonio.

Aitches who teaches American Studies, is currently writing a memoir on growing up in Victoria Courts and the history of public housing in San Antonio. She will talk about the mechanics of recording and setting down family histories.

Aitches will be joined by writers Meg Guerra from Laredo, David Middleton from North Dakota and John Phillip Santos, who is also from San Antonio.

Tertulia derives from a Spanish tradition of gathering in a public space or café to discuss art, politics and ideas. The Gemini Ink event will be free and open to the public and reservations are not required. Gemini Ink is located at 513 South Presa. Additional information can be found at [www.geminiink.org](http://www.geminiink.org).

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Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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