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Carlos Tortolero Biography

Carlos Tortolero is founder and president of the National Museum of Mexican Art in Chicago, the nation's largest Latino arts organization and the only Latino museum accredited by the American Association of Museums. From 1975 to 1987, Tortolero worked as a teacher, counselor and administrator in the Chicago Public School System. He also has taught at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, University of Illinois at Chicago and Northwestern University. In 2009, Tortolero was appointed a trustee of the University of Illinois. He has also served on numerous boards including the Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs, the Smithsonian Latino Center and the Illinois Humanities Council. Tortolero is the co-author of *Mexican Chicago*, a very well received photo history book of the Mexican community of Chicago. Tortolero has written articles for national and international publications, and he has won numerous awards. Tortolero has a B.A. in secondary education and history from the University of Illinois at Chicago and an M.A. in bilingual education supervision from Chicago State University.