

## VITAE - OSCAR LEWIS

Oscar Lewis was born in New York City in 1914 and grew up on a small farm in upstate New York. He received his Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University in 1940, has taught at Brooklyn College and Washington University, and has been a professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois since 1948. He was field representative in Latin America for the United States National Indian Institute (1943-44), consulting anthropologist for the Ford Foundation in India (1952-54), and has been the recipient of a Guggenheim fellowship.

For the past twenty years, Mr. Lewis has been actively engaged in the study of other cultures. His field work has taken him from the Blackfoot Indians of Canada to Texas farmers, from a Cuban sugar plantation to Guadalupe, Spain, and from a Mexican village to a village in northern India. But from his first visit to Mexico in 1943, Mexican peasants and city dwellers have been his major interest. His book, Life in a Mexican Village: Tepoztlan Restudied, a landmark in anthropological community studies, initiated a whole new trend in independent restudies in anthropology.

Mr. Lewis first introduced the Sanchez family in Five Families, a book published in 1959 and already regarded as a classic both by literary and scientific standards. He plans to follow The Children of Sanchez with further studies of the Sanchez family and its descendants, to whom he has been chronicler, counselor, and sympathetic good friend.

In 1964 Mr. Lewis published Pedro Martinez, a Mexican Peasant and His Family, Random House, New York. He is now completing a volume on a low income Puerto Rican family in San Juan and in New York to be published by Random House in 1966 under the title In The Life, a Puerto Rican Slum Family in San Juan and New York.

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