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As a photographer, Gilberto Cardenas has had his work published in journals, textbooks and brochures. Cardenas established and owns Galeria Sin Fronteras III Austin, Texas, a gallery exhibiting the works of Mexican American artists. He was the founding Executive Producer for Latino USA, a half hour weekly radio program produced at the University of Texas at Austin and distributed nationally by NPR.

He is a member of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships; the Advisory Council of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation "Gates Millennium Scholars Program"; The Board of Directors of The Mexican American Legal and Educational Defense Fund; the Smithsonian National Board for Latino Initiatives; and others. On three occasions he has been named by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the 100 most influential Latinos in the United States. His keynote address is titled "Establishing a Latino Intellectual Presence in the Academy: Opportunities and Challenges."
