In this talk, Clements fellow David Romo will explore the impact of German, Japanese, British, American and Mexican propaganda and intelligence activities along the U.S.-Mexico border before and during World War II. During this period, cross-border drug smuggling became conflated with Axis plots to subjugate America; Mexican braceros were no longer portrayed as unwanted aliens but rather hailed by U.S. government officials and propagandists as heroic “soldiers of production” in the battle against global fascism; and the Zoot Suit lifestyle of Mexican American barrio youth became a symbol of disloyalty. Axis propagandists paid close attention to such developments and frequently exploited the region’s issues in their short-wave radio broadcasts to Latin America as a means of undermining Pan-Americanism.