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Call for Papers

¡El Movimiento Sigue!

Forty Years of Scholarship and Community Activism in Chicana and Chicano Studies, 1969-2009

By Nohemy Solorzano-Thompson, Chair-Elect

The XXXVI NACCS Conference theme examines the legacy, present, and future of Chicana and Chicano Studies. As the first decade of the new millennium comes to a close, Chicana and Chicano Studies remains the site for radical and innovative scholarship about the experience and cultural production of Chicanas and Chicanos. Through the development and adoption of revolutionary critical frameworks, Chicana and Chicano scholars have broadened the discipline to include relevant fields like Environmental Justice, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and Urban Studies.

As we move forward, it is time to examine the legacy of Chicana and Chicano Studies. The year 2009 marks the fortieth year anniversary of key developments in Chicana and Chicano Studies. At the height of the Movimiento in 1969, activists and scholars came together to define what Chicana and Chicano Studies was to be. In Colorado, Corky Gonzalez and the Crusade for Justice organized the First National Chicano Liberation Youth Conference. During the conference, Alurista presented the Plan Espiritual de Aztlán calling for nationalism and self-determination. At the University of California – Santa Barbara, members of the Chicano Coordinating Council on Higher Education met to discuss the implementation of Chicana and Chicano Studies programs in California. The document they produced would become El Plan de Santa Barbara and lay out one of the foundations for Chicana and Chicano Studies.

Far from perfect, both plans and their authors were to be criticized within our communities and outside. From within, their silence about the many contributions of women and queer Raza was to be questioned by a generation of activists

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Upcoming Deadlines

Nominations for 2008 Proceedings Editorial Board: October 1, 2008

NACCS Scholar: October 4, 2008

Cervantes: October 11, 2008

Conference Submission: October 15, 2008

2006/2007 Proceedings Submissions: November 1, 2008

Editor for *Noticias de NACCS*: November 15, 2008

See page 2 for Scholar and Editor information. See page 8 for Cervantes, and page 6 for Proceedings Submission and Editorial Board announcements.

Members Request Accomplished!

NACCS Goes to the East Coast

April 8-11, 2009

Join us for **NACCS XXXVI** in New Brunswick, New Jersey. New Brunswick is only about 30 mins from the Newark Airport via the New Jersey train. The New Brunswick train stop is only two and half blocks way from our conference hotel. Our site hotel is located across the street from Downtown New Brunswick, participants will have access to an array of restaurants, coffee shops, stores, and local historical sites. Rutgers University is also located nearby. In addition, an evening out in New York City is only an hour away on train.

Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick, NJ

2 Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

$129 Single/Double/Triple/Quad Limited Triple/Quad rooms.

Make your group reservations early!

Contact information will be available shortly on the website.

NACCS Scholar, 2009 – Call for Nominations

NACCS invites nominations for the 2009 NACCS Scholar Award. The Award was established in 1981 to recognize "life achievement" contributions of scholars to Chicana and Chicano Studies. To ensure the special quality of the NACCS Scholar award, nominees should be scholars whom the majority of the NACCS membership would readily recognize.

This award is not necessarily an annual award. Nominations can only come from a Foco, Caucus, Research Divisions, or the Board — not from individuals. See past Scholar recipients

The nomination must be limited to a CV and a two-page letter of nomination describing how the candidate meets the criterion set forth. In addition to the letter of nomination, a complete packet must include supporting materials: for example, a selected list of publications, additional letters of support, etc. (Recent NACCS Scholars have had in excess of five additional supporting letters from prominent Chicana/o studies scholars across the country.) All letters submitted must be originals and contain signatures.

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The packet must be presented in a professional manner – this is the highest honor given by NACCS and packet should reflect this. The nominating Foco, Research Division, or Caucus should encounter little difficulty in gathering that necessary materials if time is factored in the planning.

Nominations must be addressed to the NACCS Scholar Committee, must be submitted in paper form, and must be received on or before October 4. Nominations received after the deadline or received in electronic format will not be considered.

Nominations from past years may be resubmitted only with additional supporting materials, although earlier supporting materials may also be reused provided they are not more than two years old. However, NACCS will not keep any previously submitted packets. Materials will not be returned.

Criteria to be considered for the NACCS Scholar Award include both of the following. Nominating letters should speak to both criteria.

1. A scholar's history of involvement in the development of Chicana and Chicano studies as a discipline AND/OR an individual's significant contributions to scholarly research and writing on the Mexican population of the United States; AND
2. An individual's significant contribution to the NACCS organization.

The award is presented at the Annual Conference and carries a lifetime membership in NACCS.

Nominations deadline is October 4, 2008, POSTMARKED. NO faxes or e-mail are accepted. Since our address is a P.O. Box, no "overnight" delivery service will accept to deliver the package other than the U.S. Postal Service. However, since items must only be POSTMARKED, overnight delivery is not needed.

Mail your nominee packet to: **NACCS**
P.O. Box 720052
San Jose, CA 95172-0052

Questions regarding a packet should be addressed to your Foco representative, Caucus or Division chair, the NACCS Chair or the Executive Director.

EDITOR for Noticias de NACCS Sought

The Board is currently accepting applications for the position of Newsletter Editor, a two-year (voluntary, unpaid) appointment. The Newsletter Editor will work closely with the Chair in order to develop a team of editorial assistants to help with the development of a quarterly, electronic (PDF) newsletter that will be sent to all current NACCS members. Please email if you have any questions, or if you're interested in becoming Newsletter Editor, send a cover letter and CV to mari@naccs.org by November 15th.

FROM THE CHAIR

Summer Update Regarding NACCS Business

Mari Castañeda, 2008-2009 NACCS Chair

Summer Update

Dear NACCSistas, I hope the summer is treating you well! We are busy preparing for the mid-year National Board meeting in the fall and also finalizing site plans for the 2009 conference. In June, I had the wonderful opportunity – along with Cynthia Duarte (NACCS Secretary), Julia Curry Rodriguez (Executive Director) and Kathy Blackmer Reyes (Assistant Director) – to meet with Rutgers University faculty in News Brunswick in order to discuss next year's conference. The folks at Rutgers, especially the Chair of Latina/o Studies, Aldo Lauria-Santiago, are very excited about NACCS coming to the East Coast; and so are we! New Brunswick will offer us an opportunity many of our members have been requesting – an East Coast conference. We are looking to develop and reestablish relationships with the ever expanding Latino community. The city of New Brunswick will offer you a glimpse into the past but also a look into the future with Rutgers faculty and students welcoming you to a new space for NACCS. I hope you will join us.

Also this summer, Cynthia Duarte and I – both of us are located in Connecticut and Massachusetts, respectively – were able to meet with Nohemy Solorzano-Thompson (NACCS Chair-elect) during her visit to New York City. Although NACCS business was discussed among us, the highlight of the visit was the opportunity of having lunch with Renato Rosaldo, 1998 NACCS Scholar and professor at NYU. All in all, we've had a productive summer!

Caucus and Division Chairs! I remind you all to PLEASE request listservs for your members. As explained in May 2008 *Noticias* de NACCS – LMRI/ISBER at the University of California Santa Barbara has ended hosting listservs as of June (for reference, the story LISTSERV UPDATE is available at www.naccs.org). As many of our members know, emails have been unsubscribed from these listservs. Our members, and your Caucus/Division supporters, have complained. I've received many, many emails from members requesting to be re-subscribed but if a listserv is not in the system, then it's impossible to subscribe members. And even though we have replied to requesting members by providing names and emails to the current Chair, no requests have come forth. Therefore, Chairs of Caucuses or Research Divisions should contact – naccs@naccs.org - in order to request a listserv. We look forward to having all the listservs active and running again. Thank you in advance, and I hope you all continue to enjoy the rest of the summer!

Mari Castañeda, NACCS Chair 2008-2009

UPDATES FROM FOCO / CAUCUS / RESEARCH DIVISIONS

Northern California Foco Regional Conference

The Northern California NACCS regional conference was a great success, in a large part due to the collaborative support of NCal executive committee and UC Merced factions. Three faculty and three students from UC Merced were able to attend and participate in the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies this year in Austin. The event made UC Merced more visible in the Latino Academic Community and increases the evidence there is potential to UCM becoming a true Hispanic Serving Institution. Although sixty eight persons registered for the regional conference at UC Merced held on February 2, 1008, we had over one hundred participants in the Friday evening poetry event, which featured poet and performance artist Tim Z Hernandez. Attendance varied on Saturday as well community members and students stopped by the UC Merced "Lantern" to visit the Chicano poster exhibit which surrounded the Campus general meeting area.

The student coordinated exhibit hosted over twenty five framed Chicano posters. This incredible learning opportunity, exposed participants, guests, students and staff to a visual artistic representation of Chicano history and events spanning various decades, events, continents, heroes, languages and styles. The art work of Activist Artist Xico Gonzalez was also exhibited in the Kolligan Library. His art workshop was very popular with the conference participants.

In addition to workshops, academic presentations and the Key note address by esteemed mentor Juan Felipe Herrera the plenary session showcasing several UC Merced graduate students and their research in various areas of Chicano studies was well received. Important networking linkages were initiated in the areas of recruitment of transfer and graduate students. UC

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SAVE THE DATE

2ND NACCS JOTO CAUCUS CONFERENCE

SACRED SPACE MAKING:

MAPPING QUEER SCHOLARSHIP, ACTIVISM, AND PERFORMANCE

October 10-12, 2008

California State University, Los Angeles

CONFIRMED GUESTS

Cherrie Moraga, *Poet/Playwright/Essayist*

Dan Guerrero, *performing Gaytino!*

Adelina Anthony, *Multi-disciplinary Artist*

Michael Hames-García, *University of Oregon*

Yosimar Reyes, *Spoken Word Artist from San José, CA*

Hector Silva, *artbyhector.com*

& many more

Registration

$15 (students, community members); $30 (Faculty)
Registration fees include lunch on October 10th and 11th
(vegetarian option will be available)

For questions and registration information

Myspace Page: www.myspace.com/naccsjotos
Website: www.naccs.org/joto
email: NACCS-Joto@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM NACCS MEMBERS

Passings – Rest In Peace

Professor and renowned poet, **Alfred Arteaga,** 1950-2008, passed away on Friday, July 4th. Please visit www.harrygamboajr.com/alist/arteaga.html for an article written by **Richard Rodriguez**.

Hank Tavera Archive Processed

The Hank Tavera Collection, an invaluable archive of materials relating to the gay Latino experience in the San Francisco Bay Area, has been processed and is accessible at the Ethnic Studies Library at the University of California at Berkeley. An electronic finding aid has been created. This collection came to the library through the efforts of **Luis de la Garza** and **Dr. Horacio Roque Ramírez**. Tavera worked as a Chicano, HIV/AIDS, and gay activist; he is known for his role as co-founder of The California and National Latina/o Lesbian and Gay Organization (LLEGO), co-authoring the multi-cultural plan for Dignity, and for his work at the San Francisco AIDS Foundation and San Francisco City Clinic. He was also involved in numerous cultural and artistic organizations, including AIDS Theater Festivals, Performing Arts Shows of Latino/a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Artists, Teatro Nacional de Aztlán, and California Theater Council. To view the finding aid, go to http://oac.cdlib.org/ and enter the search term "hank tavera." For more information, contact Lillian Castillo-Speed, Ethnic Studies Library, UC Berkeley, 510-642-3947, csl@library.berkeley.edu, http://eslibrary.berkeley.edu.

2008 Pura Belpre Award Recepients in Children's Books

The Pura Belpré Award, established in 1996, is presented to a Latino/Latina writer and illustrator whose work best portrays, affirms, and celebrates the Latino cultural experience in an outstanding work of literature for children and youth. It is co-sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), and the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish-Speaking (REFORMA), an ALA affiliate.

The award is named after **Pura Belpré**, the first Latina librarian at the New York Public Library. As a children's librarian, storyteller, and author, she enriched the lives of Puerto Rican children in the U.S.A. through her pioneering work of preserving and disseminating Puerto Rican folklore. It has been given every other year since 1996. Beginning with the 2009 award, it will be given annually.

This year during the ALA Annual Convention in Anaheim, CA REFORMA and ALSC recognized the 2008 recipients.

Medal Winners

Narrative: **Margarita Engl**e. The Poet Slave of Cuba: A Biography of Juan Francisco Manzano. Henry Holt, 2006.

Illustration: **Yuyi Morales.** Los Gatos Black on Halloween. Written by Marisa Montes. Henry Holt, 2006

Honor Winners

Narrative: Carmen Agra Deedy. Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale. Illustrated by Michael Austin. Peachtree, 2007

Marisa Montes. Los Gatos Black on Halloween. Illustrated by Yuyi Morales. Henry Holt, 2006.

Illustration: Raul Colon. My Name is Gabito: The Life of Gabriel Garcia Marquez/Me llamo Gabito: la vida de Gabriel Garcia Marquez. Written by Monic Brown. Luna Rising, 2007.

Maya Christina Gonzalez. My Colors, My World/Mis colores, mi mundo. Children's Book Press, 2007.

New PhDs, New Positions, New Promotions – Congratulations!

Michael Calderón-Zaks completed his Ph.D. (2008) in Sociology from SUNY-Binghamton and is now Visiting Professor at the Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity (CSCRE) at Ithaca College, NY.

Jason Ruiz completed his Ph.D. (2008) in American Studies at the University of Minnesota and is now an Assistant Professor of American Studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Trinidad Gonzales completed his Ph.D. (2008) in History at University of Houston and is now teaching in the department of History and Philosophy at South Texas College in McAllen, Tejas.

Carlos M. Chavarria, MFA, is starting a new position as Assistant Professor of Theatre And Program Director, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY

Dylan Miner is now an Assistant Professor in the Residential College in the Arts and Humanities at Michigan State University and holds appointments in Chicano/Latino Studies, American Indian Studies, and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

Professor **Ellie D. Hernández** of the Department of Women's Studies (soon to be renamed the Department of Feminist Studies) at UC Santa Barbara was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

Professor **Kevin Johnson** is now the new Dean of the UC Davis School of Law. www.law.ucdavis.edu/news/news.aspx?id=1666

New Books, Articles And Resources

Ellie D. Hernández, *2009: Postnationalism: The Emergence of Chicana/o Transnational Culture*. University of Texas Press.

Alicia Camacho, *2008: Migrant Imaginaries: Latino Cultural Politics in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands*. New York University Press.

Laura E. Garcia, **Sandra Gutierrez**, and **Felicitas Nuñez**, Editors, 2008. *Teatro Chicana. A Collective Memoir and Selected Plays*. With a Foreward by Yolanda Broyles-Gonzalez. University of Texas Press.

Francisco Jiménez, 2008: *Reaching Out*. Houghton Mifflin Books.

Rachel Jennings, 2008: *Elijah's Farm* (book of poetry). Pecan Grove Press.

Sheila Contreras, 2008: *Blood Lines: Myth, Indigenism, and Chican/o Literatur*e. University of Texas Press.

Lillian Huerta, 2006: *Short & On Point: A Service-Learning Guide for Faculty, Students, and Community Agencies*. Loquat Media Publisher.

Renato Rosaldo & **Juan Flores**, Editors, 2007: *The Blackwell Companion to Latino Studies*. Blackwell.

Frank Beruman, 2003: *Brown Celluloid: Latina/o Film Icons and Images in the Hollywood Film Industry, Volume I (1894-1959)*. Vantage Press.

Diana Rivera, MLS, Chicana/o - Ethnic Studies Librarian at Michigan State University had an article featured in the ALA "I Love Libraries" website and in the Nov/Dec 2007 Michigan Library Assoc publication Michigan Libraries: www.mla.lib.mi.us/files/mlibraries20071112.pdf

Pacific Northwest Foco Regional Conference

Scholarship in the Pacific Northwest: New Directions, New Voices. October 25, 2008. Eastern Washington University, see www.naccs.org/pnw for information

Call for Papers – Conference Proceedings

NACCS 2006 GUADALAJARA
NACCS 2007 SAN JOSE

The Editorial Board for the 2006/2007 Conference Proceedings invites all participants of NACCS Annual Conferences at Guadalajara, Mexico and San Jose, California to submit their presentations for possible publication in the NACCS Proceedings that will be published in electronic format in Spring 2009. Paper submissions should be in Word format, doubled-spaced, and a maximum length of 25 pages. In addition, submissions should follow a standard writing format such as the MLA, ASA, APA or the Manual of Style by the University of Chicago. Submissions via email only.

Deadline for submissions is November 1, 2008
Send submissions to: proceedings@naccs.org
For more information contact: Gregorio MoraTorres–gmorator@email.sjsu.edu

UCLA

Dean, Social Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles
The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) invites inquiries, nominations and applications for the position of Dean of Social Sciences.

The Division of Social Sciences is one of the four academic divisions of the UCLA College of Letters and Science, encompassing some of the university's highest-ranked academic programs. These include nationally-ranked departments in the longstanding disciplinary fields of anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science and sociology. A leader in interdisciplinary studies, the division also contains departments with strong interdisciplinary cultures, including Asian American studies, Chicana and Chicano studies, communication studies and women's studies, and three interdepartmental degree programs in African American studies, American Indian studies and archaeology. The division is home to aerospace studies (ROTC), military science and naval science and four organized research units: the Center for the Study of Women, the Cotsen Institute of Archaeology, the Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, and the Institute for Social Science Research. The division also partners with the J. Paul Getty Trust to offer a master's program in archaeological and ethnographic conservation.

To see the full version of the position announcement, please visit: **www.evc.ucla.edu/deans**

The University of California is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer, and seeks candidates who are committed to the highest standards of scholarship and professional activities and to a campus climate that supports equality and diversity.

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and intellectuals, including NACCS Scholars Gloria Anzaldúa and Cherrie Moraga. From outside, their call for radical, educated, and organized Chicanas and Chicanos was seen as threatening to the status quo. Today, they continue to draw scholarly attention and criticism.

These two plans emerged from a history activism of Chicanas and Chicanos angered by the institutional and structural barriers that prevented the advancement of La Raza. The previous year, in 1968, community activism brought the foundation of the first Chicana and Chicano Studies program at California State University Los Angeles. By the early 70s, more Chicana and Chicano Studies programs and departments emerged throughout the US. Today, Chicana and Chicano Studies is a prominent and recognized discipline worldwide.

What will the next forty years of Chicana and Chicano Studies bring?

NACCS invites submissions of paper, panel, workshop, and roundtable presentations that examine the legacy, present, and future of Chicana and Chicano Studies.

We especially welcome proposals addressing the intersection of Chicana and Chicano Studies with other interdisciplinary areas, in particular Environmental Justice, Gender and Sexuality, and Urban Studies.

The organization also welcomes critical reflections on the relationship between Chicana and Chicano Studies and other Ethnic Studies programs, including, but not limited to, Latina and Latino Studies, Puerto Rican Studies, Central American Studies, African American Studies, Native American Studies, and Asian Studies.

Please submit your proposals no later than **October 15, 2008**, online at: www.naccs.org

Acceptance notices will be sent via email by January 31, 2009.

Questions should be sent to Chair-Elect, Nohemy Solórzano-Thompson via email: nohemy@naccs.org

Call for Nominations for 2008 Conference Proceedings Editorial Board

The NACCS National Board is currently seeking nominations for the 2008 Proceedings Editorial Board. All current NACCS members are eligible to serve on this committee unless you're currently on a proceedings committee. The National Board will make its final selection at the mid-year meeting this fall. Please submit a cover letter and CV to Mari Castaneda, mari@naccs.org no later than October 1st.

New and Returning Foco, Caucus and Research Division Chairs and Reps

FOCO

Southern California – Mike Soldatenko, msoldat@calstatela.edu

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East Coast – Jenny Snead Williams, jennysw@duke.edu

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Mexico – VACANT

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CAUCUS

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Lesbian, BiMujeres, and Trans Caucus – Amelia María de la Luz Montes, amontes2@unl.edu

Student Caucus – VACANT

Outcome of Resolutions Voting

Below are the results from the resolution voting. These resolutions were proposed at our annual meeting in Austin 2008 and since each one had by-law implications, member voting was needed.

Division Name Change: 57 Yes, 1 no, 3 blank

Compas Name Change: 42 yes, 13 no, 4 blank

Scholarship: 56 yes, 2 no, 3 blank

At-Large Rep: 47 Yes, 9 no, 5 blank

see www.naccsonline.org for resolution summaries.

Members approved all. 61 confirmed Members participated out of 525 members - no votes were vacanted. 2/3's approval of the voting membership was required for passage.

While our turnout for this vote was low, it is the first time we are voting online for resolutions and interestingly, members who were unable to attend the business meeting also voted. This speaks to the great potential of including all members in decisions that affect the organization. So as we build a culture and practice of voting online for resolutions, I trust that more members will participate, just as we're seeing with the Board member elections, which are also conducted online.

In addition to voting online, we also included a poll in regards to the helpfulness of the NACCS blog. We received 35 responses. 16 members felt the discussion was helpful, 5 said no, and 14 did not use. We hope this tool will play a greater role in the membership's discussions when voting.

Contact NACCS:

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Frederick A. Cervantes Student Premio, 2009 – Call for Submissions

NACCS announces its annual Frederick A. Cervantes Student Premio. NACCS seeks submissions from Undergraduate and Graduate scholars. Submissions must contribute to Chicana and Chicano Studies, an interdisciplinary area of study. Papers will be judged on: their contribution to the field of Chicana and Chicano Studies; strength of scholarship (e.g., how well researched and/or theoretically well-developed they are); and originality. Composition and style will also be considered. The Premio carries a monetary honorarium of $350.00, the opportunity to submit the paper for publication review in the NACCS proceedings, and the opportunity to present the paper at the annual meetings.

Competition Requirements

Participants must be enrolled at an institution of higher education and be members of NACCS. To join the association, completed a membership submission.

FOUR copies of the manuscript must be submitted. One copy should include a cover page with your name, address, telephone number, and institutional affiliation. All copies must indicate UNDERGRADUATE or GRADUATE submission. The remaining copies must only have a cover page with the title and student designation. Authors must follow appropriate writing manual guidelines, e.g. APA, MLA or Chicago Manual of Style. Papers must be fully referenced, typed, double-spaced and use a 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Manuscript must not exceed 25 pages.

Any submission received that does not meet the above specifications will be automatically disqualified.

Notification will be issued prior to the conference. Awards will be announced during the NACCS 2008 conference. We encourage students to seek faculty mentorship in preparing their papers. Please contact Dr. Julia Curry-Rodriguez, NACCS Executive Director, if you have any questions about the guidelines or how to seek mentorship in preparing your submissions.

Submissions must be postmarked by **October 11, 2008**. Papers postmarked after this date will not be considered nor returned. Since our mailing address is a P.O. Box address, no "overnight" delivery service will accept to deliver the pack other than the U.S. Postal Service. However, since items must only be POSTMARKED overnight delivery should not be needed.

Send FOUR copies of your paper to:

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Updates from Chicana/o Studies Programs, Departments, and Centers

Michigan State University Chicana/o Studies Program: Michigan State University is home to the second Chicana/o Studies PhD program in the country. The program is in the College of Social Science within the Chicano/Latino Studies Program which is directed by Theresa Melendez, PhD. Dionicio (Dennis) Valdes, PhD is director of the PhD program. Congratulation to the first cohort of Chicana and Chicano PhD candidates include Elena Herrada, Ernesto T. Mireles, Rosa Morales, Jose G. Moreno, Louis Moreno, Nora Salas, and Diana Rivera!.

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Merced Chancellor Kang's ability to address everyone at the graduate reception was a nice end to a full day's conference (please see photo).

Conference Planning Committee: Lucía D. Vázquez, Dr. Manuel Martín-Rodríguez, Brenda Olmos, Eve Delfin, Martha O. Acevedo, Sean Lambert-Díaz, Dr. Rhonda Rios Kravitz, Dr. Julia Curry, Dr. Susan Green, Kathryn Blackmer-Reyes. Leadership Support Team: Dr. Robin DeLugan, Mitch Ylarregui, Coralisa Gray Beth Hernández, Christina Pérez, Carolina Valero, Amelia Herrera, Angela Mercado, Alejandra Garcia, Alicia Ramos- Jordán, Roselia Ekhause, Dr. Virginia Adán-Lifante, Dr.Cristían Ricci, Dr. Simon Weffer, Edgar Flores, Mary Smith. And Thank you to the many volunteers including MEChA, LAS, UCM, family members and the community. Your support helped make our event a success!