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PRE-CONFERENCE UPDATE

The Colorado Regional Foco Chair and the NACS XVI Conference Site Committee again extend a warm invitation for you to join us at the XVI Annual Conference of the National Association for Chicano Studies, April 14-16 in Boulder. The 1988 conference theme is Estudios Chicanos and the Politics of Community. Response to the "Call For Papers" has been decidedly enthusiastic. However, the deadline for submission of paper abstracts and panel or workshop proposals has been extended to February 12, 1988. There is still time for you to make plans to attend the conference. Submit abstracts or proposals to: NACS XVI Conference Site Committee, University of Colorado-Boulder, Campus Box 217, Boulder, CO 80309. Telephone: 303/492-8852 or 492-5169.

CONFERENCE AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

All concurrent sessions and plenaries will take place in the Clarion Hotel (1345 28th St., Boulder). Call 303/443-3850 for reservations and tell them you are with NACS XVI. Special conference rates: \$49 single/double and \$65 triple/quad which, for shared accomodations, amounts to between \$16.50 to \$24.50 each.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Editor's Note: In view of the upcoming discussion to be facilitated by the NACS Political Action Committee at the 1988 annual conference, the following report is presented to inform NACS members of PAC efforts to date. The report is submitted by invitation of the Editor of Noticias.--DGP

REPORT FROM POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The creation by NACS of the Political Action Committee (PAC) in 1985 came as a result of a resolution put forward by the Women's Caucus and approved by the general membership at the annual meeting in Sacramento. A year later, 1986, Alma Garcia, NACS National Coordinator, appointed Teresa Cordova as Chair of the PAC. Since that time, the work of the committee has been limited to discussion about how the National Association for Chicano Studies might further actualize its original intentions. The PAC exists as an ad hoc committee for the purpose of encouraging the Association to (1) reassess itself in light of its original goals and values as stated in the Preamble, and (2) explore new alternatives as a national association.

Regarding the first goal, the Preamble states that the organization arose:

in order to play a key part in the political actualization of the total Chicano community. The Association called for Chicano research that was committed, critical, and rigorous. As such, an association of Chicano scholars was envisioned not as an academic embellishment, but as a structure rooted in Chicano political life.

It is the PAC's objective to begin an assessment of NACS' accomplishments, what changes, if any, might be suggested for the future.

Thus far, committee activity has consisted of informal discussions. Generally, we assume that we are an Association of people who work in the dissemination and production of knowledge. Members of NACS --through study, research, and writing--"must not overlook the crucial political role of ideas in the construction and legitimation of social reality" (from NACS preamble). Furthermore, "our research should address itself to the pressing problems and issues affecting our communities." We have, in our discussions, examined these issues in two ways: in terms of activities of individual members and in terms of the Association.

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We have discussed, for example, the issue and role of individual activities, including "expert" witness testimony in court cases and legislative hearings; membership on boards and commissions of community agencies, neighborhood based organizations, unions, and government; writing newspaper columns (opinion-editorial pieces); organizing, volunteer work, lobbying, electoral work, supporting workplace struggles, etc. We have emphasized our work in academia including committee work, program development, and most especially, the development of students. Finally, we have emphasized the "personal and the political," particularly as it relates to our own elitism and the extent to which we, in our individual ways, reproduce the same power relations that maintain the University as an elitist institution.

The second category of our discussions involves the Association itself and how we can be more effective in promoting the principles of our Preamble. Currently, a variety of groups and organizations (e.g., National Hispanic Business Association, National Council of La Raza, etc.) are scrambling to represent the interests and identities of Chicanos in the U.S. These groups include the various "Hispanic" professional groups, Anglo academic and non-academic entrepreneurs, the Mexican government, and even organizations in and the government of Spain. In the late 1980s, research agendas are being set, monies are being disbursed, but most significantly--ideologies (about us) are being formed. In all this political movement, where is the National Association for Chicano Studies? Are we effectively challenging these dominant groups and their ideologies? Is the one national Chicano academic organization that states its commitment "to play a key part in the political actualization of the total Chicano community" a visible actor in the "Hispanic" politics of today?

Besides NACS, we maintain our campus concern. What is happening to Chicano Studies Programs? Are they growing, stagnating, or being cut? Are there more or less Chicano students on our campuses? Are they likely to enter academia and the fields of social research and the Humanities? If we are a stronger voice, might we make a bigger difference in the continued development and growth of Chicano Studies at our respective campuses? As knowledge builders and disseminators what might we offer to the discussion regarding elementary, secondary, and bilingual education? This series of questions is perhaps infinite. The PAC believes that these kinds of questions should be asked and fully discussed by the NACS membership.

Regarding growth alternatives, a number of NACS members have suggested ideas such as an information service, national publicity (e.g., Chronicle of Higher Education) for our resolutions, funding for research and community internships, and a national headquarters. However, as professionalization occurs,

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the concern is that it be strategically (politically) directed and not pursued for the sake of legitimacy alone.

On Friday afternoon of the XVI Annual Conference in Boulder, we will take the time, as an Association, to discuss issues and action items facilitated by the Political Action Committee. This is a time to begin discussion and evaluation of our role in the larger political processes affecting our communities.

If you have any suggestions for this discussion, or if you would like to become a working member of the PAC, please contact any of the members of the Political Action Committee.

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1988 ANNUAL CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS ANNOUNCED

The NACS XVI Conference Site Committee announces the Keynote Speakers for 1988: Dra. Guillermina Valdes-Villalva and Dr. David Carrasco. Dra. Valdes-Villalva will deliver the Keynote to the "Opening Plenary" session, and Professor Carrasco will address the membership at the "Closing Plenary."

Dra. Valdes-Villalva is General Director of External Affairs for El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF). Based in Tijuana, Cd. Juarez, Nogales, Nuevo Laredo, and Matamoros, COLEF is the preeminent U.S.-Mexico Border Studies institute in Mexico. Dra. Valdes-Villalva is an internationally recognized authority on women in development, appropriate technologies, immigration, and cultural change in the border region. She was a founder of the Centro de Orientacion de la Mujer Obrera (COMO), a community-based, woman worker education and cooperative development project in Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. COMO is well known for facilitating maquiladora women workers' struggles and organizing efforts. Dra. Valdes-Villalva has numerous publications in books, monographs, journals and technical reports. Dra. Valdes-Villalva exemplifies the type of social action scholar envisioned in the NACS Preamble and is therefore our logical choice for the 1988 Conference theme, "Estudios chicanos and the Politics of Community."

Dr. David Carrasco is a Full Professor in the Religious Studies Department at the University of Colorado-Boulder. Professor Carrasco directs the Mesoamerican Archive and Research Project at CU and is a recognized authority on Aztec religion, architecture, and social-political organization. His book, Quetzalcoatl and the Irony of Empire (Univeristy of Chicago Press, 1982 and Spanish edition, Mexico City, 1985), is noted by many as a major contribution to the theological and philosophical study of Mesoamerican antiquity. Carrasco is also author of Waiting for the Dawn: Perspectives on Mircea Eliade (Westview Press, 1985) and co-author (with Eduardo Matos Moctezuma and Johanna Broda) of The Great Aztec Temple: Center and Periphery in Mesoamerican Culture. Prof. Carrasco is also known for his contributions to Southwest Studies and is a respected teacher, lecturer and storyteller.

The Site Committee feels extraordinarily fortunate to have Drs. Valdes-Villalva and Carrasco as Keynote Speakers for the 1988 Conference in Boulder.

The Conference Program package will have further information on these Keynote Addresses. Please make plans to attend these important events. The 1988 Conference Program will be mailed to pre-registered NACS members in March.

'88 CONFERENCE NEWSEUROPEAN SCHOLARS AT NACS XVI

For the first time in the history of NACS Conferences, European scholars will present a European perspective on Chicano Studies. Scholars representing France, Germany, and Spain are being invited to integrate a panel at the conference directed by Dr. Salvador del Pino. Professor del Pino has received grants from the Center for Ibero-Latin American Studies and IMPART of the University of Colorado-Boulder to bring these scholars to NACS. Several scholars have been contacted, but selection and acceptance have not been confirmed for all participants.

NOTICE TO FILMMAKERS AND ARTISTS

To accommodate filmmakers, the NACS XVI Conference Site Committee has arranged for closed-circuit TV programming throughout the duration of the conference at the Clarion Hotel in Boulder. Filmmakers should submit work in VHS format only. To accommodate artists, exhibit space has also been reserved at the Clarion.

Chicano/a filmmakers and artists who wish to show/exhibit their work at the XVI Annual NACS Conference in Boulder may contact: NACS XVI Site Committee, University of Colorado-Boulder, Campus Box 217, Boulder, CO 80309. Telephone: 303/492-8852 or 492-5169.

COMPLEMENTARY ROOMS FOR EACH REGION

The NACS XVI Conference Site Committee is providing one complementary hotel room for each of the seven regions. Each individual region should determine how to best use this room, but the Site Committee strongly encourages that the rooms be assigned to undergraduate or graduate students. For further information contact: Cordelia Candelaria, NACS XVI Conference Site Committee, University of Colorado-Boulder Campus Box 217, Boulder, CO 80309. Telephone: 303/492-8852 or 492-5169.

FREDERICK CERVANTES STUDENT PREMIO COMPETITIONSTUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The deadline for submission of undergraduate and graduate student papers for the annual student paper competition has been extended to February 12, 1988. A one hundred and fifty dollar prize plus consideration for publication in the annual conference proceedings is awarded to the best graduate and undergraduate paper.

Requirements

1. Students must be NACS members. To join the association write to Elisa Linda Facio, Chicano Studies Department, University of California at Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California 93106.
2. All papers must be on a Chicano Studies topic, fully referenced, typed, and double-spaced. A limit of 10-12 pages is strongly recommended.
3. Three copies of each paper are required.
4. Each paper should have a title page with full name, address, institutional affiliation, and telephone number. Each paper should be clearly marked GRADUATE or UNDERGRADUATE. Lack of clear identification of competition category will disqualify the paper from the competition.
5. The title should appear on the title page and again on the first page of the paper. The author's name should not be repeated on the first page.
6. Papers should be postmarked no later than February 12, 1988. Late papers will be returned to sender.
7. Students are encouraged to present their papers at the annual conference.

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REGIONAL FOCO NEWS & CORRESPONDENCE

Colorado Foco

Victor Berger, Chicano graduate student in Spanish at CU-Boulder is Editor of Ensayos Sobre Mariategui, published by Amanta Press in Peru. Salvador Rodriguez del Pino has an essay in the book entitled, "La influencia ideologica de Mariategui en el movimiento chicano." Both Berger and del Pino were interviewed by Cordelia Candelaria on her radio program "Cabbages and Kings" on KGNU public radio in Boulder.

Prof. Estevan Flores (Sociology, CU-Boulder) delivered the Keynote Address for the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Foco of the National Association for Chicano Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in October, 1987. The talk was on "The Role of Chicano Academics in Contemporary Politics and the Community."

Following the successful movement in California to make English the "official" language of the state, Colorado State Representative Barbara Philips (Dist. 17) has succeeded in getting a similar measure on the ballot for November, 1988. The principal organization spearheading the effort to defeat the "Official English" ballot in November is the Chicano Unity Council. The Council may be reached at: P.O. Box 9701, Colorado Springs, CO 80932. Send letters and other helpful

materials to Ruben Martinez at the Unity Council.

Letter from Professor Joe Gordon, Director, Southwest Studies Program, Colorado College. Professor Peña informed me that he was sending you a mailing and I asked if I might contribute a note. I know that many of you took courses in Southwest Studies while you were at Colorado College. We created the program over fifteen years ago primarily to serve you; we wished to create a curriculum and a program that honestly reflected the diversity of all our students--including Chicanos and Native Americans--but in a way that would not separate us. Thanks to you and the dedication of teachers such as Professors Pettit, Rivera, Stoller, de la Garza, Viers, Sierra, Goodman, Monroy, and now Peña, Nelson Cisneros, Lomas, and many others, we have built a strong curricular program that is interdisciplinary and multi-cultural. Recently, the Southwest Studies Program was awarded a National Endowment for the Humanities challenge grant to add a research component to our curricular program. The \$500,000 grant when matched 3 to 1 will give us an endowment of \$2 million to establish a rotating Endowed Chair and release time for faculty research. If you would like to know more about the Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies and

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Research, or about what we are doing on a regular basis, please send us your name and address and we will mail you our newsletter, La Tertulia. Contact: Southwest Studies Program, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Telephone: 303/473-2233, ext. 2647. After March 5, 1988 area code is 719.

The Colorado College announces the appointment of **Mario Montaña** (Ph.D. Candidate in Folklore at the University of Pennsylvania) to the rank of Visiting Lecturer, effective April, 1988. Mr. Montaña will teach a course for the College's Southwest Studies Program on the "Folklife and Material Culture of the Southwest." Montaña will also join Prof. Marianne Stoller (Anthropology) during the 1988 Southwest Studies Summer Institute.

Professors **Clara Lomas** (Romance Languages) and **Devon Peña** (Sociology) will teach in the Colorado College "Semester in Mexico Program" during Fall, 1988. The program is directed by Prof. **Salvatore Bizzarro** and is based at the University of Guanajuato in Mexico. The 1988 program will focus on the theme, "De la revolucion a conflictos fronterizos."

The Chicano Studies Section of the Western Social Science Association will be a vital part of this year's conference. The section will feature panels on holistic health practices in the Chicano community, research

and funding opportunities, literature, and the incorporation of Chicanas into academia. The WSSA Meetings are scheduled for April 27-30 at the Radison Hotel in Denver, Colorado. For more information contact: Irene I. Blea at 303/433-6910 (am) or 556-3167 (pm).

#### Northern California Foco

Twenty-five librarians from throughout the Southwest United States have volunteered their time to index articles about Chicanos from magazines and journals. The resulting cloth-bound Chicano Periodical Index (ChPI) is over 650 pages long, contains over 12,000 citations, and is the ONLY specialized index for Chicano reference. ChPI is endorsed by the National Association for Chicano Studies and includes complete indexing of 32 Chicano periodicals and selective indexing of almost 500 other magazines and journals. The Director of the Chicano Periodical Indexing Project, **Lillian Castillo-Speed**, coordinates the work of the indexers and manages the Chicano Database housed at the Chicano Studies Library. The Chicano Periodical Index is available from: The Chicano Studies Library, 3404 Dwinelle Hall, Univ of Calif-Berkeley, CA 94720.

**Carlos Muñoz, Jr.** is doing research for a book length biography of the late Dr. **Ernesto Galarza**. He will deeply appreciate hearing from those of you willing to share

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conversations, correspondence, interviews, or any information you may have about Dr. Galarza based on personal interactions between he and those who knew him. You may contact Carlos by phone at 415/642-3037 or 415/223-5534, or by mail at Chicano Studies Program, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

By the time you receive your copy of Noticias, the Rev. Jesse Jackson will officially be a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. As was the case in 1984, Chicanos will again be an important part of his campaign in '88. "Latinos for Jackson" will play an even more significant role in the current campaign. If you and other colleagues are interested in declaring your support for Jesse Jackson, please call or write Carlos Muñoz, Jr.

#### Texas Foco

We would like to introduce Margo Gutierrez as the newly appointed Mexican American Studies Librarian at the Benson Latin American Collection, University of Texas, Austin. The Benson Latin American Collection has been designated as the archival repository for all NACS papers and documents. Gutierrez informs us that there are considerable gaps in the holdings. For example, although NACS was established in 1972, virtually nothing in the archives predates 1980.

The National Coordinating Committee would like to encourage NACS members to send copies of conference papers, committee reports and minutes, correspondence, resolutions, and the like to the NACS archive at UT. Please direct correspondence to: Margo Gutierrez, Mexican American Studies Librarian, Benson Latin American Collection, SRH 1.109, Austin, TX 78713-7330. Telephone: 512/471-3818.

#### Notice To Our Readers:

The "Foco News and Correspondence" section of Noticias de NACS receives numerous requests for inclusion of worthy news items and specialized correspondence. We are happy to provide column space for this important information-sharing effort. Our policy is to include all such requests in the newsletter if they meet our deadline. Please try to limit your requests to 150 words or less. Requests longer than this may be edited to make space available to others. Please make note of the deadline for submission of "Foco News and Correspondence" for the next issue of Noticias (post-conference issue): April 30, 1988. Mail requests to: Devon G. Peña, Editor, Noticias de NACS, Department of Sociology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Telephone: 303/473-2233, ext. 2642. Please note change of area code after March 5, 1988 to 719.

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## F E L L O W S H I P S & E M P L O Y M E N T O P P O R T U N I T E S

**NOTICE:** In order to help defray newsletter production costs, a one-time \$50 fee is charged for employment and fellowship opportunity announcements. Inquiries should be directed to: Devon Peña, Editor, Noticias de NACS, Department of Sociology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Telephone: 303/473-2233, ext. 2642. After March 5, 1988 please note change in Colorado Springs area code to 719.

### **Chicana Dissertation Fellowship, UC-Santa Barbara.**

Subject to the availability of funding, the Chicano Studies Department, University of California, Santa Barbara, anticipates offering two Chicana Dissertation Fellowships for the academic year 1988-89. To be eligible, candidates must have been advanced to candidacy by the beginning of the fellowship term. Duties of Chicana Fellows include working toward the completion of the dissertation and teaching two undergraduate courses in areas of research expertise. In sponsoring these fellowships, the Department of Chicano Studies hopes that it will assist promising Chicana scholars to complete their dissertations, prepare for university teaching and research, and achieve increased, professional recognition and associations.

The usual fellowship duration is nine months. Fellows are required to be in residence during the entire Fellowship period. The salary is approximately \$16,000 for nine months. To apply, submit a letter of application describing progress toward the Ph.D. (including date of

advancement to candidacy), a dissertation proposal, a curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and arrange to have two letters of recommendation sent by April 1, 1988 to: Dr. Denise A. Segura, Department of Chicano Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, 93106. Awards will be announced by April 30, 1988.

An Equal Opportunity/ Affirmative Action Employer. Proof of U.S. citizenship or eligibility for U.S. employment will be required prior to employment (Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986).

**Sociology, Colorado College.** The Colorado College, an independent, co-ed, liberal arts college with a modular calendar in which faculty teach and students take one three and one-half week course at a time, announces at least one (and possibly two) one-year position, beginning September 1988. Necessary areas are research methods and statistics. Desired areas include deviance, gender, political sociology, or blacks in American society. Other areas will be considered. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to

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apply. Demonstrated teaching effectiveness preferred. Ph.D. preferred. Salary competitive. Send a letter of application, vita, and three letters of recommendation to Margaret Duncombe, Chair: Sociology, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO 80903 by February 1, 1988. Colorado College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

**Associate Dean of Students, Colorado College.** Position available: Associate Dean of Students to serve as Director of the Leisure Program and of Worner Campus Center. The Colorado College integrates three principal programs-- Academic, Residential, and Leisure--into its overall educational activities. The primary responsibility of the Associate Dean of Students is to administer, creatively and effectively, the Leisure Program, which has a \$190,000 budget to support programs for a diverse campus community. The director works closely with student-faculty committees such as the Great Performers and Ideas, Dance Workshop, Theatre Workshop, Video Workshop, Arts and Crafts, and Outdoor Recreation to complement the formal curriculum. In addition, the director oversees operations of the newly expanded Worner Campus Center. Applicants must have a master's degree, a minimum of three years professional experience in higher education, and must understand and support the goals of a liberal arts college. Salary range is commensurate with experience

and qualifications. Twelve-month annual appointment beginning July 1, 1988. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. Application deadline: February 15, 1988. A letter of application with resume, transcripts, three letters of reference should be sent to: Laurel McLeod, Dean of Students, Armstrong Hall, Colorado College, 14 East Cache La Poudre, Colorado Springs, CO 80903. The Colorado College is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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