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## Tomás Ybarra-Frausto selected 2009 NACCS Scholar



Naccs proudly announces Dr. Tomás Ybarra-Frausto as the 2009 NACCS Scholar. Dr. Ybarra-Frausto is celebrated and recognized as he represents the span of Aztlan and Chicana and Chicano Studies. As a scholar Ybarra-Frausto's contributions are exemplified in his lifetime

commitment to the development of our field, the betterment of our people, and the objectives of our association.

Dr. Tomás Ybarra-Frausto received a Ph.D. in Spanish at the University of Washington in 1979 focusing his thesis on Chicano poetry. His essay on "Rasquachismo" has been seminal in the rise of a Chicana/o aesthetics drawing on important imagery of working class marginal racialized Chicanas and Chicanos.

Dr. Ybarra-Frausto has taught at Stanford University, UC San Diego, and the University of Washington. From 1956 to 1960 he was an archivist for the Folklore Archives of the University of Texas at Austin. As the Associate Director of the Creativity and Cultures at the Rockefeller Foundation he was instrumental in establishing an institutional base for Chicano and Mexicano culture with the Fidecomiso Para la Cultura Mexico-Estados Unidos that supported artists, humanities scholars, and many institutions, which would bring Chicana/o cultural labor to the center of the world.

For all of his contributions, Dr. Ybarra-Frausto has a special place in the heart of many Chicana and Chicano scholars because he paved the road while firmly insisting that his role was to open the path for others. As the Chair of the Mexican Museum of San Francisco and U.S. Latino Arts and Culture he also advocated for cultural workers among the Chicana/o communities. In 1998 he was awarded the Henry Medal from the Smithsonian in recognition of his contributions to the Smithsonian.

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#### **♦** SALUDOS FROM THE CHAIR



This past October, the NACCS
National Board met for its annual
mid-year meeting, this time in New
Brunwick, New Jersey where the conference will be held in April. In addition to conducting NACCS business,
the Board also had the opportunity to
inspect the Hyatt Hotel as well as meet
with Aldo Lauria Santiago, a professor
at Rutgers University and our local
contact in the area. I believe NACCS
members will be very pleased with the
hotel facility and the convenient access

to downtown New Brunswick (as well as New York City, which is only an hour ride away via train). With regards to NACCS organizational business, the Board also made plans to survey members' experience at the upcoming annual conference and

assess the workload of each Board member's position. As with any large non-profit organization, NACCS cannot succeed without the generous contributions of its members. Therefore I'd like to give thanks to the Board and all the Chairs and Reps for the Focos, Caucuses, and ResDivs for their amazing dedication to NACCS—their willingness to give their time, expertise, and energy to is a testament to their commitment to Chicana/o Studies. With the economic crisis deeply impacting higher education and local communities, it will be more imperative than ever to support NACCS since programs that emphasize Chicano/Latino/Ethnic studies and communities are often the first cut or eliminated. If there is anything we can do to support your program, department or organization, please let us know. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing more members participate at all levels of NACCS (please email me if you're interested), and have a wonderful holiday season y feliz año nuevo!

#### GREETINGS FROM YOUR AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVES

By: Dionne Espinoza, Daniel Enrique Pérez, and Margaret Villanueva, At-Large Reps

Since our mid-year meeting in New Brunswick, the At Large Representatives have been busy developing a description and clear set of guidelines that delineate our role in the organization.

At Large Representatives are full members of the NACCS Board. As such, we participate actively in the governance of the association and we represent the membership on the board. We outline our roles in more detail in the At Large Representative list of duties and responsibilities below.

We have also been busy preparing for this year's national conference. We think you will be pleased with some of the new things we have planned this year. In the next newsletter, we will provide further details. In the meantime, we encourage you to renew your 2009 NACCS membership, reserve your hotel room for New Jersey, and register early for the Conference!

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# Ayuda La Causa and Help NACCS at the Same Time: Conference Exhibit Tables and Program Ads

By: Ana Juarez, Treasurer



Ana Juarez, NACCS Treasurer

Please help Chican@ literature, art, artists, authors, organizations and vendors, academia, and NACCS, by spreading the word about the availability of exhibit tables and program ads at our annual conference. Ideas for exhibitors and advertisers include:

Book Authors and Presses: Any members who have books available for sale are encouraged to contact their publishers to buy an exhibit table, and to consider participating in the confer-

ence book signing during the conference (details to follow). Presses specializing in Chican@ or Latin American Studies, and topical or regional bookstores might also be interested in buying an exhibit table or ad.

Chican@ Themed Art, Music, Artists, Organizations, and Vendors: Artists, musicians, organizations, and vendors of Chican@ products, goods and services will have access to almost 1000 conference participants interested in everything Chican@. This is a great opportunity for publicity and increased visibility.

Student and Faculty Diversity Offices: If you or your institution is interested in increasing student and faculty diversity, university's can recruit, advertise, and promote their institutions' degree programs, centers, scholarships, and so forth. NACCS has over 200 Graduate Student members, almost 100 Assistant Professors and many more emerging scholars attending the annual conference.

For more information about conference exhibit tables or program advertisements, please contact Executive\_Director@naccs.org or ana@naccs.org

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## Reflections on Sacred Space Making Conference

By: José Manuel Aguilar-Hernandez, Joto Caucus Co-Chair

"There was something about the conference that opened me up completely, vulnerable to myself and to others there. It was like the pores of my mind, body, and spirit craved and gave into the moment. I have never experienced anything like it."

—Conference Participant

This year, 2008, marks the 40th Anniversary of the first ever L Chicana and Chicano Studies Department in the world housed at the California State University, Los Angeles campus. I wonder what it was like for la jotería, queer students, faculty, staff, and community members in 1968 in Eastern Los Angeles. I often hear and read stories about how difficult it was to be gueer in the heart of the Chicana/o Movement. How queers that chose to bring up issues relating to sexuality were marginalized physically, politically, socially, academically, and epistemologically. There wasn't a space for them.

What a move forward we have made within Chicana/o Studies! On its 40th Anniversary, the CalStateLA Chicano Studies Department joined the Joto Caucus in hosting the 2nd Annual NACCS Joto Caucus Conference themed "Sacred Space Making: Mapping Queer Scholarship, Activism, and Performance." The conference was held on October 9-11, 2008 and brought together some 200 people from all parts of California, Oregon, Nevada, Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, Maine, and Utah.

We were blessed to have renowned Poet and Essayist, Cherríe Moraga as well as Adelina Anthony (Multi-disciplinary Artist), and Michael Hames-García (University of Oregon) as keynote speakers throughout the weekend. The program included performances, spoken word, art, and musical offerings by Yosimar Reyes, In Lak Ech, Hector Silva, Carlos Manuel, and Teatro Q.

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## Tejas Foco Regional **Conference:**

### Call for Papers, Presentations and **Exhibits**

Interdisciplinarity Unbound: The State and Status of Chicana/o Studies in Texas

Submissions of papers, panels, workshops, and roundtable presentations that examine the past, current status, and future of Chicana and Chicano Studies in Tejas are requested. Focus may be on the (1) historical legacy and interdisciplinary trajectory of our discipline; (2) a critical examination and reflection of our interactions and relationships between Chicana and Chicano Studies and other Ethnic Studies programs, including, but not limited to, Latina and Latino Studies, African American Studies, and Native American Studies; and (3) given the organizational design in which our discipline has evolved, with its CMAS structure, and the affiliate approach to imparting disciplinary knowledge, we also encourage discussions about the ways in which our respective units are organized. All papers that engage the interdisciplinary topics of Chicana and Chicano Studies are welcome.

Please submit your proposals no later than January 5, 2008, to Marie.Miranda@utsa.edu or

Josephine.MendezNegrete@utsa.edu. Acceptance notices will be sent via email by January 15, 2009. Questions should be sent to Marie "Keta" Miranda or Josephine Méndez-Negrete.

## **End-of-the-Year Tax-Deductible Donations and Matching Monies for** the New NACCS Immigrant Student **Beca Fund**

By: Ana Juarez, Treasurer

I would like to remind all NACCS members that we are a taxexempt organization, and that contributions to NACCS are tax-deductible. If you have not yet renewed your membership, you can donate to NACCS when you renew. If you have already renewed and forgot to donate, please send a check to the address below.

Donations can be applied to the general fund, Student Support, Development Fund, Leonor R. Guerrero Scholarship Fund, Focos or Caucuses, and the new NACCS Immigrant Student Beca Fund. NACCS is proud to support students, community activists, and emerging scholars as part of our commitment to both scholarship and activism. As many of you know, our membership and conference fees, and conference hotel rates are much lower than most other academic organizations. As the organization matures (almost 25% of our membership are Associate or Full Professors or Administrators), more of us can afford to donate, even if it is a small amount. Please support YOUR organization, and donate when you renew your membership, when you register for the conference, or send an end-of-the-year donation to:

NACCS, P.O. Box 720052, San Jose, CA, 95972-0052

Please contact Executive\_Director@naccs.org or ana@naccs.org for further information.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM NACCS MEMBERS

#### **GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Ethnographic Field School for graduate students, June–July, 2009. Program allows graduate students who speak Spanish to learn about and implement ethnographic field research in a supervised setting in Mexico, along with a select group of undergraduate students. Cost ranges from \$1700–\$3300, depending on choices regarding transportation, food, and lodging. For more information, contact a.juarez@txstate.edu.

#### AWARDS — FELICIDADES!

Patricia Zavella—UCSC professor of Latin American and Latino Studies, and one of the world's leading scholars in the fields of feminist ethnography and Chicana studies—was honored at the UC Santa Cruz second annual Founders Day gala dinner in October for her extraordinary academic career and outstanding contributions to society.

Los Gatos Black on Halloween, humorously written by Marisa Montes and illustrated by Yuyi Morales won the 2008 Texas State Tomás Rivera Children's Book Award to congratulate and acknowledge authors and illustrators dedicated to depicting the values and culture of Mexican Americans.

#### **NEW BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND RESOURCES**

The presentation "Why Chicano Studies?" at the 2008 NACCS Conference by Dr. Felipe de Ortego y Gasca, Scholar in Residence at Western New Mexico University, was published in Hispanic Outlook, October 6, 2008. Dr. Ortego was recipient of the 2007"Letras de Aztlan Award" from the Tejas Foco of NACCS, and the 2005 recipient of the "Patricia and Rudolfo Anaya Critica Nueva Award" from the University of New Mexico. He is author of "The Chicano Renaissance" (Journal of Social Casework, May 1971).

# Call for Papers – Conference Proceedings NACCS 2008 AUSTIN

The Editorial Board for the 2008 Conference Proceedings invites all participants of NACCS Annual Conferences at Austin, Tejas to submit their presentations for possible publication in the NACCS Proceedings that will be published in electronic format in Fall 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 March 15, 2009

Send submissions to: proceedings2008@naccs.org

**For more information contact:** Mari Castañeda – mari@naccs.org

## CHILDCARE AT NACCS NEW BRUNSWICK.

GO TO WWW.NACCS.ORG FOR INFORMATION.

### **Resolutions Reminder**

By: Cynthia Duarte, Secretary



Cynthia Duarte NACCS Secretary

In an effort to ensure that the desires of the membership are reflected in the governance of the organization and to move the business of NACCS forward in an efficient manner we highly encourage all Focos, Caucuses and Research Divisions to develop resolutions prior to the national conference in New Brunswick. In this way committees can discuss the resolution at the meeting and give chairs plenty of time to finalize the draft and submit to the board before

the Friday night deadline. Reminder that resolutions can only be developed within Focos, Caucuses and Research Divisions and then submitted by the chairs of those committees, resolutions cannot be submitted by individuals. Please refer to Appendix VII of the by-laws for instructions on how to submit resolutions. You can find a copy of the by-laws on the NACCS.org website.

## ELECTIONS FOR 2009-2010 NACCS BOARD WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON.

TO VOTE YOU MUST BE A MEMBER.

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Dr. Tomás Ybarra-Frausto is a Chicana and Chicano Studies advocate with capital letters. He is a mentor, teacher, scholar, and as an institution-builder. Overlapping throughout the past three decades has been his involvement in the NACCS through active participation or the support of many of our colleagues influenced in some way by his pioneering work.

Ybarra-Frausto's publications include one of the most important work on Chicano literature published in 1972 with the title: *Literatura Chicana: Texto y Contexto* (co-edited with Antonia Castañeda and Joseph Sommers). He has published in various journals, books, and art brochures. His scholarly record is respectable and groundbreaking.

His work as an institution builder, his distinguished career as a scholar and teacher, and his commitment to the development of Chicana and Chicano Studies and to its students and colleagues makes him an exceptional candidate. We recognize, believe in, and value his accomplishments. In his life, in his intellectual production, and in his mentorship he embodies the tenets of our lifetime scholarly achievement award.

NACCS began to recognize its scholars in 1980 with the induction of the first NACCS Scholar, Dr. Américo Paredes at its annual meetings in Houston, Texas. Since 1980, NACCS has bestowed this award as a means of recognizing "life achievement" contributions to our field, our organization and our community in general. The recipients of these awards are not selected annually, as the character of the award is to recognize individuals, whose contributions are long-term, sustained and readily recognized by our membership as worthy of this honor. Dr. Ybarra-Frausto will be inducted as NACCS Scholars during our annual meeting on Friday, April 10, 2009.

#### (Sacred Space.) continued from page 3

Our conference ended with the performance ¡Gaytino! by Dan Guerrero, son of the legendary Lalo Guerrero, the "Father of Chicano Music."

Sacred Space Making also provided academic panels, round-table discussions, resources, and workshops where queer Chicana/o and Latina/o identities, issues, and histories and herstories were discussed in multi-faceted ways.

Sacred Space Making celebrated the legacy of the Chicana/o Movement within academia, the arts, and our communities. It centered la joteria within the movement, and as Dan Guerrero graciously shared that weekend, la joteria "took its place" by respectfully queering and honoring the sacred space where Chicana/o Studies was first implemented.

It was our effort to provide a space where Chicana and Chicano queer scholarship, activism, and performance would be discussed critically. The conference inspired jotas, jotos, and our allies to continue writing, performing, and activating

sacred spaces within NACCS, our respective campuses, and our communities. We thank all of our partners who shared the vision of the conference and I hope that this conference is brought to other campuses across Aztlán in years to come. ¡Que viva la jotería!

The 2nd Annual NACCS Joto Caucus Conference was cosponsored by: CalStateLA's Center for the Study of Genders and Sexualities, Chicano Studies Department, Dean Desdemona Cardoza, Cross Cultural Centers, MEChA de CSULA, MALCS de CSULA, Department of Communications, and the Center for Poetry and Poetics. Also co-sponsored by: UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA César E. Chávez Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Loyola Marymount University's Chicana/o Studies Department, Pitzer College, UNLV Women's Studies Department, UCSB Chicana/o Studies Department, UCSB Gender and Sexuality Resource Center, Bienestar Human Servies, Lambda Legal, and the City of Los Angeles' Department of Cultural Affairs.

Early Bird Conference Registration is available. Get discounted rates through Feb. 6. Available online only.

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## 2009 NACCS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Hyatt Regency • New Brunswick, NJ • April 9-11, 2009

NACCS Members (luncheon ticket is included) Registration (except students)\$170.00 (\$190 after 3/14/09) Student (except High School students)\$90.00 (\$110 after 3/14/09)  Non Members (luncheon ticket is included) You may submit member dues and register for the conference as a member. Registration\$200.00 (\$220 after 3/14/09) Student\$110.00 Income Less than \$20,000\$110.00 High School Student\$30.00			
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REFUNDS

Requests for refunds must be submitted in writing postmarked by March 14, 2009. A \$25.00 service fee will be deducted from all registration fees. No refund requests will be accepted after this deadline.

**Hotel information available at www.naccs.org**. Limited space available. Make your reservations by February 8, 2009 to receive conference discount.

## 2008 Membership Report

Total Members: 495

<u>Membership</u>		Southern California	125	Society and Culture	66
\$20,000-\$34,999	15	Tejas	122	Information & Archival	18
\$35,000-\$44,999	26	Out of Country	1	RENC&I	145
\$45,000-\$54,999	53			Political Economics	26
\$55,000-\$64,999	37			Space and Location	18
\$65,000-\$74,999	31	<u>Category</u>			
\$75,000 and Over	43	Admin/Professional	18		
Under \$20,000	34	Assistant Professor	84	<u>Caucus</u>	
Retired	5	Undergraduate	33	Chicano	88
Undergraduate	33	K-12 Teacher/Admin	4	Indigenous	16
Graduate	198	Retired	4	Graduate	42
Joint	16	Graduate Student	203	Community	5
Life	3	Associate Professor	50	COMPAS	11
Mexico	3	Community	21	Lesbian	32
		Lecturer	29	Joto	24
		Post Doc	5	K-12	7
<u>Foco</u>		Professor	43		
Colorado	П				
East Coast	23	<u>Divisions</u>		<u>Gender</u>	
Mexico	8	Critical Semiotics	15	Female	301
Midwest	58	Instit'l Impact & Part.	20	Male	174
Northern California	84	Cultural Production	95	Decline to State	1
Pacific Northwest	20	Gender and Sexuality	94	Thetan	I
Rocky Mountain	39	Indigenous	39	Undefined	I

## RENEW YOUR 2009 MEMBERSHIP TODAY.

Membership runs from
January-December.
This could be your last newsletter.
Renew online or mail.
See www.naccs.org.

Presentation outcomes for 2009 Annual Conference will be emailed January 31, 2009.

Date and time of presentation will be detailed.

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