For more than three decades, Dr. Norma Alarcón has been trail-blazing a path for feminist and lesbian thought in Chicana and Chicano Studies. Dr. Alarcón is a semi-retired professor of English and Chicana/o literature and has served as founder and general editor of Third Woman Press, the country’s most significant independent publisher of Chicana feminist and lesbian thought, prose, and poetry. Third Woman Press has published many significant books including *Chicana Lesbians, Latina Sexuality, Este puente es mi espalda*, and the third edition of *This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color*.

A brilliant and prolific essayist, Dr. Alarcón’s many significant contributions to Chicana scholarly discourse include such insightful essays as “Traduttora, Traditora: A Paradigmatic Figure of Chicana Feminism” and “Chicana Feminism: In the Tracks of the Native Woman.” She most recently co-edited the acclaimed, *El Mundo Zurdo* (2010). As an editor and critic, she has served on numerous editorial boards including those for *Aztlán: Journal of Chicano Studies, Signs, The Americas Review*, and various university presses.

Dr. Alarcón’s current work demonstrates the rich breadth and depth of her scholarly and intellectual interests. She is teaching a course at UTSA’s Department of English entitled, "Continued on page 7"
FROM THE EDITOR

This academic year marks many anniversaries in the history of Chicana and Chicano Studies. In particular, several departments and programs have recently celebrated their 40th anniversary, including most recently Chicano Studies Program at The University of Texas at El Paso. In campuses across the southwest and beyond, many students, staff, faculty and community members affiliated themselves to existing and emerging groups such as Mexican-American Political Association (MAPA), the Mexican-American Youth Organization (MAYO) and el Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA), and worked together to highlight the many issues affecting Chicana/o communities on and off campuses. As NACCS prepares for its 38th Annual meeting in Pasadena, we extend a cordial saludo and gracias to all those who have contributed countless efforts to the development of Chicana and Chicano Studies. We would also like to remind members of the NACCS Tejas Regional Conference February 24-26 that will honor another historic 40th Anniversary—the First National Chicana Conference held in Houston in 1971. ¡Adelante!

Mid-Year Report
Karleen Pendleton Jiménez:
At-Large Representative Report

I have contributed to the board and the membership in the following capacities:

I attended the midyear meetings and participate in the conference calls.

I am organizing the second annual NACCS Book Award Committee. This entails inviting NACCS scholars to serve on the committee with me, writing a call for submissions, reading through the submissions, selecting recipients, communicating with all nominees, writing a report for the newsletter, and providing a speech at the reception.

RESOLUTION REMINDER:

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 and Caucuses to develop resolutions prior to the national conference in South Pasadena, CA. 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 5:00pm deadline. Reminder that resolutions can only be developed within Focos, Caucuses and then submitted by the chairs of those committees to the Board. Resolutions cannot be submitted by individuals. Please refer to appendix XIV of the by-laws for instructions on how to submit a resolution. You can find a copy of the by-laws on the NACCS.org website. http://www.naccs.org/naccs/By-Laws_EN.asp?SnID=628832384
Congratulations to our colleagues’ following achievements:

Book Awards

Dr. Deborah Paredez (UT-Austin) just received an honorable mention prize from the Latino Caucus of the Latin American Studies Association for her book, Selenidad: Selena, Latinos, and the Performance of Memory (Duke University Press, 2009). Selenidad captures the significance of the posthumous celebration of Selena and all of its glorious manifestations: public memorials, musicals, drag shows, murals, documentaries - all performances of mourning and memory. This book argues that “becoming” Selena for many Latinas/os meant crafting what Anzaldúa termed as “a sense of home” where Tejanas/os and Chicanas/os embraced our brown bodies despite the anti-immigrant rhetoric of the 1990s.

Dr. Emilio Zamora won a major book award from the Philosophical Society of Texas for his best book for 2010. This is now the fourth award for his book, Claiming Rights and Righting Wrongs in Texas: Mexican Workers and Job Politics During World War II (College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 2009). The other awards are from the Texas State Historical Association, the Texas Institute for Letters, and the Tejano Genealogical Society, Austin, Texas.

New Appointments

Dr. Mari Castañeda has been appointed new Director of Diversity Advancement for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Dr. Alberto Ameal-Perez is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Languages, Literatures and Cultures, Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Dr. Lilia Soto is now an Assistant Professor in the Chicano Studies Program and the American Studies Department at the University of Wyoming.

Dr. Daphne Taylor-García is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies at the University of California, San Diego.

New Publications


Karen Mary Davalos, associate professor and chair of Chicana/o Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, is author of the recently released The Mexican Museum of San Francisco Papers, 1971-2006, from the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Press. For her essay, the first published historical account of the Mexican Museum, Dr. Davalos drew on the Center’s extensive archival collection of administrative documents from the museum. The Mexican Museum established a new scholarship on Chicano art and fostered transnational aesthetic practices. Its collections contain more than 14,000 objects — the largest museum holding of Chicano art. The book also includes Dr. Davalos’s discussion of topics for further investigation, a guide to the collection, and a selected bibliography. It is the third volume in the Press’s The Chicano Archives series.


Randy Ontiveros (English and US Latina/o Studies, University of Maryland) has an essay appearing in American Quarterly (December 2010). Entitled “No Golden Age: Television News and the Chicano Civil Rights Movement,” the piece is a critical study of how the evening news shaped both the development of the Chicano movement and its place in our historical imagination.

Recently Completed Ph.D.s

Miguel M. Chavez completed his Ph.D. in History at the UCLA with a dissertation titled, Las Cuatro Esquinas: The Chicana Chicano Movement in the West Side of Los Angeles, 1963 - 1979. Through interviews and an array of archival and secondary sources it analyzes and interprets over a decade of
The need to communicate with, support, and collaborate with Chicano/a scholars is particularly important in Oregon, where the future prosperity of this state – and the well-being of all its citizens – is tied very closely to our ability to increase dramatically the numbers of minority students and especially Chicano/a students who are pursuing and succeeding in post-secondary education, particularly college.

Between 2000 and 2008 the number of minority children in the nation grew by 4.8 million, and Hispanics accounted for more than 80 percent of the increase.

In Oregon, the college-eligible population of Hispanic/Latino students is projected to grow by 137% in the ten year period ending in 2015.

It is imperative that Oregon educational institutions, at all levels, do a better job preparing to help these students succeed.

I know that you will be discussing immigration laws in other states, including Arizona. It is evident to me that this country has realized much of its dynamism – and inspired freedom-loving people around the world – through its welcoming and supportive immigration policies in the past.

We must find solutions to our differences regarding immigration that provides undocumented workers and their children a practicable path to citizenship.

We must secure our borders, but we must not deny the children of undocumented immigrants who have grown up in this state access to public higher education because they come from poor economic circumstances.

Providing access to higher education through in-state tuition is a necessary step – but it is not sufficient. We also need reform at the federal level that will ensure that once students obtain a degree that they can apply that degree to a productive livelihood in the United States.

I hope your deliberations will help us articulate policies that embody fairness, appropriate national security safeguards, and genuine opportunities toward citizenship for all of our people.
CHILDRENCARE REGISTRATION FORM
Childcare will be provided only to pre-registrants.

- Children enrolled in childcare must be toilet trained.
- Pre-registration is required. The NACCS Child Care Registration form and the Waiver Indemnity Agreement form are due February 9, 2011 (postmarked). A waiver must be signed for each child. If no waives is submitted, childcare service cannot be offered. Please attach these completed forms to your pre-registration form for processing. On-site childcare registration will not be available.
- Regular meals and snacks for children enrolled in the day care program are the parent’s responsibility.
- We request that parent not bring children who are ill. Childcare attendant will administer no medications.
- If parent registers child and does not use scheduled service, parent will be liable up to $500.

1. Name of Child __________________________ Age _______ Gender ______
Medical/Diet restrictions: ____________________________________________
My child is allergic to: _______________________________________________

2. Name of Child __________________________ Age _______ Gender ______
Medical/Diet restrictions: ____________________________________________
My child is allergic to: _______________________________________________

3. Name of Child __________________________ Age _______ Gender ______
Medical/Diet restrictions: ____________________________________________
My child is allergic to: _______________________________________________

Please specify the times you will need childcare on each day. Please review conference schedule to determine need.

Thursday (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) __________________________
Friday (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) __________________________
Saturday (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) __________________________

In case of emergency please indicate where you can be contacted or receive messages during the conference.

Hotel: ______________________________________
Phone number: ___________________________________
Room: _______________________________________

A WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED FOR EACH CHILD.
IF NO WAIVER IS ACCOMPANIED WITH CHILD CARE FORM NO SERVICE CAN BE OFFERED.
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2011 Conference Overview

Wednesday, March 30, 2011
3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration
4:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. NACCS for Beginners
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Thursday, March 31, 2011
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibits
9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Session One
10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Welcome
10:50 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. Plenary I: NACCS Plenary
12:30 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Session Two
2:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. Session Three
3:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m. Session Four
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Foco Meetings I
6:10 p.m. – 7:10 p.m. Caucus Meetings (LBMT, Community, K-12, Student, Indigenous)
7:20 p.m. – 8:20 p.m. Caucus Meetings (Chicana, COMPAS, Grad Students, Joto)
8:30 p.m. – 9:20 p.m. Receptions

Friday, April 1, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Exhibits
9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Session Five
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon Plenary II: Student Plenary
12 noon – 2:00 p.m. Awards Luncheon
2:10 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Session Six
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Poster Board Session
3:40 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Session Seven
5:10 p.m. – 6:10 p.m. Caucus Meetings (Chicana, COMPAS, Grad Students, Joto)
6:20 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. Caucus Meetings (LBMT, Community, K-12, Student, Indigenous)
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Receptions
8:00 p.m. – 8:50 p.m. Leadership Orientation
9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Cultural Night/Open Mic

Saturday, April 2, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration
8:00 a.m. – 8:55 a.m. Foco Meetings II
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Exhibits
9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Session Eight
10:40 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Plenary III: Chicana Plenary
12:20 p.m. – 1:40 p.m. Session Nine
1:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. Session Ten
3:20 p.m. – 4:40 p.m. Session Eleven
4:50 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. Business Meeting
6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Closing Reception

Schedule subject to change

Archives and Rare Books Assistant Librarian
The University of North Texas

Rank/Salary: Librarian II $40,000 minimum, commensurate with rank and experience.
Deadline: Nov. 15, 2010 or until closed.

This is a professional position in the Archives and Rare Books Department in the Special Libraries Division at the UNT Libraries. The Assistant Librarian will work with both the Curator of Rare Books and the University Archivist to provide access to and organize, highlight, and preserve the unique, valuable, and diverse non circulating holdings of the UNT Libraries. Additionally, the Assistant Librarian will coordinate with the Assistant Dean for External Relations in acquiring new Latino and other collections. Work is performed under the general supervision of the Curator of Rare Books and the University Archivist. UNT is the fourth largest university in Texas with major research programs in fine arts, the humanities, the sciences, and engineering. Located in Denton, Texas, just north of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area, UNT has a culture that strikes a balance between top tier research and student-centered education. With a student body of more than 36,000 and a 120-year history. Expert rankings in U.S. News & World Report America’s Best Colleges 2010 put UNT among the top national universities that are “leading the pack” in innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus life, diversity and facilities. UNT is one of Texas’ largest universities, offering 97 bachelor’s, 101 master’s and 48 doctoral degree programs, many nationally and internationally recognized. A student-centered public research university, UNT is the flagship of the UNT System. Complete job description and requirements: www.library.unt.edu/administrativeoffice/employment/librarian/archive-and-rare-books-assistant-librarian/

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Officer Elections

Beginning February 14th, 2011, NACCS will open its NACCS Board elections.

Candidate information will be available via email and at www.naccs.org prior to the election period.

Elections for the positions of Chair-Elect, Treasurer, and two At-Large Reps will be held.

If you would like to participate in the election you will need to be a current, 2011, member. If you have not renewed, now is the time. The election will run for two weeks and end on February 28th. Voting will take place online only. Instructions for voting will be sent via email.

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Finally, it is clear we all benefit from the important work done by Ethnic Studies departments, programs and teachers in educational institutions around this country. This scholarship and teaching has much to show us about our history and our culture. It can help us build respectful relationships with others. And it can help us – as it has at Oregon State University – build bridges to communities outside our boundaries.

This is why your work is so important, and why we are glad you are here.

Thank you.

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events, leadership, organizations, and tactics that mobilized el movimiento in four historical Mexican communities in the West Side: Santa Monica, Venice, Culver City, and West Los Sotel.


Chalane E. Lechuga has received her PhD in Sociology from the University of New Mexico by defending her dissertation, ‘They’ll expect more bad things from us’: Latino/a Youth Constructing Identities in a Racialized High School in New Mexico. Dr. Lechuga is now working as an Institutional Researcher with the UNM Office for Equity & Inclusion.

In Other News...

2001 NACCS Scholar Cordelia Candelaria is one of four named plaintiffs in the LULAC v. The State of Arizona lawsuit to overturn its anti-immigrant SB1070. The plaintiffs prevailed in the first step of the legal process when U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton issued a preliminary injunction against the most oppressive parts of the bill. AZ’s Governor appealed that injunction, which is currently pending at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. A Regents’ Professor Emerita at Arizona State University, Candelaria is working with civil rights groups to challenge xenophobic legislation promoted by fear & hate-mongering politicians.

Dr. Alma Alvarez-Smith, who earned her 2008 Ph.D. in Justice Studies at Arizona State University, serves as Associate Dean of Southern Methodist University’s Dedman College, where she heads the Office of Strategic Initiatives. Alma is currently revising her dissertation, Perpetuating Poverty through Benevolent Rhetoric: Case Study of an Arizona Colonia for an interested university press.
Childcare Waiver

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CHICANA AND CHICANO STUDIES

WAIVER RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

For and in consideration of permitting (1) ___________________________ (Name of Child) to enroll in the child care service offered to parents who are participating in the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies conference scheduled on March 31-April 2, 2011, the undersigned hereby voluntarily releases, discharges, waiver and relinquishes any and all actions or causes to action for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death occurring as a result of engaging or receiving instructions in said activity or any activities incidental thereto wherever or continue, and the Undersigned does for him/her self, his/her heirs, executors, administrators and assigns prosecute, relinquishes any claim for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death against the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies or any of its officers, agents, or employees for any of said causes of action of any of said person, or otherwise.

It is the intention of (2) ___________________________ (Name of Parent) by this instrument, to exempt and relieve the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies from liability for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death. Furthermore, the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies or any of its officers, agents or employees are released from any responsibility for liability arising from Party #2’s illegal actions or omission.

Planning for childcare is based on demand. If you are unable to attend, or if you decide not to bring your child(ren) to the conference you must notify NACCS immediately (or 24 hours prior to the conference). If you reserve services and do not attend the conference or do not notify NACCS you will be billed for 1(one) day of childcare up to $500.00 for contracted service.

The Undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read the foregoing two paragraphs, has been fully and completely advised of the potential dangers incidental to participation in the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies related child care and is fully aware of the legal consequences of signing the within instrument.

______________________________________________  _________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian                    Date

Questions can be addressed to:
Dr. Julia Curry Rodriguez, Executive Director, julia.curry@naccs.org.
I. Reports
   a. Officer Reports (only new items or pressing information and items requiring action will be read at the meeting)
      1. Devon: Request to use the NACCS name in a fundraiser for the action against Ethnic Studies. Contact is Sean Arce.
      i. Julia: Use legal fund for Chicano Studies for this action. This was set up in 2003.
      ii. Use our paypal to collect funds
      iii. The statement for the legal fund needs to be updated to reflect this cause.
   b. Treasurer Report: 2010: Operating Budget
      1. In minutes for September 17th meeting.

II. Committee Reports and Appointments for New Committees that need to be constituted
   a. Publications
      i. 2009 Proceedings, New Brunswick Conference (Nohemy is the Editor)
      1. Working on call for Papers
      ii. 2010 Proceedings, Seattle Conference (Devon Pena is the Editor)
      1. Extended Deadline to November 15
   b. Immigrant Student Beca Committee
      1. Ana, received 6 applications. One Ph.D. Student. 5 Undergraduates.
      2. 4 Students were selected to receive $500.00 scholarships

III. Committee Meetings and Committee Work
   a. At-Large Representatives Meet
      i. Logistics for the conference
      1. Will have office hours during conference in the exhibition room
         a. Saturday Afternoon
      2. New Leadership Meeting will be Friday evening
      3. A Safe Zone
         a. Important concept, but hasn’t really worked in the past.
         b. Daniel Enrique – Suggestion to rent a cell phone as an emergency number.
   b. Subgroup Meetings
      i. Nominations Committee, (Nohemy, Jaime, Cynthia, Michelle, Devon, Karleen, Julia)
      1. Have come up with a list of nominations to vet.

IV. NACCS Scholar
   a. Norma Alarcon, nominated by the Tejas foco, has been voted as the 2011 NACCS Scholar.

V. 2010 Conference (Jaime)
   a. Chair-Elect report on review process and submissions
      i. Submissions: 277 total, 140 individual, 22 workshops, 9 films, 30 roundtables, 48 thematic, 28 collaborative.
   b. Conference fees
      i. Based on May budget from the 2009 conference the cost per person is, $178.
      1. Membership Dues pay ranged from $45 - $125.
      2. Conference Fees Early Bird students $75, Regular for Students $90,
      a. $150 members early bird,
   ii. Jaime: motion that conference registration fee will not be less than 80% of the cost of the conference. This would be implemented for the 2011 conference.
      1. Cynthia-Second
      2. Motion passes.
   c. Conference activities
      i. Motion, Cynthia: As part of the conference budget $2000 will be allocated for conference receptions. $500 maximum per reception. This allocation is for on-site receptions only.
      1. Daniel Enrique – Second
      2. Motion passes unanimously.
   d. Resolutions Process and Deadline
      i. Deadline 5pm on Friday

VI. Introductions with Foco & Hotel Walk Through
   a. Representatives from So Cal Foco Present: Michaela Mares-Lopez (Foco Rep), Mike Soldatenko, Maria Soldatenko, Gerard Meraz, Ann Marie Leimer, Gilbert Cardena, Lara Medina

VII. Meeting with Foco
   a. Cultural Events
      i. Working with organizers for a Saturday evening fundraising activity locally for HB 2281
   b. Ancillary events
      i. Tours
      1. Tour using the Gold Line to East L.A.
      ii. Cesar Chavez Day
      1. Request that foco make a list of events for this day.