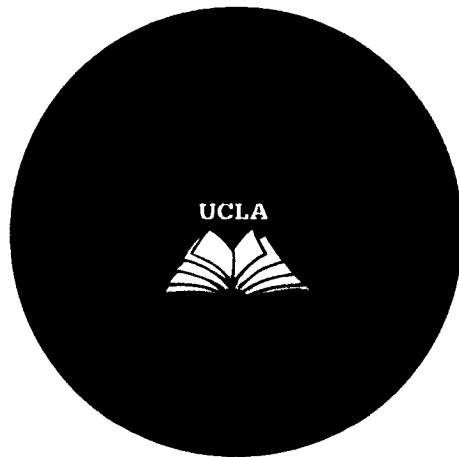


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Departmental Newsletter Spring 2008





UCLA César E. Chávez Department of Chicana & Chicano Studies

MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPARTMENT CHAIR

AY 2007-2008 has been an amazing and transformative year for the César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies, and we're proud to offer the first issue of our departmental newsletter to outline some of this year's achievements. This was also my first year as department Chair, and my mantra throughout the year was Gloria Gaynor's phrase "I will survive." Learning the intricacies of administration, understanding budgets and course scheduling, writing an eight-year review report on the department, rewriting the graduate proposal, hiring and working with our Community Scholar to develop a new course, and organizing a record number of departmental activities that will culminate now with the departmental graduation celebration, there is no doubt that this has been one of the busiest years in my entire 14-year tenure at UCLA. What I learned, other than "sí se puede" survive and flourish in the midst of all these new challenges, is that the Chávez Department itself is a testament to survival and growth. Never have I felt prouder of being a member of this department as when the 8-year review team pointed out the rigor of our curriculum, praised the hard work and collegiality of the faculty and staff, and admired the loyalty and dedication of our students. Our outside reviewers, Professor Ramón Gutiérrez of University of Chicago and Professor María Herrera-Sobek of U.C. Santa Barbara both affirmed that we have the best Chicana/o Studies undergraduate program in the country, and that we are poised to launch what could also become the top graduate program in Chicana/o Studies as well. With that incentive, we've been busily revising the graduate program proposal, which I'm happy to report, will be submitted to the Dean's office by June 30. Part of our departmental mission is community outreach, and we teach our students to use academic resources to serve community needs. Right now, because of the State budget cuts and the way they will impact the university and the department in particular, we need a different kind of outreach, from the community to the department this time, specifically from our alumni. One of our initiatives for next year is to start a Chávez Department Alumni Association, and this can only happen with your involvement and your commitment to keep the department growing strong, for all our relations.

Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Chair
 César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies
 Professor of Chicana/o Studies and English, UCLA

DAN GUERRERO, DISTINGUISHED COMMUNITY SCHOLAR, WINTER 2008



Alicia Gaspar de Alba and Señor Dan at the Welcome Reception for our Distinguished Community Scholar in January 2008.

Dan Guerrero, son of the legendary Lalo Guerrero, was our Distinguished Community Scholar for this year. We welcomed Dan with a reception at the Faculty Center. Brian Herrera from the University of Mexico was invited to speak and opened up the evening by delivering a lecture titled "Dan Guerrero: Tending the Hybrid Histories of Chicana/o Popular Performance". Dan also taught a course titled *¡Gaytino! Performance and the Power of One* during Winter Quarter 2008 and wrapped up the quarter with a standing room only public performance of his one man show *¡Gaytino!* in Schoenberg Hall at UCLA.

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ATTENTION CHICANA/O STUDIES ALUMNS!

We would love to hear from you. Please let us know what you've been up to since graduation. Send us a

quick note to:

alumni@chavez.ucla.edu.

FACULTY HONORS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Department Faculty, Administrative Staff and Student Departmental Senate Representatives at Summer Retreat, July 2007.

Eric Avila received the Comparative Race and Ethnicity Fellowship from Stanford University and was on leave during the AY 2007-08.

Judith Baca was awarded a grant from the UCLA School of Arts & Architecture for the restoration of the Great Wall. She was also awarded the commission for the César E. Chávez Monument at San José State University and the commission for the JFK monument at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

Maylei Blackwell served as faculty sponsor for UC Mexus/ CONACYT Postdoctoral Fellow, Dr. Angela Ixkic Duarte, whose proposal was titled "From the Organized South: Indigenous Women Building Politics in Mexico", during AY 2007-08.

Alicia Gaspar de Alba was selected as the recipient of the prestigious 2008 UCLA Faculty Gold Shield Prize. She is the first Chicana to receive this award. Her book Calligraphy of the Witch: A Novel was published by St. Martin's Press.

David Hernández was awarded the Faculty Career Development Award for AY 2008-09. In May 2008, he was the faculty speaker for Transfer Scholar Days at UCLA, delivering a plenary presentation to potential UCLA students and their parents. During AY 2007-08, he completed "Pursuant to Deportation: Latinos and Immigrant Detention," *Latino Studies*, Vol. 6, No. 1-2.

Reynaldo F. Macías was promoted to Professor, Step VI retroactive to July 2006.

Robert Chao Romero was awarded the Ford Foundation Fellowship for AY 2008-09. He also received a book contract from the University of Arizona for "The Dragon in Big Lusong: Chinese Immigration and Settlement in Mexico, 1882-1940."

Otto Santa Ana was the recipient of the 2008 Copenhaver Award for Innovative Teaching. He was also an invited keynote speaker for the Future Leaders of America at UCLA and an invited speaker at the AAP Freshman Scholars Day at UCLA in April 2008.

Abel Valenzuela, Jr. was promoted to Full Professor effective 7/1/07.

STUDENT HONORS, AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Professor Otto Santa Ana, Elvira Rodriguez, Miguel Carvente, Layza López and Chair Gaspar de Alba at Departmental Honors Thesis Presentations, June 2008.

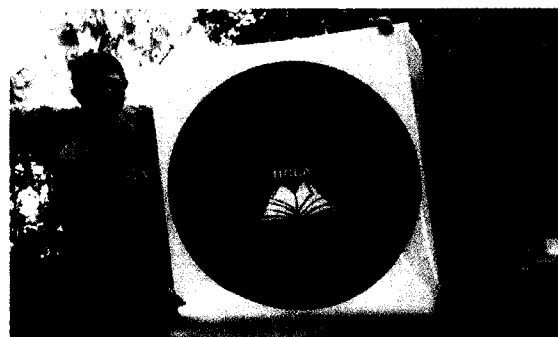
Departmental Honors Theses

Miguel Carvente "Words of Protest: Immigrant Counter-hegemonic Discourse in Spanish-language Print Media." Otto Santa Ana, Chair, Abel Valenzuela, Jr., Reader. *Awarded: Honors*

Layza López "Tele(re)visioning the police attack on the 2007 Los Angeles immigrant-rights rally: Social semiotic analysis of network news depictions of Peace and Violence." Otto Santa Ana, Chair, Edward Telles, Reader. *Awarded: Honors*

Elvira Rodríguez "Yo Soy El Army: Chicanas, Chicanos, and the United States Military." Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Chair, Danny Solorzano, Reader. *Awarded: Highest Honors*

NEW DEPARTMENTAL LOGO UNVEILED!



Alicia Gaspar de Alba and Judy Baca unveiling our new logo. The logo was created by Ed Fuentes and printed courtesy of the UCLA César E. Chávez/SPARC Digital Mural Lab.

You'll notice our new departmental logo, which was unveiled at our Annual Departmental Open House in the Fall Quarter 2007. It represents a collective vision of our faculty, students and staff and integrates both Movimiento and Chicana feminist symbols to indicate the balance of activism and scholarship that we offer in our Chicana/o Studies curriculum at UCLA. For more information on the logo, please visit our departmental website at www.chavez.ucla.edu.

YEAR IN REVIEW, 2007-08

June 2008

Departmental Celebration
America Tropical, Disney Hall
Departmental Honors Thesis Presentations

May 2008

End of the Year Retreat & Potluck

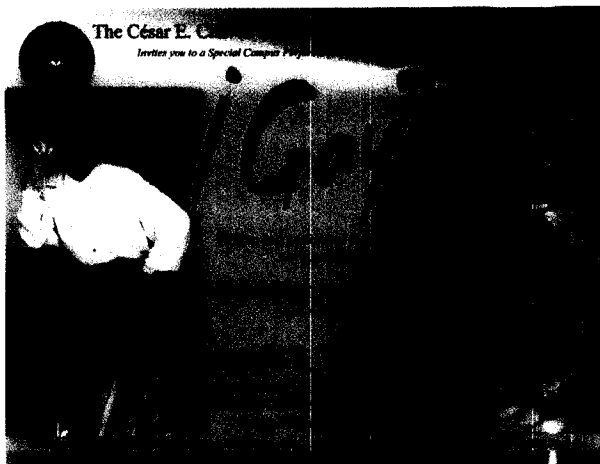
A Special Video Screening of *Untouched Landscape* by Laura Aguilar. (Co-sponsored with Women's Studies, the Center for Study of Women and the CSRC)

A Reading with Emma Pérez from the forthcoming Chicana Lesbian Western, "Forgetting the Alamo, or, Blood Memory" (Co-sponsored with Women's Studies and English)

April 2008

Departmental 8 Year Review-Site Visit

March 2008



¡Gaytino! Public Performance (Co-Sponsored by Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, Chicano Studies Research Center, Theater, Women's Studies and LGBTS)

Student Class Presentations, "¡Gaytino! Power of One"

February 2008

Randy Shaw, *The People United* (Co-sponsored with YRL and the UCLA Labor Center)

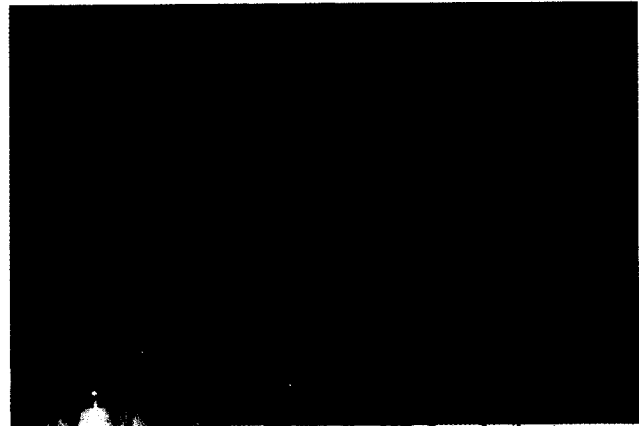
Bienvenida with Chancellor & Mrs. Block (Hosted by LFSA)

January 2008

Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Reception & Book Signing, *Calligraphy of the Witch: A Novel* (Co-sponsored with Friends of English and YRL)

Welcome Reception for Community Scholar Dan Guerrero

January 2008 (cont.)



Dolores Huerta Visits Chicana/o Studies 10B—Introduction to Chicana/Chicano Studies: Social Structure and Contemporary Conditions and the Chávez Department

December 2007

Student presentations for Bilingual Poetry Writing Workshop Class & Sharon Bridgforth Reading (Co-Sponsored by YRL)

November 2007

Día de los Muertos Story Circle, Honoring the life of Yolanda Vargas Retter, beloved CSRC Librarian. (Co-Sponsored by CSRC)

September 2007



Ellie Hernández, Kathy O'Byrne, Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Paule C. Takash and Verónica Velez with our Community Partners at the Barrio Service Learning, Community Partner Summit in Summer 2007.

Departmental Open House & Orientation
SALEF Student Conference
MALDEF Parent Conference
Dr. Yolanda Vargas Retter Memorial

July 2007

Departmental Summer Retreat

DEPARTMENTAL ROSTER, 2007-08

Core Faculty

Eric Avila, Assoc. Professor
 Judith F. Baca, Professor
 Maylei Blackwell, Asst. Professor
 Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Professor
 David Hernández, Asst. Professor
 Raúl Hinojosa-Ojeda, Assoc. Professor
 Reynaldo F. Macías, Professor
 María C. Pons, Assoc. Professor
 Otto Santa Ana, Assoc. Professor
 Robert Chao Romero, Asst. Professor

Joint Faculty

Rosina Becerra, Professor (Social Welfare)
 Leobardo Estrada (Urban Planning)
 Kris Gutierrez, Professor (Education)
 Daniel Solorzano, Professor (Education)
 Eddie Telles, Professor (Sociology)
 José Luis Valenzuela, Professor (Theater)

Administrative Staff

Olivia Díaz, Management Services Officer
 Eleuteria Hernández, SAO
 Elena Mohseni, Administrative Specialist
 Sally Pérez, Web Tech

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Norma Corral (YRL)
 Héctor Calderón (Spanish & Portuguese)
 Juan Gómez-Quifones (History)
 David Hayes-Bautista (Medicine)
 Miguel Juárez (CSRC Library)
 Marissa K. López (English)
 Steven Loza (Ethnomusicology)
 Chon A. Noriega (Film & Television)
 Vilma Ortiz (Sociology)
 Rafael Pérez-Torres (English)
 Susan Plann (Spanish & Portuguese)
 Fernando M. Torres-Gil (Social Welfare)

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 Corina Benavidez López (Education)
 Marco Durazo (Political Science)
 Elizabeth González (Education)
 Argelia Lara (Education)
 Eduardo Lara (Education)
 María Malagón (Education)
 Ernesto Martínez (Film & TV)
 Jeannete Pérez (Education)
 Sandra Ruíz (Spanish & Portuguese)
 Verónica Velez (Education)
 Mayra Lizzette Yñiguez (Public Health)

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 Octavio Pescador
 Yvette Saavedra
 Paule C. Takash
 Janna Shaddock-Hernández
 Richard Verches

Student Departmental Senate

Ernesto Rocha
 Janitzia Villalobos
 Patricia Valladolid

Drop by to visit us in our newly remodeled administrative offices located in 7349 Bunche Hall. Also make sure to check us out on our new departmental webpage located at:

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