

A Brief Chronology of Chicana/o Studies at UCLA

1974-1993 Chicano Studies Academic Program

• A poorly funded interdepartmental undergraduate program (IDP) • Faculty borrowed from other departments
• Small slate of classes, low enrollments, few graduates

1990 Academic Senate closes admissions to the program • Students demand departmentalization and increased institutional support for Chicano Studies • Chancellor Charles Young refuses to create Chicano Studies Department 1993 Hunger Strike (May 25-June 7) • Hunger Strike Agreement established

1994-2005 César E. Chávez Center for Interdisciplinary Instruction in Chicana/o Studies

• Six founding faculty hired with 100% appointments in Chicana/o Studies: Abel Valenzuela, Jr., Otto Santa Ana, Alicia Gaspar de Alba, Judith Baca, Aída Hurtado and Camille Guerin-Gonzales • Elena Mohseni, Administrative Assistant since 1994 • Chávez Center/SPARC Digital Mural Lab established • Faculty charged with developing new curriculum for B.A. degree, stabilizing the major, creating new vision/mission statement • Three untenured junior faculty earn tenure • Two senior faculty leave in 1997 • Leadership instability until 1999, five Chairs in four years • Eric Avila hired in 1997 • Maria Cristina Pons hired in 1998 • Reynaldo F. Macías hired as Chair, 1999-2007 and Chairs department for 8 years • Eleuteria Hernández, Student Advisor since 1997 • Olivia Díaz, Management Services Officer since 1999 • Antonio Villaraigosa hired as Community Scholar (Winter '02) • Moctesuma Esparza hired as Community Scholar (Spring '02) • Roberto Rodríguez & Patricia González hired as Community Scholars (Spring '03) • Abel Valenzuela, Interim Chair, 2003-04 • Maylei Blackwell hired in 2003 • Raúl Hinojosa-Ojeda appointed 100% in Chicana/o Studies in 2004 • Robert Chao Romero hired in 2005

2005 UCLA Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies and the César E. Chávez Center

• Reynaldo F. Macías, Founding Chair of the Department • Ten core faculty (eight tenured) • Six jointly-appointed faculty from other departments, fifteen affiliated faculty • Academic legitimacy as a department • Exponential student growth in the number of majors, minors, enrollments and graduates

2007 César E. Chávez Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies

(first named department at UCLA, second at UC) • Eric Avila appointed Interim Chair, Winter-Spring 2007 • Reynaldo F. Macías appointed Acting Dean of the Division of Social Sciences, 2007-2009 • David M. Hernández hired (total of 11 core faculty) • Alicia Gaspar de Alba appointed Chair through June 2010 • Dan Guerrero hired as Community Scholar (Winter '08)

2008 Successful departmental 8 year review • Ph.D. program proposal approved at UCLA • Abel Valenzuela Jr. appointed Vice-Chair • Dolores Huerta & Lori de León hired as Community Scholars (Spring '09)
2009-10 Chancellor Gene Block designates this "The Year of Ethnic Studies at UCLA" • Quinceañera of the Department • Alma López named Regents' Lecturer in Art History and Chicana/o Studies (Fall '09) • Symposium on "Sex y Corazón: Feminist and Queer Theory at the Vanguard of Chicana/o Studies" (Winter 2010) • Caminos undergraduate curriculum approved • Graduate Program in Chicana/o Studies approved. First cohort of graduate students slated to begin program in Fall 2012.

2010-11 Abel Valenzuela, Jr. appointed Chair • Eric Avila appointed Vice-Chair • Leisy Abrego hired (total of 12 core faculty) • Gustavo Arellano hired as Community Scholar (Spring '11)