



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies
2007 Pacific Northwest Regional Conference

Class Dismissed? Reintegrating Critical Studies of Class into Chicana/o Studies

March 22-23, 2007
University of Washington – Seattle
Ethnic Cultural Center & Ethnic Cultural Theatre

Keynote Address ✳ Dr. Delia Aguilar, University of Connecticut
Scholar Plenary ✳ Dr. Erasmo Gamboa, University of Washington
Activist Plenary ✳ Rosalinda Guillén, Community 2 Community

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CONFERENCE THEME

Paralleling developments in the humanities and social sciences, over the past two decades Chicana/o Studies took a “linguistic turn” or “postmodern shift.” This involved a concerted focus on studies of discourse, the subject and subjection, identity politics, governmentality, and the representational politics of cultural production and reproduction. Many students of Chicana/o Studies have felt this led to the neglect of the study of the material conditions of existence. The postmodern turn largely marginalized class as a framework for the critical analysis of economic, political, cultural, and environmental forces that impinge on our daily lived experiences. Agency was reduced to discourse, and our fragmented and shifting identities were said to result in the “incommensurability” of truth and knowledge claims. There can be no truths only power/knowledge, the argument went.

We organized the 2007 NACCS Pacific Northwest Regional Conference to challenge the dominance of the postmodern trajectory. The conference theme, *Class Dismissed?*, is developed through the keynote address, plenary sessions, paper panel presentations, and roundtables offered over the course of our two-day program. These collectively re-open perspectives and inquiries on class, class analysis, class struggle, and social change and class as matters of enduring and unequivocal significance to Chicana/o Studies.



César Chávez at Safeway in Seattle during the Grape Boycott of 1969

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Greetings from the Governor

March 22 - 23, 2007

I am pleased to extend warm greetings to all of those attending the 2007 Regional Foco Conference, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Foco of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS).

Since its inception, NACCS has sought to advance the interests of the Chicana and Chicano community, foster research in Chicana and Chicano Studies, and support the needs of Chicanas and Chicanos in the academy. I applaud NACCS for its commitment to facilitating dialogue, mentoring faculty and students, and promoting academic excellence.

Diversity is one of our nation's greatest strengths, and I am grateful that Washington is home to a vibrant Chicana and Chicano community that contributes to the social, artistic, and economic vitality of our state and the Pacific Northwest as a whole. We need strong leaders who will serve as role models for their peers and the next generation. I am confident that your hard work and dedication will lead to great accomplishments and be an inspiration to all of those around you.

Please accept my best wishes for a rewarding event and much success in the years to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Gregoire".

Christine O. Gregoire
Governor



KEYNOTE

Class Considerations in a Globalized World Order

One of the supreme ironies today is that questions of class and political economy have lost purchase at the very historical juncture when all nations have been drawn into one global capitalist order. Imperial powers have deployed international institutions to implement neoliberal policies that promote the relentless operation of capital, particularly in the global South. This presentation will take up the experience of Chicanas and Filipinas, the similarities and differences in their colonial histories, their racialization, their assertions of national identity, and their struggles for self-determination. It will examine capital's drive to extract the surplus value of people of color, the enactment of repressive legislation to control immigrant and diasporic populations, and the impressive response of an organized Latino community. This inquiry aims to underscore the primacy of class or labor/capital relations as the conceptual frame for a meaningful understanding of subalternity in the political economy of global capital.

Brief Bio

Delia D. Aguilar has written extensively about different aspects of feminist theory, feminism and nationalism, and the women's movement in the Philippines. Her work has appeared in *Monthly Review*, *Feminist Review*, and *Race & Class*, among other publications. She is the author of three books, all published in the Philippines: *The Feminist Challenge*, *Filipino Housewives Speak*, and *Toward a Nationalist Feminism*. Noting the pronounced withdrawal from notions of class and labor by feminist writers in the past decade or so, Aguilar co-edited a collection of essays, *Women and Globalization* (Humanity Books, 2004), as an attempt to restore production relations into feminist thought. Aguilar was a fellow at the Bunting Institute of Radcliffe College and has taught women's studies and ethnic studies at Bowling Green State University and Washington State University. She now teaches women's studies at the University of Connecticut.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Pan dulce y café. Ethnic Cultural Theatre Lobby, University of Washington-Seattle Campus (8:30-9:15 am)

Opening Plenary (9:15-9:45 am)

Bienvenida. Welcoming remarks. Ethnic Cultural Theatre

Welcome, acknowledgments, and introduction of speakers
Dr. Devon G. Peña, University of Washington

Welcome message from Governor Christine M. Gregoire
Mr. Oscar Cerda, Office of the Governor

Conference Overview
Dr. Rick Olguín, North Seattle Community College

Concurrent Session 1. (10:00-11:15 am)

Session 1, Panel 1. Roundtable. Building Bridges Not Walls: Challenging Anti-Immigration Forces at WSU (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Chair and Moderator, Erika G. Abad, Washington State University
Marisol Badilla, Washington State University
Ayano Ginoza, Washington State University
Michelle Jack, Washington State University
David Warner, Washington State University
Eric Johnson, Washington State University

Session 1, Panel 2. History of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies in the Pacific Northwest, 1974-2007 (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Chair and Moderator
Dr. Gilberto García, Eastern Washington University

The Early Years of the Pacific Northwest Region in the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies
Dr. Theresa Aragón, Evergreen State University

The Methodological and Theoretical Trends in the Research and Scholarship of the Pacific Northwest
Dr. Gilberto García, Eastern Washington University

Discussant
Dr. Elizabeth Salas, University of Washington

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Concurrent Session 1. (10:00-11:15 am)

Session 1, Panel 3. Latina/o Politics and Public Policy Challenges (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Chair and Discussant

Gary Segura, University of Washington

Inequitable Access to Curriculum, Uneven Social Capital, and the Plight of Latino Students in Washington State

Dr. Frances Contreras, University of Washington

Mujeres and Micro-aggressions: Latina Lawyers' Experiences

Dr. María Chávez, Seattle University

The Latino 'race' and discrimination and activism after the immigrant marches of Spring, 2006

Ann Frost, University of Washington

Latinos and the Voting Rights Act in the 21st Century

Matt A. Barreto and Francisco I. Pedraza, University of Washington

Research Scholar Plenary (11:30-12:45) Ethnic Cultural Theatre

Introduction of Plenary Speaker

María Guillén, University of Washington

The History of the Mexican-Origin Working Class in the Pacific Northwest

Dr. Erasmo Gamboa, University of Washington

Presentation of the Photographic Exhibit.

Also, please visit the website of the Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project at:
<http://depts.washington.edu/civilr/>.

Luncheon (1:00-2:00) Ethnic Cultural Center



Thursday, March 22, 2007

Concurrent Session 2. (2:15-3:30 pm)

Session 2, Panel 1. EnGendering Class: Chicana/Indigena Materialist Analysis in the Twenty-First Century (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Moderator

Tanya Gonzales, Washington State University

Indigenous-Mestiza Resistance in a Militarized Zone: A Classed and Gendered Analysis

Margo Tamez, Washington State University

EnGendering Transnational Ties: San Ignacio's hijos ausentes

Luz María Gordillo, Washington State University - Vancouver

Mojado: EnGendering the Migrant Corrido

Marisol Badilla, Washington State University

EnGendering Post-Invasion California: A Queer Chicana Materialist Analysis of Jack Mugarrieta Garland

Dr. Linda Heidenreich, Washington State University

Discussant

Dr. Elizabeth Salas, University of Washington

Session 2, Panel 2. Class in Chicana/o Literature and Autobiography (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Chair and Moderator

Dr. Lauro Flores, University of Washington

The Construction of in Chicana/o Literature

Dr. Lauro Flores, University of Washington

Visual Arts and Literature

Lisa Thornhill, University of Washington

Class Antagonism in Chicana/o Autobiography

Dr. Rick Olguín, North Seattle Community College

Comments

Cuauhtémoc Mexica, University of Washington

Thursday, March 22, 2007

Concurrent Session 3 (3:45-5:00 pm)

Session 3, Panel 1. Brown Blue-Greens on the West Coast: Linking Labor and Ecological Struggles (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Chair and Moderator

Tomás A. Madrigal, University of California – Santa Barbara

Running from Bees: Martín Yáñez, A Testimonio of Community and Labor-Based Organizing and Ecological Activism in Washington State

Tomás A. Madrigal, University of California – Santa Barbara

Ecología y el materialismo histórico en el contexto de las luchas obreras

Martín Yáñez, Northwest Communities Education Center

Invited Comments

Dr. Devon G. Peña, University of Washington

Session 3, Panel 2. Food Fights: The Politics of Food in Latina/o Communities
(Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Moderator

Vanessa Mazal, University of Washington

Cultivating Justice and Security through Community Gardens: An Ethnography of Latino Migration and Urban Agriculture in Seattle

Teresa Mares, University of Washington

Food for the Hood: The Continuing Struggle of the South Central Farmers

Tezozomoc, South Central Farmers Feeding Families

Quelites y verdolagas: Proletarian Foods of the Mexican-Origin People, A Gramscian Perspective

Dr. Mario Montaña, The Colorado College

Comments

Steven Garrett, University of Washington

Welcoming Reception and Dinner (5:15-7:30 pm)

Welcoming Reception, Musical Performance, and Poetry Readings
Ethnic Cultural Theatre (5:15-6:30 pm)

Dinner and Recognitions Ethnic Cultural Center (6:30-7:30 pm)

Please view the photographic exhibit in the lobby of the Ethnic Cultural Center.

Friday, March 23, 2007

Pan dulce y café (8:00-8:45 am)

Ethnic Cultural Center Lobby

Conference Keynote Address (9:00-10:15 am)

Ethnic Cultural Theatre

Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Damarys Espinoza, University of Washington

Class Considerations in a Globalized World Order

Dr. Delia Aguilar, University of Connecticut

Concurrent Session 4 (10:30-11:45 am)

**Session 4, Panel 1. Roundtable. Putting the Immigrant Working Class on 'Ice':
The 2006 Bellingham Immigration Raid and Transnational Organizing for Labor
and Human Rights (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)**

The Bellingham ICE Raid: A Personal Activist Account

María Cuevas, Community to Community

The Bellingham ICE Raid: What it Means for Strategies of Resistance

Rosalinda Guillén, Community to Community

**Session 4, Panel 2. Luchas obreras: Aspects of the Political Recomposition of the
Transnational Mexican Working Class, 1994-2007 (Ethnic Cultural Center Room
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Chair and Discussant

Dr. Devon G. Peña, University of Washington

A Chicana Feminist Rethinking of the Deskillling of Mexican Labor

Damarys Espinoza, University of Washington

*Los obreros del norte: Working-Class Subjectivity and Resistance of
Mexican Workers in the Pacific Northwest*

Raúl García, University of Washington

*"Rotten Apples": NAFTA, Mexican Farmworker Abuses and Cross-Border
Labor Solidarity Efforts*

Dr. José M. Alamillo, Washington State University

*Mexicans, Teamsters, and Growers: Race and Immigration in Washington
State's Apple Industry*

Dr. Jerry García, Michigan State University

Break (11:45-12 noon)

Friday, March 23, 2007

Luncheon and NACCS Regional Foco Meeting (12:00-1:00 pm)

Community Activist Plenary Session (1:15-2:30 pm)

Introduction of Plenary Speaker

Raúl García, University of Washington

Immigration Struggles and the Future of the Mexican-Origin Working Class in the Pacific Northwest

Rosalinda Guillén, Community to Community

Break (2:30-2:45 pm)

Concurrent Session 5 (2:45-4:00 pm)

Session 5, Panel 1. Roundtable. Civil Rights, Labor, and Youth Justice Activism in Seattle and the Puget Sound Bioregion

Chair and Moderator, Jim Gregory, University of Washington

Angelita Chávez, University of Washington

Michael Castañeda, University of Washington

Roberto Maestas, El Centro de la Raza, Seattle

Juan García, Sea Mar Youth Amateur Boxing Program

Palmira Figueroa, Casa Latina

Concurrent Session 5 (2:45-4:00 pm)

Session 5, Panel 2. Class, Race, and Place in the Yakima Valley (Ethnic Cultural Center Room)

Chicana/o Gangs, Identity, and Agriculture: Class and Racialization in the Yakima Valley, 1990-2006

Mark Moreno, Washington State University

Environmental Justice and Participatory Planning for the Management of Workplace Risk in the Yakima Valley

Julie Postma, University of Washington

Shallow Runs the Water: An Environmental and Cultural History of the Yakima Watershed

Edgar Flores, University of Washington

Despedida (4:00-4:15 pm) Ethnic Cultural Center Lobby

Closing Statement and Farewell

Dr. Devon G. Peña, University of Washington