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Sociocultural and Ideological Shifts: Chicana/o Migratory Movements and Immigration Passages

The theme for the 2007 meeting calls for an examination of movements within and across nation states and the social movements that emerge because of the policies that aim to restrict motion and the survival of a people. Chicana/o Studies has challenged, contested, and revised the ways in which scholars understand spatial arrangements and movement relations across nation states as well as within local and regional communities. Chicana/o Studies is a scholarly discipline that does not separate theory from practice, as such we aim to amplify the ways we study and examine individual, collective, and group experiences in relationship to race, class, gender, and sexual bounds that limit and mark the lived experiences of Chicanas/os in the United States. We have expanded race/ethnicity as conceptual categories to contest notions of binary constructs, to document mixed heritage and diasporic notions of our people and our communities. Studies of migration and immigration have focused on the movement of workers, with studies of indigenous field workers and poor peasants who migrate/immigrate to the United States as members of a class. Gender and sexuality mark the ways in which class and spatial migration organizes relations between men and women, premised on heterosexist notions that frame what we see and understand inside traditionalist, modernist, and post-modernist notions of relating. NACCS calls for papers that address the inherent contradictions of migration and immigration, class movements, social mobility, social justice movements, and displacement. Focus should be on social justice struggles that emerge from these shifts. Go to www.naccs.org for proposal submission. Deadline for submissions is October 22, 2006.

From the Chair

Hola Colegas,

It’s hard to believe the summer is over and many of us are back at our respective institutions starting a new and productive year. We have already started our work for next year’s NACCS conference. We have the good fortune to be meeting in San Jose, California sometime in the spring. Chair-Elect Dr. Josie Mendez-Negrete has established the theme for this year’s conference following the advice proposed during our last business meeting. All in all, we are in good shape as we move ahead to another successful year for NACCS.

Membership Moves to Online Access

Beginning late November, members will be able to renew and update personal information online. As many of you are aware we moved to xCatalyst, our IT provider, in 2004. Plans to move our membership database online were put on hold because of the cost involved, but now it has been achieved. This is the final step in the plans to grow NACCS.org online. Just before the 2006 conference, we began to have direct credit card payments online, prior to this credit card payments were processed manually—even if they were submitted online. Direct payment means that we will eliminate the need to do follow up on
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expired cards and/or mistyped card numbers. “I am very excited with this move, my work as Membership Coordinator will now ease up as I will no longer have to manually input membership information into our database or do follow up when payment is incomplete, it’s a timesaver for me,” says Kathryn Blackmer Reyes who has been overseeing the website and database since 1998. In the next months Blackmer will be working with xCatalyst to develop the online database. “We grew out of our Filemaker database, which was created first by the office in Eastern Washington and then updated in 1998, several years ago and with lots of work I have been able to keep track of our membership. I am so relieved to have this coming into place.”This move to the online database, in part, was due to the structural changes with the additions of the Research Divisions. Updating the Filemaker database to accommodate this addition did not seem to warrant the time and expense it would have taken.

The new system will allow members to keep track of their membership information online and come conference time registration will also be available directly online. You will know if you are a current member and you will know if you have registered for the conference all online. In addition, it also allows NACCS to send out reminders via email regarding your membership status.

This move will also help in updating the email lists, the discussion boards, adding new members to the Member Only access faster, and of course updating current member status faster. Currently, all this is done manually first in the Filemaker database and then updating the website by Blackmer Reyes.

Lastly, it is Blackmer’s hope that the new membership database will help caucuses and divisions in their growth. Often members will check caucus dues but their final payment would not always include that extra $10 or $5. With this system, once the caucus and division has been checked it will be added to the final total. When the new system is in place an email will be sent out to everyone just in time to renew your memberships.

Several issues will be addressed in the next few months. The newly elected Coordinating Committee will have its midyear meeting in October in San Jose, California. One is the elaboration of the consequences of the new re-organizational structure. We hope to have this discussion summarized in the newsletter for all to be informed. Another pressing issue is increasing our overall membership. We are moving toward a web based membership enrollment that will allow us to be more efficient in keeping track of members, the different kinds of membership, and renewal deadlines. When this new system is in place, we will ask all of you to help us recruit new members and to disseminate the purpose of our organization to institutions of higher education, libraries, non-profit organizations, and any other entities that might be interested in our mission. We hope to double the number of members by next year.

Finally, former Chair Reynaldo Macias is proposing a NACCS journal that will replace the publication of conference proceedings. He will be submitting a formal document outlining the structure and representation on the journal’s editorial board, the cost per issue, and publication guidelines. We hope this project will come to fruition and that we will indeed have copies of the new journal by our next conference.

Saludos a todos and may you have a great fall as we begin our work and continue with our struggles. In solidarity. Aida Hurtado, Chair, NACCS
From the NACCS Board
Arlene Carrasco, At-Large Representative

Hello and welcome new and returning NACCS members! My name is Arlene Carrasco and I am one of the At-Large Representatives. It is a great honor to serve as an At-Large Representative so I sincerely thank all of you for your vote. This is the first time that I hold such a position within a national organization so I will strive to do my best.

As an At-Large Representative I, among the other At-Large Representatives, will represent the entire membership. However, as the only student, graduate student to be more specific, I have decided that my primary focus should be on representing undergraduates and graduate student members. I shall voice their ideas, concerns, research interest, ways of improving NACCS, etc. In order for me to voice these opinion/ideas about NACCS, I am asking that students communicate with me via email. It is very important for students to contact me so that I can be of assistance and relate the issues/concerns/ideas to the rest of the Board members. The Board will be meeting at the end of October. This will be the first time I will be meeting with the entire Board so if there are concerns, this would be the time to present any actions. In this way, the NACCS students will be represented as well as the entire membership. I welcome any ideas, concerns, etc from non-student members.

I can be contacted at my new email account that I created solely for NACCS’ board business at ArleneCarrasco@yahoo.com. Again, I am very pleased to serve as one of your At-Large Representatives!

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José M. Alamillo, Pacific Northwest
Associate Professor, Department of Comparative Ethnic Studies, Washington State University. My research focuses on the ways in which Mexican immigrant and Mexican Americans have used culture, leisure, and sport to build community, construct gender and ethnic identities, forge cross-cultural relations and advance politically and economically in the United States. Author of Making Lemonade out of Lemons: Mexican American Labor and Leisure in a California Town, 1900-1960 (University of Illinois Press, 2006).

Roberto (Beto) Calderón, Tejas
Tejas Foco chair for the 2006-2007 academic year, Dr. Roberto R. Calderón, Department of History, University of North Texas, sends the following brief report. It was agreed at the Tejas Foco meeting to host a statewide foco conference whose theme would be that of immigration, broadly conceived. As a result of this there will be a statewide conference from March 1-3, 2007, at the University of North Texas, in Denton, Texas. The call for papers have yet to be launched but will be forthcoming. The call will be sent via our NACCS-Tejas listserv and also available at the NACCS website. It is worth mentioning that all other major metropolitan areas in Tejas like San Antonio, Austin, Houston, El Paso, El Valle, have hosted a statewide or national NACCS conference. Only the North Texas region, Dallas-Denton-Fort Worth, has yet to achieve this. This academic year, after what we expect will be a very successful conference, this will no longer be true. That is, North Texas will be brought fully into the NACCS network. Make your plans to be a part of this important and historic event next spring. You will be receiving all the particulars about this upcoming conference soon. Adelante. Questions? Contact Beto at 940.369.8929/office or beto@unt.edu.

Adriana Katzew, East Coast
Adriana Katzew is Assistant Professor in the Art Department and Director of the Art Education Program at the University of Vermont. She teaches on current issues in art education and on Latino/as in the media. Katzew holds a B.A. from Harvard University, a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School, and a M.Ed. and Ed.D. from Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education. Her doctoral dissertation is titled “No Chicanos on TV”: Learning from Chicana/o Artists-Activists Countering Invisibility and Stereotypes in the Media through the Visual and Performing Arts”. She was a recipient of an Echoing Green fellowship, through which she created City Clickers, a Philadelphia-based photography and creative writing program for immigrant middle and high school children from

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Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. Her own art work focuses on black-and-white photography and mixed media.

What I hope our foco can accomplish in the next two years:

I will be working together with other East Coast foco members on creating a strong group by bringing the members together on a regular basis through formal and informal gatherings and meetings. In this way we will get to know each other both personally and professionally, learn about and from each other, support each other, and think of ways to collaborate with each other. An important aspect of this foco will also be to reflect on, and articulate, the role that Mexican, Chicano/a and other Latino/a groups play in the East Coast. We will share this knowledge (and scholarship that may emerge from this understanding) with the broader NACCS community so that we all may better understand the different forces and dynamics that take place in different regions of the U.S. in terms of the several Latina/o populations.

Daniel Enrique Perez, Rocky Mountain
Daniel Enrique Pérez is embarking on his second year as the Rocky Mountain Foco rep. He has been actively involved in NACCS for several years and he is looking forward to another exciting year. He is an Assistant Professor of Chicana/o and Latina/o studies at the University of Nevada, Reno where he is also the faculty, staff, and student coordinator of the new UNR Latino Research Center. He received his doctorate in Chicana/o literature from the Dept. of Languages and Literatures at Arizona State University.

Besides introducing and passing a resolution suggesting that next year’s national meeting center on immigration, human rights and community activism, the Rocky Mountain foco is making plans to hold its regional meeting in Tucson, Arizona. Dates have not been set, but we’ll keep everyone posted via the NACC- Rocky listserv and NACCS website.

Louis Mendoza, Midwest
Louis Mendoza is a Professor and Chair of Chicano Studies at the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis. He has been at UofM since 2004. Prior to UofM he was a faculty member and later an Associate Dean at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Mendoza has been an active member of NACCS. In 1997 he was Tejas foco rep and in 1998-1999 he held the position of NACCS Coordinator. Contact Louis at lmendoza@umn.edu.

Tomas Carrasco, Southern California
Tomas Carrasco is a graduate student in the Department of Chicano Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Northern California
No rep was selected for the Northern California foco. However, Lupe Gallegos from the University of California, Berkeley has agreed to organize our first meeting to discussion the work of the foco. Since the annual conference will be hosted in N. California, members have expressed interest in possible activities could assist with.

Vacant focos: Colorado and Mexico

Caucus Chairs and Reports

Rolando Langoria III, Joto Caucus
Rolando, a child of the El Paso-Juarez desert, is currently a graduate student at UC Santa Barbara in the department of Chicana and Chicano Studies. His academic interests include femicide on the Texas-Mexico border, gender-, sex-, and sexuality-based violence in southwestern history, and queer literature, poetry, and cinema. As a co-chair of the Joto caucus, Rolando hopes to inspire dialogue among caucus members that will foster new academic directions, and new ideas for social gatherings. Please be on the lookout for e-mail updates and polls regarding NACCS 2007. Please feel free to contact Rolando at rlongoria@umail.ucsb.edu.

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Eréndira J. Andrade is a Chicana/o Historical Studies Interdisciplinary Master’s student and a teacher’s assistant at California State University Dominguez Hills. She will be working at ELAC as a graduate research assistant in pursuit of a Ph.D. in Education from UCLA. Eréndira recently received the Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar Award from the CSU Chancellor’s Office. Born in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico she came to the United States as an infant. In 2005, she received her BA with high honors in Chicana/o Studies and became the
COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be enrolled at an institution of higher education and be members of NACCS. To join the association, send in a completed form. FOUR copies of the manuscript must be submitted. One copy should include a cover page with your name, address, telephone number, and institutional affiliation. All copies must indicate UNDERGRADUATE or GRADUATE submission. The remaining copies must only have a cover page with the title and student designation. Authors must follow appropriate writing manual guidelines, e.g., APA, MLA or Chicago Manual of Style. Papers must be fully referenced, typed, double-spaced and use a 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Manuscript must not exceed 25 pages.

Any submission received that does not meet the above specifications will be automatically disqualified.

Notification will be issued prior to the conference. Awards will be announced during the NACCS 2007 conference. We encourage students to seek faculty mentorship in preparing their papers. Please contact Dr. Julia Curry-Rodriguez, NACCS Executive Director, if you have any questions about the guidelines or how to seek mentorship in preparing your submissions.

Submissions must be postmarked by October 14, 2006. Papers postmarked after this date will be returned.

Send FOUR copies of your paper to: NACCS Cervantes Premio P.O. Box 720052 San Jose, CA 95172-0052

This award is named for Frederick A. Cervantes, one of the first Chicano political scientists and a pioneer in the development of Chicano Studies. The award honors him for his scholarly work and for his commitment to students and student research. Cervantes was a member of NACS [sic] in early years of the association. Cervantes received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1976. His dissertation was entitled “An interpretation of J.V. Stalin’s political thought.” Originally from Texas, Cervantes returned to Corpus Christie where he held a faculty position at the University. On March 22, 1986, he was killed by a drunk driver in a motorcycle accident.
first Dolores Huerta Chicana/o Studies Graduation Celebration Class Speaker.

Gabriel S. Estrada is Assistant Professor in the Chicano/Latino Department and American Indian Studies Program at California State University at Long Beach. Of Nahuatl, Raramuri and Mestizo backgrounds, Dr. Estrada’s appointment is in Indigenous Nations Studies with an emphasis on transnation indigenous communities and the US/Latin American borders with indigenous peoples. Popular culture, literature, Nahuatl Studies, and Queer Studies are also areas of publication and activism.

Roberto Hernández

Roberto Hernández is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Chicano Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is a Doctoral Candidate in Ethnic Studies and Graduate Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Social Change at the University of California, Berkeley, where he is completing a dissertation examining coloniality of power and the multiple manifestations of violence on the U.S./Mexico border. His interests include epistemologies of resistance produced because of, against and despite nation-state borders. He recently published an article titled, “Running for Peace and Dignity: From Traditionally Radical Chicanos/as to Radically Traditional Xicanas/os,” in Latino/as in the World System: Decolonization Struggles in the 21st Century U.S. Empire, ed. by Ramón Grosfoguel, Nelson Maldonado-Torres, and José David Saldivar (Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers, 2005).

Indigenous Peoples/Indigenous Knowledges Caucus Report

Now that the Caucus has been formally established we are moving forward on a few possible projects, which first includes an internal discussion on the function, relevance and delineation of roles of a respective Caucus and Research Division. We are also working on updating a webpage and developing a working bibliography, as well as pushing for the release of a new edition of Jack Forbes’ Aztecas del Norte: The Chicanos of Aztlán. Several members have hosted local screenings of the documentary Amoxtli San Tojjuan. Some of us will be participating and collaborating in an upcoming emergency symposium, The Latest Indian Wars: The “War on Terror” Targets Critical Thinking—Who’s Next, and How Do We Fight Back?—organized through the Center for Indigenous Peoples’ Critical and Intuitive Thinking at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, to be held September 29-30, 2006. Related efforts regarding the attempt to fire Professor Ward Churchill of the University of Colorado, Boulder are in process.

Amelia Maria de la Luz Montes, Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus

A report regarding the Lesbian, Bisexual Mujeres, Trans Caucus activities was submitted in the last newsletter, which is available online in the Member Only section. amontes2@unl.edu

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Vacant Caucuses: Graduate and Student

Division Chairs and Reports

Roberto Hernandez, Indigenous Caucus Chairs

Indigenous Peoples/Indigenous Knowledges Research Division Report

With the initiation of new Research Divisions we are proceeding with a discussion on the function, relevance and delineation of roles of a respective Caucus and Research Division. A conversation began about the 2010 Census and the possibility of undertaking a research project regarding the use, relevance and utility of the different categories in the 2000 Census and its implications for the upcoming 2010 Census. The idea of the project/proposal is twofold. First, with an eye towards issues of dignity in the process of self-identification and self-determination, and second, for informing and affecting changes that may be adopted for 2010 which would affect the use of categories such as Chicanas/os, Mestizas/os, Mixed-Race and Other given the historical convention of classifying such populations as white (ie. The de-Indigenization of the Continent). Members from the Research Division have also expressed interest in producing an edited volume or online journal on Hemispheric Xicana/o-Indigenous Studies, as well as hosting a conference and collaborating on panels. Contact Roberto at tochtli@berkeley.edu

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The first Leonor Reyes Guerrero Memorial Scholar was awarded to Patricia Gomes of Los Angeles. Ms. Gomes reflects the educational ideals set by Leonor R. Guerrero. Interestingly enough, Ms. Gomes attends Los Angeles City College where Mrs. Guerrero began her own education in the late 1970’s. The scholarship will allow Patricia to cover tuition and books for the next academic year. We congratulate Patricia for her accomplishments and her continued success through college.
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