

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies  
2009 Pacific Northwest Foco Regional Conference

### Breaking Borders, Building Bridges: Creating Communities through Chicana and Chicano Studies

October 30-31, 2009  
Central Washington University  
Student Union and Recreation Center

The Center for Latino and Latin American Studies and the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) at Central Washington University (CWU) are proud to sponsor the 2009 Pacific Northwest Foco Regional Conference of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, “Breaking Borders, Building Bridges: Creating Communities through Chicana and Chicano Studies.”

As we at CWU have been creating the Center for Latino and Latin American Studies in recent years, we have been impressed by Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies’ capacity to break down borders and build bridges among communities. Among the themes identified by the conference organizers are: points of contact between Latina/o and Chicana/o Studies; the border between the United States of America and the United States of Mexico; the fluidities of gender and sexual identity; Latina/o, Chicana/o, Latin American realities and experiences; hybrid identities; the relationship between higher education institutions and surrounding communities; the relationships among underrepresented groups in the United States of America; power dynamics among the powerful and the less powerful; and regional realities of the Pacific Northwest. This conference aims at a conversation regarding these and other issues.

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**Breaking Borders, Building Bridges:**

**Creating Communities through Chicana and Chicano Studies**  
Pacific Northwest Foco Regional Conference  
of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies  
30-31 October 2009  
Central Washington University  
Ellensburg, Washington

**Friday, October 30, 2009**

*Café y Pan Dulce: 8-8:30AM (SURC 137 A/B)*

*Opening Plenary: 8:30-8:50AM (SURC 137 A/B)*

Bienvenida: Welcoming Remarks

Welcome, Acknowledgments, and Introduction of Speakers: Gilberto Garcia

Welcome from Dean, CWU College of Arts and Humanities: Marji Morgan

Conference Overview: Michael A. Ervin

*Presentation of Photographic Exhibit: "Mexicanos in Spokane, Washington" (SURC 137B;  
Available for Viewing throughout the Conference)*

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### **Concurrent Session 1: 9:00-10:20AM**

*Session 1, Panel 1: Immigration, Higher Education, and the Potential of DREAMers in Washington State (SURC 135)*

Ricardo Sanchez, Director, LEAP

Ray Corona, Student, University of Washington-Bothell

Maria Vallejo, Student, South Seattle Community College

Luis Ortega, Student, University of Washington (UW)

Jorge Alonso Chehade, Graduate Student, Foster School of Business, UW

*Session 1, Panel 2: Bodies of Resistance: Chicana/o Indigenous Histories under the Colonial Sky (SURC 137A)*

Linda Heidenreich, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Women's Studies, Washington State University (WSU)

Paper: "The Mestizo as Witch: Containing the Nineteenth-Century Queer Chicano Body"

Tanya Gonzalez, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of American Studies, WSU

Paper: "Mestizo Religión, Mestizo Bodies: Constructing a Nineteenth-Century Counter-narrative of Santa Fe"

Jody Pepion, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of American Studies, WSU

Paper: "Indigenous Women's Bodies in Relationship to Land and Militarism"

*Session 1, Panel 3: Readings on the Power of Mutaciones, Cruzadas, Desvíos, Relajos, Desmadres, Metamorphosis y Time Travel Along Las Fronteras del Sur (SURC 140)*

Migueltzinta C. Solis, Student, The Evergreen State College (Evergreen)

Erika N. Marquez, Student, Evergreen

Fabiola Ortiz Romero, Student, Evergreen

Alejandra Abreu, Student, Evergreen

### **Concurrent Session 2: 10:30-11:50AM**

*Session 2, Panel 1: The Need for Political Economy and Popular Education in Chicana/o, Latina/o Studies Today (SURC 135)*

Tony Zaragoza, Associate Professor, Evergreen

Erika Santillan-Marquez, Student, Evergreen

Nick Gonzales, Student, Evergreen

Isabel Galvez, Student, Evergreen

*Session 2, Panel 2: The Experience of Higher Education (SURC 137A)*

Alexandra Ornelas, McNair Scholar, Boise State University (BSU)

Paper: "The Social Support Systems of First-Year Students in the College Assistance Migrant Program"

Jessica E. Salvador, Ph.D. Candidate, College of Education, UW

Paper: "Navigating College: First Generation Chicana/o, Latina/o Undergraduate Students' Experiences in Accessing Research Opportunities"

Jenny Gallegos, McNair Scholar, BSU

Paper: "Perceptions of Discrimination: An Analysis of Four National Surveys of Latinos"

*Session 2, Panel 3: Borders, Power, and Violence: The Intersections of Race, Culture, and Gender (SURC 140)*

Raymond Hall, Assistant Professor, Africana and Black Studies, CWU

Paper: "The Invisible AfroMestizo on Mexico's Atlantic Coast: The Folklore of Foodways as a Cultural Identity Maker"

Damarys Espinoza, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, UW

Paper: "Una herida abierta: Transnational Women and Terrains of Violence in the US-Mexico Borderlands"

Stefanie Wickstrom, Ph.D., Independent Scholar, Ellensburg WA

Paper: "Borders: Nature, Culture, and the Construction of Power"

Juan Esteban Zea, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Portland State University

Paper: "Displacement in Colombia: Violence and Agency"

**Lunch: 12:00-2:30PM (Sue Lombard Room)**

*Conference Keynote Address: 1:00-2:30PM*

Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Alejandro Lee

Luis J. Rodriguez, Author, "Imagining Community, Imagining Change"

Luis J. Rodriguez has emerged as one of the leading Chicano writers in the country with ten nationally published books. He is best known for his 1993 memoir of gang life, *Always Running: La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A.* Luis' poetry has won a Poetry Center Book Award, a PEN Josephine Miles Literary Award, and "Foreword" magazine's Silver Book Award, among others. His two children's books have won a Patterson Young Adult Book Award, two "Skipping Stones" Honor Award, and a Parent's Choice Book Award, among others. A new novel, *Music of the Mill*, was published in the spring of 2005 by Rayo/HarperCollins; a poetry collection, *My Nature is Hunger: New & Selected Poems, 1989-2004*, came out in fall 2005 from Curbstone Press/Rattle Edition.

**Concurrent Session 3: 2:50-4:10PM**

*Session 3, Panel 1: Women and the Civil Rights Movement (SURC 135)*

Diana Johnson, McNair Scholar, Eastern Washington University (EWU)

Paper: "The Early Beginnings of Black and Chicana Feminists: Gender Relations and Cultural Influences in the Civil Rights and Chicano Movement"

Oscar Rosales Castaneda, Independent Scholar, Seattle WA

Paper: "Genesis and Evolution of 'La Causa' in Seattle and the Yakima Valley: A History of 'El Movimiento' in Washington State"

Chris Lorez Lopez Miclat, McNair Scholar, EWU

Paper: "Ladybug under the Leaf: The African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement"

Yvonne Sherwood, McNair Scholar, EWU

Paper: "Chicana Native Women Activists of the Northwest"

*Session 3, Panel 2: Programs and Resources in Chicana/o and Latina/o Studies at CWU (SURC 137A)*

Miriam Bocchetti, Director, College Assistance Migrant Program  
Lois Breedlove, Professor and Chair, Communication Department, and Founder, The Bridges Project  
Jerry Enriquez, Director, High School Equivalency Program, CWU  
Michael A. Ervin, Director Latino and Latin American Studies  
Vincent Ruiz, President, MEChA de CWU  
Gloria Tello, Community Programmer, Casa Latina Living Learning Community

*Session 3, Panel 3: Community Organizations and the University (SURC 140)*

Irene Monica Sanchez, Ph.D. Candidate, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies—Higher Education, UW  
Paper: "Chicana/o Students and the Responsibility to our Communities"  
Juan Garcia, Community Organizer, Sea Mar Community Health Clinics, Seattle WA  
Paper: "Boxing: An Alternative to Gangs in South Park, Not Just an After School Program"  
Lolo Lopez, Participant in the Boxing Alternative Program

**Noche de Cultura: 8:00-10:00PM (SURC 137A/B)**

*Video Screening and Discussion: Students of Change: Los del '68*

In fall 1968 a group of Mexican American youths left Yakima Valley to enter the University of Washington amidst a time of great transformation. These students would not only experience great change...they would be it. Catch up with the documentary producers and some of the original students of change. Hear about their experiences in opening the doors to higher education for students of color and find out how it affected their lives' work over the following forty years.

**Saturday, October 31, 2009**

*Café y Pan Dulce: 8:00-8:50AM*

**Concurrent Session 4: 9:00-10:20AM**

*Session 4, Panel 1: Obstacles/Pathways to Higher Education (SURC 135)*

Eligio Martinez, Jr., Ph.D. Candidate, UW  
Paper: "College Access or a Full Metal Jacket: Why Chicano/Latino Students Choose the Military over College"  
Nicole Juliana Dewit, McNair Scholar, EWU

Paper: "The Full Half of the Glass: Stress and Resilience in Minority College Students who Come from Disrupted Homes, College Completion, and Attendance, with Achievement Motivation as a Mitigating Factor"

Christina Torres Garcia, Professor/Professional, EWU

Paper: "Building Bridges Through the Systematic Layers of Oppression: The Life Experiences of Working Class, First Generation College Chicana/Latina Students in the Pacific Northwest"

*Session 4, Panel 2: Feminism, Women Activism, Immigrant Perspective, Latino/Chicano Activism (SURC 137A)*

Daisy Isarraras, Ph.D. Candidate, San Francisco State University

Paper: "Flowering Spirituality and Rooted Trees"

Carlos Muñoz, McNair Scholar, EWU

Paper: "Breaching Gender Constraints: The Epic Mestiza Heroína's Search for Mestiza Consciousness in Sandra Cisneros's House on Mango Street"

Lidiana Soto, Student, University of Oregon

Paper: "Mixteca Womanist Thought: A Post Feminist Análisis on Important Things Through the Life and Eyes of a Tindureña Immigrant Family"

Helen Arega, McNair Scholar, EWU

Paper: "HIV/AIDS and African Born Women in Seattle: Silenced Because of Traditions and Customs"

*Session 4, Panel 3: Invigorating Chicana/Indigenous Women's Research and Community Activism in the Pacific Northwest: A Call for Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS) (SURC 140)*

Maria Cuevas, Chican@ Studies Instructor, Yakima Valley Community College

Yvonne Sherwood, McNair Scholar, EWU

**Session 5: 10:30-11:50AM**

*Plenary Session: Breaking Borders, Building Bridges: An Examination of Various Models of Outreach to the Pacific Northwest Latina/o Student Population and Community in the New Millennium*

Lauro Flores, Professor and Chair, Department of American Ethnic Studies, UW

Linda Heidenreich, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Women's Studies, WSU

Jerry Garcia, Director, Chicano Education Program, EWU

Gilberto Garcia, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, CWU

**Thank You and Despedida:** Gilberto Garcia