

# CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES PROGRAM CLSP

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## Director's Message . . .



The 2004-2005 academic year has been a remarkable one for Chicano/Latino Studies. For the first time in UCI's history, there are nine core faculty members in Chicano/Latino Studies. This represents phenomenal growth. But growth alone is not sufficient. Growth in numbers has coincided with quality.

The level of scholarship among CLSP faculty places the Program among the best programs in the nation. Students have responded as well, with CLSP classes experiencing significant growth in enrollments this year, and a steady increase in the number of majors. CLSP is well poised for its development into a department.

Taking into consideration recent events in the nation at large, the development of a strong, research oriented Chicano/Latino Studies Program at UC Irvine comes none-too-soon. Latinos, both U.S.-citizens and immigrants, are under assault on many fronts. At the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona, members of the Minuteman Project perform an act of surveillance, searching for Mexicans crossing the border clandestinely. The Minuteman are armed, untrained, and operate outside jurisdiction of the law, as private "vigilantes" (President Bush's term). Unfortunately, armed posse hunting Mexicans have a dark legacy in the history of the Southwest, creating unnecessary suffering and divisions among people.

There is also a movement to deny citizenship to children born in the United States if their parents are undocumented immigrants. A bill to accomplish this was introduced in the U.S. Congress this Spring, which, if nothing else, fans the flames of the already vitriolic debate over immigration. Should such a policy actually become law, it

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## CELEBRATE UCI & CLSP!

### Wayzgoose 2005



On Saturday, April 16, 2005 UCI welcomed prospective first year and transfer students onto the UCI campus for a day of exploration and fun! The Chicano/Latino Studies Program also hosted newly admitted Raza students to an information session featuring Vice-Chancellor Gomez, Social Sciences Associate Undergraduate Dean Cesar Sereseres, faculty, staff, and CLSP students. The event highlighted life as a UCI Raza Undergraduate and gave an insight into the Chicano/Latino Studies Program. The event was a success and CLSP is eager to see many of these faces in fall 2005!



Above pictured from top left to right: an admitted Raza student proudly displays the UCI t-shirt he won during a mini-trivia session at the event; current Latino students serve on a panel giving admitted freshmen a real glimpse into life as an undergraduate; above center CLSP faculty from left to right: Cynthia Feliciano, Gilbert Gonzalez, and Deborah Vargas describe their courses.

### DEAN'S HONOR LIST WINTER 2005

Lizbeth Asuncion Antonio  
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## FACULTY NEWS

**Leo Chavez**, Professor of Anthropology and Director of Chicano/Latino Studies, recently wrote an op-ed piece featured in the Miami-Herald. Chavez' article highlighted the continued debate regarding citizenship in the US. Chavez focused on the importance of recognizing the diversity of the US particularly by continuing to embrace new immigrants. His article is thought provoking and accessible at: [www.miamiherald.com](http://www.miamiherald.com). The article entitled "U.S. Citizenship: Americans by Birth" was featured on March 14, 2005. On January 27, 2005, **Chavez** presented his work entitled "Latinos in a Global Society: A Mosaic of Diversity, Influence and Social Access" at the University Club as part of the Social Science Dinner Club hosted by the School of Social Sciences Dean Barbara Doshier (pictured above with Professor Leo Chavez).



**Louis DeSipio**, Associate Professor in Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science, in Spring presented at the University of Michigan and Yale University. At Michigan he presented the results of a research project on coalition formation in congressional elections in Latino majority districts. DeSipio's particular focus is on the first reelection of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez in California's 46th District. And at Yale, he presented a paper on the policy foundations of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the 1975 Amendments.

**Lisa Garcia Bedolla**, Assistant Professor Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science, was awarded a 2004-05 postdoctoral fellowship from the UCLA Institute of American Cultures. Garcia Bedolla has articles forthcoming in the *Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy* and *California Policy Issues Annual*, including a number of chapters in edited volumes. With Co-PIs, Melissa Michelson and Donald Green, Garcia-Bedolla received a \$50,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation to study the effects of community-based political mobilization efforts in Southern California and the Central Valley.



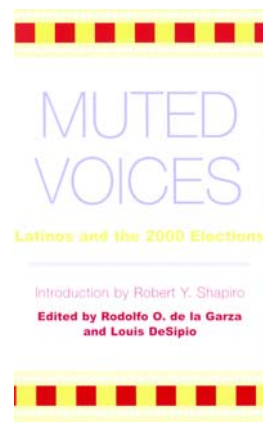
**Deborah Vargas**, Assistant Professor in Chicano/Latino Studies, in February presented her research at the "Latino Music Symposium" at the University of Washington, Seattle, where she also participated in planning meetings for a future museum exhibit on Latino music



co-sponsored by the Experience Music Project and the University of Washington, Seattle. At Macalester College, a Latino Studies conference initiated as part of a future anthology Vargas presented her research on "Beyond El Barrio: Everyday Life in Latino America." In April, at the annual meeting of the Cultural Studies Association in Tucson, Arizona, she participated in a roundtable on "Critical Dialogues in Chicana Feminist Cultural Studies."

## PUBLICATIONS

**Louis DeSipio**, Associate Professor Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science, has completed a new co-edited book with Rodolfo O. Garza entitled *Muted Voices: Latinos and the 2000 Elections*. The themes that the book explores help identify trends in Latino voter participation. The book focuses on key state electoral results and was recently used in a unique course taught this past Winter quarter, entitled "Latinos in the 2004 Election," which coincided with the 2004 Presidential and statewide elections.



**Cynthia Feliciano**, Assistant Professor Chicano/Latino Studies and Sociology, published an article in the February 2005 issue of *Demography* entitled "Educational Selectivity in U.S. Immigration: How do Immigrants Compare to Those Left Behind?"

**Lisa Garcia-Bedolla**, Assistant Professor Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science, has a new book titled, *Fluid Borders: Latino Power, Identity and Politics in Los Angeles*, that will be published by UC Press this fall.

**Gilbert Gonzalez**, Professor Chicano/Latino Studies and Social Sciences, has two forthcoming books: *Guest Workers or Colonized Labor? Mexican Labor Migration to the United States* and a co-edited book (with Raul Fernandez, David Smith, Vivian Price and Linda Trinh Vo) entitled *Labor Versus Empire: Race, Gender and Migration*.  
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**Vicki Ruiz**, Professor Chicano/Latino Studies and History, has co-edited a book with Virginia Sanchez Korrol entitled *Latina Legacies: Identity, Biography, and Community* (Oxford University Press, 2005).

## STUDENT NEWS

**Arlene Carrasco**, a UCI psychology major has received an award from the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS). Her award is in recognition of her paper "Mental Health Perceptions and Help-Seeking Behaviors Amongst the Mexican-American Community." She will continue her Ph.D. studies at Washington State University in Counseling Psychology.



**Joel Crespo**, senior, Chicano/Latino Studies and Criminology, Law & Society, was elected Vice President for Academic Affairs during the recent ASUCI elections. Joel currently serves as one of the cochairs for MEChA.

**Glenda Flores**, senior and double major in Chicano/Latino Studies and Spanish, has been accepted to the Ph.D. program in Sociology at the University of Southern California.

**Ismael Herrera**, junior and major in Chicano/Latino Studies and Sociology, has been selected as the 2005-06 House Assistant for Casa Cesar Chavez theme house. This summer Ismael will participate in the Public Policy and International Affairs at the University of Michigan.

**Ambar Ramos**, a senior and double major in Chicano/Latino Studies and Criminology, Law & Society, is one of 16 students nationwide selected to receive the 2004-2005 Mazda/Hispanic Scholarship Fund award of \$5,000. Ambar is also one of two UCI students selected to participate at the 2005 US Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference in Annapolis, Maryland.

**Hugo Ivan Salazar** was selected as this year's undergraduate presenter at the Western Political Science Association conference in Oakland, California-March 16-19. The title of his talk was: "Church is More than Free Wafers: Religious Organizations and Latino Political Participation."



### \*\*\*VICKI RUIZ\*\*\*

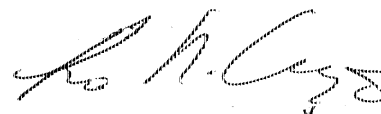
**UCI Professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and History** nominated as a **21st Century Leader** by *Women's eNews*. The nomination came as a result of recognition by readers, staff, and board members. The 21 leaders for the 21st Century are honored for their contributions to durable change on behalf of women. For more information on Ruiz' nomination please visit: <http://www.womensenews.org>. In the February 25, 2005 OC Excelsior article entitled "Una Latina Más Que Hace Historia" highlights the important work Ruiz has completed about the Latino experience in the United States. The article can be read at: [http://ocexcelsior.com/noticias/locales/0225/0225\\_noti\\_local\\_libro\\_lat.shtml](http://ocexcelsior.com/noticias/locales/0225/0225_noti_local_libro_lat.shtml)

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would subvert the U.S. Constitution, which states clearly and loudly the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment that a child born on U.S. soil is a U.S. citizen. Denying these children citizenship would create, in perpetuity, a class of people who will live among us as legally-defined foreigners. If these examples can serve as a guide, this is an important time for a strong Chicano/Latino Studies program dedicated to research, reflection, and critical analysis of society, politics, and culture.

Let me end by thanking everyone affiliated with Chicano/Latino Studies, faculty, staff, and students for supporting CLSP. The Program moves toward the future buoyed by your commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,



Leo R. Chavez  
Professor and Director

## SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

### Changing Faces of Orange County Speaker Series.

A May 11th event co-sponsored by Center on Research for Latinos in a Global Society (CRLGS) and CLSP, titled: "*Orange County 2005: A Report Card on Growing Inequality*." CLSP's Director, Leo Chavez, served on the panel discussing immigration/demographic change, housing, health and livability (work/income).

**Ballet Folklórico de UC Irvine** will be performing their 9th Annual Concert on May 21st. The group is fifteen members strong and has an exciting dance routine planned. They have recently added the region of Sinaloa to their performance. In addition to their new region the group will also perform dances from Yucatán, Veracruz, and Jalisco. The concert proves to be an exciting event, particularly the conclusion which will feature a Fandango de Son Jarocho learned by eight members of the group in Xáltipan, Veracruz at a son jarocho seminar.

**Honors Thesis Program** offered the first time this year is designed for highly-qualified Chicano/Latino Studies majors who conduct research under the mentorship of faculty advisors and present their findings at the end of the Program. This year's honor students are *Andrea Dailey*, *Brenda de la Cruz*, *Glenda Flores* and *Ambar Ramos*. Two of the honor students, *Dailey* and *Ramos*, are also recipients of an **Undergraduate Research Opportunities Fellowship Grant**.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS HONORS PROGRAM IN CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES FOR 2005-06:** The Honors Program is open to senior Chicano/Latino Studies majors with a cumulative grade point average of 3.3 and a 3.5 in the major with a minimum of five Chicano/Latino Studies courses. Admitted students enroll in Chicano/Latino Studies H190A-B-C and complete an honors thesis that is typically 40 to 80 pages in length. For additional information, please contact Ramon Munoz in the Social Sciences Undergraduate Counseling Office (949) 824-6403.

### **LATINOS/AS IN CALIFORNIA GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS**

The Center for Research on Latinos in a Global Society (CRLGS) is accepting proposals from all disciplines for dissertation research assistance. A limited number of competitive grants of approximately \$1000 will be awarded to UCI graduate students to assist in dissertation research on Latinos/as in California. Submit a proposal of no more than 5 pages, double spaced, in which you provide an overview of the proposed research, including how it contributes to scholarship of the Latino/a experience in California, the methods to be used and a budget schedule.

**Deadline for submissions is June 17, 2005**

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### ***Congratulations Class of 2005!***

Congratulations to this year's graduating Chicano/a Latina/o students. As in years past these students will have a unique opportunity to take part in a smaller ceremony, the Chicana/o Latina/o Graduation Celebration on Friday, June 17th at 5:20 PM at Delhi Center in Santa Ana. Now in its 27th year the Chicana/o Latina/o Graduation Celebration continues to provide an intimate setting for the college graduates and their families. The event is scheduled a day before the campus-wide graduation ceremonies. At the banquet a presentation of certificates to the parents and the graduates will take place followed by dinner and entertainment. For more information contact MEChA at (949) 824-2225.

**JEFF GARCILAZO SCHOLARSHIP FUND (JGSF)** has been established to help current students finish their degrees at UCI and your support is needed to accomplish this goal. Please make a contribution today by sending your check payable to UC Regents and reference JGSF fund on your check.

Thank you for your support!

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