University of California, Irvine

CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES PROGRAM (CLSP)
Academic Year 2002-2003

(FALL 2002 SCHEDULE INSIDE)

UPCOMING EVENTS

CLSP Open House: October 7, 2002, 12:00-2:00 PM at SST 318;
- Introduction CLSP faculty member: Professor Louis DeSipio
- Dedication of Jeff Garcilazo Conference Room (SST 318)
- Student Awards for Research Papers: Spring 2002 Research Seminar,
“Voices in Aztlán” A Year-Long Series on Chicano/Latino Art & Culture:
Tentative list of speakers, include:
- Jesus Trevino & Culture Clash, Fall 2002
- Benjamin Alire Saenz, Winter 2003
- Denise Chavez, Winter 2003
- Evelina Fernandez, Spring 2003

CLSP NEWS

CLSP is proud to sponsor two outstanding students to attend the 19th Annual All-University Conference on October 5-6 at the Doral Palm Springs Resort: Jeanette Torres and Sandra Uribe. This conference is a great opportunity for student leaders to develop important organizational and group skills and also to network with campus administrators, faculty and other student leaders.


LIBRERIA MARTÍNEZ has scheduled a world-class lineup of authors showcasing their latest work. (All events are free and open to the public, located at 1110 N. Main Street, Santa Ana, CA.) Scheduled to appear are: Cheech Marin, Mike Davis, Ruben Martínez, Manuel Ramos, Jorge Ramos, Sandra Cisneros, Isabel Allende, and Renan Almendarez Coello "El Cucuy." Visit CLSP Web site for dates and times.

UCI Committee on Courses and the Council on Educational Policy have approved two new Chicano/Latino Studies courses for 2002-03: Chc/Lat 149: The Chica/Latina: A Psychosocial Perspective; Chc/Lat 150: Multicultural Counseling. Refer to quarterly SOC for these two new courses--may be offered Spring 2003.

El Centro Cultural de Mexico le Invita a Clases de Danzon cada Jueves a las 7 PM en el nuevo local del Centro Cultural de Mexico 1522 S. Main St. Santa Ana, CA. Para mas informes llame al (714) 953-9305.

Pictured above: "CULTURE CLASH"
Presented by:
"Voices in Aztlán: Interdisciplinary Artists Lectures"
October 21, 2002, 7:00 PM
Crystal Cove
UCI Student Center

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DIRECTOR’S WELCOME MESSAGE

I would like to welcome all of you to the 2002-2003 academic year. We are looking forward to the coming year and the further development of the Chicano/Latino Studies Program (CLSP). Because of the efforts of faculty, staff, and students, we are becoming recognized as one of the best Chicano/Latino Studies Programs in the nation. Last year we added two new faculty, Lisa Garcia Bedolla, a political scientist, and Vicki Ruiz, an historian. This year, we are fortunate to have joining us Louis DeSipio, a political scientist and expert on Latino voting behavior. Each of these new faculty members makes a major contribution to the quality of research and teaching undertaken by the Chicano/Latino Studies Program.

The Chicano/Latino Studies Program helps prepare UCI students for a future that will be more socially and ethnically diverse than ever before. CLSP offers students rigorous classes that will both challenge and enlighten. We encourage students to develop critical analytical skills that will serve them well as they make the transition from undergraduates to graduate school or to the world of work outside academia. As the century progresses, Latinos will move to center stage in all facets of life in California, politically, culturally, and socially.

A central objective of the Chicano/Latino Studies Program is to examine the socio-historical experiences of Latinos and Latinas in a national, transnational, and global context stressing the comparative approach and consequently examine ethnic, class, regional, gender, and other differences among Latinos. Particular attention is paid to Chicanos or Mexican Americans, Puerto Ricans, Cubans, and immigrants from Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala, and other Latin American countries. Faculty build upon a bedrock of the most contemporary research to examine topics such as Latino political participation, immigration and citizenship, identity, labor market participation, inter-ethnic relationships, gender issues, and cultural representations and products (art, literature, music). Through courses, students interact with faculty and develop relationships for more individualized research on the part of the students, including honors theses, student-initiated research projects, and participation on faculty-initiated research projects. UC Irvine is especially well situated geographically (Orange County’s population is increasingly diverse) and intellectually to integrate research with classroom learning.

We accomplished a lot last year, the first year we offered a major in Chicano/Latino Studies. We offer more classes than ever before, more students are taking our classes, and we already have 17 declared majors and expect more this year. We established the Jeff Garcia Lazo Fellowship/Scholarship fund in memory of our dear colleague. And we began the process of developing a graduate emphasis in Chicano/Latino Studies. This year we hope to hire a new faculty, specializing in sociology and Chicano/Latino issues. We will also expand on the CLSP library collection, and increase the number of CLSP-affiliated students conducting research in the local community.

We look forward to an exciting year and hope you will become a part of it. We also encourage all of you to get involved with CLSP by attending our special lectures by outside speakers, coming to our social events, and by becoming engaged in our classes. I wish you a productive and exciting year.

Leo Chávez
Director

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Course descriptions available at UCI General Catalogue Web site: http://www.editor.uci.edu/02-03/idp/idp.1.htm#gen0