

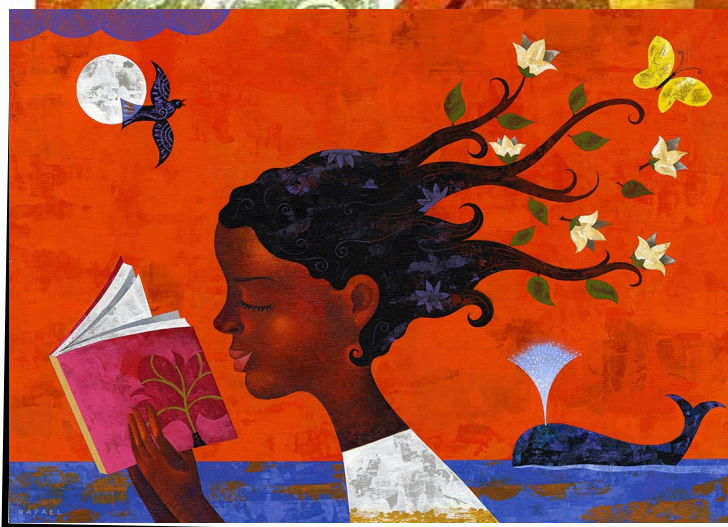
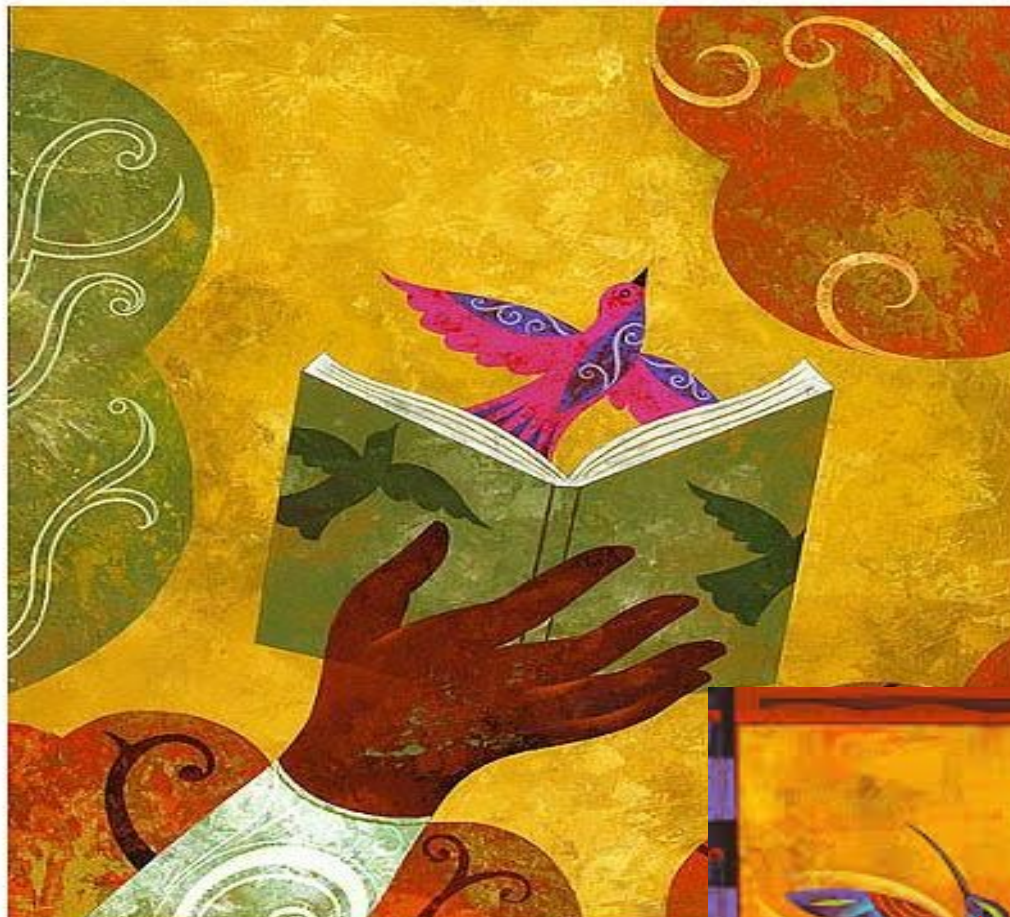
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of interest:

- Learn who the recipients for awards are this year!
- Find resources for yourself, and events that are occurring at the end of the year!





## Spotlight of the Month!



### **Staff/ Faculty: Debbie Michel**



Debbie Michel is the department manager for the Chicano Latino Studies department and has been working with this department for several years.

Thank you Debbie for all the hard-work you contribute to the Chicano/Latino Studies Department. You deserve this recognition for always going above and beyond to help those in need whether it is students or faculty, your work and effort never goes unnoticed. -*Natalie Berrios*

Debbie has always been so friendly and helpful ever since I met her. Because I am not part of the Chic/Lat department, I am usually lost within the building and Debbie has always offered to help. Aside from helping me with locating certain room or items, what I appreciate more about Debbie is her kind and friendly nature in which she treats all of the students and staff. Whenever I visit the department Debbie always asks how I am doing and asks me to update on my life and what I have been up to. And I am very well aware that Debbie does not have to do that, but she does. She has always been so attentive and sweet in the past three years that I have known her and all of this does not go unnoticed. Debbie deserves this award and many more for the smiles and laughs she brings to the department. -*Maria A. Alvarez*

Debbie is a super heroine. She has been there for many students and has been great for the department's students. Beyond the classroom setting, Debbie has been a perfect mentor, friend, and educator for my fellow Latinx students. I met her when I could not make it to class and I had to submit an assignment during my Spring Quarter of 2018. A lot was going on that quarter. I went to the 3rd floor of SST, and entered the half opened 385 room. A warm woman welcomed me in and asked me what I needed. I gave her my assignment and I was about to leave and she asked me, "What class are you from? How are you?" And from there an entire conversation began. Not many professors care for their students' well-being or if they're doing okay irrespective of their academic status. I wasn't a number or a student always running around trying to print something out or submit something a bit late. I was a person who had a story to tell and she was always willing to listen, give advice, and assured us that we mattered, us "latinx students mattered." Debbie is a great amiga and for many, something like a Tia. A person that I greatly appreciate for always leaving her door open for any student to come in and have a chat.

- *Jocelyn A. Contreras*

The Chc/Lat department is truly blessed to have Debbie! For all of the times I have stopped by with a question or concern, I have nothing but positive experiences with Debbie. I appreciate all of her work and the warm and welcoming atmosphere she creates. - *Francisco Jasso*

It has been a true honor having Debbie as my boss. She is very nice and caring. She knows that our education comes first and is understanding when I am unable to come in to work. Thank you Debbie for giving me the opportunity to showcase some of my skills at the department by redecorating the bulletin boards and allowing me to flow with the ideas and creative that comes to me. I see Debbie as my second mother who I can come to for advice and talk to about my day. Thank you Debbie for being such a great person. And for working so hard in the department. You are a great mother, friend, co-worker and boss. I have been able to take on opportunities that I've never had thought I would do thanks to your push and motivation which is very important for me. -*Dulce M. Perez*

## **Undergraduate: Nicole Balbuena, Sociology, Criminology Law & Society, Chicano Latino studies**



Outstanding Community College Transfer Student Scholarship Recipient Nicole Balbuena is our undergraduate Spotlight holder for her amazing work. She has conducted research that focuses on undocumented victims of intimate partner violence. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA while balancing 21-28 curriculum units and part time jobs. She states her biggest accomplishment so far is, “One of the biggest accomplishments at UCI is starting the first college Healthy Emotions and Attitudes in Relationship Today at UCI club. As the chief executive of the club and a domestic violence survivor, I wanted to provide a safe environment for UCI students to discuss intimate partner violence (IPV) and bring awareness on this global epidemic, but also extend this outreach by mentoring K-12 students in afterschool programs in low-income communities.”

Congratulations Nicole!

<https://www.socsci.uci.edu/newsevents/news/2019/2019-05-24-balbuena>

## **Graduate: Francisco Jasso, Political Science**



Latino Excellence Award recipient, graduate student Francisco Jasso’s research focuses on the question of the relationship between linked fate – shared politicized ethnic (or racial) identity – and Latino political behavior. In his dissertation, Jasso rigorously analyzes the implications of shared identities on different forms of Latino political engagement using two carefully selected time periods of high and moderate Latino political mobilization. His contributions have also appeared in mentorship activities as part of the Diverse Educational Community and as a Doctoral Experience (DECADE) PLUS Leadership Coach. He received his bachelor’s in political science and Chicano/Latino studies at UC Santa Barbara.

<https://www.socsci.uci.edu/newsevents/news/2019/2019-04-08-lead.php>

# 101- 102W Sample Research Projects

## Upward Bound and its Effectiveness on Latino Students' Pursuit of Higher Education:

Wendy Ponce, 4th year, Chicano Latino Studies and Sociology major



**Abstract:** Previous studies show the positive impact that participation in Upward Bound, a federally funded college preparatory program, has on low-income first-generation Latino students pursuing higher education. However, little research has been done on the role it plays on Latino men. Through a mixed methods research design, I conduct four interviews and 54 surveys among college students and recent graduates in the San Fernando Valley, in a predominantly Latino area. I explore to what extent educational aspirations and obstacles differ for Upward Bound and non-Upward Bound students, and the role that gender plays in regards to the motivations of educational attainment. I argue that participation in Upward Bound is essential in Latino students' aspirations to seek a college degree. I found that students who participated in Upward Bound were much more prepared to apply for colleges because they knew the various forms of financial aid available to them. I also found that Latino men who were in Upward Bound were more likely to have ambitions of attending postsecondary education. I suggest that college preparatory programs, such as Upward Bound are crucial in guiding low-income first-generation Latino students to pursue a four-year college education and narrow the achievement gap between Latinos and White students.



## Latinx Republicans: Partisanship and Linked Fate in the Trump Era

Judith Trujillo, 4th year, Chicano Latino Studies and Political Science major



**Abstract:** Prior research has identified the Latinx population as majority Democratic voters. However, there is little research on the Latinx population who votes Republican. Drawing on eight in-depth interviews with self-identifying Latinx Republican eligible voters, I examine Latinx Republican partisanship and how linked fate plays a role. I argue that although linked fate is present amongst Latinx Republicans, its presence is weak and is not an important factor in Latinx Republican partisanship. Results indicate that Latinx Republicans do feel a sense of linked fate to their pan-ethnic group especially among their national origin group, however, the strength of linked fate is weakened by a greater sense of individualism. Findings suggest Republican Party support does not equate to candidate support, as well as a higher indication of individualism, diminishes the strength of linked fate Latinx Republicans feel. Despite this sense of linked fate their partisanship ostracizes them from their Latinx peers, however, loyalty to the Republican Party does not waiver. My research will contribute to an in depth understanding, through qualitative interviews on Latinx Republicans that is not provided with binary quantitative data. Furthermore, an in-depth understanding will mitigate stigmas associated with being Republican amongst a population where a majority of partisanship favors the Democratic party. The importance in eliminating stigma is to tackle electoral capture of minorities, like the Latinx population, in order to make their vote competitive among both the Republican and Democratic party.



# **2019 Chicano Latino Studies Award Winners!**



## **OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCHER AND PROMISE IN CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES AWARD**

**Winner: NICOLE BALBUENA**

In the two short years that she has been at UCI, Nicole has managed to triple major in Chicano/Latino Studies, Political Science, and Sociology with a 4.0 GPA. Her research on intimate partner violence and domestic violence service providers has already received multiple awards. Nicole has received the School of Social Sciences Order of Merit Distinction, the 2019 Chancellor's Award of Distinction, and won the Upper Division Writing Award. Her research helped give rise to the first H.E.A.R.T. (Health Emotions and Attitudes in Relationships Today) organization at the college level in Fall 2017. The organization aims to raise awareness of teen dating abuse, domestic violence, and bullying on and off campus. She has also cultivated a relationship with Laura's House, the parents organization to H.E.A.R.T. clubs in middle and high schools in Orange County. After UCI, Nicole will apply to graduate school doctoral programs.

## **JEFF GARCILAZO PAPER PRIZE FOR BEST UNDERGRADUATE PAPER ANALYZING THE CHICANO/LATINO EXPERIENCE**

**1st Place: Nicole Balbuena**

Paper Title: "Undocumented Victims of Intimate Partner Violence: Access to Domestic Violence Services"  
(Chicano/Latino Studies, Sociology and Political Science)

**2nd Place: Jocelyn A. Contreras**

Paper Title: "I am not a Single Celled Being, but I am a Collective Manifestation of Mi Gente: Documenting a Humane Narrative" (explores Guatemalan-Mexican-American identity)  
(Literary Journalism)

**3rd Place: Joceline Porron**

Paper Title: "Self Employed Migrant Women: Hair Salons, Ethnic Enclaves, and Gender Dynamics"  
(Chicano/Latino Studies and Public Health)

**Honorable Mention: Esmeralda Hic**

Paper Title: "The Intersections of Environmentalism: A Case Study on the Coachella Valley"  
(Chicano/Latino Studies and Earth Systems Science)

## **OUTSTANDING CHICANO/LATINO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARD**

### **Co-Winners: DULCE MARIA PEREZ and BRITTNEY BAYARDO**

Dulce is double majoring in Educational Sciences and Chicano/Latino studies. Dulce is an artist and has put her artistic abilities to use in the Department of Chicano/Latino Studies, helping develop several of the bulletin boards in our building. She has also served the community by developing STEM curriculum for the Boys and Girls Club in Wilmington and also participates in the Bilingual Teacher Student Association. She also self-developed a program called Youth of Color Creating Change in order to educate high school students about social issues that affect students of color. After she graduates she will work as an avid tutor at Wilmington Middle School and will also apply to graduate school PhD programs in urban education.

Brittney is double majoring in Chicano/Latino Studies and Psychology. She has been actively involved in Hispanas Organized for Political Equality, the Feminist Majority Foundation, the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, and Higher Ground Youth Services. At UCI, Brittney has volunteered as a food security intern to promote Hunger Awareness and has been heavily involved with the Cross Cultural Center. She has also volunteered for Planned Parenthood in Washington, DC. After UCI, she plans to pursue her M.A. in Chicana/o Studies at Cal State Northridge.

### **Honorable Mention: JUDITH TRUJILLO**

Judith is double majoring in Political Science and Chicano/Latino studies. Judith truly deserves this honorable mention because she has invested in helping the Department of Chicano/Latino studies develop a Central American identity. Judith has participated in several events that discuss the Central American experience and she has lived in CASA Cesar Chavez for a couple of years.

She is a Jumpstart Corps Member, and worked as an early childhood education mentor. In this program she helped develop lesson plans to engage preschool students in literacy-based activities. Judith has also taken advantage of the study abroad program and went to Thailand where she volunteered with a local non-governmental organization that helps refugees fleeing political and religious persecution. She intends to apply to political science graduate school programs and focus on Latinx/minority politics.

## **VICKI L. RUIZ AWARD**

### **Winner: NATHON CAMACHO-MORFIN**

Nathon is a Criminology, Law and Society major and currently works in the Culture, Relationships, and Health laboratory under the advisement of Professor Belinda Campos. He has been on the Dean's Honor List multiple times and works in two other labs, too. Nathon is described as a trailblazer who has succeeded tremendously at UCI. Nathon is the embodiment of dedication, grit and commitment, having overcome several obstacles. Nathon, a transfer student himself, is interested in supporting other transfer students succeed at UCI, and often serves as a liaison between our department and local community colleges. He is also a peer tutor at UCI, helping students through academic challenges.

# Campus Orgs!



Mesa Unida is the umbrella organization of Latinx and Latinx-serving organizations that both benefit and unite the Latinx community at the University of California, Irvine. Our mission is to encourage unity, growth, and success among the unique, diverse UC Irvine Latinx community by providing a safe space for students to engage in dialogue, develop lasting relationships with faculty and staff, and build networks with others brought together by a shared culture.



Central Americans for Empowerment @ UC Irvine (CAFE @ UCI) is UC Irvine's official Central American org on campus. Our goal is to bring together our beautiful and diverse community and mobilize around issues uniquely pertaining to Central Americans ☐



LASO is an inclusive organization that welcomes everyone open to socializing and/or expanding their knowledge about Latin America. The goal of the organization is to establish social, cultural, and academic connections to provide students with a space on campus to interact with others who share similar interests and backgrounds. LASO aspires to be a "home away from home."

## Events



If your organization would like to be featured in our newsletter or have an event you would like us to promote, please email us at [chiclatstudies.uci@gmail.com](mailto:chiclatstudies.uci@gmail.com) with the details!



# Resources



**For Appointments visit Main Office:**  
112 Cross Cultural Center  
Phone: (949) 824-6390

**For Appointments visit Main Office:**  
Anteater Community Resource Center  
4079 Mesa Rd. (Parking Lot #5)  
Phone: (949) 824-6390



**Location:**  
Cross-Cultural Center, Main floor (next to CCC Board Room)

**Hours of Operation:**  
Monday - Thursday from 9am - 7pm and  
Friday from 9am - 5pm



**Disability Services Center**  
100 Disability Services Center  
Building #313  
**Phone:** 949.824.7494  
**Fax:** 949.824.3083  
dsc@uci.edu  
Monday-Friday 8-5pm



**Counseling Center Main Office:** is located across Ring Road from Starbucks, in Student Services 1 next to the Career Center.

**Counseling Center Annex:** is located in Student Center on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor directly across from the elevator.

**Phone:** (949) 824-6457  
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