

# Department of Chicano/Latino Studies DCLS

## RUIZ NAMED INTERIM DEAN



**VICKI RUIZ**, professor of Chicano/Latino Studies & History has been named Interim Dean of the University of California, Irvine School of Humanities, effective September 1.

Professor Ruiz's scholarship analyzes 20th century U.S. history specializing in Chicana/o studies, gender studies, labor and immigration. She served on the National Council on the Humanities and was selected as Latina magazine's Woman of the Year awardee in 2000. She is President of the American Studies Association and a Fellow of the Society of American Historians. The search for a permanent dean will continue.

Please join us in welcoming Vicki Ruiz to her new role and assisting her as we continue to build an outstanding program in the Humanities.

Open to All Campus Community

### DCLS 14TH ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

October, 11, 2007

4:00 to 6:00 pm

Social Science Tower Court Yard

between SSH and SSL buildings

next to Aldrich Park

Enjoy Mexican food &

Latin Salsa music by Frank Cano musicians.

For more information call (949) 824-7180

## FACULTY NEWS

**ANA ELIZABETH ROSAS** (pictured at right) joined the UCI Departments of Chicano/Latino Studies and History, as an assistant professor. [See Chair's Letter for more on Ana Rosas.]



**Susan Coutin**, associate professor Criminology, Law, & Society, and DCLS faculty author of *Nation of Emigrants: Shifting Boundaries of Citizenship in El Salvador and the United States* (Cornell).

**Louis DeSipio**, DCLS chair and associate professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science presented his research in the spring and summer at various scholarly venues. He lectured as part of the Bacardi Family Lecture Series at the University of Florida. The theme for this year's Bacardi lectures was "The State of Latino Studies." He also presented research at the Max Planck Society Science Research Institute in Berlin and on the topic of immigrant naturalization behaviors at the University of Texas at Austin. Finally, he presented an assessment of the medium- and long-term legacies of the 2006 immigrant rights protests at a University of California, Berkeley conference.

**Cynthia Feliciano**, assistant professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and Sociology, has been named a 2007-08 National Academy of Faculty News continued on Page 2.

## CHAIR'S LETTER

Dear Friends of Chicano/Latino Studies:

The 2007-08 academic year begins auspiciously for Chicano/Latino Studies.

In late September, Professor Alejandro Morales received the Luis Leal Award for Distinction in Chicano/Latino Literature from



the University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara City College, and the Santa Barbara Book Council. The Award is among the most prestigious literary awards in Latino literature. Professor Morales' latest novel *The Captain of All These Men of Death* will be published this fall by Bilingual Review Press.

We are also pleased to welcome a new faculty member this Fall. Ana Rosas joins UCI as an Assistant Professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and History. Dr. Rosas earned her Ph.D. in History and American Studies from the University of Southern California. She was a 2006-07 recipient of a U.C. President's Postdoctoral Fellowship. In her Fellowship, she worked under the supervision of UCI's Vicki Ruiz (Chicano/Latino Studies and History, Interim Dean of Humanities).

Dr. Rosas's research examines the Bracero Program's consequences for participating families on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. She employs a gendered analysis of the migration program that offers new and thoughtful insights into how failures in the design of the program by both the U.S. and Mexican governments ensured the establishment of a "culture of migration" that has characterized the Mexican relationship with the United States in the years since.

Dr. Rosas is hitting the ground running at UCI. She will be teaching several courses in Chicano/Latino Studies and History this year, including the second half of our survey course on Chicana/Chicano History and a class on the family dynamics of migration. As should be evident, Ana Rosas will add considerably to the strength of Chicano/Latino Studies research and teaching.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the year. With your ongoing support, Chicano/Latino Studies at UCI will continue to thrive!

Sincerely,

*Louis DeSipio*

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Chair, Department of Chicano/Latino Studies & Associate Professor, Departments of Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science

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Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow. The fellowship provides funding for her project "Gender and Ethnic Disparities in Early School Engagement among Children of Immigrants," which seeks to explain why minority males tend to be less engaged in school than their female counterparts by examining how family and school processes produce advantages for girls through the early years of schooling. Feliciano is one of twenty recipients selected from a competitive pool of nearly two hundred applications for the fellowship, which supports education research.

**Raul Fernandez**, professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and Social Sciences was interviewed on June 18, 2007 by ON THE MAP WITH AVI LEWIS, an international affairs analysis program of CBC Newsworld, on the topic Colombia's Para-Political Crisis. The

interview can be accessed on the archive section of CBC's Website: [http://www.cbc.ca/on the map](http://www.cbc.ca/on_the_map).

**Lisa Garcia Bedolla**, associate professor Chicano/Latino Studies and Political Science has two journal articles that have recently been published, one in *Politics and Gender* entitled *Intersections of Inequality: Understanding Marginalization and Privilege in the Post Civil-Rights Era* and one, co-authored with Jessica Lavariega Monforti and Adrian Pantoja, in the *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy* entitled *A Second Look: the Latina/o Gender Gap*. Garcia Bedolla also has three forthcoming book chapters examining voter mobilization in minority communities in California, *Latina/o party* respectively.

Garcia Bedolla, with Melissa Michelson of California State University East Bay and Donald Green of Yale University, recently received a \$435,000 grant from the James Irvine Foundation to continue evaluating their California Votes the results from the 2006 elections will soon be available at [http://www.irvine.org/publications/new\\_pubs.shtml](http://www.irvine.org/publications/new_pubs.shtml). Information on the California Votes Initiative may be found at: [http://www.irvine.org/grants\\_program/cp/cvi.shtml](http://www.irvine.org/grants_program/cp/cvi.shtml).

Garcia Bedolla has also been selected to serve on three journal editorial boards: *American Political Science Review*, *Politics and Gender*, and *Latino Studies*.


**Alejandro Morales**, professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and Spanish and Portuguese, is the 2007 recipient of the Luis Leal Award for Distinction in Chicano/Latino Literature. The Leal Award, awarded annually by UC Santa Barbara, recognizes an accomplished writer of the Chicano/Latino experience. Previous recipients of the Leal Award include Oscar Hijuelos, Rudolfo Anaya, Denise Chávez, and Helena María Viramontes.

**Vicki Ruiz**, Interim Dean School of Humanities, professor of Chicano/Latino Studies and History, has a forthcoming book titled: *Memories and Migrations: Mapping Boricua and Chicana Histories*, co-edited with John Chavez (University of Illinois Press, 2007). The volume features essays by eight Latina historians and is based on a conference held in 2004 on Latina history organized by Ruiz and Chavez. Professor Ruiz's *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia* was named a 2007 Best of Reference by the New York Public Library.

**Deborah Vargas**, assistant professor Chicano/Latino Studies, has received a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship in support of her research which examines historical sexuality and race through a feminist analysis of twentieth century Mexican American women singers and musicians. As part of her fellowship, Vargas will spend the 2007-2008 academic year at the University of California, Los Angeles with host institution mentor Chon Noriega. Professor Vargas will complete titled "Decolonial Divas: Gender, Sexuality and Nation in the Making of Texas-Mexican-American Music."

Vargas has also received the John Randolph & Dora Hayes Foundation Award for her project titled "Radio Waves/ Immigrant Waves: Spanish Language Radio, Immigration and Cultural Citizenship".

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