

# MALCS mujeres activas en letras y cambio social

## Noticera/Newsletter - APRIL 2003

### A Note from the Chair....

The Coordinating Committee had a wonderful meeting with the San Antonio MALCS Site Committee chaired by Norma Cantú. The Site Committee has been working very hard to make the Institute a very special gathering for us. It is truly going to be an exciting and provocative event for us all. Of course, much of the success will be dependent upon your participation. I encourage each of you to find ways to join us in San Antonio in August. Given the state of world, our nation and issues that continue to confront our communities it is imperative that we come together to forge a new vision for this century.

As you many of you know, we will also be discussing proposed changes to the structure of MALCS and your participation is critical. The proposed changes were noted in the Winter Newsletter. Again, we welcome comments and suggestions. Also, your participation is needed to elect new leadership. This year elections will be by ballot following the Institute after the membership has been validated. During the regional and caucus meeting, nominations will be explored.

The CC will develop a slate for consideration and nominations will be taken from the floor at the second business meeting.

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The role of the leadership of MALCS is central to the new visioning that is necessary to position our work in this Century.

I look forward to seeing you in San Antonio to work together in new ways, to learn about the research and teaching we are pursuing, to explore solutions to the many issues that confront us, to learn about our successes, and to offer support and encouragement so that we might continue on our journey toward creating a better world for all mujeres.

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### Call for Proposals for the Irene Ledesma Prize.

Irene Ledesma, Chicana labor historian who completed her doctoral degree in U.S. history at Ohio State University in 1992, died an untimely death from kidney failure in 1997. Shortly before she died, Professor Ledesma's groundbreaking article, "Texas Newspapers and Chicana Activism, 1919-1974," published in the *Western Historical Quarterly*, 1995, received the "Joan Jensen-Darlis Miller best article of 1997" award from the Coalition of Western Women's History. Also in 1997, the CCWH established a \$1,000 graduate student prize, the Irene Ledesma Prize, in recognition of Irene's contribution to women's labor history in general, to Chicana labor history and women's "Western" history in particular.

(See Ledesma -2-)

(Ledesma) Noted Chicana historian Antonia Castañeda, who teaches history at St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX, is the 2002-2004 Chair of the Irene Ledesma Prize Committee for the CWWH. She invites all her colleagues to honor Irene Ledesma's memory by nominating outstanding graduate students whose work fits the criteria. The award is intended to help defray travel and/or other research costs for advanced graduate

students working on a topic on women in the "West." Please do not hesitate to call Prof. Castañeda at (210) 436-3608, or write, [acastaneda@stmarytx.edu](mailto:acastaneda@stmarytx.edu), if you have any questions.

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## *Calls for Papers*

**June 1, 2003 Deadline.** The Fifth Native American Symposium November 13-15, 2003 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma. The symposium's theme is Native Being, Being Native: Identity and Difference. Papers and presentations desired include but are not limited to history (documentary or oral), autobiography, literature, mythology, film, cultural studies, contemporary affairs, education, psychology, sociology, anthropology, and the fine arts. One-page abstracts in either hard-copy or electronic form to Mark B. Spencer, Department of English, Humanities, and Languages, Box 4121, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK 74701-0609, [mbspencer@sosu.edu](mailto:mbspencer@sosu.edu).

**December 1, 2003 Deadline.** Society for the Study of Multi-Ethnic Literatures of the United States, 10-14 March 2004. "Transfronterismo: Crossing Ethnic Borders in U.S. Literatures." Paper abstracts and complete panel, workshop, and roundtable proposals are welcome. Proposals (250 words maximum) should be submitted in triplicate and addressed to Professor Bill Mullen, Department of English, Classics, and Philosophy, The University of Texas at San Antonio, 6900 North Loop 1604 West, San Antonio, TX 78249-0643. [bmullen@utsa.edu](mailto:bmullen@utsa.edu). (Fax and email for international submissions only: (210) 458 5366 <http://www.marshall.edu/melus/>)

**September 1, 2003 Deadline.** A special issue on Latinidades for possible publication in our new, peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary journal, *Latino Studies*. Topics could include but are not limited to: the meaning of the concept of latinidad: the advertising industry and latinidad; Latinidad and racial, social, gendered, sexual, etc. identities; latinidad and electoral politics, social movements, mass media, expressive and/or popular culture, the arts, etc. For more information please go to <http://www.uic.edu/las/latamst/>

Special Issue **THE HIGH SCHOOL JOURNAL** on Chicana/o Activist Educators: Theories and Pedagogies of Transformation  
Guest editor, Luis Urrieta, Jr., invites submissions that address the complex and diverse educational experiences, histories, and philosophies of Chicana and Chicano activist educators. Chicana/o broadly defined in this issue, as people of Mexican descent in the US or anyone who self-identifies as Chicana/o, regardless of ethnic or national background, but who strongly identifies with the principles of Chicana/o ideology. For more information see:

<http://www3.uakron.edu/aesa/news/highschool.html>

# MALCS 2003

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LET'S MEET IN SAN ANTONIO!

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## Reflexiones y Visiones: MALCS Building the Future

[www.irenecarranza.com](http://www.irenecarranza.com)

The XVI Annual Summer Institute will be held in San Antonio, Texas from August 10-13 August, 2003. The program includes Mujeres from all over the united states: writers Carla Trujillo, Josie Mendez Negrete, Montserrat Fontes, Elva Treviño Hart the members of the Latina Feminist Research Group, authors of the award-winning *Telling to Live: Latina Feminist Testimonios*. The editors and authors of *Chicana Feminsms: A Critical Reader*, and scholars, and artists such as Norma Alarcón, Ellie Hernández, Yvonne Yarbro-Bejarano, Aida Hurtado,. As well as the artist Irene Carranza.

**Special Opening Event:** August 10, 2003-- *Cabaret de Caramelo*, performance event with Sandra Cisneros at the Jump Start Theater - Blue Star Arts Complex, Corner of S. Alamo and Probandt (Tickets at Jumpstart \$25-\$100).

### ORDER YOUR T-SHIRT WHEN YOU PRE-REGISTER WHERE TO STAY IN SAN ANTONIO

San Antonio boasts many fine hotels, but because of its proximity to the UTSA downtown campus the site committee has chosen the Radisson Hotel as its Conference Hotel. It is located at 502 W. Durango Blvd, San Antonio, TX. You can reserve a room by phone by calling 1-800-333-333 or visit the hotel web site. Rooms will be held at this rate until **July 10, 2003**. Please mention MALCS when making your reservation. Single: \$80 + 16.75% tax; Double: 95 + 16.75% tax Suites: \$150 to \$200 + 16.75%.

[www.radisson.com/sanantoniotx](http://www.radisson.com/sanantoniotx) Check the MALCS web site for more information and updates.

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## New Books by Chicanas ...

that the editors are aware of:

- Caramelo*. Sandra Cisneros. (Knopf)
- Las Hijas de Juan: Daughters Betrayed*. Josie Mendez Negrete, (Chusma House,)
- What Night Brings*. Carla Trujillo, Winner of the 2003 Miguel Mármol Prize for first-time Latino/a authors. (Curbstone.)
- Voicing Chicana Feminisms: Young women speak out on sexuality and identity*. Aida Hurtado (New York University)
- Chicana Feminisms: A Critical Reader*. Editors: Gabriela Arredondo, Norma Klahn, Aida Hurtado, Olga Najera Ramirez and Pat Zavella. (Duke University)
- Reading U.S. Latina Writers: Remapping American Literature* edited by Alvina Quintana (Palgrave Macmillan)
- Las Tejanas: 300 Years of History*, coauthored by Teresa Palomo Acosta and Ruthe Weingarten (University of Texas)
- No One Will See Me Cry*. Cristina Rivera-Garza Winner of 2002 Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz Prize (Curbstone)
- Marlene Dietrich, Rita Hayworth, & My Mother* Rita Maria Magdaleno (University of Arizona Press Camino del Sol)
- Naked Wanting* Margo Tamez (University of Arizona Press Camino del Sol)
- For The Hard Ones: A Lesbian Phenomenology / Para las duras: una fenomenología lesbiana* Tatiana de la Tierra (Calaca Press and Chibcha Press)
- This Bridge We Call Home Radical Visions For Transformation* edited by AnaLouise Keating, Gloria Anzaldúa (Routledge)

## Fellowships and Grants

The Columbia University Oral History Research Office annual Summer Institute on Oral History  
June 16 - 27, 2003

Telling Lives: Memory, Orality and Testimony in Oral History

Our focus will be on the ethical, methodological and theoretical challenges of documenting the power of testimony, and oral history, to shape public discourse and strengthen communities whose histories have been subjugated or silenced within dominant historical paradigms and media accounts. Within these parameters, we will explore the subjectivity of gendered, ethnic, cultural and other identity based narratives - particularly the ways in which these accounts subvert and correct public myth and memory. We will also probe the ways in which oral history, in its historical origins and its contemporary uses, is a radical form of testimony in which both collective and individual memory are preserved in texts, and other media, as social history and literary genre.

The application deadline is May 10, 2003.

Contact information:

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801 Butler Library

212-854-4012

212-854-5378 E-mail: [jw712@columbia.edu](mailto:jw712@columbia.edu)

Workshop website:

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/web/indiv/oral/summer.html>



## Fellowships and Grants, cont'd

### Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Latina/Latino Studies

The Fellowship:

- \* A one-year non-renewable fellowship beginning August 21, 2003.
- \* In addition to his/her research project, the fellow will be expected to teach one introductory course for the Program during the academic year and make presentation on his/her research project.
- \* The fellow will be housed at the Latina/Latino Studies Program, receive a salary of \$42,000 over the 12-month fellowship period, and will receive University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign employee benefits.

To Apply:

- \* Candidates must have completed their Ph.D. before the inception of the fellowship.
- \* The primary focus of the successful candidate's research must be U.S. Latina/Latino communities. Preference will be given to candidates who examine the Latina/Latino experience from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- \* Candidates should submit a curriculum vitae, a statement of the research project to be undertaken during the fellowship year, official graduate transcripts, and three letters of recommendation. For candidates who have not yet completed their Ph.D. at the time of application, one of these letters must be from the chair of the dissertation committee addressing the likelihood of completion by the starting date of the fellowship. Candidates must also submit samples of their scholarly writing. For applicants who have not completed their

dissertation, this should include all completed dissertation chapters.

- \* Applications will be reviewed beginning April 20 and will continue until the fellowship is filled.
- \* Applications should be sent to: Post-Doctoral Fellowship Review Committee, Latina/Latino Studies Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 510 East Chalmers, Champaign, IL 61820.

For further information about the fellowship, contact Pedro Cabán, Director, Latina/Latino Studies Program at [pcaban@uiuc.edu](mailto:pcaban@uiuc.edu) or at (217) 265-0370.

## MALCS 2003

### In San Antonio

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REGISTRATION  
FORM... AND

DON'T FORGET TO  
CALL THE HOTEL  
AND RESERVE YOUR  
ROOM, SEE PAGE 3!!

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# Fellowship

## 2003-2004 Chicana/Latina Dissertation Fellowship – Compañera de Disertación en Estudios Sobre La Mujer :

The Chicana/Latina Research Center (C/LRC) is dedicated to the development and promotion of Chicana/Latina scholars and scholarship on Chicana/Latina issues covering a broad range of disciplinary and interdisciplinary interests. This dissertation fellowship program supports emerging scholars whose research focuses on questions of concern to Chicanas/Latinas. We also invite comparative studies of Chicanas/Latinas and

### Requirements:

- 1) Be **in-residence** from September 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.
- 2) Participate regularly in the activities sponsored by the C/LRC.
- 3) Teach one undergraduate seminar through the Chicana/Chicano Studies Program.
- 4) Present one public lecture as part of the yearly C/LRC lecture series.

### To apply, please send the following:

- 1) A letter of application describing your areas of interest, previous work on Chicana/Latina issues and/or Chicana/o Studies.

indigenous women. UCD graduate students are ineligible for this fellowship.

1) \$21,000 stipend over a 10 month period (September 1, 2002- June 30, 2003).

2) \$1,500 for research support and conference travel.

### Criteria:

- 1) Must have been **advanced to Ph.D. candidacy** prior to beginning of fellowship.
- 2) Must have made substantial progress on the dissertation (candidates who have begun writing the dissertation are preferred; in rare instances candidates who are still in the data collection stage will be considered).
- 2) A copy of your dissertation prospectus.
- 3) A representative chapter, or a report of progress on the dissertation.
- 4) A curriculum vitae.
- 5) Two letters of recommendation.

**Deadline: Application must be received or delivered by May 12, 2003, 5:00p.m.**

Send to: Prof. Ines Hernandez-Avila,  
Director/Chicana/Latina Research Center  
2223 SSH (Social Science and Humanities  
Building) University of California, Davis  
One Shields Avenue/ Davis, CA 95616  
(530) 752-8882 if you have any questions,  
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