Sharing Futures, Speaking Truths

30th Anniversary Celebration
October 20, 2022
LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The land on which we gather is the unceded territory of the Awaswas-speaking Uypi Tribe. The Amah Mutsun Tribal Band, comprised of the descendants of Indigenous people taken to missions Santa Cruz and San Juan Bautista during Spanish colonization of the Central Coast, is today working hard to restore traditional stewardship practices on these lands and heal from historical trauma.

ABOUT THE HRCA

As the first research center in the UC system to combine perspectives from the historically disconnected fields of Chicanx/Latinx and Latin American studies, the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas at UC Santa Cruz is a hub for inquiry, exploration, and creativity for faculty and students. We support and promote cross-border research and public programming to advance cross-disciplinary perspectives linking the Americas. Our hemispheric approach draws primarily from the social sciences, humanities, and arts.

ABOUT THE COVER ART

Acarreando America/Carrying America (2019): A stylized map of the Americas covers an image of an Indigenous woman wearing clothing typical of Andean countries, Peru and Bolivia. Patterns on her clothing refer to the extraction practices that now threaten all of us through environmental harm with depleted food sources, water scarcity, and climate change. The work celebrates the lives and work of women throughout the Americas and in particular those who create enduring cultural practices and sustainable relationships to the Earth and within society.
PROGRAM

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM, PROGRAM BEGINS AT 6PM

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MODERATED BY SYLVANNA FALCÓN & GABRIELA ARREDONDO, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, LATIN AMERICAN & LATINO STUDIES

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY CRISTINA JIMÉNEZ
INTRODUCTION BY CATHERINE RAMÍREZ, PROFESSOR, LATIN AMERICAN & LATINO STUDIES

KEYNOTE Q&A
MODERATED BY PATRICIA DE SANTANA PINHO, PROFESSOR, LATIN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDIES

DESSERTS, DANCING, & MORE!
OPENING AND CLOSING PERFORMANCES BY MARIACHI ETERNO DE UCSC AND LOS MEJICAS
DISTINGUISHED HONOREE

The Research Center for the Americas celebrates activist icon Dolores Huerta.

Join us in celebrating civil rights icon Dolores Huerta. Huerta's lifelong dedication to human rights is best described by the slogan she coined: Sí, se puede.

As an activist and feminist leader, Huerta has spent her entire life fighting for communities—farmworkers, women, youth, immigrants, and others—because she believes in their power and dignity. Huerta has personally experienced violence when organizing and confronted sexism in social movements. Yet she has always remained unwavering and fearless in her social justice work, even to this day.

UC Santa Cruz is proud to honor Dolores Huerta.

Scan the code to support the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas.
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

UC Santa Cruz welcomes community organizer Cristina Jiménez.

Cristina Jiménez Moreta is a community organizer, political strategist, and storyteller. She is the co-founder and former executive director of United We Dream (UWD), the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the country. She migrated to the U.S. from Ecuador with her family at the age of 13, growing up undocumented.

Over the last decade under Jiménez’s leadership, UWD has grown into a powerful network of 1 million members and has played a pivotal role in shifting the narrative about immigrants and immigration, ultimately influencing policy. Jiménez was instrumental in United We Dream’s successful campaign for President Obama to sign Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) into law.

In recognition of her work, Jiménez received a 2017 MacArthur Fellowship, the Four Freedoms Award, and a spot on the *TIME* 100 List. Jiménez has appeared in hundreds of national and local media outlets. Her writing has been published in *The New York Times*, CNN, *USA Today*, Huffington Post, and *El Diario*. 
Welcome, colleagues and friends! Thank you all for joining us to celebrate UC Santa Cruz’s Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas, which for 30 years has been at the forefront in the UC system of promoting cross-border scholarship in the fields of Chicanx, Latinx, and Latin American studies. By bringing together U.S. and international scholars, the research supported by the HRCA contributes to an enriched understanding of the Americas.

As a campus with a long history of cross-pollinating scholarship and deep commitment to educational equity, UCSC has proven to be the ideal location for the HRCA. Nearly a decade ago the university officially became a Hispanic-Serving Institution, enabling UCSC to join the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, and, recently, to help form the Alliance of Hispanic Serving Research Universities, to strengthen support for Latinx and other traditionally underrepresented students. Just three weeks ago we were granted the prestigious 2022 Seal of Excelencia, recognizing our outstanding commitment to serving Latinx students.

As for tonight, I am thrilled to welcome civil rights icon Dolores Huerta, for whom the center was officially named at the end of this summer, as a distinguished honoree for her unwavering commitment to justice, as well as Cristina Jiménez, co-founder of United We Dream, as our keynote speaker. Jiménez’s story and her dedication to youth is beautifully aligned with the HRCA’s mission.

Thirty years is a wonderful accomplishment for the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas. The next 30 promise to be even more exciting and inspiring. I believe the center will continue to grow its impact. The support of donors will be critical to making that happen. My deepest gratitude to all who are helping the center achieve its valuable mission.

Cynthia Larive, Chancellor
THE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

This evening, as we reflect on 30 years of scholarship and impact at the center now known as the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas, I’d like to share how honored we are to have this center as part of the Division of Social Sciences. HRCA’s research has long played a crucial role in drawing attention to the most pressing issues across the Americas. The center is also deeply committed to serving underrepresented students by connecting them to faculty research in ways that build a sense of belonging.

Tonight’s distinguished guest of honor, Dolores Huerta, has a legacy of activism that is profoundly meaningful and inspiring to our campus community, in particular to many of our Latinx students and faculty who find community and belonging at the center. We are honored to have her join us this evening.

Our keynote speaker, Cristina Jiménez, has also had a remarkable life of activism that has made a life-changing difference for undocumented youth through her advocacy on the passage of DACA. We are proud to support DACA students here.

We are thrilled to be part of this historic celebration. UC Santa Cruz can and must be a transformative experience for all of our students, and the HRCA’s meaningful relationships and actions turn that goal into reality.

Katharyne Mitchell, Dean of Social Sciences
The Institute for Social Transformation is a proud supporter of HRCA. We share a commitment to social justice and innovative interdisciplinary scholarship at the cutting edge of addressing major social issues. We would like to congratulate the HRCA for 30 amazing years and wish them well for the next 30 years!

—Chris Benner, Faculty Director, Institute for Social Transformation

Rooted in the Social Sciences Division at UC Santa Cruz, the Institute for Social Transformation supports innovative scholarship that changes the world. We act as a critical intellectual and social hub, connecting scholars across UC Santa Cruz and partners beyond the university. Together, we’re developing research-based solutions to urgent problems. Our efforts are focused on social justice, equity, access, opportunity, environmental regeneration, and democratic revitalization.

There is an exciting resurgence in critical public scholarship: a push for universities to reach beyond their academic audiences and build stronger community-university partnerships to jointly tackle pressing social issues. We are excited to host the All-In: Co-Creating Knowledge for Justice Conference on October 26–28, 2022. Together we can build partnerships for change. #knowledge4justice

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THE HUMANITIES INSTITUTE

“The Humanities Institute and the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas share a commitment to supporting academic scholarship on vital topics and bridging the university with broader communities. For more than two decades, the HRCA and THI have collaborated on events and programs that tackle pressing issues in the Americas and reach new audiences. We are excited about the possibilities in the decades ahead.”

—Irena Polić, THI Managing Director

The Humanities Institute at UC Santa Cruz is a hub for new directions in research and teaching, cross-discipline collaboration, and public engagement. We believe that the core subjects of the humanities—philosophy, history, language, and literature—should be accessible to everyone, and we lead public programs that encourage the local community to stay curious. Every year, our institute hosts more than 150 events that reach over 10,000 households. Programs like THI’s Questions That Matter series, UCSC Night at the Museum, and annual Deep Read bring together students, staff, faculty, alumni, and members of the public to participate in vital and inspiring humanities scholarship. We are committed to engaging with the broadest community possible—from first-generation students and scholars in every discipline to local residents and anyone interested in making sense of our complex world.

Sign up for THI’s newsletter at thi.ucsc.edu and follow us on social media @ucscTHI.
The Humanities Division and the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas support the advancement of interdisciplinary and cross-border research. Collaborating on community initiatives and student learning and mentoring opportunities, this partnership has expanded our capacity as a campus to engage students in their exploration of the diversity of the Americas.

—Jasmine Alinder, Dean of Humanities

The Humanities Division is one of the original academic areas of research and teaching at UC Santa Cruz. Our nine academic departments include Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Feminist Studies, History, History of Consciousness, Languages and Applied Linguistics, Linguistics, Literature, Philosophy, and the Writing Program. We are home to The Humanities Institute.

What does it mean to be human, to analyze, construct, represent, and make sense of the human experience? These fundamental questions guide and unite the learning, teaching, and scholarship conducted in the Humanities Division and have been the foundation to a meaningful partnership with the HRCA for three decades. The exploration and discussion of this query has culminated in some of humanity’s most deeply and widely valued beliefs and teachings about ourselves and the world in which we live.

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