Hoping For A Brighter Spring

Though I prefer to start newsletters on a lighter note, the times remain sobering for many in our UC Santa Cruz community. The RCA would like to respectfully honor the people in and beyond our community who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. We would also like to join the voices of condemnation regarding the recent mass shootings in the United States. Our hearts remain heavy over these senseless tragedies. #StopAsianHate

The RCA has managed to navigate these pandemic times as smoothly as possible this past academic year. Information in this newsletter includes our final Spring quarter event, two Call for Applications, and recognizing recent student award recipients. Please be sure to follow us on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook. Thank you for supporting the RCA and we continue to wish you and your loved ones good health.

Saludos,
Sylvanna M. Falcón
Research Center for the Americas
Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

WINTER PROGRAM & WORKSHOPS
“Sites of Memory, Spaces of Dispute: Missions and Monuments in the United States”

Thursday, May 13th
12:00–1:30 p.m. (PDT)
Virtual Event – Register today

Our final event in our “Memory Studies in the Americas” thematic series explores how markers or symbols of memory are imagined and disputed. Listen to presentations on the San Gabriel mission in Tovaangar (known as Los Angeles today) by Dr. Catherine Ramírez (Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies) and Confederate monuments in Virginia by Dr. Kate Jones (Associate Professor, History), as they weave the personal with the scholarly to explore the contested terrain of memory in the United States. Dr. Rebecca Hernandez, Director of the American Indian Resource Center at UC Santa Cruz, will be the event’s discussant. Closed captioning and an ASL interpreter will be provided. This event is free and open to the public and co-sponsored with the Institute for Social Transformation and The Humanities Institute.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Lionel Cantú Memorial Award

Eligibility: UC Santa Cruz graduate students in good academic standing in the Social Sciences, Humanities, or Arts.

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. (PDT), Friday, April 30, 2021
The Lionel Cantú Memorial Award celebrates the life and work of Lionel Cantú (1965–2002), former Assistant Professor of Sociology at UC Santa Cruz. Professor Cantú's scholarship bridged and advanced Latino sociology, immigration studies, transnational/cross-border studies, gender and sexuality studies, and the study of gay men and masculinity. UC Santa Cruz graduate students working in any of these areas are eligible to apply, although preference will go to those working in and linking more than one area.

Apply Here

Human Rights Student Researchers for 2021–2022

Eligibility: UC Santa Cruz undergraduate and graduate students in good academic standing

Application Deadline: 5:00 p.m. (PDT), Friday, May 7, 2021

The RCA is recruiting for its next cohort of students to join the Human Rights Investigations Lab for the Americas, which tracks and monitors ongoing
humanitarian, environmental and socio-political crises by using open source investigative methods in partnership with non-governmental organizations, news outlets, and other advocacy partners. If you are interested in becoming part of a new generation of human rights investigators, then apply today. This opportunity is open to undergraduate and graduate students in any division. Please direct any questions about this research opportunity to hrlab@ucsc.edu.

AWARD WINNERS

The RCA and the Department of Latin American and Latino Studies are proud to sponsor eight graduate students writing in the fields of Chicano/a/x and Latin American Studies to receive dissertation writing support. Congrats to the recipients:

**Erik Bernardino**  
History, Humanities

**Mauricio E. Ramírez**  
LALS, Social Sciences

**Whitney DeVos**  
Literature, Humanities

**Alexandra Macheski**  
HAVC, Arts

**Candy Martinez**  
LALS, Social Sciences

**Monica Mikhail**  
Anthropology, Social Sciences

**Tatiane Santa Rosa**  
HAVC, Arts

**Marie Tolan**  
LALS, Social Sciences

**RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**
Human Rights Investigations Lab
The Human Rights Investigations Lab for the Americas has a new website and has published two independent investigations about online disinformation pertaining to COVID-19 in Latin America (sponsored by the Office of Research at UC Santa Cruz) and on the Black Lives Matter movement. We are so very proud of the students who put in numerous hours of research to complete these investigations.

SUPPORT OUR WORK
The Research Center for the Americas at UC Santa Cruz has been supporting a broad program of research on Latin American and Chicanx/Latinx Studies since 1992. We rely on private donations for our work.

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