A New Beginning, A New Name

As we start a new year, we have found a new sense of purpose. Now proudly known as the Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas, we celebrated the incomparable Dolores Huerta on October 20, 2022 in one of the most memorable and inspiring events to ever take place since I joined the faculty at UC Santa Cruz over a decade ago. Huerta delivered a resounding speech that included leading the crowd in a joyous chant of “Sí, se puede.” Coupled with a powerhouse keynote lecture titled “We Are Powerful Beyond Numbers” by community organizer Cristina Jiménez, the first keynote speaker of the newly renamed research center, this sold-out event included UC Santa Cruz students, faculty, staff, and alumni, community members, dignitaries and several members of Huerta’s family. We thank the Chancellor’s Office, the Division of Social Sciences, and University Relations for ensuring the success of this incredible event.

We are introducing new social media handles and website URL in recognition of our new name, and happily welcomed a new member to the Huerta Center’s team, Nancy Hernandez Rocha, a third-year student majoring in Community Studies and Latin American and Latino Studies combined with Sociology. Congratulations to
the Human Rights Investigations Lab and our Fall awardees as they continue to expand the impact of the Huerta Center around the world.

Looking ahead, we have lined up an exciting Winter quarter. In partnership with Aptos Library, we are cosponsoring a showing of the documentary “Dolores” at the Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History on February 21, 2023 at 6pm. A second opportunity to see the film will take place on April 26, 2023 (see below). We are delighted to be hosting Dr. Michelle Téllez (University of Arizona) and Dr. Esther Hernández (Pomona College) for an International Women’s Day symposium on March 9, 2023. We are also pleased to announce the Huerta Center is opening a call for applications for an undergraduate student interested in becoming our first legislative fellow and we are offering a limited number of students an opportunity to visit the Google headquarters to hear from our alumni and supporters about their career paths.

In closing, please consider supporting our work by donating to the Huerta Center as we strive to live up to this distinguished name and do our part to deepen the legacy of Huerta on our campus and the UC system.

We look forward to welcoming you at our upcoming events and invite you to check out our 2021–22 annual report.

Saludos,
Sylvanna M. Falcón

*NEW* email, URL, and social media handles

Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas
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Facebook, Twitter, Instagram

WINTER EVENTS

Events are free and open to the public.
“Dolores” documentary

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023
6 p.m. PST

Location: Santa Cruz Museum of Art and History (Garden Room)
705 Front Street in Santa Cruz

A public showing of the award-winning “Dolores” documentary with an introduction by Jerry Key, a long-time friend of Dolores Huerta. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Aptos Library. More information can be found on the library’s website.

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“International Women’s Day Symposium”

Thursday, March 9, 2023
1:30–5:00 p.m. PST

Location: Merrill Cultural Center at UC Santa Cruz
*Light refreshments will be served outdoors in the courtyard of the Merrill Cultural Center*

We invite you to celebrate International Women's Day with keynote speakers Dr. Michelle Téllez and Dr. Esther Hernández-Medina. Dr. Téllez's lecture is titled "Fronteriza Imaginaries: Women's Leadership in the Borderlands" and Dr. Hernández-Medina’s talk is titled “Take your Rosaries out of Our Ovaries:’ the Fight for Women's Right to Choose in the Dominican Republic.”

More information can be found on our website.

**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

**UC Santa Cruz Undergraduate Students: Dolores Huerta Research Center Legislative Fellow**

The Huerta Center is recruiting student applicants for a new 3-month position, from March 1–June 1, 2023, for up to 10 hours per week, with a local elected official. This paid position seeks to inspire a promising and driven undergraduate to learn about career opportunities in public service and about our legislative process. Applicants must be in good academic standing. The deadline to apply is January 18, 2023 by 5 p.m. PST.

**FIELD TRIP**

**Visit Google Headquarters in Mountain View, CA**

The Huerta Center is delighted to sponsor a limited number of undergraduate students to visit Google Headquarters in Mountain View to have lunch and hear from Banana Slug alumni and other supporters about their career trajectory. Please sign up to reserve your spot for this field trip scheduled on Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. A very limited number of spots are available and priority will be given to those who register early. The deadline to register is January 18, 2023 by 5 p.m. PST.

**OUR GLOBAL IMPACT**
Housed at the Huerta Center, undergraduates in UC Santa Cruz’s Human Rights Investigations Lab partnered with immigration advocates who have been at the frontlines in assisting those seeking asylum in the United States and fighting back against Title 42. They systematically collected research data a federal judge cited in a Nov. 16, 2022 court opinion to temporarily block the controversial Title 42 immigration policy. You can read more about the case on the UC Santa Cruz website.

A WARM WELCOME to the HUERTA CENTER
Nancy Hernandez Rocha is the Huerta Center's Program and Events assistant. She is a third year UC Santa Cruz student majoring in Community Studies and Latin American and Latino Studies combined with Sociology. Nancy grew up in Sonoma County, CA to immigrant parents from Michoacán, México. In high school she began to be interested in activism and began doing some community organizing for the Latine community. She is also the Academic Co-Chair of Hermanos de UCSC, an organization on campus that focuses on the retention and graduation of Latine students in higher education.
AWARD WINNERS

The Huerta Center congratulates this year’s awardees.

**Individual Faculty Research Awards**

- **Dr. Mark Amengual**, Languages and Applied Linguistics department, "The role of social factors in shaping the perception of Spanish in California."
- **Dr. Fernando Leiva**, Latin American and Latino Studies department, "The Social and Ecological Underside of Desalinization Plants in California and Chile."
- **Dr. Carlos Martinez**, Latin American and Latino Studies department, "The Necrotemporality of Confined Asylum on the U.S.-Mexico Border."

**Graduate Student Grants**

- **Amando Argueta-Vogel**, Latin American and Latino Studies department, "Migrations Otherwise and Studies of Central American Mobility."
- **Nathan Edenhofe**, Politics department, "Effects of Popular and Elite Strategies in Mining Contention."
- **Pablo Escudero**, History of Consciousness department, "Between the western model of law, and the commons: Caso Pueblos Tagaeri y Taromenane vs. Ecuador."
- **Mitra Ghaffari**, Film and Digital Media department, "Island Cycles/Ciclos de la Isla."
- **Bhavyaa Sharma**, Economics department, "How much is a formal job worth? Evidence from Mexico."
- **Meru Sharma**, Film and Digital Media department, "UnRooted."
- **Alejandra Watanabe Farro**, Latin American and Latino Studies department, "Strategies of extraction for a Green Transition: the emergent politics of environmental conflicts in Chile and Peru."
Research Clusters

- "Archival Methods Reading Group"
  Coordinators: Brittney Jimenez, Bree Booth, Marina Dadico, and Graciela Sierra-Moreno; Latin American and Latino Studies department, and Literature department.

A Look Back on our 30th anniversary celebration: October 20, 2022

The 30th anniversary celebration was an electrifying event in which UC Santa Cruz officially became the first university to bestow a renaming honor for Dolores Huerta. The event, which was also live-streamed around the world, opened with a live performance from student musical group Mariachi Eterno de UCSC. The event included beautiful videos offering congratulations to the center and Dolores Huerta by U.S. Senator Alex Padilla and UC Santa Cruz Distinguished Professor Emerita Angela Davis. California State Senate Majority Leader Emeritus Bill Monning sent his congratulatory remarks via a letter read at the event.

Third District Supervisor of Santa Cruz County Ryan Coonerty declared October 20th to be “Dolores Huerta Day” in the County of Santa Cruz, and Mayor Sonja Brunner awarded Huerta a key to the City of Santa Cruz and issued a proclamation.
celebrating the center’s 30th anniversary. California State Senator John Laird presented a joint resolution with Assemblymember Mark Stone and Assemblymember Robert Rivas, recognizing both Huerta and the research center.

Community organizer Cristina Jiménez was the ideal first speaker in the newly renamed Huerta Center. As the co-founder and former Executive Director of United We Dream, the largest immigrant youth-led organization in the country, Jiménez was instrumental in a successful campaign for President Obama to sign Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). Grupo Folklórico Los Mejicas gave a special closing dance performance after Jiménez’s keynote address. Then the dancing continued with the attendees, including Dolores!

Thank you for joining us and feel free to look through the program and photos!

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 26, 2023
Peter Bratt, an award-winning screenwriter, producer, and independent filmmaker, and a long-time supporter of the Huerta Center, is the recipient of the Division of Social Sciences alumni award. Peter's films seek to open up critical dialogues about representation and community, and explore the complex terrain of race, gender, and sexuality. His acclaimed films include “Dolores,” “La Mission,” and “Follow Me Home.” Peter will be honored at a public event on April 26, 2023 at the Del Mar Theater, which will include showing the documentary “Dolores.” We hope to see you there!
SUPPORT OUR WORK

The Dolores Huerta 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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