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NOVEMBER 3, 2017 | COB 2 | 9AM-9PM

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MESOAMERICANS IN CALIFORNIA:
IMMIGRANTS' RESISTANCE,
SOCIAL MOVEMENTS, RIGHTS, AND MEMORY

KEYNOTES:
VERONICA TERRIQUEZ, IRIS MONTERO, CHARLES R. HALE

Free event, registration required
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KEYNOTE



Veronica Terriquez received her Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California Los Angeles, her M.A. in Education at the University of California Berkeley, and her B.A. in Sociology at Harvard University. Her research examines how individuals' demographic characteristics – as well as their

ties to civic organizations, schools, and other institutions – reproduce or challenge patterns of social inequality. Much of her research has implications for policies affecting low-income, immigrant, and Latino communities. Dr. Terriquez has prior experience working as a community organizer and volunteer for various education reform, immigrant rights, labor rights, and racial justice efforts. She is the principal investigator of the *California Young Adult Study* and the *Youth Leadership and Health Study*. She has published "Intersectional Mobilization, Social Movement Spillover, and Queer Youth Leadership in the Immigrant Rights Movement." (2015; *Social Problems*); "Training Young Activists: Grassroots Organizing and Youths' Civic and Political Trajectories." (2015; *Sociological Perspectives*); "Intergenerational Family Relations, Civic Organizations, and the Political Socialization of Second Generation Immigrant Youth" (2014; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*); and "Trapped in the Working Class?: Prospects for the Intergenerational (Im) mobility of Latino Youth" (2014; *Sociological Inquiry*) as her latest major journal articles.

KEYNOTE



Charles R. Hale holds a joint appointment as Professor in the departments of African and African Diaspora Studies (AADS), and Anthropology at The University of Texas at Austin. From 2009 to 2011, he served as Director of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies (LLILAS). Since 2011 he has served as Director of LLILAS Benson Latin American Studies and Collections, a partnership between LLILAS and the world-renowned Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection. Professor Hale's scholarly interests include identity politics, racism, neoliberalism, and resistance among indigenous peoples of Latin America. He is author of: *Resistance and Contradiction: Miskitu Indians and the Nicaraguan State, 1894-1987* (Stanford, 1994), and "Más que un indio ..." *Racial Ambivalence and Neoliberal Multiculturalism in Guatemala* (SAR, 2006). He is co-editor (with Darío Euraque and Jeffrey Gould) of *Memorias del mestizaje: Cultura política en Centroamérica, 1920 al presente* (CIRMA, 2004); editor of *Engaging Contradictions: Theory, Politics, and Methods of Activist Scholarship* (UC Press, 2008); and author of numerous articles in his areas of interest. He was president of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) from April 2006 through October 2007.

KEYNOTE

4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

COB 2 392

CHARLES R. HALE

University of Texas at Austin

“Rethinking (again and again) Latin American Studies: Three Keys to the Field’s Vibrancy and Two Dangers on the Horizon.”

DINNER

6:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Dance Performance
Calpulli Coatlicue

California Room

6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Dinner
J&R Tacos, Merced, CA

California Room

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Music Performance
Mariachi Fiesta en Jalisco

California Room

KEYNOTE

Iris Montero currently teaches in the Science and Technology Studies Program at Brown University. She is a historian of early modern science and medicine working on European, Latin American and indigenous traditions of natural knowledge production. She received her Ph.D. in the History and Philosophy of Science from the University of Cambridge, where she was the first Mexican recipient of a Gates Scholarship for doctoral work in the humanities.



Her current book project focuses on the hummingbird as an object of scholarly inquiry across an array of fields, including the history of science, archaeology, anthropology, art history and environmental history. She has taught previously at the Institute of Philosophical Research (UNAM) in Mexico City. She has just published the book chapter “The Slow Science of Swift Nature: Hummingbirds and Humans in New Spain” in Patrick Manning and Daniel Rood’s edited volume *Global Scientific Practice in an Age of Revolutions, 1750–1850* (2016), and is preparing a book.

PROGRAM

OPENING WORDS

09:00 am - 09:15 am COB 2 392

Paul Almeida UC Merced - Sociology

Arturo Arias UC Merced - Interdisciplinary Humanities

KEYNOTE

09:15 am - 10:30 am COB 2 392

VERONICA TERRIQUEZ

UC Santa Cruz

"Building Power and Fighting for Social Transformation: Contemporary Youth Movements in California."

COFFEE BREAK

10:30 am - 10:45 am COB 2 190

PANEL 8

LEGAL AND POLITICAL DYNAMICS

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm KL 397

Moderator: Yolanda Pineda-Vargas, UC Merced

1. "Gonzalez Vs. Douglas."
Christina Acosta
UC Merced - Sociology
2. "Unwanted Reality: The Role of Social, Human and Psychological Capital in the Labor Market Reintegration of Dominican Deportees."
Yajaira Ceciliano
UC Merced - Sociology
3. "The Practice of Hospitality."
Katherine Kunz
University of Basel, Switzerland - Theology

COFFEE BREAK

4:15 pm - 4:30 pm COB 2 190

PANEL 7

FROM MACRO STRUCTURES TO EVERYDAY EXPERIENCES

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

COB 2 290

Moderator: Patricia Vergara, UC Merced

1. "Legal Brokers: Navigating Illegality in Undocumented Families."
Vanessa Delgado
UC Irvine - Sociology
2. "La Guerra en El Valle: State Sanctioned Violence and Latina's Experiences Living in a Mixed Status Family in California's Central Valley"
Jennifer Morales
CSU Stanislaus - Social Work
3. "Planning Poverty: Agricultural Production Relations and Urban Growth Machines in California."
Charlie Eaton
UC Merced - Sociology

PANEL 1

INDIGENOUS and LATINX HEALTH

10:45 am - Noon

COB 2 392

Moderator: Whitney Pirtle, UC Merced

1. "The Vitamin Project: Keeping Indigenous Groups Healthy."
Epiphaneia Juarez
UC Merced - Natural Sciences
2. "Differences in Smoking Between Mexicans and Non-Hispanic Whites in the United States and California."
Mariaelena Gonzalez and Kesia Garibay
UC Merced - Public Health



PANEL 2

COMMUNITY TESTIMONY and RESISTANCE

10:45 am - Noon

COB 2 390

Moderator: Dalia Magaña, UC Merced

1. “A Mexican Nightmare: Otomí People, Ecotourism, and Multiple Layers of Coloniality.”
Ariana Cruz-Araiza
CSU Stanislaus - Ethnic Studies
2. “Resistir Para Existir: ‘Giving Power Back to the Community.’”
Luis Higinio
UC Riverside - Sociology
3. “Oral History of Parents’ Immigration Experiences.”
Planada Elementary School, 5th Grade Class
Planada, CA

PANEL 6

INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGES and CULTURES

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

COB 2 390

Moderator: Robin Delugan, UC Merced

1. “Memories of Resistance: Indigenous Knowledge in Images and Words.”
Maria Elena Arias Zelidon
UC Merced - Interdisciplinary Humanities
2. “Mayan Life Through Mayan Eyes: *Danzas de la Noche*.”
Ekta Kandhway
UC Merced - Interdisciplinary Humanities
3. “Strength-Based Interaction Rituals: The Impact of Sweat Lodges on Mexican American Well-being.”
Alejandro Zermeno
UC Merced - Sociology
4. “Forged or Found: Examining Mexico’s Indigenous Past for Present Identities in Plays by Teatro Campesino and Sna Jtz’ibajom.”
Sean Sell
UC Davis - Comparative Literature

PANEL 5

IMMIGRANT LIVES and FAMILIES

3:00 pm - 4:15 pm

COB 2 392

Moderator: San Juanita Garcia, UC Riverside

1. "Ixil Migration to the United States: Historical Displacements, *Tichajil* and Violence."
Gio B'atz'
Miami University of Ohio - Anthropology and Global and Intercultural Studies
2. "Floods, Streams, and Trickle: How Magnitude in Metaphor Influences Attitudes about Immigration."
Karie Moorman and Teenie Matlock
UC Merced - Cognitive Science
3. "The Collateral Consequences of Mass Deportation: A Qualitative Study of the Family Members of Deportees in the Central Valley."
Tanya Golash-Boza
UC Merced - Sociology

PANEL 3

IMMIGRANT SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

10:45 am - Noon

COB 2 290

Moderator: Paul Almeida, UC Merced

1. "Mesoamericans in California: Immigrants' Resistance, Social Movements, Rights, and Memory."
Jesse Diaz
La Sierra College
2. "Reconstructing the Immigrants' Rights Movement of 2006 Across the Central Valley of California."
Rocio Murillo, Valezka Murillo, Karen Gomez
UC Merced - Sociology
3. "Immigrant Social Movements: Variations in Local Level Campaigns."
Maria Mora
UC Merced - Sociology

PANEL 4

SURVIVAL and DECOLONIAL STRUGGLES

10:45 am - Noon

COB 2 264

Moderator: Nancy Burke, UC Merced

1. “La Poesía de Fredy Chikangana: Indigeneidad, Resistencia y Propuestas.”
Mabel Bowser
UC Merced - Interdisciplinary Humanities
2. “‘Todos Nacimos Medio Muertos’: Bearing Witness to 1932 in the Generation of Postmemory.”
Danielle Bermúdez
UC Merced - Interdisciplinary Humanities
3. “The War in the Valley: Farm Labor Organizing in a Hostile Anti-Union Environment.”
Rodolfo Rodriguez
UC Merced - Sociology
4. “‘No Seas Terrorista, India Puta!’ Resistance, Survival, and Technologies of Terror in 1980s El Salvador.”
Violet Barton
UC Merced - Interdisciplinary Humanities

LUNCH

Noon - 1:30 pm

COB 2 190

J&R Tacos, Merced CA

KEYNOTE

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

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IRIS MONTERO

Brown University

“One Pair of Sandals to Go and Another to Return’: of Hummingbird Cycles and Circular Histories in Mesoamerica.”

COFFEE BREAK

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

COB 2 190