



EVENTS ARCHIVE: JANUARY 2012 - DECEMBER 2012

“Book Talk: ‘¡Chicana Power! Contested Histories of Feminism in the Chicano Movement’”

January 26, 2012

Assistant Professor of Chicana/o Studies at UCLA, Maylei Blackwell shared her latest book: The first book-length study of women’s involvement in the Chicano Movement of the late 1960s and 1970s. Special guest Anna Nieto Gómez, one of the Chicana activists featured in Dr. Blackwell’s book, was also present to meet students and answer questions.

“The Affordable Care Act and the Latino Community: How Health Reform will Impact the Health and Well-Being of Latino Families”

March 13, 2012

Mayra E. Alvarez is the Director of Public Health Policy in the Office of Health Reform at the Department of Health and Human Services, where she has primary oversight responsibility for coordinated and timely implementation of the public health, prevention, and healthcare workforce policy provisions in the Affordable Care Act. Co-sponsored with Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest.

“Indigenous Bilingual Education in Mexico - A Case of Bottom-Up Planning and Implementation”

March 14, 2012

Rainer Enrique Hamel is a 2011-2012 Visiting Scholar at USMEX and Professor of Linguistics in the Department of Anthropology, Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM), in Mexico City. Over more than 30 years, he has been doing research on language shift, indigenous bilingual education and language policy in Mexico and in other Latin American countries.

“Bandits, Millenarians, Folk Saints, and Sharpers: Conference in Honor of Paul Vanderwood”

April 13, 2012

Paul J. Vanderwood (1929-2011) was a prolific and internationally recognized historian of modern Mexico who taught for his entire academic career at San Diego State University. The purpose of this one-day conference was as much to analyze Paul Vanderwood’s major works as it was to render a valedictory to a fine historian.

“Indigenous Justice Faces the State”

April 18, 2012

María Teresa Sierra is a 2011-2012 Visiting Fellow at USMEX and Professor at the Center for Advanced Studies and Research in Social Anthropology (CIESAS) in Mexico City. Her research is on the role of indigenous women facing justice and community security in the same area in Guerrero.

“Mexico Moving Forward: Charting a Path to Prosperity”

May 3, 2012

Participants at this daylong symposium had the chance to engage with prominent scholars addressing issues focused on the economic prosperity of Mexico and the key determinants to achieve success: education, regulation and competition, and social protection.

“Mexico 2012 Election Outlook”

May 9, 2012

Ricardo Raphael is a journalist and political analyst for the news program Enfoque and Proyecto 40. He is also a professor at CIDE (Mexico City) in the Division of Public Administration and coordinator of the Journalism and Public Affairs programs at the same institution.

“Decolonization and Indigenous Resistance in Transnational Mexico”

May 11, 2012

This bilingual event brought together leading U.S. and Mexican intellectuals and activists to think about the ways that historical and contemporary processes of indigenous resistance and decolonization are in conversation with one another.



[“Living in Fear: Mapping the Social Embeddedness of Drug Gangs and Violence in Mexico”](#)

May 23, 2012

Alberto Díaz-Cayeros is Associate Professor at IR/PS and Director of USMEX. His research interests include poverty, development, federalism, clientelism, and patronage.

[“Unintended Outcomes of Adaptation to Climate Variability”](#)

June 6, 2012

Claudia Rodríguez-Solórzano is a 2011-2012 Visiting Fellow at USMEX. She has received fellowships from University of Michigan and the U.S. National Science Foundation for her research in transboundary protected areas in Mexico, Guatemala, and across the Americas.

[“Wayne Cornelius Festschrift”](#)

October 17, 2012

This conference was organized as an informal gathering of friends, mentors, students and scholars who have been marked by the contributions of Wayne Cornelius’ work. It was an opportunity to share with Wayne some of our work and reflections, and to collectively critique and learn from each other.

[“Mexico 2012 Elections Panel”](#)

October 18, 2012

Panelists Alberto Díaz-Cayeros, Director of USMEX, Federico Estévez, Professor of Political Science at ITAM, and Jeffrey Weldon, Professor of Political Science at ITAM provided their unique perspectives on the elections as well as the implications for domestic politics and U.S.-Mexican relations.

[“Legislatures in Mexico and the Americas”](#)

October 18, 2012

Researchers and participants came together to discuss the comparative studies of legislatures in the Americas as well as specifically, the legislature in Mexico. Co-sponsored with The Mexican Association of Parliamentary Studies.

[“Tijuana Innovadora 2012”](#)

October 20, 2012

USEMX organized a trip to Tijuana Innovadora where UCSD students, faculty and staff experienced Tijuana through this unique event. The day’s highlights included a tour of the Cultural Center of Tijuana (CECUT) and attendance to a keynote talk by Blake Mycoskie, founder of TOMS Shoes.

[“Strengthening State Capabilities: The Role of Financial Incentives in the Call to Public Service”](#)

October 25, 2012

Ernesto Dal Bó is a political economist with a DPhil in Economics from Oxford, and currently a joint appointment in the business school and the political science department at Berkeley. Recent research includes work (both theoretical and experimental) on morality, on faith, and on the strengthening of government capabilities. Co-sponsored with the UC San Diego Department of Political Science, and part of the Political Science Comparative Politics Speaker Series.

[“Nortec Collective + Iron Fist”](#)

October 25, 2012

In conjunction with UC San Diego ArtPower, USMEX invited guests to the screening of “The Iron Fist,” a film by director Gabriel García Morena’s 1927 tale of a young couple. In this version of the film, Tijuana-based electronica specialists Nortec Collective retooled the soundtrack by blending traditional Mexican music with contemporary beats. Co-sponsored with ArtPower and the UC San Diego Graduate Student Association.

[“3rd International Conference on Poverty, Migration and Development”](#)

October 29-31, 2012

USMEX participated in the 3rd International Conference on Poverty, Migration and Development put together by the Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas. On Wednesday, October 31, Director Alberto Díaz-Cayeros gave a keynote presentation on the Atlas of Governance of Public Health in Mexico.



“Mujeres de Juarez”

November 8, 2012

Nina Lozano Reich, Professor of Communication Studies at LMU, shared her research on the discursive and visual strategies of the mothers of the disappeared within the context of the on-going femicide in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Co-Sponsored with the Chicano/a-Latino/a Arts & Humanities Program.

“The Future of the #YoSoy132 Movement”

November 15, 2012

#Yo Soy 132' is a student movement that began during this year's Mexican presidential election. This event brought together members of the movement from universities in Mexico City, Tijuana and San Diego to discuss where it is now and what role it will play in the future. Co-sponsored with #YoSoy132 San Diego.

“The Human Development Index for Mexican Migrants to the United States”

December 5, 2012

Rodolfo de la Torre Garcia is currently General Coordinator at the Human Development Research Office (HDRO) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Mexico. He leads the Mexican working group on topics related to poverty and inequality of the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank, and the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association.