

School of Social Sciences



DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS TODAY

Department of Chicano/Latino Studies

The **DEPARTMENT OF CHICANO/LATINO STUDIES** prepares students to function productively in a multiracial and multicultural society.

In the tradition of promoting a critical and interdisciplinary understanding of the histories, politics, social structure and cultures of Chicanos (U.S. residents of Mexican descent or ancestry), Puerto Ricans, Central Americans, South Americans and Caribbean peoples of the United States, the School has recruited nationally recognized scholars with research interests ranging from history and language to sociology, politics, anthropology and public policy. Currently, there are ten core faculty with full or partial appointments in the newly created Department. Within the last two years, this group of scholars have published seven books and dozens of scholarly articles and book chapters; presented at major international conferences; and have been prominently featured as experts on national television programs and in newspapers.

Other Department honors include:

- Cynthia Feliciano, Assistant Professor, has been named a 2007-08 National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow.
- Alejandro Morales, Professor, received the 2007 Luis Leal Award for Distinction in Chicano/Latino Literature;
- Deborah Vargas, Assistant Professor, was named a John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation 2007 Faculty Fellow and was a recipient of the 2007-08 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship.

Educating for Excellence and Innovation

Chicano/Latino Studies undergraduates are repeatedly recognized for their academic excellence and service to the campus and community. A number of students complete honors theses each year. Graduates go on to top tier graduate and professional schools across the nation, while others pursue careers in business, education, journalism, and social services.

The newly created Department anticipates continued growth in student enrollments.

Investing in People

To recruit and retain top scholars and facilitate excellence and growth within our academic programs, we need your investment.

- Undergraduate Research Award: \$1,500-\$5,000
- Undergraduate Paper Prize: \$2,500
- Endowed Undergraduate Scholarship: \$125,000
- Endowed Graduate Fellowship: \$250,000
- Chicano/Latino Studies Lectureship: \$15,000
- Endowed Chair: Beginning at \$1M

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