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MALCS NOTICIAS

Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social

Newsletter: April 2007

Dear Collegas,

The executive committee of MALCS visited Minnesota and met with the site committee and we are thrilled to have MALCS again in the Midwest. One of the questions, the executive committee gets asked frequently is why Minnesota. Is there a significant population of Chicana/Latina/Indigenous women? Absolutely! We have a strong population of mujeres activas working toward social reform and academia. The University of Minnesota established the first Chicano Studies department in 1971. Also, the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered Archives houses the largest Latino GLBT collection. We met with 16 indigenous, Latina, and Chicana women on Friday and they are working hard to host you this August.

Here's a message from the Minnesota mujeres:

¡Vamos p'al norte!

This year, MALCS will be venturing outside its usual comfort zone. The conference is not going to be held in California or the Southwest, but in Minnesota, of course! Yah, sure you betcha! You'll have a swell time, we promise.

The Twin Cities has a lot to offer visitors. Activities are abundant, and the area is alive with numerous attractions including theaters, museums, and an exciting night life. This includes the opening of Pi, a new bar/restaurant/nightclub by and for queer women with a political conscience and a postmodern sensibility. For those who like to venture outdoors, the natural splendor of Minnesota beckons with the grand Mississippi River which intersects the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis campus. Though we have a reputation for being the icebox of the nation, August is almost tropical with warm days and cooling nights that make outdoor activities very enjoyable.

Twin Cities dining is diverse and vegetarian/vegan-friendly. Shopping in Minneapolis is diverse as well, with centers like Midtown Global Exchange and Mercado Central that offer a broad range of foods, reflecting the emerging multicultural face of Minneapolis. Minneapolis also provides fresh, local, and organic produce at the Minneapolis Farmer's Market, natural food co-ops, and health food stores. The White Earth Land Recovery Project founded by Winona LaDuke includes Native Harvest, a production project that sells a selection of wild rice, maple syrup, hominy, and jellies at most Twin Cities co-ops.

The actual site of the conference will be held at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus. The University is a space rich in Chicana/o-Latina/o activism on campus. Formed in response to the demands of Chicana/o student activists, the U's Department of Chicano Studies was the first in the Midwest, and began accepting students into the major in Fall of 1972. Though this was a collective action, the Minnesota students called themselves the Latin Liberation Front and were led by Ramona Arreguin de Rosales, who is still an activist leader in the community and the current director of Academia César Chávez, a charter school in St. Paul. For more info on this history please visit <http://chicano.umn.edu/about.htm> The lucha for access to education continues to this day, with strong efforts from U students and allies to provide in-state tuition for undocumented youth through a bill called the MN Dream Act.

This is a unique opportunity to immerse yourselves in the Midwest. Come visit Minnesota for this historic MALCS conference! Attend some great sessions, take advantage of the more than 6000 acres of parkland in the metropolitan area, and enjoy some tasty cuisine.

Adelante,

Lupe Gallegos-Diaz, Adriana Ayala, Minnesota Site Committee

CALL FOR PAPERS

2007 MALCS Summer Institute
University of Minnesota
St. Paul Campus
August 2–4, 2007

Among Women, Between Nations

Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS, Women Active in Letters and Social Change) is an organization of Chicanas/ Latinas and Native American women working in academia and in community settings with a common goal: to work toward the support, education and dissemination of Chicana/Latina and Native American women's issues. We gather yearly at the Summer Institute to network, share information, offer support and re-energize.

The theme of this year's Institute, "Among Women, Between Nations," symbolizes both the intimacy and the sociopolitical complexity of our identities, relationships, and affiliations—between spaces and across borders. We hope to examine our commonalities as well as the things that separate us. We will make a conscious effort to address issues particular to indigenous women's communities, as well as the transnational realities of Chicana/Latina lives.

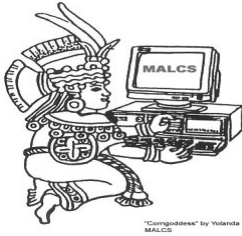
The 2007 MALCS Summer Institute site committee is currently seeking submissions for scholarly papers, panels proposals, workshops, roundtables, intimate circles, etc. for the 2007 Summer Institute at the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus August 2-4. Paper topics may include: Chicana/Latina feminisms, transnational feminisms, indigenous women, transnational migration, literary theory, afro-latinidades, the legal justice system, activist scholarship, community activism, sovereignty, political and gender-based violence, health, science studies, creative writing, poetry/performance, visual cultures, coalitions between women of color, media and visual culture, land issues, etc.

Workshop topics might include: getting into graduate school, how to set up a MALCS chapter, going on the job market, MALCS for Beginners, Tips for Tenure, Professional Development for undergrads (Research, writing a c.v., letters of rec), Balancing activism & scholarship.

This list of themes suggests a wide array of topics. However, it is not meant to be exhaustive nor limiting in its scope. Submissions from all disciplines, activist and community organizations are encouraged. Abstracts or descriptions of no more than 250 words, should be accompanied by: 1) the TITLE of the paper, panel, roundtable, workshop or other presentation; 2) NAME(S) of all presenters or facilitators & their academic/institutional/organizational or community affiliations; 3) EMAIL address and any other relevant contact information.

Deadline for submission: April 30, 2007

Send to: malcs2007@umn.edu Or: Dr. Edén Torres, 425 Ford Hall 224 Church St SE Mpls., MN 55455; torre007@umn.edu



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2006-2007 MALCS MEMBERSHIP FORM

MALCS membership lasts from August to August, usually collected at the Chicano/Latina Summer Research Institute. Memberships are accepted year round, but those received after June 30th will be members for the following year. Your membership includes: a bi-national MALCS Newsletter; inclusion on our list serve; receive the annual Chicana/Latina Studies: Journal of MALCS Visit us at: <http://malcs.net>

Last name: _____ First name: _____

Preferred mailing address: _____

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Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____

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University Affiliation: _____ Discipline: _____

Please indicate your category and the amount paid below:

Membership Types (check one):

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Undergraduate: _____	Under \$20,000.....\$25.00	_____
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Community Partner	\$65,000-74,999.....\$75.00	_____
	\$75,000-99,999.....\$85.00	_____
	\$100,000-over.....\$100.00	_____

Institutional Membership: \$500.00 _____ (includes annual journal)

Donations of any amount welcomed to:

MALCS Journal: \$ _____

Summer Research Institute: \$ _____

Endowment Trust Fund for Archives: _____

General Fund: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: MALCS

TOTAL: _____

Mail form and check to the following address:

MALCS / ATTN: Lupe Gallegos / 1918 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94704

Checks are sent to the Treasurer of MALCS, Lupe Gallegos (lupeg@berkeley.edu) and then your membership information will be directed to the Membership Coordinator and Journal Editor.

Questions? (510) 926-4021.

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Chicana/Latina Studies

THE JOURNAL OF MUJERES ACTIVAS EN LETRAS Y CAMBIO SOCIAL*

Chicana/Latina Studies: the Journal of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social is an interdisciplinary, peer reviewed, bi-annual publication of Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social (MALCS). This feminist Chicana/Latina/Native academic organization is dedicated to building bridges between community and university settings, transforming higher education, and promoting new paradigms and methods. As the publication of a diverse association that aims to provide space for those historically marginalized, the Journal publishes academic and creative works by Chicanas/Latinas of the Americas and is receptive to all scholarly methods and theoretical perspectives that examine, describe, analyze, or interpret our experiences. The Journal welcomes English or Spanish submissions of scholarship, commentary, reviews, and creative writing.

Based on the mission of MALCS, the Journal fosters mentorship relations in order to transform higher education. Submission of a manuscript to the Journal is taken to indicate the author's commitment to publish in this journal. The Journal has a commitment to assist authors in publication. While primarily an academic Journal, the co-Editors encourage submissions in a style accessible to a broad audience. The Journal urges its contributors to be sensitive to the social implications of language and to seek wording free of discriminatory overtones.

Chicana/Latina Studies is generously supported by Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.

Journal correspondence should be addressed to:

For creative writing & commentary: Dr. Tiffany AnaLópez, tiffany.lopez@ucr.edu

For articles & occasional sections: Dr. Karen Mary Davalos, kdavalos@lmu.edu, Tel: 310-338-5750

For Book Reviews: Dr. Deborah Vargas, vargasd@uci.edu, Tel: 949-824-3857

INTERESTED IN HOUSING THE MALCS JOURNAL?

We are looking for a new campus to house our MALCS journal starting in 2009. If your campus is interested, please submit a short and simple proposal that focuses on the following areas:
Vision and goals; Budget/space; Institutional support for 5 years; Latina colectiva, Include curriculum vita; and Contact information.

Journal Proposal deadline

-June 30, 2007	Submit proposal
-August 2-4, 2007	CC reviews proposals and makes recommendation
-October 2007	Site visit.

Submit the proposal to Adriana Ayala: aayala@nhu.edu

If you would like to know more details about hosting the MALCS journal contact Dr. Karen Mary Davalos, kdavalos@lmu.edu, Tel: 310-338-5750

MINUTES
MALCS 2006 Summer Institute
University of California, Santa Cruz
August 2-5, 2006

Business Meeting I

Wednesday, August 2, 2006

5:00-6:00 pm

Go Around: Attendance

Discussion on Saturday's General Business Agenda

Proposed Agenda

 Welcome

 Chairs Report

 Updates

 Elections

 2007 Institute

Two points need to be resolved before the General Business Meeting. Previously, Texas State, San Marcos was slated for 2007 conference, unable to carry out. Need to discuss with members if they would take responsibility for 2007. Several campuses suggested: UCLA>discuss with Maylei Blackwell (possibly to tie with celebration of MALCS archive housed there); University of Michigan>discuss with Maria Cotera;

Other business items reported since Mid-year meeting:

Website established

Have office, address and phone at Berkeley, through Greenlining Institute that will help with infrastructure

Role of MALCS and Journal:

Need to find a campus that will house the journal. Search now would allow campus two years to develop infrastructure, funding, office, etc. Need to solicit proposals for journal at a campus, contact administration, etc.

Plan was to a percentage of membership moneys from MALCS for journal: Lupe Gallegos-Diaz reported that there is \$20,000 plus that has not been transferred to the journal. Karen Mary Davalos reported that the journal collective is prepared to share the budget of the past to make budget projections. The journal will stay at Loyola Marymount University until 2009. Lupe G-D reported that \$12-15,000 is the cost per volume

Rusty noted that we need a two-year plan to prepare for the transfer

Chair, Adriana Ayala, asked if there were any commitments made.

Other items to raise at General Business Meeting:

Felicity Schaeffer-Grabiell, 2006 Institute Coordinator, to include that the issue of inclusion/exclusion on the agenda. Many young men of color, and other women of color have participated in the organizing, planning and work of the 2006 conference, as well as invitations to other women of color to participate. That a Site report be presented at GB meeting (attendance, registration, etc.). That Officers report be included on agenda

Clarification that Archivist/Historian is selected by the Chair.

Question raised regarding WINK who will be represented on the Executive Committee

Report from Susana Gallardo, Webjefa and Historian

Website running, and using only 1% of its capacity. The web workshops will offer pilot projects for web pages within the web link. Question raised whether the web would be able to link to members courses or members campus web site.

Question raised about group spaces for discussions.

Discussion on ways to invigorate MALCS and journal:

Propose a book prize for 1ST book or a Journal Essay prize

Chair, Adriana A., raised the need to revise bylaws, particularly the change from the representation by regions to chapters. Suggested that this could be moved to the Midyear Meeting. Karen D. to add the announcement of new co-editor

Lupe reported that there will be Treasurers Report, that a budget will be part of the Institutes; and that since MALCS is growing that there must be an audit of the books a year from now. She has contacted an accountant.

Saturday's General Business Agenda:

1. Officers' Reports:

 Treasurer, Membership, Journal, Chair

2. Website: Susana Gallardo

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3. Elections
 4. Discussion on Inclusion/Exclusion
 5. Site committee report
 6. Role of MALCS to journal (membership)
Prizes for first book and journal article.
- Business Meeting II
Thursday, August 3, 2006
Secretary not present to take minutes

General Business Meeting
Saturday, August 5, 2006

Welcome and thanks to UC Santa Cruz Site Committee for great institute
Thanks to NSF for Adelante conference

Officers' Reports

Chair, Adriana Ayala:

1. Referred to Executive Committee at Mid Year Meeting
Change of Bylaws (wording of regions must be changed to chapters). Draft will be sent to Executive Committee
2. Archives will be based at UCLA, appeal to all members to send archive material to Yolanda Retter (yretter@chicano.ucla.edu)
3. Chair sent a letter to UCLA President regarding alumni's who sponsored listing faculty who were progressive, or took an anti-war position.

Treasurer, Lupe Gallegos-Diaz:

\$4,413.83 for journal
\$16,318.91 general funds
Office Site: 1918 University Avenue, Attention Lupe Gallegos, Berkeley, CA. 94704
510-926-4021

Proposed the development of a working budget that will be circulated. \$1,000 will go for the next site committee for institute. Purchased computer and printer. \$500 will be for supplies and postage. Has contracted an accountant to examine and organize books. Proposes a professional audit since reaching a \$20,000 budget. Membership for June-July and Conference > 90 members total. Proposes that the office will push for renewing and building membership. Proposes that there be a database that can be accessed by officers.

Journal, Karen Mary Davalos:

Two issues before MALCS:

Tenure of the journal at LMU ends 2009, task in 2007 is to find a new home.

What does projection look like to have journal stand alone

Journal is based on membership, 60% of dues go to journal, to sustain journal, fiscal autonomy, would require for two issues a year, \$10,000 projected budget. Would need 666 members at \$25 membership (lowest rate). Or 240 members at \$70 rate to sustain journal. Volume 6 ready by October, Fall issue, and Vol 7 by spring. Maylei raised that the journal has to move beyond the membership. Need an infrastructure to have journal subscriptions on line. Find out what is fee for online subscription. Need bodies, labor and time for subscription (buildup). Or to market journal to libraries, non-members.

Susana Gallardo volunteered to look into online subscription. Ellie Hernandez raised that UC Santa Barbara is ready for the journal if MALCS wants. Asked about operation and costs. Adriana noted that Executive Committee had mentioned the possibility of UCSB, additional Josie Mendez-Negrete had mentioned UT San Antonio. Raised that this must be finalized by the midyear meeting.

Karen stated that she will work with the coordinating committee to develop costs and expanding the journal. Ellie asked what types of discussion were needed to proceed, and to be ready by the next meeting. Deb Vargas raised that she is in charge of the book review section, for members to see the website for submission guidelines. Antonia Castaneda raised that membership should advance journal, to ask libraries for subscriptions. Need our journal reviewed in the librarians journals that will help publicize the journal. Stacy Macias asked whether we should increase fees to sustain journal. Anita Revilla raised that different institutions may be able to purchase a subscription therefore costs will vary. It was noted that a fees increase should be discussed by the Executive Committee at the mid-year meeting.

Karen raised that the journal costs and the place for the journal are key questions before general membership. Ellie H. raised that we need to find creative ways to consider circulation, what is available and accessible, from libraries to use in class rooms. The dependence on dues can't sustain the journal. Also noted that the support from a research institution will

be important. Adriana asked that we continue discussion through the website. She congratulated the Editor and announced the new Co-editor.

Website, Susana Gallardo

The website is an independent website with subdomains. members@lists.malcs.net/public. Also, caucuses will be able to set up lists. Karen D announced that the old listserv should be archived

Site Committee Report, Felicity Schaeffer-Grabiel

\$22,00 raised for MALCS Institute, without expenses)

Aida Hurtado reported on the Adelante Conference that was dedicated to Chancellor Denton: \$78,000 was awarded by the NSF for the Adelante Conference. A percentage goes to UCSC, the institution that hosted the Adelante conference.

28-31 registered are students from community colleges, state colleges and advanced graduate.

The NSF officer visited the campus and Adelante conference, for a pre and post conference survey.

Announced that the publication of the life stories are available.

Felicity continued with reports on waivers for housing, registration for students and community members that attend MALCS institute. 161 were pre registered; with Adelante participants a total of 190. Thanks was noted for Alma Lopez who produced the artwork for the institute. Raised the discussion on inclusion/exclusion, the participation of many young men of color, as well as other women of color who participated in workshops, plenaries and other reports. The site committee received a number of proposals for participation; they were respecting the space of MALCS, yet wanted to participate. Asked where and when does this discussion take place in MALCS.

Lupe noted that MALCS continues to grow, drawing greater support from allies, and that there is a need to listen to membership, to discuss as well men and the MALCS space. Noted further that the discussion should be initiated and continue through the newsletter, allowing more members to respond.

Karen raised that the Journal has a double blind review as a way of intellectual accountability; The advisory Board pays attention to space and publishing, that there are many ways to consider the (participation of other women and men)

Rusty Barcelo raised that every 3-5 years MALCS has these discussions, and that we should review the Mission to guide the discussion. That the discussion changes, as in Women's studies, young women think differently about these spaces. We should consider what is it about the mission that we still embrace. Maylei Blackwell raised that we need to look at the bylaws. Karen D. raised that we voted on bylaw change, and that the discussion on ad hoc is up to date for review. Antonia C. asked for clarification that if the discussion is carried out on the website and newsletter then will this meeting vote on this. Lupe G-D noted that the dialogue would begin through these channels. Antonia C asked if the discussion occurs then will there be a vote by email. Adriana A. stated that the bylaws are being reviewed for the midyear meeting and the discussion and feedback will be accounted.

Deb V. stated that the discussion at the business meeting should be structured on the mission; and then returned to the plenary, presenting a historical perspective. Maylei B raised that the structure of the business meetings makes a process for recommendation, then asked if this means that the Executive committee or Chair will facilitate discussion. Lupe G-D recommended that the Chair present the discussion.

Representatives Update

1. Lesbian Caucus announced the MARCHA is being organized and will occur in L.A. or Santa Cruz. Will have a report in 6 months.

Vote in spirit of intent of support for the formation of the Marcha Lesbica

Representative will be Anayvette Martinez.

2. Native Caucus announced that this is the third year functioning within MALCS, and raised a problem with how presentations and sessions were organized on the same day.

Will be designing website, managed at UC Davis and will be linked to MALCS. Writing up the caucus's history, and presentation may be possibly an anthology

Representatives will be Irene Lara, Lulu Alberto

3. Undergraduates:

Karina Avalos and Rosie Bermudez are representatives

4. Graduates: no reports

Elections

The slate was proposed that Adriana remain chair and Felicity remain chair elect. Secretary, Keta ran again. Membership: Francisca Godinez. Treasurer: Lupe Gallegos-Diaz

At large Reps:

Jillian Baez, Anita Revilla, Esther Hernandez, Rosa Yadira Ortiz, Margarita Barcelo **Minutes August 2006**

Discussion on at large reps to explain that MALCS guarantees representation from members who are newer, those on the margins, as the Native, LBTQ and Afro Latina.

Discussion also raised how to have more equal representation (from regions??km) as well as addressing constituency, (where representative of the members to serve on committee??km)

Motion: To accept the slate. Unanimous

2007 Institute

That the executive committee work with people to host the next institute, within the next month we should have a site and site committee. Pursue UC Santa Barbara and start to work on journal proposal with Karen, Midwest, discuss with Rusty. Discuss with Alejandra and Lydia either ASU or UA. Rusty raised that if it is in Iowa or Minnesota, we should consider attendance since this affects the monies that are raised by the host site committee and there is low attendance.

Proposed sites:

Utah 2009 or 2010

Texas > date not set yet

UCLA 2008

Resolution:

Ask MALCS for a public statement to denounce the current wave of gendered and civil forms of violence and oppression regarding amnesty legislation towards women's rights and immigration

Accept spirit of motion as action item, to Executive Committee.

RESOLUTION:

MALCS, as the organization that promotes, encourages, and nurtures the work and activism of Chicanas, Latinas, and Native Women denounces the current wave of anti-Mexican, anti-immigrant, xenophobic legislation and cultural terrorism.

Throughout the public debates on immigration reform the gendered realities of women immigrants are absent.

We, as MALCS, call for and support amnesty, legislation that assures the civil, human, and gender rights of women, who are often the targets of gender-specific forms of violence and oppression.

Be it hereby it hereby resolved that MALCS will write a public statement to denounce and take a public stance in favor of amnesty legislation, that assures and protects women's civil, human, and gender rights.

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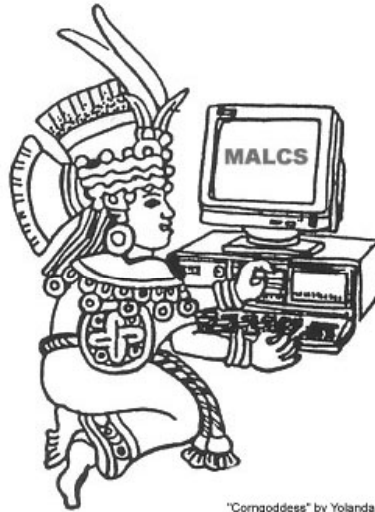
SAVE THE DATE
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We look forward to seeing you there!
Come to the Midwest and bring a group of Chicanas/Latinas/Indigenous women to the institute.
(More information forthcoming)

MALCS Mission Statement

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MALCS Declaration



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We are the daughters of Chicano working class families involved in higher education. We were raised in labor camps and barrios, where sharing our resources was the basis of survival. Our values, our strength, derive from where we came. Our history is the story of working class people—their struggles, commitments, strengths and the Chicano/Mexicano experience in the United States. We are particularly concerned with the conditions women face at work, in and out of the home. We continue our mothers' struggle for economic and social justice.

The scarcity of Chicanas in institutions of higher education requires that we join together to identify our common problems, to support each other and to define collective solutions. Our purpose is to fight the race, class and gender oppression we have experienced in the universities. Further, we reject the separation of academic scholarship and community involvement. Our research strives to bridge the gap between intellectual work and active commitment to our communities. We draw upon a tradition of political struggle. We see ourselves developing strategies for social change—a change emanating from our communities. We declare the commitment to seek social, economic and political change throughout our work and collective action. We welcome Chicanas who share these goals and invite them to join us. (June, 1983)