

# MALCS NOTICIAS

## *Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social*

Newsletter: February 2006

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the 2005 MALCS Institute Site Planning Committee, we would like to thank those of you who participated in the 2005 MALCS Summer Institute at the University of California at Berkeley. Last year's theme "Sabiduria y Accion: La Fuerza De Las Mujeres" acknowledged Chicanas, Latinas, and Native American women working in academic and community throughout the U.S. Borderlands. We recognize the work that women have done in the past in sharing their intellectual and spiritual growth with the next generation of mujeres in the struggle for social change and justice. Today's social and political landscape reminds us that we must constantly remain vigilant in our struggle to seek social justice and equity.

Again, thanks for your support toward making this a success. We will see you at the 2006 MALCS Institute at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

*Adelante,*

Co-Chairs: Lupe Gallegos-Diaz, Cristina Perez, and Adriana Ayala

### **MALCS 2005 UC Berkeley Site Committee Co-Chair Report:**

The 2005 MALCS Summer Institute and Conference held in Berkeley last year was an outstanding success and on behalf of the local site committee, and here is the following report:

The registered attendance was approximately **171** (55 pre-registered and 116 registered on-site). Approximately 75 participants joined our MALCS membership family at the conference. There were approximately 20 volunteers who participated.

#### **Summary of Conference Sessions/Participants:**

- ❖ 2 special events: 1 showcased Ana Castillo's new play "Psst.... I have something to tell you, mi amor." The second was a Banquet/Cultural Night that showcased several authors' work and celebrated the achievements of Concha Salcedo, Betita Martinez, and Norma Alracon.
- ❖ 3 plenary sessions focused on three distinct themes identified by MALCS 2005.
- ❖ 11 workshops followed the MALCS guidelines provide workshops on topics such as the Graduate & Job Market Mentoring Process, Tenure and Promotion and Leadership in Higher Education offering many opportunities for professional development and community activism.
- ❖ 18 panels comprised the bulk of the meeting, with the presentation of scholarly research papers.

## Reflexión: Summer Institute 2005

My experience at the last Summer institute can be summed up in one word, EMPOWERMENT! Through my participation at the Summer Institute, and my activism within our chapter at UCLA, I truly believe that I have found myself. MALCS has strengthened my resolve to continue my education, and give back to my community. Viva La Mujer! -*Rosie Bermudez*, University of California Los Angeles, Undergraduate



Mujeres in attendance: UCLA Mujeres

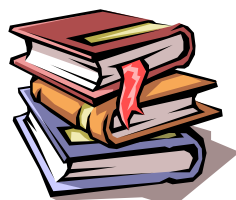


Rusty Barcelo



Felicity Schaffer-Gabriel

MALCS Institute 2005 was my first institute. I was interested in what the women had to say and in knowing what the group was about. In retrospect, all the educated and inspirational women at this event enlightened me with their pursuits, their questions: their knowledge. As I walked amongst you all I was so amazed that there so many driven women in one comfortable place to exchange ideas. At most, I appreciated that the women were so open to share about their experiences as educators, professionals, and as students because at heart it was these stories that gave me a better sense about where you come from. -*Karina Avalos*, National Hispanic University, Undergraduate



### **MALCS Papers Located at the University of California at Los Angeles**

If you have any MALCS documents, we want them archived. Yolanda Retter Vargas, the MALCS archivist, wants your papers and files. If you were or are a MALCS Board member and have files or papers related to MALCS, she would like to hear from you. She would be happy to integrate your files into the MALCS archive.

Contact: [yretter@chicano.ucla.edu](mailto:yretter@chicano.ucla.edu)

## **Attention Mujeres!!**

Join our MALCS membership! As a MALCS member, you are eligible for a registration discount at the summer institute and you receive our journal. If you have questions about membership, email MALCS Treasurer Lupe Gallegos-Diaz at [lupeg@berkeley.edu](mailto:lupeg@berkeley.edu), or Membership Coordinator Francisca Godinez at [thoughtwoman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thoughtwoman@sbcglobal.net) or go to <http://malcs.net/membership.htm> for the membership form.

*Membership form also on page 6*

## 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, to transforming higher education, and to 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.

**Currently reviewing submissions for vol. 7 to be published in Fall 2007 & Spring 2008**

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

Journal correspondence should be addressed to:

For creative writing & commentary: Dr. Alicia Partnoy, [apartnoy@lmu.edu](mailto:apartnoy@lmu.edu) Tel: 310-338-3011

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For Book Reviews: Dr. Deborah Vargas, [vargasd@ici.edu](mailto:vargasd@ici.edu) Tel: 949-824-3857

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS: <http://malcs.net/instructions.htm>**

## Word from the Web Jefa

At the midyear meeting, we voted to establish our own MALCS web space at a commercial server. This makes us independent of our former space at [www.chicanas.com](http://www.chicanas.com), so that our new address is simply: **\*<http://malcs.net>\***

The website includes membership info, current officers, history, bylaws, and mission statements. It also houses our journal, Chicana/Latina Studies; the yearly Summer Institute website with all program/housing/etc. info; and a small archive of past MALCS websites.

The site is updated regularly, so check it out! Remember: **\*<http://malcs.net>\***  
We are also updating the email list, so if you're NOT receiving email from MALCS, please drop us a line at [que@malcs.net](mailto:que@malcs.net).  
–Susana Gallardo

# Call for Papers:

**MALCS Summer Institute: UC Santa Cruz, August 3-5<sup>th</sup>**

“Transfronteras- Generations and Geographies: *Activistas en la Lucha*”

Keynote: Yvonne Yarbro-Berjerano

Plenaries: Transnational Sexualities/Afrolatinidades

**DEADLINE: Postmarked by April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Please send your submissions electronically to: [malcs\\_ucsc@yahoo.com](mailto:malcs_ucsc@yahoo.com)

Send hardcopies to:

Chicana/o Latina/o Research Center (ATTN: MALCS 2006)

Merrill Faculty Services

1156 High Street

Santa Cruz, CA 95064

## Suggestions for submissions:

Prisons

Activist Scholarship

Political and Gender-based Violence

Transnational Feminisms

(Transnational) Migration

Health

Afrolatinidades

Science Studies

Creative Writing

Poetry/Performance

Visual Cultures

Coalitions with Women of Color

Media and Visual Culture

Citation Practices

## Call for Workshops/Roundtables/Intimate Circles:

How to get into graduate school

How to set up your own MALCS chapter

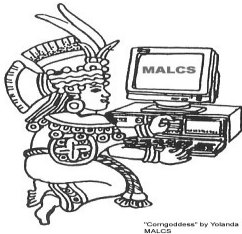
How to go on the Job Market

MALCS for Beginners

Tips for Tenure

Professional Development for undergrads: Research/Writing a CV/Letter of rec

Balancing Activism and Scholarship



## 2006-2007 MALCS MEMBERSHIP FORM

MALCS membership lasts from August to August, usually collected at the Chicano/Latina Summer Research Institute. New memberships are accepted year round, but those received after March 1 will be members for the following year. You will not be added to the membership until your payment has been received. Members can obtain an annual membership card by including a self addressed stamped envelope with payment. Your membership includes the MALCS Newsletter published biannually, a registration discount for the Summer Institute, Chicana/Latina Studies: The Journal of MALCS, and inclusion in our listserv. Visit us at: <http://malcs.net>

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please indicate your category and the amount paid below:**

**Membership:**

Under \$20,000.....\$25.00  
20,000-34,999.....\$35.00  
35,000-44,999.....\$45.00  
45,000-54,999.....\$55.00  
55,000-64,999.....\$65.00  
65,000-74,999.....\$75.00  
75,000-99,999.....\$85.00  
100,000-over.....\$100.00

**Title:**

Undergraduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_  
Graduate: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_  
Staff: \_\_\_\_\_  
Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_ Discipline: \_\_\_\_\_  
Professional: \_\_\_\_\_  
Working Community: \_\_\_\_\_

Donations of any amount welcomed to:

MALCS Journal: \$

Summer Research Institute: \$

General Fund: \$

Endowment Trust Fund for Archives: \$

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Please make checks payable to: MALCS**

Mail form and check to: **MALCS, 1404 66<sup>th</sup> St., Berkeley, CA 94702**

Checks are sent to the Treasurer of MALCS, Lupe Gallegos ([lupeg@uclink4.berkeley.edu](mailto:lupeg@uclink4.berkeley.edu)) and then your membership information will be directed to the Membership Coordinator, Francisca E. Godinez, [francisca@malcs.net](mailto:francisca@malcs.net)

## MALCS Mission Statement

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. Chicanas/Latinas and Native American women from a variety of institutions gather at this yearly Summer Institute to network, share information, offer support and re-energize. The MALCS Summer Institute is one of the few places Chicanas/Latinas and Native American women can come together without the influence of male and/or Euro-American consciousness or opinion. While some charge that this is separatist, the MALCS reply is not one of apology. This is our space. The dynamics of this Chicana/Latina and Native American woman space is worth guarding, even in the face of criticism from those we respect and work with in our home institutions.

(Laredo, Texas, 1991)

## MALCS Declaration

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).

*For more information on current leadership, local chapters, leadership and bylaws, please visit us at our new address: <http://malcs.net>*