Nuestra América: Rethinking Fronteras in US History
A Conference Honoring the Career of Vicki L. Ruiz

Friday, February 20, 2015
HG 1030; 9am to 6pm
Open to the Public

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Panelists:
- Frank Barojas, CSU Channel Islands
- Maylei Blackwell, UCLA
- Natalia Molina, UC San Diego
- Ana Rosas, UC Irvine
- Marisela R. Chávez, CSU Dominguez Hills
- Margie Brown-Coronel, CSU Fullerton
- Annette Reed, CSU Sacramento

Film: “No Más Bebés Por Vida” (work in progress)
Virginia Espino, UCLA Libraries

Keynote Speaker:
Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska
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Morning Session
9:00-9:30am
Opening Reception
HG 1070 - McCormick Screening Room

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9:30-11:15am
Cannery Women, Cannery Lives: Chicanx History Comes of Age
Moderator: Sharon Block, History, UC Irvine
Panelists:
- Maylee Blackwell, Chicano Studies, UCLA
  "Mexican Women: New Narratives of Chicanx History and its Complexities"
- Maricela R. Chávez, Chicano Studies, CSU Dominican Hills
  "Taking Control of the Narratives: Chicanx Oral History"
- Margie Brown Cornejo, History, CSU Fullerton
  "At the Cross Sections: Locating the Dimensions of Latina History"

11:30-12:30pm
Light Lunch Buffet

Afternoon Session
2:15-4:15pm
From Out of the Shadows: Struggle and Self-Determination in the Borderlands
Moderator: Anita Casavantes Bradford, CLS and History, UC Irvine
Panelists:
- Frank Barajas, Chicano Studies, CSU Channel Islands
  "A Mexican American with Moxie: Rachel Murguia Wong’s Struggle to Defend School Integration, 1968-1973"
- Natalia Molina, History and Urban Studies, UC San Diego
  "The Importance of Place and Place Makers in the Life of a Los Angeles Community"
- Annette Reed, Native American Studies, CSU Sacramento
  "Honoring Our Mothers: Their Legacy is Part of Our Legacy"
- Ana Rosas, CLS and History, UC Irvine
  "‘Decididas’ Confronting Decisive Moments Together"
- Renee Pedasa, Chicano Studies, CSU Channel Islands
  "A Mexican American with Moxie: Rachel Murguia Wong’s Struggle to Defend School Integration, 1968-1973"

4:30-6:00pm
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Keynote Address
12:45-2:00pm
Margaret Jacobs, History, University of Nebraska
A Generation Removed: The Fostering and Adoption of Indigenous Children in the Postwar World
Abstract: Government authorities in the post-World War II era removed thousands of American Indian children from their families and placed them in non-Indian foster or adoptive families. By the late 1960s an estimated 25 to 30% of all American Indian children were in the care of whites. This presentation recounts both the trauma and resilience of indigenous women and families as they struggled to reclaim the care of their children, leading to the Indian Child Welfare Act in the United States and to national and international investigations, landmark apologies, and redress in Australia and Canada.

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