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 Barajas, CSU Channel Islands
- Marisela R. Chávez, CSU Dominguez Hills
- Natalia Molina, UC San Diego
- Ana Rosas, UC Irvine

Keynote Speaker:
Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska

Panelists:
- Maylei Blackwell, UCLA
- Margie Brown-Coronel, CSU Fullerton
- Annette Reed, CSU Sacramento

Film: “No Más Bebés Por Vida” (work in-progress)
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MORNING SESSION

9:00-9:30am Opening Reception

9:30-11:15am Cannery Women, Cannery Lives: Chicana History Comes of Age
Moderator:
Sharon Block: History, UC Irvine

Panelists:
Maylei Blackwell: Chicano Studies, UCLA
“Mujeres Militantes: New Narratives of Chicana Resistance”

Margie Brown-Coronel: History, CSU Fullerton
“At the Cross Sections: Locating the Dimensions of Latina History”

Marisela R. Chávez: Chicano Studies, CSU Dominguez Hills
“Taking Control of the Narratives: Chicana Oral History and its Complexities”

11:30-12:30pm Light Lunch Buffet

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 35 percent of Indian children had been separated from their families. This was also a global phenomenon; similar practices undermined Indigenous families and their communities in Canada and Australia as well. 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 investigations, landmark apologies, and redress in Australia and Canada.

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”

4:30-6:00pm Film: “No Más Bebés Por Vida” (work in-progress)
Virginia Espino: UCLA Libraries
Viewing will take place in HG 1070- McCormick Screening Room
Summary: An investigation of the sterilization of Mexican-American Women at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center during the 1960s and 70s.