

# 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

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**Keynote Speaker:**

Margaret Jacobs, University of Nebraska

**Panelists:**

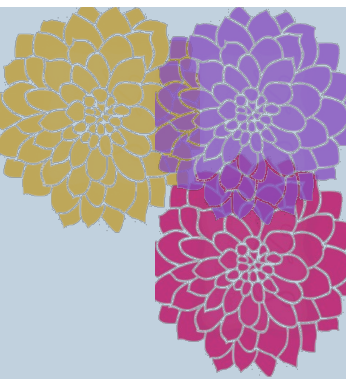
- Frank Barajas, CSU Channel Islands  
- Marisela R. Chávez, CSU Dominguez Hills

- Maylei Blackwell, UCLA  
- Natalia Molina, UC San Diego  
- Ana Rosas, UC Irvine

- Margie Brown-Coronel, CSU Fullerton  
- Annette Reed, CSU Sacramento

**Film: "No Más Bebés Por Vida" (work in-progress)**

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### MORNING SESSION

### AFTERNOON SESSION

9:00-9:30am

2:15-4:15pm

*From Out of the Shadows:*

9:30-11:15am

**Opening Reception**  
*Cannery Women, Cannery Lives: Chicana History Comes of Age*

**Struggle and Self-Determination in the Borderlands**

**Moderator:**

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**Sharon Block:** History, UC Irvine

**Anita Casavantes Bradford:** CLS and History, UC Irvine

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**Maylei Blackwell:** Chicano Studies, UCLA

**Frank Barajas:** Chicano Studies, CSU Channel Islands

“Mujeres Militantes: New Narratives of Chicana Resistance”

“A Mexican American with Moxie: Rachel Murguía Wong’s Struggle to Defend School Integration, 1968-1973”

**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”

**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”

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*

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

**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.

