UC MEXUS Consortium Established

The University of California Consortium on Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS), was established in November of 1981 by the University. This interdisciplinary program of research, instruction, and public service represents a response to the increasing complexity and importance of the United States-Mexico relationships.

The broad objectives of the UC MEXUS program are:

1. to increase the quality, visibility, and effectiveness of existing United States-Mexico projects at the nine University of California campuses;
2. to encourage additional teaching and research activities in four principal areas — Mexican Studies, Chicano Studies, United States-Mexico relations, and the physical or life sciences as they focus on Mexico;
3. to support programs and interdisciplinary projects in any of the four principal areas of focus;
4. to coordinate campus and University-wide requests for extramural funding;
5. to produce a periodic research inventory and a newsletter for circulation among UC and Mexican researchers as well as appropriate segments of the private and public sectors in the United States and Mexico;
6. to facilitate Mexican participation in program activities;
7. to act as a source for information on all University-sponsored United States-Mexico activities.

The UC MEXUS Executive Committee has selected UCLA as the site for the Office of the Universitywide Coordinator for the Consortium. The Committee also has named James W. Wilkie, Professor of History at UCLA, Coordinator to be responsible for the day-to-day functions of the office. Wilkie will also serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.


He and his wife, Edna Monzón de Wilkie, received honorary degrees from and were named corresponding members of the Instituto Mexicano de Cultura in Mexico City in September 1981. Institute President and former President of Mexico, Miguel Aleman, awarded the Medal of Honor to the Wilkies for their contributions in recording and publishing the oral history of the Mexican Revolution during its institutional phase (since 1940).

The offices of UC MEXUS are located on the UCLA campus in 1201 Campbell Hall (Los Angeles 90024; (213) 206-8500; Telex: 677654) and are under the stewardship of Janet Bardin, who was administrative coordinator of the University of California-University of Chile Convenio from 1966 through 1978.

Consortium associates in the UCLA office include Carlos Haro and Paul Ganster. Haro is Director of Programs in the Chicano Studies Research Center and Ganster is Coordinator of Mexico Programs in the Latin American Center at UCLA. Ganster is on leave from his home institution, Utah State University, and has just returned from Costa Rica where he spent a year as a faculty Fulbright Lecturer.

The UC MEXUS Executive Committee is charged with establishing policy directions for the work of the Coordinator. The Committee consists of one systemwide representative and nine campus representatives, all appointed by the President. Current members are:

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Travel Funds Available for San Diego Seminars

The Program in United States-Mexican Studies at UC San Diego has obtained funds from the UC San Diego Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and from UC MEXUS to support intercampus exchange activities. Consequently, the Program would like to invite UC faculty and advanced graduate students to attend and participate in one of the forthcoming events listed below. The funds are limited, but the Program will endeavor to cover plane fare or mileage expenses.

Additional participants can be accommodated at the weekly (Wednesday, 12:00-2:00 P.M.) Seminar Series, which usually attracts forty or fifty persons. Space at the April 21-23 conference will be more limited, given the number of panel speakers and journalists who will be attending. There will be a registration fee of $45 for this conference. All arrangements should be made with Donald Wyman, Program in U.S.-Mexican Studies, Q-060, University of California-San Diego, La Jolla, California 92093, (714) 452-4503.

Monday, March 8 12:00-2:00 P.M. Conference Room 111-A

Wed., March 31 12:00-2:00 P.M. Conference Room Bldg. 402 Warren C

Thur.-Fri, April 22-23 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. International Room Hotel del Coronado Coronado Island San Diego

Wed., April 14 12:00-2:00 P.M. Conference Room Bldg. 402 Warren C

MEXICO AND THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY MARKET. Miguel Wionczek, Director, Program in Energy Studies, El Colegio de Mexico.

U.S.-MEXICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS: PROSPECTS FOR CONFLICT AND COOPERATION. Jose Luis Bernal, Director General of Bilateral Economic Relations, Mexican Ministry of Foreign Relations.

MEXICAN POLITICS AND THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF 1982. Rafael Segovia, Director, Center for International Stud-

ies, El Colegio de Mexico; one of Mexico's most distinguished political scientists.

EUROPEAN GUESTWORKER PROGRAMS: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S.-MEXICO IMMIGRATION DEBATE. Philip L. Martin, Professor of Economics, University of California-Davis; formerly the editor of the research staff for the U.S. Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy.

MEXICO AND THE WORLD. A binational conference on Mexico's international economic and political relations, featuring distinguished speakers from throughout the U.S. and Mexico. Participants must be preregistered by April 15. For more information contact Ric Solano, Program in U.S.-Mexican Studies (714) 452-4503.

HOW MEXICAN MIGRANTS USE INCOME EARNED IN THE UNITED STATES: RECENT RESEARCH FINDINGS FROM A NATIONAL SURVEY. Carlos Zazueta, Senior Researcher, Centro Nacional de Información y Estadísticas del Trabajo — CENIET — Mexican Ministry of Labor.

TRIAGLATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO, GREAT BRITAIN, AND THE UNITED STATES, 1900-1938. Lorenzo Meyer, Director, Program in U.S.-Mexican Studies, El Colegio de Mexico; author of the definitive work on Mexico's expropriation of the foreign-owned oil industry in 1938.

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, URBAN OUTMIGRATION FROM MEXICAN CITIES. Gustavo Verduzco, Professor of Anthropology, El Colegio de Michoacán, Zamora, Mexico.

*To be confirmed. Seminars for May 19 and 26 to be announced.

UCLA to Host Symposium on Mexican/Chicana Women's History

The Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA will host an international symposium on Mexican/Chicana Women's History. Featuring prominent scholars from Mexico and the United States, the discussions will focus on theory, methodology, content, and progress. After the symposium the contributors will be published as a reader for the postsecondary level by CSRC's Publications Unit. Endowed by a grant from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE), the project's goal is to initiate and develop instructional materials for the postsecondary level.

The symposium will be held all day on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13, 1982, at the Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica. For further information contact Project Coordinator, Debora Kaufman at the Chicano Studies Research Center, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90024, (213) 825-3083.

From the editor . . .

An important goal of the University of California Consortium on Mexico and the United States is to improve communications and coordination among the nine UC campuses with respect to individual and group efforts dealing with Mexican studies. Chicano Studies, Mexico-United States relations, and the physical or life sciences as they focus on Mexico. To this end, UC MEXUS offers the first number of the UC MEXUS NEWS.

The editor would appreciate receiving any comments, reactions, or suggestions that would help UC MEXUS NEWS better serve the needs of the readership. Also, readers are encouraged to submit appropriate material for inclusion in future issues.

Paul Ganster
Universitywide Research Inventory

In March 1982, the UC MEXUS Consortium will begin publication of an annual Current Research Inventory covering Mexico-related research in all disciplines that is currently under way or recently completed at all nine campuses of the UC System. The Inventory is produced for UC MEXUS by the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies at UC San Diego. The editor is Wayne A. Cornelius, Director of the Center at San Diego.

"This is the first time, to our knowledge, that all Mexico-related research being done throughout the UC System has been brought together in a single publication," said Cornelius. "The Inventory should be a very useful tool for public officials, the business community, and other non-academic groups who want to know what is going on in the UC System with regard to Mexico. We also hope that it will stimulate more cross-disciplinary and inter-campus research by Mexicanists within the University."

Cornelius reports that the first, 90-page issue of the Inventory will contain abstracts of 169 research projects, organized into five sections: Mexican Studies, U.S.-Mexican Relations, Border Studies, Chicano Studies, and Physical and Life Sciences with a Mexico focus. Each abstract contains information on the researchers, the current status and estimated date of completion for the project, sources of financial support, and publications resulting from the project to date. Eighteen academic disciplines are represented among the projects summarized in this first issue.

Universitywide News

Mexican Programs at UCSB

Individual faculty members at UCSB have long specialized in different aspects of Mexico and U.S.-Mexican relations and the campus has independently pursued ties with Mexican institutions.

The establishment of UC MEXUS however, has promoted the formation of a Mexico program on campus to coordinate Mexican activities at UCSB and those with other UC campuses. As part of this cooperative effort, the Departments of Anthropology, Chicano Studies, and Economics are sponsoring a series of guest speakers from Mexico. In addition, the Departments of Spanish and Portuguese, History, Economics, and Anthropology are working together to promote the study of Mexican history and culture. It is hoped that this kind of interdepartmental cooperation at UCSB will lead to a strengthening of undergraduate programs in Mexico and Mexico-U.S. relations.

A Graduate Business Economics Exchange Program has been inaugurated at UCSB. Currently this exchange program is between UCSB and the Universidad Auténtica de Nuevo León in Monterrey and includes undergraduates in a preparatory sequence and graduate students. Once the exchange is well established and working smoothly, it will be opened to undergraduates from the other UC campuses.

UCR Shares Resources with Mexican College

The Riverside campus has signed an agreement with the Colegio de Postgraduados in Chapingo, Mexico, which will result in a sharing of academic and scientific resources, including student and faculty exchange.

UCR's Departments of Plant Pathology and Nematology have already completed a working agreement with the Centro de Fitopatología at Chapingo. The agreement provides for a future joint meeting to discuss research findings, organization of a graduate course at Chapingo in tropical plant pathology for advanced UC students, and exchange of students and faculty working on plant disease problems.

UCR's cooperation with the Colegio de Postgraduados, a postgraduate teaching and research facility specializing in agricultural projects, is in part an outgrowth of a recent UC directive to encourage research, instruction, and service activities related to United States-Mexico relationships.

At the same time, the formal agreement, signed by the two institutions' respective leaders in Chapingo this summer, introduces a new level of cooperation built from the unofficial exchange of personnel that has taken place between the two units for years. Eight of Chapingo's faculty are graduates of UCR, and three Chapingo graduate students are currently enrolled in Riverside programs.

UCSF School of Dentistry Collaborates with Mexican Universities

The School of Dentistry of the University of California, San Francisco has developed relationships with dental schools at the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and the Universidad Autonoma de Baja California, Mexico.

In 1969 Drs. Samuel J. Wycoff, Chairman of the Division of General Dentistry, and Carlyn Halde, Microbiology, first conducted a summer clinic for dental care in Tijuana in cooperation with Project Concern, a San Diego-based philanthropic organization. Known as "Casa de Todos"
UCI-Bowers Museum Project on Material Culture of Mexican-Americans

Several Irvine faculty are working with the Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, California, to develop a permanent display relevant to Mexican-American immigrants in Orange County. Professors Alejandro Morales, Maria Herrera-Sobek (Spanish and Portuguese), Eloy Rodriguez (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), Caesar Serseres (Political Science), and Jaime E. Rodriguez (History) are involved in the project, which is expected to require more than two years to complete. These faculty have proposed an interdisciplinary research program to study the history and culture of a Mexican barrio known as Delhi, which originally was part of a company town connected with the Holly Sugar factory. Documents, oral histories, and photographs acquired in the course of the research project will be contributed to the Bowers Museum exhibit.

UCI’s Rodriguez Awarded Fulbright for Mexican Study

Jaime E. Rodriguez, Professor of History and Dean of UC Irvine’s Division of Graduate Studies and Research, has been awarded a Fulbright-Hays Research Grant for the study of the reasons for Mexico’s lack of development in the nineteenth century. While in Mexico, Rodriguez, of UC MEXUS, will discuss with Dr. Roberto Moreno, Director of the Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas, possible faculty exchanges between the University of California and UNAM in the area of Mexican history.

Mexican Anthropologist Visits UC Irvine

Dr. Miguel León-Portilla, of the Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico, spoke at Irvine on “Recent Findings at the Templo Mayor of Mexico-Tenochtitlan.” León-Portilla, one of Mexico’s leading anthropologists and a specialist in Precolumbian Mexican history, will also present the keynote address “People of the Sun: Man and Cosmos in Precolumbian Middle America,” at a benefit dinner for Bowers Museum in Santa Ana, California, to officially open a new exhibition on Precolumbian art.

UCI-Mexico Collaborate on Renewable Energy Research

Under the coordination of Eloy Rodriguez of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, a group of UCI faculty is now formally establishing an exchange program with faculty of the Institutes of Biology, Chemistry, and Biotechnology at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) in order to identify and develop renewable energy resources from plants native to the Mexican desert. Faculty participating with Rodriguez in the inter-disciplinary project are Krishna Tewari (Molecular Biology and Biochemistry), Philip Rundel (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology), and Harold Moore, Mario Molina, and Richard Chamberlain (Chemistry).

The project involves the exchange of technical information by faculty and graduate students of the two institutions with respect to the chemical and biological composition of plants and their adaptability to arid environments. A potential outcome of the research is the establishment of hydrocarbon crop plants which may be used to produce alternative and renewable petrochemicals. The project provides a unique opportunity for Mexican and U.S. scientists to collaborate in order to achieve a new energy resource which will benefit both nations. The contacts established between UCI and UNAM for this endeavor are expected to facilitate exchange between UNAM scientists and UC researchers working to develop renewable energy resources from marine plants and animals as well.

UCI Exchange with Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados

James L. McGaugh, Psychobiology, and Executive Vice Chancellor at UC Irvine, is developing a scientific exchange program between his laboratory and the Centro de Investigación y de Estudios Avanzados in Mexico City. Last year McGaugh and Joseph Martinez, Associate Research Psychobiologist, presented a series of lectures at the Centro concerning the neurobiology of learning and memory, with emphasis on pharmacological effects on memory. Professor of Neurosciences Alejandro Oscos is visiting McGaugh’s laboratory from the Centro this year to pursue related research activities. A continued exchange program between the two institutions is currently being planned.
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U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD

The Program in U.S.-Mexican Studies at UCSD is actively involved in promoting aspects of U.S.-Mexican studies through the organization of conferences, the development of materials for the media, and through its publication series.

A conference on "Mexico and the World" is planned for April 21-23, 1982. The meeting will focus on Mexico's rapidly changing role in the international economic and political communities since 1970. Sessions will deal with Mexico and the Caribbean basin, trade relations, world energy markets, international finance and capital investment, and the implications of the Mexican development strategy. Participants will come from academia, government, business, and the media.

The Program is also organizing the second of its biennial conferences for professional journalists and members of the media to be held April 21-23, 1982 at the Hotel del Coronado in San Diego. The conference is intended to increase the capacity of journalists to report accurately and informatively about issues in U.S.-Mexican relations.

Another cooperative effort with the media is the production of a series of television and radio programs dealing with issues in U.S.-Mexican relations. These will be made available to public education television and radio stations, as part of a major effort to educate the general public about issues relevant to the bilateral relationship.

The Program has now published over thirty titles in its Working Papers and Monographs series on U.S.-Mexican studies. A complete list of publications may be obtained from the Publications Coordinator, Program in U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, California 92093.

The U.S.-Mexican Studies Program was established at UCSD in the fall of 1979. The academic staff includes: Wayne A. Cornelius, Director; Ric Solano, Deputy Director for University Affairs, Special Projects; Leo R. Chávez, Field Research Coordinator; Jorge G. Castro, Publications Coordinator; and Donald L. Wyman, Staff Research Associate.

UCLA Atlas Focuses on Border Region

The United States-Mexico Borderlands Atlas is the first atlas designed to deal exclusively with an international border area. A joint project of the UCLA Latin American Center and Chicano Studies Research Center, the Atlas brings together scholars and individuals from the public and private sectors in Mexico and the United States in a major cooperative effort. The Atlas will include cartographic material supplemented by bilingual text, charts, tables, graphs, and photographs. The series will serve as a resource for policy makers in the two countries, as a guide to further research, and as a base for the collection and dissemination of new data on an area of increasing social, economic, and diplomatic importance and complexity.

The fourteen volumes planned to date and their editors are:

Geographic Imagery of the United States-Mexico Borderlands
Norman J. W. Thrower, UCLA, and Ronald J. Wasowski, Notre Dame University

History
Juan Gómez-Quiñones and Norris C. Hundley, UCLA

Urbanization
John Friedmann, UCLA

Physical Characteristics
Anthony Orme, UCLA

Demography
Leobardo Estrada and Manuel García y Griego, UCLA

Administrative and Political Relationships
Lyle C. Brown, Baylor University

Economy
Dilmus James, University of Texas at El Paso

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Carlos Haro, UCLA

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Mexican Fulbright Scholar at UCLA

Dr. Samuel Schmidt of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México has spent the last 18 months at UCLA as a Fulbright Fellow and Post-Doctoral Scholar conducting research on the political economy of Mexico under Professor James W. Wilkie. Dr. Schmidt, one of only three Fulbright fellows from Mexico in the United States, also participated in Wilkie's graduate seminar on historical statistics of Latin America and prepared a study entitled "Las Distintas Caras del Deuda Pública Mexicana, 1970-1976," which will be published this year in the Statistical Abstract of Latin America, vol. 22.

UCLA Alcohol Fuels Workshop in Mexico

Under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the Laboratory of Biomedical and Environmental Sciences at UCLA conducted a workshop on alcohol fuels in Mexico City in the summer of 1981, in cooperation with the Instituto Politécnico Nacional. Mexican interest in the topic derives from the fact that alcohol as a fuel may offer a means of reducing the severe air pollution in Mexico City produced by traditional fuels. The topics covered included: Physical, chemical and technical background in the composition, production, and utilization of the fuel; Environmental impacts of alcohol fuels; Human health effects of alcohol fuels; and Environmental and human health policy issues regarding use of alcohol fuels.

About forty scientists participated in
the workshop with eight discussants coming from the United States. The Mexican participants contributed data developed by the Mexican Institute of Petroleum Research for PEMEX, the Mexican state oil corporation. The workshop made much information about Mexican environmental and energy concerns available to DOE.

Much interest in continued cooperation and exchange of information was expressed at the workshop, and the Instituto Politécnico Nacional indicated that it would like to have an agreement with UCLA to accomplish this.

The Chicano Studies Research Center at UCLA

The Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) has been committed to the pursuit of applied or problem-oriented research directed toward the solution of complex contemporary problems impacting the Mexican community in the United States and along the Mexico-U.S. borderlands region. The mission of CSRC has necessarily shaped the nature and thrust of its publications, library collection development, teaching, and programmatic efforts. One of the areas of concern and interest for the CSRC has been the relations of Mexico and the United States, through time and in specific contemporary sociopolitical settings along the border. Since its inception in 1969, the CSRC has contributed to Mexican Studies through a broad range of activities related to Mexico in the social sciences, humanities, and arts. This contribution is especially noticeable in some of the Center’s research activities and publications, most of which are described in the brochure Mexican Studies available through the CSRC.

For a decade, the CSRC Publications Unit has published monographs, anthologies, and bibliographies related to Mexico. In addition, Aztlán: International Journal of Chicago Studies Research has regularly published articles, research notes and book reviews related to Mexico. One recent CSRC research project resulted in a publication, released in June 1981, entitled Mexican Immigrant Workers in the U.S. and edited by Antonio Rios-Bustamante. Two forthcoming publications related to Mexico include Mexico-United States Relations: Conflict or Convergence?, edited by Carlos Vásquez and Manuel García y Grieve, and Mexico-United States Relations: A Focus on the Mexican American Community, a reader for the postsecondary level.

Current work in Mexican studies at the CSRC focuses on the completion of a project on Mexico-U.S. relations funded by FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education). The FIPSE project involves three projected scholarly, international conferences that will eventually produce instructional readers on Mexico-U.S. relations, political studies, and the history of Mexican women.

A bibliography project on Mexico-United States relations begun in September 1980 is now nearing completion. Originally an adjunct to the FIPSE project on Mexico-U.S. Relations, the bibliography evolved into a separate project in response to a demand for a reference work of scope and quality.

Materials compiled include books, monographs, periodicals, theses and dissertations, symposium proceedings, unpublished papers, and government documents. General areas covered are the history of Mexican-U.S. relations, political relations, economic relations, immigration, the border area, the Mexican American community, the pedagogical aspect of Mexican-U.S. relations, bibliographies, and reference works. Citations presently number more than 4,000.

The bibliography project has been coordinated by Debra Kaufman, FIPSE Project Coordinator and Chicano Studies Research Center staff writer, with the assistance of Richard Chabran, head librarian in the Chicano Studies Library. Publication of the bibliography is projected for 1982.

Another important aspect of the Center’s work on Mexican studies is the collaboration of the CSRC with the UCLA Latin American Center on the United States-Mexico Borderlands Atlas Project (see p. 5).

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