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## CONFERENCE 2008 & MEMBER INFORMATION

### DEADLINES AND INFORMATION

1. Call for Papers: Final day for submission: **Monday, October 15 by 5:00 p.m. PT.** Submission process is available on-line at [www.naccs.org](http://www.naccs.org).
2. NACCS Scholar Nominations: **Friday, October 5, postmarked.** NO faxes or e-mail nominations are accepted.
3. Cervantes Student Premio: **Saturday, October 13, postmarked.**
4. Conference Student Presenter Fellowship: **February 15, 2008.** Note: All student presenters are encouraged to apply (application is found at [www.naccs.org](http://www.naccs.org)). Preference for these fellowships will be given to Undocumented Student presenters and anyone with extreme financial hardship.
5. Nominations for Elections: Deadline **October 31, 2007**
6. Notice of Information sought from Foco, Caucus, and Division members who wish to address issues to the NACCS Board for their annual Midyear Meeting in November. Deadline: **October 17, 2007**

### XXXV CONFERENCE INFORMATION AND THEME

Site: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, Tejas

Dates: March 19-22, 2008

### ***Poesía, Baile y Canción: The Politics, Implications, and Future of Chicana/os' Cultural Production***

The theme for the 2008 annual conference calls attention to the ways in which Chicana/o communities continue to make voices heard through various forms of cultural production, such as poetry, film, literature, low riders, graffiti, clothing, radio, multimedia art, and performance. Chicana/o Studies has continuously challenged, contested, and revised the ways in which scholars understand the power of culture and its role in the formation of mass media, schools, public policy processes, healthcare practices, employment opportunities and identity. We are at a moment in which we need to better understand how Chicana/o and Latina/o communities engage in cultural politics on a daily basis while also examining the multi-layered complexity of this engagement. Chicana/o Studies within and outside of the academy has historically examined the links between theory and praxis as well as the intersections of race, class, gender, and sexuality as experienced within Chicanas/os communities. The performance, embodiment, and challenges over culture are meaningful and critically important, especially in the current era that attempts to exclude and erase the lived realities of Chicana/os and Latina/os. The theme invites papers that examine the politics, implications, and future of Chicana/os' cultural production, and we are especially interested in papers that consider mujer-produced cultural production and the ways in which mujeres have used cultural forms to highlight issues on gender, sexuality, violence, and voicelessness. Proposals that also explore crossborder/transnational cultural production and social movements across the Americas are also encouraged. NACCS calls for submissions that address the Chicana/o cultural politics in all its forms and how these formations are attempts to make our voices heard in the movement towards social justice.

### CONFERENCE HOTEL

- **RESERVATIONS AT CONFERENCE RATE CUT-OFF FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, TX.  
208 Barton Springs,  
Austin, Texas, USA 78704  
Tel: +1 512 477 1234 Fax: +1 512 480 2069  
<http://austin.hyatt.com/hyatt/hotels/index.jsp>

- Lodging Rates: 115.00 S/D, 129.00 Triple, 149.00 Quad

Note: We have requested a special student code for a modest subsidy to be administered to full-time student presenters who do not have institutional support to attend the conference. This information will be posted on the NACCS website by the end of the year.

## **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

As usual, membership renewal is available on line at [www.nacccs.org](http://www.nacccs.org). Your membership expires at the end of this year. We invite early renewal to insure access to all membership rates and inclusion on voting list.

## **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

To honor the spirit of accessibility discussed at the annual meeting in San Jose we are introducing a three-tier registration for 2008. This includes a discounted "early-bird" registration, pre-registration and on-site registration. Please check the NACCS website for updates and form availability.

## **NACCS SCHOLAR**

NACCS invites nominations for the 2008 NACCS Scholar Award. Established in 1980 to recognize "life achievement" contributions of scholars to Chicana and Chicano Studies we ask that you organize packets within your Focos, Caucuses and/or Divisions to celebrate the accomplishments of our Scholars. Keep in mind that NACCS Scholars preserve a special quality of contributions to Chicana and Chicano Studies-broadly defined such that the majority of the NACCS membership would readily recognize and celebrate.

This award is not necessarily an annual award. Nominations can only come from a Foco, Caucus, Research Divisions, or the Board -- not from individuals. See past Scholar recipients at [www.nacccs.org](http://www.nacccs.org)

**Procedures for nomination:** The nomination must be limited to a CV and a two-page letter of nomination describing how the candidate meets the criterion set forth. In addition to the letter of nomination, a complete packet must include supporting materials: for example, a selected list of publications, additional letters of support, etc. (Recent NACCS Scholars have had in excess of five additional supporting letters from prominent Chicana/o studies scholars across the country.) All letters submitted must be originals and contain signatures. The packet must be presented in a professional manner – this is the highest honor given by NACCS and packet should reflect this. The nominating Foco, Research Division, or Caucus should encounter little difficulty in gathering necessary materials if time is factored in the planning.

**Criteria for nominating letters:** Nominating letters should speak to **both** criteria.

1. A scholar's history of involvement in the development of Chicana and Chicano studies as a discipline AND/OR an individual's significant contributions to scholarly research and writing on the Mexican population of the United States; AND
2. An individual's significant contribution to the NACCS organization.

The award is presented at the Annual Conference and carries a lifetime membership in NACCS but no annual conference registration.

**Submission and Deadline:** Nominations must be addressed to the NACCS Scholar Committee. Nominations deadline is October 5, 2007, POSTMARKED. NO faxes or e-mail are accepted. Since our address is a P.O. Box, no "overnight" delivery service will accept to deliver the pack other than the U.S. Postal Service. However, since items must only be POSTMARKED overnight delivery should not be needed. Nominations received after the deadline or received in electronic format will not be considered nor returned.

Nominations from past years may be resubmitted with additional supporting materials, although earlier supporting materials may also be reused provided they are not more than two years old. However, NACCS will not keep any previously submitted packets. Materials will not be returned. Therefore, a new packet must be submitted in whole.

Mail your nominee packet to: **NACCS**  
**Attn: NACCS Scholar NOMINATION**  
**P.O. Box 720052**  
**San Jose, CA 95172-0052**

Questions regarding a packet should be addressed to your Foco representative, Caucus or Division chair, the NACCS Chair or the Executive Director.

## **FREDERICK A. CERVANTES STUDENT PREMIOS**

NACCS announces its annual Frederick A. Cervantes Student Premio. NACCS seeks submissions from Undergraduate and Graduate scholars. Submissions must contribute to Chicana and Chicano Studies, an interdisciplinary area of study. Papers will be judged using the following criteria: their contribution to Chicana and Chicano Studies; strength of scholarship (e.g., how well researched and/or theoretically well-developed they are); and originality. Composition and style will also be considered. The Premio carries a monetary honorarium of \$350.00, the opportunity to submit the paper for publication review in the NACCS proceedings, and the opportunity to present the paper at the annual meetings during the regularly scheduled Student Plenary.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:** To apply you must be enrolled full-time at an institution of higher education and be a member of NACCS. FOUR copies of the manuscript must be submitted. One copy should include a cover page with your

name, address, telephone number, and institutional affiliation and student designation. Three copies **must NOT include** your name or identifying information at all (no footers or headers). These copies must only have a cover page with the title and student designation (GRADUATE /UNDERGRADUATE). Authors must follow appropriate writing manual guidelines, e.g. APA, MLA or Chicago Manual of Style. Papers must be fully referenced, typed, double-spaced and use a 12 pt. Times New Roman font. Manuscript must not exceed 25 pages. Any submission received **that does not meet** the above specifications will be automatically disqualified.

Notification will be issued prior to the conference. Awards will be announced during the NACCS 2008 conference. We encourage students to seek faculty mentorship in preparing their papers. Please contact Dr. Julia Curry-Rodriguez, NACCS Executive Director, if you have any questions about the guidelines or how to seek mentorship in preparing your submissions.

Submissions must be POSTMARKED on or before **October 13, 2007**. Papers postmarked after this date will not be considered nor returned. Since our mailing address is a P.O. Box address, no "overnight" delivery service will accept to deliver the pack other than the U.S. Postal Service. However, since items must only be POSTMARKED overnight delivery should not be needed. Send **FOUR** copies of your paper using the above specifications to:

**NACCS**  
**ATTN: Cervantes Premio**  
**P.O. Box 720052**  
**San Jose, CA 95172-0052**

#### **2008-2009 NACCS BOARD NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS**

The Nomination Committee seeks candidates and/or self-nominations for Chair-elect, Secretary, and an At Large Representative. If you are interested in running or want to nominate a candidate, the nomination form includes 3 questions regarding participation in NACCS, in Chicana & Chicano Studies and Community. The contact information you provide must also include a short biographical sketch. The duties and responsibilities are listed in the By-laws of the Association, see **ARTICLE V: OFFICERS, TERMS OF OFFICE, and DUTIES** for the descriptions. The nomination of any candidate is not considered final. Based on the nominations received and/or outreached to, the Nominations Committee will decide on the slate that best represents the diversity (region, interest, and/or research) of the NACCS body.

If you are interested, please contact a member of the committee: Chair-Elect Mari Castañeda heads the nominations committee; the committee is also comprised of At-Large representatives Arlene Carrasco and Susan Green, and Treasurer Ana Juarez. Contact information for each member is available via this link. Submit your nominations by **October 31, 2007**. The candidate slate will be presented in the following newsletter and voting will be conducted online prior to the annual conference. Any questions contact Mari Castañeda at [mari@comm.umass.edu](mailto:mari@comm.umass.edu).

#### **SEEKING FEEDBACK AND INFORMATION FOR MIDYEAR BOAD MEETING DISCUSSION**

Board members are contacting chairs and representatives of Focos, Caucuses and Divisions seeking information about the structure, membership participation, requirements for groups in good status, and any other issue you wish to address. Please contact your Foco Rep, Caucus Chairs and/or Division Chairs with any issues or information you would like for the Board to address. You may also contact Nohemy Solorzano-Thompson, secretary at [solorzn@whitman.edu](mailto:solorzn@whitman.edu) or Josie Mendez-Negrete, Chair at [Josephine.MendezNegrete@utsa.edu](mailto:Josephine.MendezNegrete@utsa.edu) with any issues, suggestions, concerns or compliments. **Deadline for consideration: Wednesday, October 17, 2007.**

#### **NEED ASSISTANCE?**

NACCS is now available via chat for those quick questions. In general, we should be available 9-4 M-F, except holidays or when classes or meetings call us away. Go to [www.naccs.org/chat](http://www.naccs.org/chat). Or continue to reach us via email at [NACCS@naccs.org](mailto:NACCS@naccs.org).