

COMMITTEE ON THE FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURE
Annual Report for 2007-08

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

I. Faculty Research Lecturer Nomination

The Senate Committee on the Faculty Research Lecturer enthusiastically nominates Patricia Zavella, Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies, to deliver the 2008-2009 lecture. Professor Zavella is one of the world's leading scholars in the fields of feminist ethnography and Chicana/o studies. Her groundbreaking work is widely respected for building the interdisciplinary and transnational agendas of anthropology, feminist studies, Latin American and Latino Studies and Chicana/o Studies.

Professor Zavella's pioneering research illuminates Chicana/Mexicana social life, including issues of labor, migration, family, gender, feminism, health, sexuality and popular culture. Her contributions have been characterized as "political economic anthropology of the first order in which all the levels intersect and the reader is neither lost in the particularities nor mired in general structures without nuance." She is at the forefront of setting the research agenda on Latinos.

Professor Zavella came to UCSC in Community Studies in 1983, after a postdoc at Stanford and a PhD in 1982 in anthropology from Berkeley. She did her undergraduate studies at Pitzer College. She now chairs the department of Latin American and Latino Studies.

Professor Zavella established her reputation with her acclaimed book, *Women's Work and Chicano Families: Cannery Workers of the Santa Clara Valley*, published in 1987 by Cornell University Press.

Her 2001 collaborative volume, *Telling to Live: Latina Feminist Testimonios* (Duke University Press), is recognized as a masterpiece, winning the Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award of 2002. This innovative book makes use of the Latin American practice of *testimonio*, as Zavella and her co-authors become their own ethnographers, articulating how their experiences led to their development as Latina feminist scholars. For example, Zavella examines the complications of a mixed heritage embedded in the concept of "Chicana," with its historical and contemporary relations with both the United States and México.

In *Chicana Feminisms* (2003, Duke), Professor Zavella and colleagues situated a group of Chicana and Mexicana oral histories in rich historical context. In particular, the book explores transnational links in the practices and discourses of sexuality among second-generation Chicanas and Mexicana immigrants.

Perspectives on Las Américas (2003, Blackwell) is becoming a landmark volume in the development of the field of Latin American and Latino Studies. The volume contributes to shaping these fields by fluidly delineating the parallel developments of Latin American Studies and Latino Studies across borders and by observing the tensions as these fields come together.

Several of Professor Zavella's essays that focus on labor, gender and transnationalism have become classic. They have provided timely and telling analyses of how shifting US- Mexican economic relations have transformed both sending and receiving communities, and especially in the resulting feminization of labor on both sides of the border.

Professor Zavella has received many distinctions, including the Presidential Professor appointment in sociology and anthropology at the University of Michigan, the Distinguished Visiting Scholar appointment at UCD, the Edith Kreeger Wolf Distinguished Visiting Professor appointment at Northwestern, and the Scholar of the Year Award from the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. She was named one of the 100 most influential Hispanics in 2002 by *Hispanic Business Magazine*.

Her work is noted for its innovations in collaborative research and authorship. Her leadership in collaboration is reflected in her formative roles at the University of California, which include directing UCSC's Chicano/Latino Research Center (CLRC) and chairing the UC Committee on Latino Research (UCCLR), a multi-campus research unit that advises the Office of the President regarding research related to Latinas and Latinos in California. Professor Zavella has been a strong leader in national organizations, as Member of the Executive Committee of the American Anthropological Association, Chair of the Feminist Studies track for the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), and President of the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists.

Professor Zavella has made important contributions to the wellbeing of Californians. For example, in 2001, she helped to organize Binational Health Week, partnering between the state of California and the government of Mexico, to improve the health of Mexicans in California.

Professor Zavella is a public intellectual. A recent prominent reviewer of her work summed up her impact: "How can one person be simultaneously a scholar and an activist, and address multiple audiences without sacrificing the qualities that each values: accessibility, intellectual rigor, topicality and theoretical sophistication, empathy and objectivity, insight and empiricism? Patricia Zavella's work stands as a *testimonio* to the possibility, and the value, of such work."

A talented speaker for both academic and popular audiences, Professor Zavella's talk will be of interest to a wide and diverse audience. The CFRL is pleased to nominate this valuable teacher, researcher, writer, and public figure to present this important lecture.

II. Recommendations for Regents' Lecturers and Professors

This year for the first time, the Committee on Committees assigned CFRL to review the applications for the Regents Professors and Lecturers Program and make recommendations to VPDUE Bill Ladusaw. As a result of this process, three nominations were recommended for appointment (all accepted), and one was not recommended, but returned with questions for revision for possible resubmission in a subsequent year:

1) Nominated by the Computer Science Department, Dr. Donald Chamberlin, of the IBM

Almaden Research Center, was appointed (and accepted) the position of Regents' Professor. Dr. Chamberlain is a pre-eminent researcher in the area of database query languages and database systems.

2) Nominated by the Music department, Juan del Gastor was appointed (and accepted) the position of Regents' Lecturer. Sr. Gastor is a respected guitarist, singer, dancer, and interpreter of Gypsy flamenco music and culture.

3) Nominated by the Feminist Studies Department, Dr. Susan Stryker was appointed (and accepted) the position of Regents' Lecturer. Dr. Stryker is an internationally recognized scholar and independent film maker who focuses on transgender studies.

III. Bylaw Change

The CFRL proposes a change to its bylaws, to go before the Academic Senate meeting on May 30, 2008, to address the added function of reviewing nominations and recommending appointments of Regents' Lecturers and Professors:

13.19.1 There are five Santa Cruz Division members, at least two of whom shall be previous Faculty Research Lecturers. ~~[The Committee shall be fully constituted no later than December of the academic year in which it is to report.]~~ (Am 17 Nov 75; CC 31 Aug 98; EC 18 Oct 91, 31 Aug 04)

13.19.2 It is the duty of this Committee to nominate for election by the Santa Cruz Division a member of the Division who has made a distinguished record in research to deliver a lecture upon a topic of his or her selection. This nomination for the succeeding academic year shall be made not later than the final meeting of the Santa Cruz Division in the spring term. (EC 1 Aug 76, 4 Aug 87)

The Committee shall also make recommendations to the administration on the selection of candidates for the Regents' Lecturers and Professors Program.

Respectfully submitted;

COMMITTEE ON THE FACULTY RESEARCH LECTURE

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