

## *NACCS Conference Opens in Tucson on April 4*

The MASRC is hosting the 28<sup>th</sup> annual National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies conference that will take place in Tucson in April.

The Marriott University Park Hotel, one block west of the UA campus, is the conference site. NACCS 2001 will begin on Wednesday, April 4, and continue through Sunday, April 8. For hotel reservations, and to receive the hotel's conference discount, contact the Marriott University Park Hotel at (520) 792-4100.

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– NACCS conference title

The conference will feature many presentations and panel discussions on academic subjects, as well as popular culture and other topics. Hundreds of people from around the country will be in attendance, including scholars, students, writers, and artists.

The registration form is available on the conference web site, ([www.naccs.org](http://www.naccs.org)), and interested individuals are encouraged to register as soon as possible.



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## **FACULTY NEWS**

Assistant Professor **Andrea J. Romero** received a \$4000 grant from the UA Office of the Vice President of Research for the study, "Investigating Sociocultural Influences in Traditional Behavior Change Theory." This is a pilot study to begin work on a health promotion program for Mexican American youth. It will be a culturally based obesity prevention program with a dance component.

She also received a small grant from the UA Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute for the research project "Analyzing the Cultural Context of Coping for Mexican American Families." This grant funds a UA student to assist Dr. Romero with data entry and data analysis on the project, which has already started collecting data in Tucson.

Romero has been selected as the keynote speaker for the *Adelante Nuestro Futuro* conference at Sunnyside High School on March 31st. The conference is focused on the empowerment of young Latinas, and is open to adolescent females and their mothers, aunts, and grandmothers.

In conjunction with the UA Chicano/Hispano Resource Center, she received two UA student-faculty interaction grants to take students to a several theatrical productions. The first play, "Chicanismos" by Luis Alfaro, was staged in September at the Borderlands Theater, and 40 students attended. The second play, "Like Birds with Captions" by Scott Stanley, will begin later this month at the Temple of Music & Art. Twenty students will attend the Stanley play.

Romero attended the Hispanic Serving Health Professionals Schools Research Symposium in Bethesda, Maryland, in November.

In January, MASRC Director **Adela de la Torre** was the recipient of the Director's Citation for Exemplary Public Service awarded by the United States Office of Personnel Management.

Assistant Professor **Arturo González** presented a paper titled "The Wealth and Income of Three Generations of Mexican Americans" at the American Economics Association Meeting in New Orleans in January, and his article, "The Acquisition and Labor Market Value of Four English Skills: New Evidence from NALS," was published in Volume 18 of *Contemporary Economic Policy*.

González's book, *Quest for "Buenos Días": Mexican Americans in the U.S. Economy*, will be published by the University of Arizona Press later this year. He also contributed a chapter to *Language Ideologies: Critical Perspectives on the Official Language Movement*, published in 2000 by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Roseann D. González (UA Dept. of English) and Ildiko Melis are the editors of the volume, the first in the NCTE series "Education and Social Implications of Official Language."

Associate Professor **Antonio L. Estrada**, Barbara D. Estrada, and Sally J. Stevens presented the paper "HIV Risk Behaviors among Native Americans, Mexican Americans, and Non-Hispanic White Drug Injectors" at the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association in Boston last November. In September he spoke on the subject of "Cultural Factors and Intentions to Reduce HIV Risk Behavior among Latino Injection Drug Users" at the Latino Behavioral Health Institute in Los Angeles.

## JOURNAL PUBLISHED



The Center recently published the seventh volume of *Perspectives in Mexican American Studies*.

The contents of the new issue of *Perspectives* are:

“Digging the ‘Richest Hole on Earth’: The Hispanic Miners of Utah, 1912-1945” by Armando Solórzano and Jorge Iber

“El Laberinto de la Comunidad: A View of Rural Mexico” by John Hardisty

“The Cucamonga Experiment: A Struggle for Community Control and Self-Determination” by Armando Navarro

“Political Activism, Ethnic Identity, and Regional Differences Among Chicano and Latino College Students in Southern California and Northern New Mexico” by Elsa O. Valdez

“Chicano Pedagogy: Confluence, Knowledge, and Transformation” by Raymond V. Padilla

“Mexicans in New Mexico: Deconstructing the Tri-Cultural Trope” by Anne Fairbrother

“Mexican Baseball Teams in the Midwest, 1916-1965: The Politics of Cultural Survival and Civil Rights” by Richard Santillán

*The journal is distributed by the University of Arizona Press.*

## Border Academy in Texas, July 19-21

The fourth annual Border Academy, a collaborative effort involving the UA College of Medicine, the MASRC, and the Texas A & M School of Rural Public Health, will take place this summer in McAllen, Texas. The 2001 Academy is titled, “Clinical Issues in Diabetes Affecting Diagnosis and Treatment of the Mexican-Origin Patient.”

The intensive three-day seminar will explore health and health-related policy issues affecting individuals and communities in the U.S.-Mexico border region.

Its international faculty is made up of scholars, clinicians, and professionals from both Mexico and the United States. Attendees will include medical students, nurses, public health professionals, medical doctors, and others interested in working with Hispanic and border populations.

One day of the seminar will feature clinical case study presentations on the treatment and prevention of diabetes in the border region. The Academy also includes a one-day tour — participants will visit immigrant *colonias* on the U.S. side of the border, as well as Mexican and U.S. health care facilities.

Speakers include: **Dr. Maria Alen**, Chair, Texas Diabetes Council; **Dr. Victor H. González**, Clinical Instructor, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio;

**Dr. Charles A. Reasner**, Chief Clinical Endocrinologist, Medical Director of the Diabetes Institute, Univ. of Texas at San Antonio; **Dr. José de J. Gómez Alarcón**, President and Founder of the Mexican Northeast Assoc. of Gynecology and Obstetrics; and **Dr. Cristela Hernández**, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Family & Community Medicine, the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

The Border Academy attracts a broad range of participants from the U.S. and Mexico. **It will begin on July 19 and finish on July 21, 2001.**

The Academy seeks to promote an understanding of health care issues on the Mexican and U.S.

sides of the border. It offers a dynamic curriculum, and brings together medical professionals who share the border as a common subject and focus.

The Border Academy is hosted by the MASRC / Arizona Hispanic Center of Excellence at the University of Arizona, and is sponsored by the University of Arizona College of Medicine at the Arizona Health Sciences Center.

Those interested in attending or learning more about the Arizona Hispanic Center of Excellence (AHCOE) should contact Jannine Valcour at (520) 626-2160.

Visit the AHCOE web site at:  
[www.hispanichealth.arizona.edu](http://www.hispanichealth.arizona.edu)



Participants will take a full-day tour of the immigrant colonias and health care sites in the South Texas border region.

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