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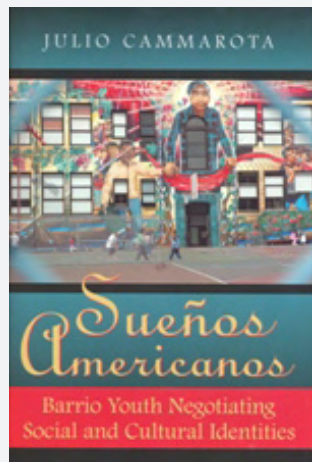
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In the Spring, the University of Arizona Press published **Prof. Julio Cammarota's** book, *Sueños Americanos, Barrio Youth Negotiating Social and Cultural*

Identities. As is noted on the UA Press website, the book is "One of the most extensive studies of barrio youth available,

Sueños Americanos concludes with a discussion of social justice education for Latino youth and how this educational approach meets their academic needs while providing opportunities for self-determination and community activism." The work is based on research Cammarota conducted in California between 1993 and 2000, in which he interviewed and observed youths between the ages of 17 and 24. More information can be found at the UA Press website: <http://www.uapress.arizona.edu>

The MASRC's **Prof. Rosario Carrillo** and **Dr. Maribel Alvarez** from the UA Southwest Center received a grant award from the Institute for LGBT Studies for the oral history research cluster "Fostering Oral History Projects that Study Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality in Southern Arizona, II." Throughout the 2008-2009 academic year, the research cluster will contribute to graduate and undergraduate education, and foster university-community collaborations.



Carrillo, who joined the MASRC faculty in the fall of 2007, was awarded a grant from the Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute. The Faculty Summer Research Grant Development Award is for her research project, *Latina Communicative Practices, Technology, and Empowerment*. The summer project involves collecting survey and interview data on existing literacy efforts that serve Latinas 18-25 years of age.

Veronica Peralta, the MASRC's Business Manager, was presented with the Dean's Staff Award for Excellence during the College of SBS Staff Luncheon on April 23. In the words of the award committee: "Veronica is an outstanding staff member to her unit as well as the college. She has always been available to the Dean's Office as an advisor or as a committee member on special projects. During the past year Veronica has served on the college IT Research Funding Committee and the IT Advisory Committee. In her years with SBS, Veronica has been a person who does her job with a sense of calm and stability. She always has a positive attitude and is willing to 'serve' when called upon. In many ways, she represents the excellence of the staff in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences."

The MASRC hosted an exhibit, symposium & documentary that examined the relationship that de-Indigenized Mexicans, Central American, and South Americans have with maize culture. The events, collectively titled *Centeotzintli: Sacred Maíz — A 7,000-year Ceremonial Discourse*, took place during the Spring semester at several sites on the UA campus. The events were organized by MASRC assistant professors **Patrisia Gonzales** and **Roberto Rodríguez**.



The exhibit, symposium and documentary is an effort by peoples to locate themselves within both the history of this continent, but also, within the larger story of humanity. The events were sponsored by the UA College of Humanities, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, Chicano/Hispano Student Affairs, Mexican American Studies & Research Center, Center for Latin American Studies, Native American Student Affairs, and Indigenous Thinkers. For more information, go to: http://masrc.arizona.edu/news/Centeotzintli_Info.php



Prof. Andrea Romero is the co-author of an article in the latest edition of the *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* (Vol. 30, No.1 Feb. 2008: 24-39). The article, "Coping with Discrimination Among Mexican Descent Adolescents" was written by Romero and **Lisa M. Edwards** of Marquette University. It can be found online at: <http://hjb.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/30/1/24>

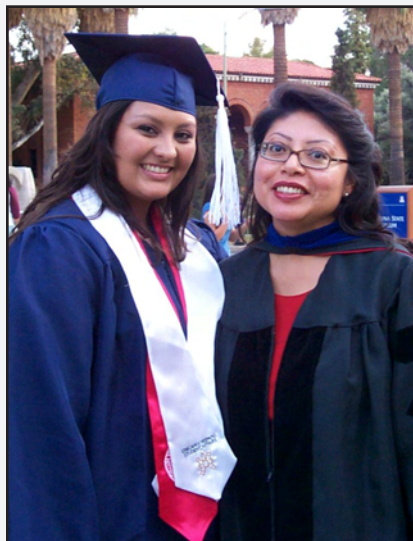
Prof. Lydia R. Otero, has been appointed to serve on the Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American (ALANA) Historians by the Organization of American Historians (OAH).

Her appointment, which becomes effective on May 1, will last for five years. The purpose of the committee is to consider all professional issues bearing upon minorities in the historical profession as well as the study of minority histories. ALANA is also the selection committee for the OAH Huggins-Quarles Dissertation Award. Named for Benjamin Quarles and Nathan Huggins, two outstanding historians of the African American past, the award is given annually to one or two graduate students of color at the dissertation research stage of their Ph.D. program.

Otero is the author of a chapter in *Memories and Migrations: Mapping Boricua & Chicana Histories*, just published by the University of Illinois Press. Otero's chapter, "La Placita Committee: Claiming



UA students met with Arizona Congressman Ed Pastor in Washington, D.C., in June. L-R: Oscar Lujan, Celina Valencia, Rep. Pastor, Antionette Grijalva, Selina Santana. The four attended the Summer Institute for Latino Public Policy put on by the Inter-University Program for Latino Research, of which the MASRC is a member. The students were selected for the week-long, all expense paid trip on the basis of a policy research competition they took part in as part of the MASRC Program in Latino Leadership and Policy.



Professor Rosario Carrillo and new MAS graduate Monique Becerril at the 24th Annual Chicano/Hispano Student Affairs Graduation Convocation in May.

Place and History," highlights the efforts of Chicanas who worked to preserve the sites and history of downtown Tucson, which was decimated by the wrecking ball of urban renewal programs beginning in the 1960s.

The MASRC's **Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith** was honored by the Tucson YWCA with a Lifetime Achievement Award in December.

Congratulations to our new graduates!

Bachelor of Arts

Monique Becerril
Renée Elise Blanco
Melina Booth
Lynnette Castro
Gemma Figueroa

Monica Perez Guerrero
Nathan Olivares-Giles
Brissia Perez
Dianette Rodríguez
Dahida Vega
Shalom Verdugo

Master of Science

Melissa Bonillas
Dominique Calza
Grace Gamez
Kristin Klingman

The most recent MAS master's theses are by **Grace Gamez**, "Negotiating Conflict & Gender Roles in Intimate Relationships: A Comparison of Health Beliefs Surrounding Intimate Partner Relationships," and **Kristin Klingman**, "Examining the Effects of Structural Violence on Immigration: The Politics of Water & Migrant Deaths on the Arizona/Sonora Border."

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