Anthropology at the Edge:
The U.S. Mexico Border/lands Symposium

February 5 - 6, 2015

A Symposium dedicated to explore the current and future directions of U.S.-Mexico Borderland studies in anthropology. Discussions will proceed between our distinguished guests, UT anthropology faculty, and UT alumni.

Thursday, February 5, 2015, 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Room 1.302B, Julius Glickman Conference Center, College of Liberal Arts Building (CLA)

Symposium Introduction, Keynote, and Reception, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm

5:30-5:40: Introduction and Greetings: Martha Menchaca, Chair of Symposium and Professor of Anthropology

5:40-5:50: Richard Flores, Senior Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Greetings from College

5:50-6:00: Domino Perez, Director of Center for Mexican American Studies, Greetings from CMAS, and introduction of keynote speaker

6:00-6:45: Keynote Speaker: Karen Mary Davalos, Professor and Chair, Department of Chicana/o Studies, Loyola Marymount University, On the Edge of Indigeneity and Mexico: The Art of Linda Vallejo

6:45-7:00: Discussion

7:00-8:00: Reception

Friday, February 6, 2015, 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Room 1.302B, Julius Glickman Conference Center, College of Liberal Arts Building (CLA)

Panel 1: Ethnographic Foundations in the Border/lands: A Conversation with Renato Rosaldo and José E. Limón, 9:00 am-10:30 am

9:00-9:10: Co-Moderator and Introduction of Guests and Panelists: Richard Flores, Senior Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin.

9:10-10:00: Conversation
Renato Rosaldo, Lucie Stern Professor in the Social Sciences, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Social and Cultural Analysis, University of New York; Emeritus Stanford University.

José E. Limón, Director, Institute for Latino Studies, Julian Samora Endowed Professor in Latino Studies, Notre Dame Professor of American.

Martha Menchaca, Professor of Anthropology, UT Austin, Moderator.

Panel 2: Borderlands Archeology (Maria Wade, Chair), 10:45 am-12:20 pm

10:45-11:05: Maria Wade, Associate Professor of Anthropology, UT Austin. Paper: Indigeneity and Mestizaje in the Texas Colonial Missions.

11:05-11:25: Ruben Mendoza, Professor of Anthropology, Social, Behavioral & Global Studies California State University, Monterey Bay. Paper: La Frontera Última: Conjuring Hispania and the Millennial Kingdom in the Fernandino Missions of Alta California, 1769-1835.


11:45-12:05: Casey Hanson, Doctoral Candidate, Anthropology Department, UT Austin. Paper: Neutral Ground and Contraband: Illicit Trade and Identity on the Frontier.

12:05-12:20: Discussion, Moderator Maria Wade

Lunch Break 12:20 pm-1:30 pm

Panel 3: Governmentality and Immigration (Martha Menchaca, Chair), 1:30 pm-3:05 pm


2:10-2:30: Carlos Velez-Ibañez, Regents' Professor and Director, School of Transborder Studies (On Leave), Motorola Presidential Professor of Neighborhood Revitalization, Professor School of Human Evolution and Social Change, University of Arizona State. Paper: *The Southwest Transborder North American Region: History, Dynamics, and New Problematics with National Governance.*


2:50-3:05: Discussion, Moderator Martha Menchaca.

*Panel 4: Political Ecologies of the U.S/Mexico Border (John Hartigan, Chair), 3:20 pm-4:35 pm*


3:40-4:00: Juanita Sundberg, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia. Paper: *A Post-humanist Political Ecology of Boundary Enforcement in the United States-Mexico Borderlands.*

4:00-4:20: Maria Cruz-Torres, Associate Professor, School of Anthropology University of Arizona. Paper: *Feminist Political Ecology and Women's Work along the U.S-Mexican Border.*


*Panel 5: The Future of Borderland Studies: Alumni Roundtable (Pauline Strong, Chair), 4:45 pm-6:00 pm*


4:55-6:00: Michael Trujillo, Associate Professor, American Studies and Chicano/Hispano/Mexicano Studies, University of New Mexico.

Santiago Guerra, Assistant Professor, Southwest Studies, Colorado College.
Brenda Sendejo, Assistant Professor, Anthropology Department, Southwestern University.

Jenifer Najera, Associate Professor, Ethnic Studies, University of California Riverside.

Closing: 6:00 pm

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