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Profiles

Macías Ends Appointment as Director

SANTA BARBARA—Reynaldo F. Macías (Education, UCSB) will end his tenure as Director of the University of California Linguistic Minority Research Institute at the end of December 1997. His departing statement is presented here.

Dear Colleagues,

It has been a tremendous 5½ years at the UC LMRI! It almost doesn't seem that long of a time. I have been privileged to help steer the Institute's growth during a turbulent time for language minority and bilingual educational policy in California and the nation. In 1992, when I became director, there was no Proposition 187, or 209, or 227. Since then, not only have these initiatives been adopted by California voters (with the exception of 227, which comes before the voters in June 1998), but we have seen the State Board of Education become more conservative and provide support to districts who have not done well by students with limited English proficiency, and a UC Board of Regents which has restricted admissions and access to the UC of Latino and Black students.

During this same time period, there was a tremendous, positive restructuring of federal educational policies, including that of the Bilingual Education. The National and California Associations for Bilingual Education have continued to grow and provide a strong leadership in the fight for the rights of all school children and youth, and the University of California has supported the bilingual education doctoral programs on various campuses. The UC LMRI and its researchers have grown into contributing roles in these and other events. It has contributed research to both the state and the nation.

The Institute has accomplished and been involved in these activities despite limited funds and human resources. The central office had one full-time person in 1992, and now has 3½ full-time positions, some supported through extramural grants. I am most happy to describe a committed and hard working staff at the Institute. It has by and large been a pleasure and joy working with them during these years. I would like to thank them all for that pleasure and joy.

I also want to thank the members of the Faculty Steering Committee, who displayed a tremendous commitment of

time, energy and leadership in making the Institute activities a success. I must say that the opportunity to work with these esteemed colleagues was, in no small measure, a main reason for accepting the directorship, lo, those many years ago.

A thank you as well, to all my colleagues in the academy and in the field of practitioner scholars who staff the front lines of our daily struggles. Your support these last five years has been a source of motivation and energy.

I don't expect to fade away any time soon. I will continue to work with the Institute as a principal investigator I will also provide time and support for transitional activities over the next six months.

The Institute will undergo changes over the next year or so. The Faculty Steering Committee and others have recommended that the campus for the Institute headquarters be reconquered. If and when this occurs, it may continue at Santa Barbara or may be on one of the other UC campuses. The UC Office of the President has also committed to increase the system contribution to the Institute's budget. I trust that both of these changes will contribute to the Institute's growth in activities, influence, and productivity.

Let's keep up the good work.

Reynaldo F. Macías

Save the Date!!!
THE UC LMRI ANNUAL CONFERENCE
 will be on March 27-28, 1998
 at the
Holiday Inn in Santa Cruz
 For More Information:
 Ph: 805-893-2250
 Web Site:
LMRINET.UCSB.EDU/CONF/LMR198.htm

Chicano Studies Educator Honored

Dr. Luis Leal (Chicano Studies, UCSB) has taught for 55 years on university campuses across the nation. He currently teaches at UC Santa Barbara, imparting to American students what might be called the Mexican version of the Encyclopedia Britannica. For this and other accomplishments, President Clinton awarded Leal, 90, the National Humanities Medal in a White House ceremony. The award honors persons whose work has deepened understanding of the humanities.

Born in Linares, Nuevo León, in northern Mexico, Leal received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1950. He taught there and at the University of Mississippi, Emory University and the University of Illinois from 1942 to 1976, when he retired to California. But retirement did not stick, and he resumed teaching at UC Santa Barbara and other colleges.

He has written 16 books, hundreds of articles and reviews, edited 20 anthologies and made 69 contributions to encyclopedias. Among his disciples were major writers like the late Tomás Rivera, once chancellor of the University of California, Riverside.

In 1988, the National Assn. for Chicano Studies gave Leal its Scholar of the Year award. In 1991 he received the Aztec Eagle award, the highest honor offered by the Mexican government to non-Mexican citizens, and in 1995, UCSB established the endowed Luis Leal Chair in Chicano Studies.

Leal is more than an academic. He is a caring man engaged in a personal crusade against ignorance who patiently educates people, using persuasion, emotion, intelligence and his personal example.

NEW SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR RUNS LMRINET

Jay Tankerley is the new System Administrator for the UC Linguistic Minority Research Institute. He is currently pursuing a B.S. in Computer Science at the UCSB College of Engineering. Jay has more than 10 years programming experience on a variety of systems. His first software development projects were done on an Apple II in BASIC while some of his more recent work is in C and Java on Macintosh and UNIX systems. In the last four years, Jay has worked with a number of platforms including Solaris, HP-UX, Linux, Windows NT, Macintosh, and Netware.

Jay's primary responsibilities at UC LMRI are to help in the strategic planning and growth of the Institute's electronic infrastructure, maintain the Institute's network and servers as the system administrator, and to oversee the operation of the



Jay Tankerley
System Administrator,
UC LMRI

Institute's desktop computer systems. The LMRI network includes printers, hubs, PC's, and two Sun servers over three locations. His duties include scheduling backups, recommending and performing software and hardware upgrades, and programming scripts to automate common server tasks. He also manages the UC LMRI list server, which currently consists of more than 50 email lists and several thousand subscribers.

EVENT ORGANIZATION & LOGISTICS

JUST GOT BETTER

Lorraine Cruz joined the Institute in August as Events Coordinator. She is a graduate of UCSB, where she majored in Sociology. Lorraine is from Salinas, CA, where she grew up and attended Alisal High School. Since graduation several years ago, she has worked in the Santa Barbara area, most recently responsible for travel and logistical arrangements for a local consulting firm.



Lorraine Cruz
Events Coordinator, UCLMRI

Lorraine is responsible for all the logistics of meetings, conferences and lectures sponsored by the Institute, as well as for overall scheduling for the Institute. She will be the primary person responsible for the annual conference, the quarterly Faculty Steering Committee meetings, and visiting scholar lectures.

Application deadlines

The **Hispanic Border Leadership Institute** is now accepting applications for its doctoral W.K. Kellogg fellowships. Deadline: **November 21, 1997**. HBLI is a leadership development initiative and a doctoral fellowship program in educational leadership. The Institute's overall goal is to develop educational leaders in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands who are aware of and sensitive to the needs of Hispano/Chicano students and who possess change agent mentalities, characteristics, and skills to influence public education policy. Those interested please check out the fellowship application at the website: www.HBLI.ORG, or call (505) 646-1982.

The **Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Minorities Program** identifies outstanding researchers and scholars who are members of minority groups whose underrepresentation has been severe and long-standing in the professoriate and in formal programs of postdoctoral research and scholarship in an environment free from the interference of their normal professional duties. The **National Research Council (NRC)** will conduct a national competition to award approximately 25 fellowships to current or potential college or university faculty members/researchers. This Program Announcement and application materials may be downloaded from the Internet

at: <http://fellowships.nas.edu> for more information please call (202) 334-2860; e-mail: infofell@nas.edu

Call for Abstracts

The New Mexico Women's Studies Conference will be held March 19-21, 1998 on the campus of New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, New Mexico. **Women Matter: Lives, Conditions, Cultures** a Call for Abstracts for panels, workshops, readings, etc. is made for the following themes: Science, Technology & Society; Images of the Female Body; Rural Women, Women and the Environment; Cultural Production and Criticism as Activism; Violence Against Women, Family and Children's Issues; Girls and Women in Education; Social Support and Women, Women and Work; Chicana Women, American Indian Women's Perspectives; Men for Women, Women and Poverty; Women's Health Issues; Women and Spirituality. **Deadline: December 12, 1997.** For more information, write the Women's Studies, 3WSP, Box 30001, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM 88003-0001. Call at (505) 646-4235, or e-mail: lfrehill@nmsu.edu.

Call for Nominations

Leading for Diversity: A Study of How School Leaders Achieve Racial and Ethnic Harmony. The research team at ARC Associates and San Francisco State University seek knowledge of a principal or leadership team that is taking proactive steps to address racial or ethnic conflict and build bridges among different racial or ethnic groups at a K-12 school site. ARC Associates would like to document their work. For more information please contact: Susan Sather at (510) 834-9455 ext. 215 or e-mail at sesather@arcoakland.org.

Call for Papers

7th Annual Conference on Ibero-American Culture & Society jointly with the **6th Conference on Spanish in the United States.** Albuquerque, NM. Deadline November 15, 1997. For more information please contact the Department of Spanish & Portuguese at UNM at (505) 277-5907 or at spanish@unm.edu.

2nd European Conference on Formal Description of the Slavic languages. November 20-22, 1997. AATSEEL. <http://clover.slavic.pitt.edu/~aatseel/conferences/announcements.html>

Society, Language, and Culture in Post-Communist Russia, the Other Former Republics of the Soviet Union, and Eastern Europe. April 2-4, 1998. AATSEEL. <http://clover.slavic.pitt.edu/~aatseel/conferences/announcements.html>

Call for Presentations

Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future. **NCLR 30th Annual Convention** July 19-22, 1998, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. Proposed track: Community Development, Cultural Heritage: Honoring Our Past, Forging Our Future, Education, Health, Leadership, Nonprofit Management, and Public Policies and Programs. **Deadline December 5, 1997.** For more information please contact Jennifer Jackson (202) 785-1670.

Call for Proposals

Envision Equality: The First Step to Ending Sexual Violence. The University of Wisconsin-Madison invites proposals for the 7th Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence **March 27-29, 1998.** For more information call (608) 265-8951 or e-mail NSVConfer@std.org.wisc.edu Conference registration begins November 7, 1997.

Southeast Asian Culture and Education Foundation

The South Asian Culture and Education Foundation (SEACAEF) is a non-profit foundation organized exclusively for educational purposes. Founded in 1994, its primary goal is to develop a mutual understanding between Southeast Asian Americans and Americans of other heritages through publications, newsletters, conferences, seminars and workshops on Southeast Asian cultures, languages and literature.

SEACAEF activities include:

- Instructional materials development in English and Southeast Asian languages;
- Consulting and staff development workshops in language minority education, Southeast Asian languages (Cambodian, Lao, Hmong, and Vietnamese for teachers), and culture and communication; and
- Publication of a newsletter in English on Southeast Asian cultures and literature.

SEACAEF has received a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for the production of books translated into four Southeast Asian languages (Cambodian, Hmong, Lao, and Vietnamese). The following titles are currently available in the aforementioned languages: "Helping Your Child Achieve in School: A Handbook for Southeast Asian Parents" and "A Bilingual Glossary of School Terminology." The organization also has a number of other titles related to the education of Southeast Asian students.

For more information on SEACAEF and its products, you may contact them at P.O. Box 2441, Huntington Beach, CA 92647-2441; Phone: (714) 847-0718; Fax: (714) 847-4009

Calendar of Events

November 6-8, 1997— California Reading Association 31st Annual Conference. Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, CA. For more information please call: (714) 435-1983; ext. 10; FAX (714) 435-0269.

November 7-9, 1997— Annual Conference on Emerging Literature of the Southwest, University of Texas at El Paso, TX. For a brochure or more information contact the UTEP Professional & Continuing Ed. at (915) 747-5142.

November 15, 1997— California Association for Asian-Pacific Bilingual Education Annual Conference. Furama Hotel, Los Angeles, CA. For more information please call Mary Sieu at (562) 926-6132.

November 22, 1997— Novena Jornada Pedagógica Internacional Para la Educación Bilingüe. Annual Conference, Loyola Marymount. Contact María Quezada at 562-985-5811. <http://lmrinet.ucsb.edu/confsjorn97.htm>

November 29 - December 7, 1997— XIth Guadalajara International Book Fair (Feria Internacional de Libro - FIL). For more information, please contact FIL New York at (212) 650-7925.

December 4-7, 1997— California School Boards Association Annual Education Conference. Convention Center, Anaheim, CA. For more information call (916) 371-4691; FAX (916) 371-3407.

December 10, 1997— California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE) Para-Educator/Parent Conference. Pasadena Convention Center. Call (213) 532-3850.

December 14-16, 1997— Improving America's Schools Regional Conference, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, open to the public, at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in Washington, D.C. For more information please call: (800) 203-5494.

December 15, 1997— UCSB Summer Academic Research Internship (SARI) Program. For additional information or literature on the SARI program please contact the SARI program Office at (805) 893-3803 or by e-mail SARI@graddiv.ucsb.edu.

December 28-30, 1997— American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages, (AATSEEL) '97 Conference at Toronto, Canada. Contact Gerard Ervin at

520-885-2663. <http://cover.slavic.pitt.edu/~aatseel/>

January 14, 1998— Education in a Multicultural Society in a Shrinking World, sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Educational Development Center, for teachers, administrators, curriculum directors, and other interested educators, at Cleveland State University in Cleveland. Call Barbara Jenkins at (216) 523-7107 email: nrpdc@csuohio.edu.

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