The Latino Literary Cultures Project of the Chicano Latino Research Center presents two events on rethinking hemispheric indigeneity with

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Gloria E. Chacón is Assistant Professor of Literature at the University of California, San Diego, where she teaches hemispheric indigenous studies, and Latina/o studies and is currently a Hellman Faculty Fellow. Her scholarship on contemporary Maya and Zapotec writers works across the disciplines of literature, history, anthropology, and translation studies, bringing feminist and decolonial perspectives to the study of Mesoamerican cultures across national boundaries. Since earning her PhD in Literature at UC Santa Cruz in 2006, Professor Chacón has held postdoctoral fellowships in Native American Studies at UC Davis and at the Charles Young Library at UCLA. In addition to several articles on women’s poetry in Chiapas and Guatemala, she has published essays on Salvadoran folklore and on indigenista writing and has edited a forthcoming issue of the journal Diálogo, titled “The Five Points in Contemporary Indigenous Literature.” She is a past recipient of the UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, the Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship, and a UC Mexus Dissertation Grant.

WORKSHOP: “Political Movements from the South and Chicano Texts”
10-11:30 am - Humanities 1, 210
A conversation on indigenismo, Chicana/o theories of mestizaje, and their relationship to Central American and Zapatista political movements. Participants are encouraged to read in advance the pre-circulated paper by the same title, which is available by emailing ksgruesz@ucsc.edu.

LECTURE: “Ajchowen and the Double Gaze: Theorizing Contemporary Mayan Women’s Theater”
4 pm - Humanities 1, 210
Professor Chacón will speak on her work with indigenous poet-performers who challenge patriarchal versions of Ajchowen, or art that expresses a Maya worldview.

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