
CLRC
Chicano Latino Research Center
OUR MISSION

This is a crucial time in human history to focus on the mechanisms and implications of global migration. With cross-cultural understanding, we have an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen the bonds of the global community and improve the quality of life for all its members. Without it, the consequences are dire.

The Chicano Latino Research Center (CLRC) brings together scholars in Chicano, Latino, Latin American, and migration studies. We find common ground for exchange between people, departments, institutions, countries, and cultures. We take a multi-disciplinary, multi-faceted approach to complex issues, and develop new solutions to wide-ranging problems. We are a hub for inquiry, exploration, and creativity. We bring new and unexpected approaches to promoting community involvement and mutual understanding.

OUR WORK

The CLRC provides and shares knowledge about Latinos, Latin America, and a world on the move. We promote a civil and reasonable dialogue based on evidence, rather than emotion or prejudice.

Our work includes:

- Funding globally minded and innovative research
- Training and mentoring students
- Hosting public events, such as conferences, seminars, lectures, and film screenings
- Collaborating with individual scholars and institutions in other parts of our world who have an interest in the many issues related to migration and citizenship

The CLRC also provides vital research opportunities to students and professors. CLRC affiliates share their findings in classrooms, at conferences and art exhibitions, in print and digital media, and in academic publications and policy briefs.
Nuestras Historias: CLRC Archive Project

Participants in our Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program learned archival, oral history, and digital research methods as they built the CLRC archive and curated digital and physical exhibits for the university library. “The CLRC works with a long-term perspective,” notes undergraduate researcher Vicente Lovelace. This project offers a crucial window to view and understand the past, present, and future of Latinos and the CLRC at UC Santa Cruz and beyond.

Transnational Tobacco Companies’ Usage of Trade Agreements

Politics graduate student Eric Crosbie was able to use a CLRC grant to support his dissertation about transnational tobacco companies that use international trade agreements to constrain government regulatory authority. With support from the grant, he traveled to Uruguay to interview health advocates and government officials, including former President Tabaré Vázquez, an oncologist who has been instrumental in advocating tobacco control in Uruguay. Crosbie used this work to extend his networks in the field of tobacco regulation, joining other students whose CLRC-sponsored experience has built a platform for future scholarly and policy work.

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation John E. Sawyer Seminar on Non-citizenship

This year-long series of events explored what it means to be a citizen and non-citizen in a world of migrants, refugees, guest workers, permanent residents, asylum-seekers, the stateless, and other denizens (residents who do not hold the same rights as citizens). With the support of the Mellon Foundation, the CLRC has awarded one postdoctoral fellowship and fellowships to two UCSC graduate students working on the issue of non-citizenship.
THE DIFFERENCE IS YOU

With your help, the CLRC will accomplish these goals:

- Expand opportunity through grants and scholarships for undergraduate apprenticeships
- Build greater support for faculty and graduate student research
- Attract and host visiting scholars
- Host regular public events, including conferences

- Collaborate with community partners on a photo competition focusing on migration and mobility
- Establish an endowed chair and attract a center naming endowment
- Raise matching funds for grant applications
- Hire permanent staff

We depend on private donations to fund the vital work we do. Thank you for your support!

The CLRC highlights the valuable contributions Chicano, Latino, and Latin American studies have made and can make to border and migration studies globally. By bringing together scholars from multiple departments, disciplines, institutions, and countries, it provides a rare space for exchange and insight.

— Catherine Ramírez, Center Director

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