5TH ANNUAL SEMANA CHICANA  
APRIL 9TH-15TH, 2005

Nuestro Pasado, Presente, y Futuro: 
Donde hemos estado y donde nos dirigimos

Saturday, April 9th, 9am-3pm  
Community Outreach Program w/ Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School  
Leung Gallery/Upper Blue Room  
Co-Sponsored by Latino History Month, MEChA (El Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan), FEP (La Federación de Estudiantes Puertoriqueños), and LASO (Latin American Student Organization)  
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• Forty Latino ESL students from Oliver Hazard Perry Middle School (a predominantly low-income, Latino immigrant school) will be brought by bus to Brown University for a day of activities and mentoring with forty Brown Latino undergraduates. All students will be provided with breakfast and lunch. The day will include workshop stations for undergrads and students from the middle school to perform activities together, tours of Brown’s campus, a talk about college (representatives from the different colleges in Providence will share information about their respective school), and an original performance by Alixa Garcia and Naima Pennington (two slam poetry artists) pertaining to college, education, being Latino, etc. After their performance, Alixa and Naima will be leading a workshop of their own on writing, poetry, and performing. Students will write original poetry pieces during the workshop and then some will be asked to share with the rest of the group.
This night is dedicated to reflecting on our theme. Throughout Semana Chicana, but especially during convocation, we will reflect on the trials and tribulations of our predecessors, celebrate our societal and political achievements, and acknowledge the work that still lies ahead. We will focus on the realities that Mexicans/Mexican-Americans/Chicanos have faced, are facing, and are yet to face at Brown and beyond. Our keynote speaker for the night, Professor Louis Mendoza is the Chair of the Chicana/o Studies Department at the University of Minnesota. He was once a professor at Brown and while here worked with the Latino History Month and Semana Chicana programmers. He has done numerous research on Chicana/os and is well respected in his field. Our alumni speaker is Benjamin Hernandez-Stern ’03, who was a very active and important member of the Latino/Chicano community during his four years at Brown, as well as one of the first programmers and advocates of Semana Chicana. We will also have a senior reflection speaker, Marisa Hernandez-Stern, and a freshman speaker, Veronica Cortez. A reception outside Starr Auditorium will be held immediately following the end of the ceremonial part of convocation.
Tuesday, April 12th, 7pm-9pm
Panel Discussion: Who Are We? - A Talk on Chicano/Latino Identity
Wilson 102
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- Three Brown professors (Matthew Garcia-American Civilization/Ethnic Studies, Patricia Ybarra-Theatre, Speech, and Dance, and Cynthia Garcia-Coll-Education), three Brown graduate students, and 3 Brown undergraduate students will share their experiences and thoughts on the different ways people in our community identify, and the way we are identified by others. We will explore the issues and evolution of identity in our community throughout the decades, as well as how other identities (gender, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) affect our ethnic identity. Panelists will share how they identify and then be given a chance to answer questions submitted by students in the community. The discussion will eventually be opened up to audience members to give them a chance to ask questions for clarification or further inquiry.

Wednesday, April 13th, 7pm-10pm
The Women of Juarez, Mexico
Smith-Buonano 106
Reading of play “Escaping Juarez,” Screening of short film “Ignacio’s Keys,” and a talk with writer/director Eliza Carrizal
Co-Sponsored by Sarah Doyle Women’s Center
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- In the past twelve years, over 300 women have disappeared without a trace in Juarez, Mexico, a city that shares a border with El Paso, Texas. These women are all in their late teens to early twenties, many of who worked in the local “maquiladoras” (U.S.-owned factories) in Juarez. They usually disappear coming and going from home and work in these factories. Authorities have done nothing and are thought to be involved somehow. Meanwhile, families are still losing daughters as more women are going missing and being killed everyday. Information about the ongoing dilemma of the disappearing women of Juarez, Chihuahua will be addressed through a reading of Columbia Film School student, Elvira Carrizal’s recent play “Escaping Juarez.” Brown students will participate in the reading of the play. Ms. Carrizal will also share her experiences as a native El Pasoan and how they relate to her play and the situation of the women of Juarez. Her play “Ignacio’s Keys” will be screened and she will also discuss the subject of Chicanos/Latinos in the film and theatre industry and using this type of art as a form of political activism.
Thursday, April 14th, 7pm-9pm
*Brown Tide Rising: Metaphors of Latinos in Contemporary American Public Discourse*
Salomon 001
Lecture and discussion on the media representation of Chicanos/Latinos in today’s modern American society
Presentation given by author Professor Otto Santa Ana (University of California, Los Angeles)
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- Otto Santa Ana is a Professor of Chicana/o Studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. As a sociolinguist, he studies the interface of language and social structure, and as a critical discourse analyst, he has focused his attention on the role that discourse plays in reproducing societal dominance: how hierarchical social relations are enacted, sustained and legitimated through discourse. His most recent book, Brown Tide Rising, discusses the media representation of Chicanos/Latinos in today’s society. He will lead a power point lecture/presentation on his book and findings, as well as a discussion with the audience after the lecture.

Friday, April 15th, 6pm-9pm
*Noche de Cultura (Culture Night)*
Machado House
Tickets on sale in PO, 11am-2pm, April 9th-15th ($3)*
Co-Sponsored by MEChA de Brown, LASO, Circle K, and Machado House
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- This is an annual event that MEChA de Brown holds, but this year we are making the event a part of Semana Chicana. It is a night to celebrate the Mexican culture with performances of traditional Mexican dances as well Mexican cuisine.

Friday, April 15th, 10pm-2am
*Circle K Presents “Dirty Dancing: Fogo Caliente”*
Machado House
Tickets on sale in PO, 11am-2pm, April 9th-15th ($5)*
Co-Sponsored by Semana Chicana, MEChA de Brown, LASO, and Machado House
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*STUDENTS WHO BUY TICKETS FOR BOTH EVENTS RECEIVE A $2 DISCOUNT.*