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## UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Event Announcement

### Talk:

### “The Latino Paparazzi of Los Angeles: Life, Death, and Labor in the Celebrity Industrial Complex”



**Tuesday, April 18, 2017**

**4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**CSRC Library - 144 Haines Hall**

Please join us for a special research presentation by IAC visiting researcher and Ford fellow Vanessa Díaz, who will explore the racial politics of representation and division of labor among paparazzi. In the last fifteen years, the demographics of the Los Angeles paparazzi transitioned from a labor force of predominantly white men to one of predominantly Latino men, including individuals born in the U.S. and Latin America. Based on extensive fieldwork, this presentation illuminates the ways in which an unlikely demographic of cultural producers plays a central role in shaping celebrity culture. Through the lens of these photographers, this talk reconsiders the (in)visibility of Latinx labor, stereotypes around immigration, and the relationship between media, politics, and celebrity in the era of the reality star presidency. Two paparazzi will join Díaz for the discussion. The event will conclude with a reception.

**VANESSA DIAZ** is an anthropologist, journalist, and filmmaker. She is an assistant professor of communications at California State University, Fullerton. Currently, she is in residence at UCLA as an IAC visiting researcher at the Chicano Studies Research Center and a Ford Foundation postdoctoral fellow at the Ralph J. Bunche Center for African American Studies.

**Free to the public. Please RSVP to Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/2nNdIKU>**

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