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The Chicano Studies Research Center Receives Diversity Award from the Society of American Archivists

CHICAGO—The Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) at the University of California, Los Angeles, is the first recipient of the Diversity Award given by the Society of American Archivists (SAA). The award will be presented at a ceremony during SAA's Annual Meeting in San Diego, August 6–11, 2012.

The award recognizes an individual, group, or institution for outstanding contributions in advancing diversity within the archives profession, SAA, or the archival record. The award is given based on the long-term impact on improving and promoting diversity as defined in the SAA Statement on Diversity.

For more than 40 years, CSRC has been at the forefront of collecting and providing access to archival material reflecting the rich history of the Chicano population in the Los Angeles and Southern California area. The Chicano Studies Research Center's significant achievements in activism, education, outreach, publication, and service on pressing issues facing the Chicano and Latino communities are truly exemplary. The Award Committee was especially impressed with the quality and extent of collaborative projects, the focus on education in the community, and the support provided to UCLA's Department of Information Studies to broaden students' experiences working with diverse and grassroots communities. The Center and its staff carry out the kinds of activities that are so important to diversifying the archival record and the profession.

One nominator wrote, "The staff of the CSRC has shown exemplary dedication, innovation, passion, and energy in meeting its vision."

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Founded in 1936, the Society of American Archivists is North America's oldest and largest national archives professional association. SAA's mission is to serve the educational and informational needs of more than 6,000 individual and institutional members and to provide leadership to ensure the identification, preservation, and use of records of historical value. For more information, visit www.archivists.org.

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