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UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Latino LGBT Initiative

The Latino LGBT Initiative at the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center (CSRC) was first developed by esteemed CSRC librarian Yolanda Retter Vargas in 2007 and supported by a grant from the Ford Foundation from 2008-2012.

The CSRC Library now holds seventeen LGBT archival collections, resulting in *Gronk*, the first volume in the CSRC's award-winning A Ver: Revisioning Art History book series, plus one award-winning reference book with a second forthcoming. Materials from these collections have been exhibited at museums across the U.S. and throughout Latin America, and the CSRC Library has hosted LGBT-related exhibitions based on the collections of Gronk, David Damian Figueroa, and Alex Donis. To date, the CSRC has held workshops and presentations in four states to facilitate the preservation of Latino LGBT collections nationally.

The CSRC's Latino LGBT Initiative also involves students, offering hands-on experience working with archival collections so that these materials can be made available to students, scholars, and the general public. The CSRC is committed to making the Latino LGBT Initiative integral to our core projects on education, economic security, public health, and the arts and culture. Our efforts were recognized this year when the Society of American Archivists presented its first ever "Diversity Award" to the CSRC Library.

If you are interested in making a gift to support this ongoing effort, please visit our website or send a check to the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center.

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Attn: Chris Best / LGBT Initiative
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For more information about this project or to make a multi-payment pledge, please contact our director of development, Christopher Best, at cbest@support.ucla.edu or (310) 206-5270.

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