Vicki L. Ruiz
Dean of Humanities, UC Irvine and Professor of History & Chicano/Latino Studies

"Latino History as United States History"

Thurs., January 22
4:00 p.m. at the MUII

A pioneer in Latina history, Dr. Vicki L. Ruiz, Professor of History and the current Dean of the Humanities at UC Irvine, will give a talk on the centrality of Latina/o history in the larger project of United States history and highlight the roles of Latinas in their communities and larger society. Come spend an afternoon with Professor Ruiz who is not only known for her scholarship but also her mentorship of junior scholars, both faculty and students alike.

A professor of history and Chicano/Latino studies, Professor Ruiz joined the UCI faculty in 2001. She has served as chair of the history department and as director of K-12 outreach programs Humanities Out There and the UCI History Project. Ruiz’s research encompasses 20th century U.S. history, Chicano/Latino history through oral narratives, gender studies, labor and immigration. She is best known for her two monographs, Cannery Women, Cannery Lives and From Out of the Shadows: Mexican Women in Twentieth Century America. In 2006 she co-edited Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia, a three-volume set with more than 600 entries and 300 photographs. She was the first Latina president of both the Organization of American Historians and the American Studies Association. She currently is a fellow of the Society of American Historians and a member of the national advisory board for the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History.

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