

**Center of Multicultural Engagement (CME) Annual Report
Academic Year 2015 – 2016
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1. **Organization and Structure:** The current organization and structure of the Center or Institute should be reported, including any changes that may have occurred since the last annual report.

The current organization and structure of the Center is the same as last year. The only change is two new co-directors were appointed: Dr. Christy Teranishi Martinez replaced Sofia Samatar to represent the Academic Affairs side, and Dr. Gregory Sawyer replaced Kirsten Moss to represent the Student Services side. However, both directors are working together to integrate Academic Affairs and Student Services to develop stronger networking and collaborations in aims to promote increased awareness of and appreciation for multiculturalism and diversity.

2. Report on Activities and Accomplishments

The following were our 2015-2016 CME activities and accomplishments:

- Dreamer/AB 540 presentation and workshop with Henoc Preciado
- Two SAFE trainings concerning LGBTQ issues
- Sponsored Annual Social Justice Conference
- Faculty and Student Awards
- Film showing of *Mosquita y Mari*, and Q&A with director Aurora Guerrero

FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

We held two SAFE trainings for faculty, staff, and student leaders. We also held a Dreamers Ally Workshop with guest speaker Henoc Preciado of CSU Fullerton and a panel of guests from CSULA and CSU Northridge to foster a conversation about supporting undocumented students with staff and student leaders from our sister campuses. We supported the creation and implementation of the Dreamers Center. The CME supported the annual Social Justice Conference.

STUDENT AND FACULTY AWARDS

Student Awards: Together all of the Mission Centers offered five student awards, presented at the Honors Convocation. Recipients were Rayheem Flexridge, Ande Murphy, Gnei Soraya Zarook, Shaina Salin, and Samantha Albert.

Faculty Awards: A total of \$5800 in CME mini-grants was awarded to faculty for following projects:

- Cynthia Flores, “Numerical Simulations of the Interactions Between Two Classes of Latino Voters in Ventura County” and “African American Girls Expanding Mathematics;”
- Jennie Luna and LaSonya Davis-Smith, “Xicana Indigenous Birth Summit;”
- Christy Teranishi Martinez, “Defining Meanings of Happiness through a Multicultural Lens: Impact of a Japan Study Abroad Trip;”
- Angela Timmons, “World History/Our History” and “Moment to Movement;” and
- Georgina Guzmán and Julia Ornelas-Higdon, “Research for ENGL/HIST 334: Narratives of Southern California” (This is postponed until Spring 2017 due to Dr. Guzman’s maternity leave).

FILM SHOWING: The CME showed the film *Mosquito y Mari*, a love story set in LA that address LGBTQ and immigrant issues. Filmmaker Aurora Guerrero spoke with students and answered their questions after the film.

3. **Report on Change in Purpose or Activities:** *Any changes in activities, organizational structure, purpose, etc., of the center or institute since the last official reporting.*

We have no changes to report.

4. Report on Fiscal Activities and Status

The CME received a total of \$10,000 for the 2015-16 academic year. A copy of the budget is enclosed.

5. **Self-Assessment:** *The final component should be a general assessment of how well the activities of the center or institute are accomplishing its stated goals and purposes. Assessment should be directly related to the assessment plan delineated in the center or institute's initial proposal.*

The CME continues to support ongoing discussions and actions to promote and value all forms of diversity at every level. As the list of CME-supported projects and events shows, our activities reach students, faculty, and staff to support CI's mission to make multicultural perspectives a core part of the educational experience.