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A Message from President Larry Estrada

I want to extend an invitation to all of you to join us in our nation's capital for the 38th annual conference of NAES. In many respects this affords us the proper venue by which to both celebrate and reunite our efforts to illuminate and focus upon concerns affecting ethnic population groups globally. As an organization we have weathered the last few years of economic downturn and have survived with a much stronger mission and purpose to reach out to researchers and scholars world-wide who are dealing with and examining ethnic and cultural dynamics within their respective societies.

Washington D.C. and our nation's census will provide us with a backdrop that will further lend import to our conference proceedings and sessions. Kudos to this year's conference committee members and conference chair, Larry Shinagawa, this year's keynote speakers represent a blend of scholars and political personalities that will reflect upon the course of cultural ethnicity and politics as well as the interplay they will have in setting the national and global agenda. Many of the papers selected for this year's conference will further shed light on how ethnicity has and will continue to be a determinant in setting national agendas and sweeping policy initiatives.

As we convene for this year's conference, it will also represent a time for transition for NAES. I have decided to step down from the office of President, as well as the NAES Board of Directors. Having been a board member for over sixteen years and president of NAES for eight years, I feel that it is now time to open the seat for a new board member. I do this with both a sense of loss but also excitement to devote myself to new activities within the organization. I also want to encourage many of you who have been long standing members to seek election to the Board. It has been both a privilege and outstanding experience for me to serve in this capacity.

Along with my personal changes, the organization is also looking at potentially a new home site for 2010 and beyond. For the past six years, the home site for NAES has been Western Washington University and prior to that, we enjoyed a long tenure and association with Arizona State University. We are presently in negotiations with the University of North Texas that may culminate with our national office moving to the state of Texas. This is a move that many of us feel will potentially provide for greater visibility of the organization and a new, productive association with a respected university that has progressively strengthened its commitment to ethnic and cultural studies. It also would give us a centrally located home site for Board travel, publication mailings and conference planning. I extol all of you to personally introduce yourselves to those guests and presenters who are attending the conference from the University of North Texas.

I also personally want to thank the entire membership for allowing me to represent you and the organization for these past eight years. I was elected president at the 2002 conference in Vancouver, BC where I also suffered a gall bladder attack on the same night of my election and was rushed to the emergency room. Given that auspicious start, I can honestly state that everything has been on an up swing and progressively better as president from that point on. One of the things I will carry away from my tenure with NAES will be the friendships that have developed over the years. Like yourselves, I am looking forward to seeing old friends and making new ones in Washington D.C.

Again, I would encourage all of you to enjoy our nation's capital, the blossoming cherry trees and the locale of the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel and its proximity to the U.S. capitol and the Potomac River. I think you will be very pleased with this year's conference site. I very much look forward to our time together in April.

Larry J. Estrada, President, NAES

Welcome New NAES Board Members

Diana Ariza (2013), Albion College



Dr. Ariza is Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies at Albion College in Michigan. Professor Ariza was hired three years ago to develop an Ethnic Studies Program which includes collaborating with faculty, students and staff to establish interdisciplinary courses, internships, research projects, and co-curricular events that foster a deeper understanding and study of race and ethnicity and both the domestic and international levels.

In addition to her full time teaching and research responsibilities, she also is committed to developing relationships with organizations whose work strengthens multicultural and multicultural relationships locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Her teaching and research interests include immigrant studies, gender inequity, youth identity and migration, particularly with second generation immigrants in the U.S. and other countries, including Canada, Europe, and Latin America, to name a few.

She is currently working on several papers that address second generation Latina/o issues including their identity, migration and their adaptation to Central Florida. She has presented at several NAES Annual Conferences and cherishes the mentorship and collegial spirit that she has received thus far from its members. One of her roles in NAES is to promote and mentor more undergraduate and graduate students to be a part of this rigorous, intellectual and caring community.

Ying Wang (2010), University of Maryland, College Park Graduate Student Representative

Ms Wang is a Ph.D. doctoral candidate of Sociology at the University of Maryland. She received her Master's degree in Sociology at the University of New Mexico. Her dissertation focuses on residential patterns of Asian immigrants, and the determinants of immigrant's settlement choices.

Her research interest areas are in international migration, educational achievement and returns of Asian Americans, racial identity formation, and racial stratification. She has conducted numerous in-depth interviews and ethnographic studies on the racialization process of Chinese international students, perception of Chinese identity and community of Chinese Americans, and tobacco use behaviors and community influence of Asian American smokers.

She is one of the leading demographic and ethnographic researchers of *A Portrait of Chinese Americans: A National Demographic and Social Profile of Chinese Americans* published in 2009 as well as the upcoming *Portrait of Japanese Americans*. She has taught undergraduate-level sociology courses in criminal justice and introduction of sociology. She serves as reviewer and editorial consultant to publishers on new and subsequent editions of sociology textbooks on topics such as sociological theory, contemporary sociological issues, and criminology.

She is also an active member of the Asian American community on the East Coast. She served as a board member of OCA-DC Chapter and is currently a board member of JAACL-DC Chapter. She is affiliated with numerous academic associations. She is also a long-term member and presenter of the American Sociological Association and the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

National Office News

In August 2009, Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez left the position as Manager of the NAES National Office at Western Washington University, so that she could better focus on her teaching and legal work. Cecily had worked with NAES for four and a half years.

NAES President, Larry Estrada, was fortunate to be able to hire **Susan Burges** to replace Cecily in this important role.

INTRODUCING THE NEW MANAGER OF THE NAES NATIONAL OFFICE



Susan Burges first came to know NAES as an undergraduate student at Western Washington University, where she received her B.A. She double majored in Spanish and Sociology, with emphases on Law, Crime & Deviance, as well as Family & Life.

Susan presented a paper entitled "HIV and AIDS in the LGBT Latin@ Community in the U.S." at the 37th Annual NAES Conference in San Diego, CA in 2009. She studied abroad at three universities in Santiago, Chile while volunteering and teaching English to Chilean high school students.

Susan brings a fresh perspective to the National Office and a great deal of enthusiasm. She was impressed with the collegiality and warmth of the NAES Board and membership when she attended the San Diego Conference.

In addition to her work with NAES, Susan works for the American Cultural Studies Program at WWU.

NAES STUDENT STAFF

NAES student employee, **Andrew Springsteen**, is back for his second year with the association. He is a junior at Western Washington University, majoring in Sociology with a minor in American Cultural Studies. Andrew's experience working on the 2009 San Diego conference will come in handy when he returns to the registration desk at the Washington, DC conference this April.

New national office staffer, **Abraham Rodriguez Hernandez**, is excited to join the NAES team this year. Originally from Monterrey, Mexico, Abe is a junior at Western Washington University, studying at Fairhaven

College of Interdisciplinary Studies with a major in American Cultural Studies and a focus on Diversity in Higher Education. In addition to his work with NAES, Abe works in the WWU Admissions Office and is an active member of the campus MEChA Chapter.

The NAES National Office staff are looking forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new members at the upcoming annual conference in Washington, DC this April. Make sure to stop by the registration table at the conference to say hello!

As always, be sure to contact the National Office with any questions you may have regarding membership or conference registration.

NATIONAL OFFICE SITE

The National Office at WWU will officially close June, 2010 according to our host contract. The new home for the National Office will be announced at the Business Meeting on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Washington, DC.

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New NAES Mentoring Project

The National Association for Ethnic Studies (NAES) is proud to offer a new mentoring project to our members. The purpose of the mentoring project is to connect Asian, African, American Indian, Latino and ethnic studies, sociology, psychology, history and literary studies newly-appointed faculty members and graduate students (protégés) with more experienced faculty members who have similar interests (mentors).

If you are interested in being either a mentor or a protégé, please complete and return the enclosed questionnaire. We will try to match everyone who requests a mentor based on your needs and interests but if we are unable to do so, we will let you know. Each person who is matched will receive a copy of the completed questionnaire of his or her counterpart, and mentors will be asked to initiate the contact to begin the mentoring process.

Mentors will be asked to provide a limited time commitment that may involve a few phone and/or email contacts and possibly some sharing of written information. This is not intended to be a time-intensive commitment, and protégés will be asked to respect the fact that mentors may have limited availability.

NAES greatly appreciates your interest in participating in this important project. Please return your completed questionnaire to me in care of the surface or e-mail address on the questionnaire.

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The National Association for Ethnic Studies Mentor and Protégé Application Form

Name: _____ Position: _____

Institutional Affiliation: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

I am interested in being a (CHECK ONE): Mentor Protégé

My PRIMARY substantive area is (CHECK ONE):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Native American Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American/Pacific Islander Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Ethnic/Multicultural Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Latino-a/Chicano-a Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTQ/Queer Studies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Women's/Gender Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Literature/Literary Studies | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psychology | <input type="checkbox"/> Sociology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Please specify): _____ | |

Please note the specific areas in which you would like to provide/receive mentorship (e.g., publication, being "out" on faculty and in classes, research opportunities on Ethnic Studies issues, etc.): _____

This form will also be available in hard copy at the registration desk at the Washington, D.C. conference in April 2010.

NAES Member News and Updates

Former NAES Board Graduate Student Representative, **Ravi Perry** successfully defended his dissertation, "21st Century Black Mayors in Non-Majority Black Cities and the Representation of Black Interests." He has accepted a position as an assistant professor of government at Clark University. Congratulations, Dr. Perry!

NAES Board Member, **Dr. Caleb Rosado** established a new Bachelor of Science major in Urban Studies at Warner Pacific College. He also published "Context Determines Content: Quantum Physics as a Framework for 'Wholeness' in Urban Transformation" in *Urban Studies*, 45/10 20075-2097, Sept., 2009.

NAES Board Member, **Dr. Carleen Sanchez** was elected to the Board of Directors of the Peoples' Health Center in Lincoln, Nebraska, which provides affordable, accessible and culturally appropriate quality health care to the local community.

NAES Board Member, **Dr. Maythee Rojas'** book *Women of Color and Feminism* was published by Seal Press. In June, Dr. Rojas wed Patrick Ontiveros. Congratulations to the newlyweds!!

After returning to college, NAES Board Member, **Linda C. Delgado** successfully defended her dissertation, "Hispanic Students' Perceptions of Financial Security and Persistence in a Four-Year, Private, Urban College." Congratulations, Dr. Delgado!

Dr. Delgado continues to work with Noel Levitz Corp and their CSI-B instrument in a funded post-doctoral study. She also recently published, "Puerto Ricans in the US" in *(Im)migrants in the US*. Elliot Barkan (Ed), ABC-CLIO, 2010.

Former NAES Office Manager, **Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez** received the Ken Gass Community Building Award from the Whatcom Community & Family Network for her work helping to establish a dialogue between local school administrators and Latino/a parents in the Bellingham [WA] School District.

NAES Board Members, **Drs. Sandra J. Holstein** (Southern Oregon University), **Connie Jacobs** (San Juan College) and former NAES President and Ethnic Studies Review Editor, **Dr. Otis Scott** (California State University, Sacramento) have announced their retirement from their respective institutions.

2009 Cortland Auser Undergraduate Paper Award winner and NAES member, **Ms. Letisha Brown** spent the summer term at Bogazici University in Istanbul. In addition to studying Turkish language and cultural anthropology, Ms. Brown was also conducting initial research for her planned presentation at the NAES 2010 national conference.

*Be sure to send your updates and news to
ER Editor, Linda Delgado at
lindlqd@aol.com*

PUBLICATIONS NEWS

With the retirement of Dr. Otis Scott, the editorship of the ESR will be changing hands.

Dr. Maythee Rojas will be the Editor the next ESR publication with Associate Editor **Dr. Midori Takagi** (Western Washington University). **Dr. Larry Estrada** will edit a special edition of ESR for the fall of 2010.

Dr. Diana Ariza (Albion College) is the new Book Review Editor of the ESR.

A special thank you to Dr. Scott for all of his support and efforts as editor of ESR.

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2009 NAES Awards

The 2009 **Ernest M Pon Award** was presented to the San Diego Asian American Repertory Theatre (SDAART). This is a departure from the usual procedure of the award, as it has never before been given to an arts organization. However, the SDAART is impressive in that its members strive to build appreciation of the many different cultures and sensibilities that comprise the Asian community, increasing knowledge and awareness of their diverse experiences in the United States.

SDAART produces Asian American plays and stage works by new and established artists to help bridge cross-generational and cross-cultural gaps and to transcend stereotypes. For over 14 years,

33 productions, and 4 world premieres, their mission has been to create theatrical productions that celebrate the Asian American experience, to present fresh perspectives on traditional works, and to further develop and educate adult and youth Asian American artists in their craft.

Board members, past and present, were in attendance at the NAES Awards Luncheon at the conference in San Diego. **Louie Nguyen**, who served as President of the Board of Directors of SDAART for the last ten years, accepted the award on behalf of the organization. Information about SDAART is available online at <http://www.asianamericanrep.org>

The **Charles C. Irby Award Distinguished Service Award** was given to former NAES Office Manager, **Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez** for her tireless work on behalf of NAES. Her talents and skills reshaped the national office at Western Washington University.

Ms. Hazelrigg-Hernandez started with NAES in 2005 and worked on a variety of projects for the organization, including maintenance of corporate status, several Board of Directors meetings and day-to-day member support. She worked on the San Francisco, New Paltz, Atlanta and San Diego national conferences and is currently serving as a consultant on the 2010 Washington, DC conference.

Business Meeting Report

April 4, 2009

16 people in attendance

The meeting was called to order at 1:50 p.m. by the Vice President, Ashton Welch.

Old Business – none

New Business

Treasurer's Report as of March 21, 2009. The revenue and bills from the conference are not reflected in these numbers. More information is available through the national office.

Nomination Committee

New member – Diana Ariza

Three current NAES Board members re-elected – Linda Delgado, George Junne, Larry Shinagawa

Election of new officers – the person must be from the board and have served at least one year

There were no nominations from the floor, and June and Welch were re-elected.

Welch announced that every year there are four Board slots available and that every two years a new student representative is elected.

The NAES Board was introduced. Connie Jacobs presented the two student paper award winners:

Undergraduate winner – Letisha Engracia Cardoso Brown,
University of Northern Colorado

Graduate winner – Kabria Baumgartner,
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Jacobs asked faculty to urge students to submit papers for this competition. Students should think about papers done in fall courses that would fit the conference theme and submit them to the competition.

Linda Delgado announced that the 2010 conference will be held in D.C. and the 2011 conference will be held in San Francisco.

NAES tries to find the best and cheapest hotels, an issue raised at last year's Business Meeting, keeping in mind that some attendees are not funded by their institution.

A suggestion was made from the floor to track student presenters and attendees and provide a way for them to find roommates. (The Graduate Student Representatives usually help connect students). A suggestion was made that when selecting hotels for the conference to find sites close to major transportation

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05

NAES Transitions

In Memoriam

Dr. Shirlene Soto: On October 23, 2009, Dr. Soto and her husband, Walter Earl Elliot, were killed on California Highway 46 near Bakersfield by a driver going in the opposite direction who tried to pass two trucks. That driver and his one-year-old son were also killed.

Dr. Soto was one of the first Chicana historians. She authored, *Emergence of the Modern Mexican Woman, Her Participation in Revolution and Struggle for Equality* (1990). She had recently retired after 29 years in the department of Chicana/o Studies at California State University at Northridge. She made important contributions to the fields of Chicana/o Studies and History. She was a loved and respected member of the intellectual community, including her family of students and colleagues. Dr. Soto presented at many NAES conferences over the years.

Dr. Margaret-Wade Lewis: On December 30, 2009, Dr. Lewis died of cancer. She was on the faculty of the Black Studies Department at SUNY, New Paltz for 30 years, where she also served as Department Chair. Her Scholar's Mentorship Program is a national model. Her last publication, *Lorenzo Dow Turner, Father of Gullah* received the 2008 College Language Association Book Award. Dr. Lewis was also beloved member of her community, especially Ebenezer Baptist Church where she was a member for over 25 years and founded many youth programs.

Dr. Lewis was a presenter at NAES conferences in Boston and again in New Paltz. She completed and turned in her grades from her hospital bed and one of her final emails to her colleagues was to remind them to submit their annual reports. She loved her college and her students. As the Black Studies Department at SUNY New Paltz celebrates its 40th year, all will remember the ways in which Dr. Lewis' contributions helped to ground the department in scholarship and pedagogy.

Heartfelt Thanks and Best Wishes From Former National Office Manager, Cecily Hazelrigg-Hernandez

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the many wonderful NAES members who have made the last several years as Office Manager such a wonderful, exciting and life-changing experience. I left this position in Susan Burges' capable hands last August 2009 and spent the fall as visiting faculty at the Universidad Latina de America in Morelia, Mexico. After returning to Washington State this January, I am continuing to teach in the American Cultural Studies Program at WWU and will return to my work in immigration law.

I started in this position after law school when President Larry Estrada and I agreed that it would be a one year commitment...it turned into nearly five! While I am excited to start new adventures in my career, there is a little sadness at the fact that my contact with my incredible NAES colleagues will not be as frequent. I truly believe that NAES stands apart from other academic organizations in terms of the friendships and mutual support that exist between the members, as well the high caliber of scholarly work. I can't tell you how many times I worked on formatting conference programs and marveled at the creativity of the presentations!

Thank you all for the great memories that I will take with me in my next steps and I look forward to seeing you at the conference in Washington, DC.!



Cecily and her husband, Ramiro, in Guanajuato, Mexico Fall 2009

**NAES 38th
Annual Conference**

April 8-10, 2010

L'Enfant Plaza Hotel—Washington, D.C.

Who Counts & Who's Counting?

Here we are in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., which was founded on July 16, 1790. Its geographic location on the Eastern Coast, between the North and South, bordering both Maryland and Virginia, and sitting on the north bank of the Potomac River has placed it as the center of many historical happenings and events. Even more remarkable is its political geography where one can presently find 174 foreign embassies as well the headquarters of the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, the Pan American Health Organization, and other institutions of higher learning, politics, and power.



The national capital has had a long and complex history, from the early forced removal of Native people to its symbolic role as a site on which in many civil and human rights and social justice battles have been fought. The March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom during which Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered his now iconic "I Have a Dream" speech took place here in DC on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial overlooking the Reflecting Pool in 1963. And in 2009, the country welcomed its first president of African and multiracial descent, President Barack Obama, who now makes his home with his family in the White House on Pennsylvania Avenue. This is just to say, consider the social histories and rich cultural heritage of the location of our 38th Annual Conference while taking in sights and sounds of Washington, DC.

While making your way around, do take the time to explore such neighborhoods as U Street, once known as the District's "Black Broadway" where much musical history took place, or Washington, D.C.'s Chinatown where a once thriving community of Chinese immigrants and Chinese Americans can be remembered through the neighborhood's architecture and remaining bakeries and restaurants. While gentrification has transformed many of the District's ethnic, racial, and immigrant communities and neighborhoods, we are also seeing new waves of immigration and new ways of urban negotiation between people that make for a vibrant and interesting experience.

While you are here in Washington, DC, spend some time at the National Cathedral, the sixth-largest in the world, as well as the numerous monuments, memorials, and museums found on the National Mall. The National Museum of American History, the National Museum of the American Indian, the National Museum of Natural History, the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, the Freer Gallery of Art, and the National Air and Space Museum are just a few of the museums affiliated with the Smithsonian Institution. The United States National Archives should also be noted as it holds many of the original documents dating back to the founding of this country.

At a glance, Washington, D.C. has much to offer, from repositories rich with historical information to top institutions of higher learning to accessibility to those individuals and agencies connected to inner workings of power. I hope you all take the time to not only engage in critical and constructive dialogues in each of your conference panels but that you spend time networking and getting to know the local ins and outs of this area.

Our theme of "Who Counts and Who's Counting" signals the importance of Washington, D.C. as a physical, cultural, and social nexus for policy decisions that will shape the 21st Century. With the 2010 Census signaling the dramatic changes that are affecting all ethnic and racial communities in the United States, who is doing the counting and how we construct the discourse and policies of who counts will be central to the future of all residents of the United States and will shape global relations around the world. We hope you will participate in this important dialogue; welcome to NAES 2010 in Washington, D.C.!

Dr. Larry Shinagawa, NAES 2010 Conference Chair

