

me, I am a Distinguished Rutgers University Professor of Fine Arts...  
I am proud of my Genetic-Cultural Heritage...

Never, Never, Never did I imagine my Brown Puerto Rican,  
Portuguese, Yaqui, Mexican, Terra Madura, Bosque, Latino and yes  
Irish ME so often referred to as a (SPIC), growing up in a Racist-  
Segregated Apartheid time in America, never imagining I would be  
free of my Sisyphus-ean Existence.

I Always heard the boulder rolling back down, knowing that my life  
depended on my believing that one day when I rolled the boulder up  
to the top of the hill it will stay there... UCLA Your awarding me the  
UCLA Medal is my sign that it will stay there... Thank you UCLA,  
THANK YOU All.....