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UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Event Announcement

Archive Talk

Guadalupe Rosales presents "Southern California Chicano Party Crews and Rave Scene in the 1990s"



Photo by East L.A. Madness, c. 1993

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

CSRC Library - 144 Haines Hall

Guadalupe Rosales's collection at the CSRC consists of ephemera and memorabilia that highlight the Chicana/o underground party crews and rave scenes of Los Angeles during the 1980s and 1990s. Disempowered and criminalized by the public school system and mainstream media, party crews allowed youth to engage in resistant cultural practices and to create underground communities. Techno, house, new wave, and KROQ provided the soundtrack for these parties, which took place in residential backyards and industrial warehouses throughout the Los Angeles metro area and in Sacramento, San Diego, Orange County, and other areas in the U.S. Southwest as well.

After Rosales's presentation, a panel of former party crew members and other special guests will discuss how the collection highlights the ways in which party crews created a culturally relevant and self-reflective space. Sandra Ruiz, a visiting lecturer in the departments of Chicana/o studies and Spanish and Portuguese at UCLA, will moderate the discussion.

A reception will follow the event.

Rosales's collection was recently profiled in the *L.A. Weekly*.

Organized by the CSRC with support from the César E. Chávez Department of Chicana/o Studies

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