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UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center Event Announcement

You are cordially invited to the panel discussion

The Birth of a New Symbol: The Founding of the Brown Beret Organization



Brown Beret leaders Fred Lopez, David Sanchez, Carlos Montes, and Ralph Ramirez in Los Angeles, 1968. Courtesy UCLA Library's Los Angeles Times Photographic Archive

Wednesday, May 21, 2014 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. CSRC Library – 144 Haines Hall Free; no RSVP required

In the late 1960s a group of young Chicano militants came together to form an organization that utilized innovative tactics to fight a legacy of injustice in their communities. At the forefront of struggles against institutional violence the Brown Berets' message profoundly resonated with Barrio youth throughout the United States. The CSRC Library celebrates this important history and the recent archival donation by Brown Beret prime minister **David Sanchez** with a panel

discussion on the founding of the Brown Beret organization. Brown Beret founding member **Ralph Ramirez** will join Sanchez on the panel along with **Rona Fields**, whose 1970 dissertation was an ethnographic study of the organization. Professor **Milo Alvarez**, whose research on the Brown Berets examines both the local and national membership of the group, will moderate the discussion.



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