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### JORGE HUERTA NAMED 1997 NACCS SCHOLAR FOR WORK IN CHICANO AND CHICANA STUDIES

Jorge Huerta, professor of theatre at the University of California, San Diego, has received the 1997 National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies (NACCS) Scholar Award, for his vision, scholarship and contribution to the development of Chicano Studies.

Huerta holds the prestigious Chancellor's Associates Endowed Chair in Theatre at UCSD. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from California State, Los Angeles, and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara. Huerta is a fellow in the College of Fellows of American Theatre, and received a Golden Eagle Award from Nosotros, an organization of Hispanics in film and television in Hollywood, for his contributions to Chicano theatre. He has been honored as a Distinguished Artist by the California State University system's Distinguished Artist Forum, and is an honoree of the National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies.

Huerta founded El Teatro de la Esperanza in Santa Barbara, co-founded the Old Globe's Teatro Meta, and co-founded San Diego's first independent professional Latino theatre company, Teatro Mascara Magica, now a multi-cultural theatre.

He has directed productions in cities throughout the United States, toured western Europe with an undergraduate university troupe, El Teatro Ensemble de UCSD; and has traveled throughout the world presenting workshops on Chicano theatre. He is the author of 75 articles, three anthologies, and a major book, *Chicano Theatre: Themes and Forms* (1982).

Huerta says this award has special significance. "I am honored by this recognition," he explains, "because it comes from a multi-disciplinary academic organization. It is one thing to be recognized and acknowledged by colleagues in your field. But to be honored by inter-disciplinary academics is doubly rewarding. In a way, it validates everything that I have done in Chicano theatre to date."

Huerta was nominated by Julia E. Curry Rodriguez, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Comparative Ethnic Studies with the Chicano Studies Program at the University of California, Berkeley.

Professor Tey Diana Rebolledo of the University of New Mexico also has been honored with the 1997 award.

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