

UCSD Literature Professor Luis Martin-Cabrera to Discuss Efforts to Build Spanish Civil War Memory Archive, Nov. 13 at UCSD's Geisel Library

Unique archive of survivor testimonies to be housed at UCSD Mandeville Special Collections Library

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Luis Martin-Cabrera, an assistant professor in the Department of Literature at UC San Diego will give a talk on *Creating the Spanish Civil War Audiovisual Archive: A Report from the Field*, at 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13, in the Seuss Room in the UCSD Geisel Library. The talk, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a reception.

Cabrera will be joined in his presentation by his collaborators-UCSD graduate students -who will discuss their work interviewing survivors of the Spanish Civil War and the Francoist repression that followed the war. When completed, the Spanish Civil War Memory Archive will be digitally accessible through UCSD's Mandeville Special Collections Library. The archive will complement the Library's Southworth Spanish Civil War Collection, one of the world's most extensive collections on the Spanish Civil War. The collection includes more than 13,000 propaganda posters, pamphlets, and stamps, as well as books, newspapers, manuscripts, photographs, and drawings.

Although Spanish dictator General Francisco Franco has been dead for 30-some years, the silence he imposed on his victims continues to reverberate. Cabrera and a crew of UCSD graduate students are hoping to change that by collaborating with partners in Spain to record the untold stories of survivors of the Spanish Civil War (1936-39). Cabrera and his team are working quickly to capture the testimonies of the victims before too many more of them pass away.

The Spanish Civil War Memory Archive, which is expected to be completed in approximately 3 years, is being supported by the UCSD Division of Arts & Humanities and the UCSD Mandeville Special Collections Library. Additional funds were provided by the UCSD Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies, the Department of Literature, the Office of Graduate Studies, and the Academic Senate.

The Mandeville Special Collections Library is one of the nine libraries that make up the UC San Diego Libraries. Ranked among the nation's top academic research libraries, the UCSD Libraries play an integral role in advancing and supporting the university's research, teaching, patient care, and public service missions. As the intellectual heart of the UCSD campus, the nine university libraries provide access to more than seven million digital and print volumes, journals, and multimedia materials to meet the knowledge and information needs of scholars, students, and the public.

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