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ANTH 21: Race and Racisms Winter 2020

Cristela Garcia-Spitz & Tamara Rhodes UC San Diego Library March 5, 2020



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Historical Narrative **Current Reflections: Student Perspectives**

Real-time Feedback





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HOME OUR STORY OTHER PROJECTS

To foster and contextualize conversations regarding incidents targeting specific underrepresented groups on our campus, the UC San Diego Library created a living archive.

It is an alternative way to highlight awareness, provide a space for dialogue, preserve and document the events related to student activism at UC San Diego.

The living archive began with the Tell Us How UC It project.

You can begin by viewing OUR STORY above, which has a description of the project, or view each section individually below.

A HISTORY



Presents events and incidents from UC San Diego's history (and in some cases, history in general) that affected the campus climate for students in such a way that they were compelled to act or react.

VIEW TIMELINE

STUDENT PERSPECTIVES

EXHIBIT FEEDBACK

THE PHYSICAL EXHIBIT



Creative works by students, during the time of the project, that offer an in-themoment expression of community sentiments and experiences.

VIEW CREATIVE WORK



In-the-moment feedback about the exhibit or movement as a whole, whereby preserving real-time responses allows reflections of the past to converge with vital expressions of current sentiment.

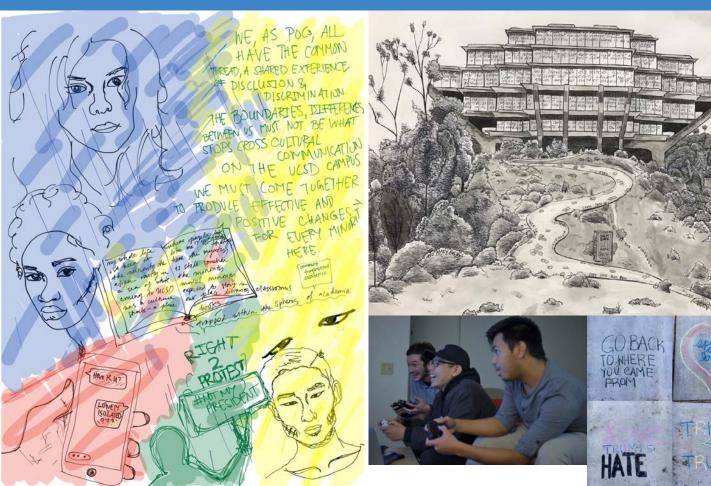


Images of the original temporary exhibit, video of the panel event of former student activists who still work on campus, and materials from the subsequent workshop, From Crisis to Change: How to Organize for Action.

VIEW THE EXHIBIT

VIEW FEEDBACK

Student Perspectives



"They" By Cleo Nettles

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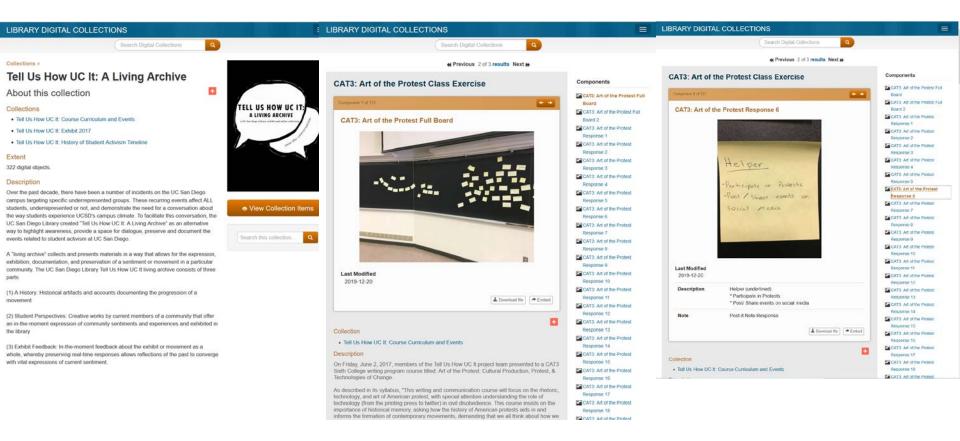
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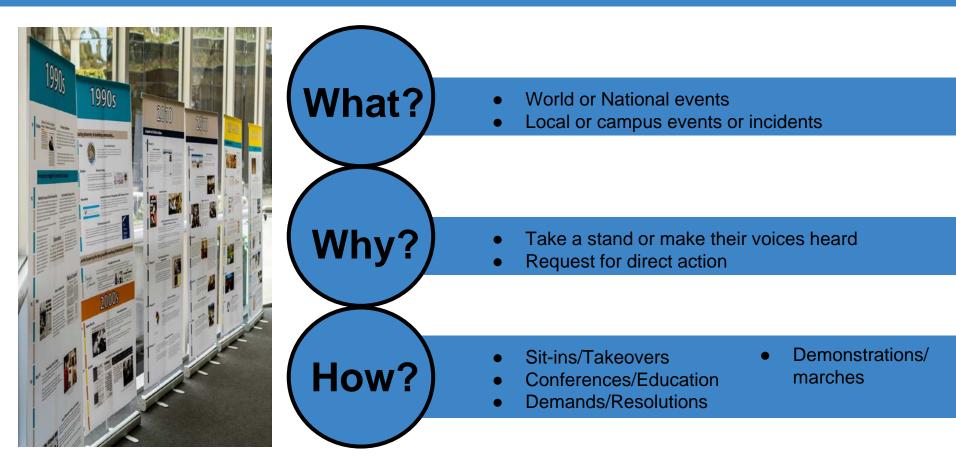
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Patterns of History



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These two students were among the demonstrators who flooded on to I-5 Friday afternoon, blocking traffic and demanding a meeting with Chancellor Richard Atkinson.

Chancellor Complies With Two Demands After I-5 is Occupied

UCSD Students Protest Verdict In Police Beating

Action against acquittal takes demonstrations into the streets

By Eric Schmidt and Sheryl Wolcott Associate News Editors and Francisco DeVries

Staff Writer An integrated group of UCSD students and faculty gathered at several emotionally-charged rallies and protests for three days following the theacquital of four police officers charged in the brating of motorist Rodney King last week.

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Students blocked traffic at the La Jolla Village Drive-Villa La Jolla intersection for nearly two hours in protest after a meeting of the African-American Student Union (AASU) that

INSIDE...

Loss of Focus

The acquittal of four Los Angeles police officers accused of using excessive force against Rodney King was outrageous, but no more outrageous than the violence which followed. People have every right to voice their indignation at this verdict. Indeed, they should. But the voices of the truely outraged have been slowly stifled by thugs and opportunists with their own, distinctly different agendas. Now, as the flames die down and order is restored, it is time for all people to begin the process of restoration, regardless of the color of their skin / PAGE 4





UC San Diego police said about 500 students took to the streets early Wednesday to protest Donald Trump's election victory. (Thomas Gui)

By DAVID HERNANDEZ NOV. 9, 2016 | 1:35 AM



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2010s



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Do UCSD's principles promote good behavior or restrict our freedom

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Sit-in/ Takeover





Apr 1982

Civil Rights Conference Convenes at UCSD

We Shall Overcome: A Retrospective on the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's was the theme of an historic conference which took place Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17, 1982, at University of California, San Diego's Sumner Auditorium. The Conference, the first of its kind at UCSD, assembled a wide array of notables who made contributions to the civil rights movement and the Black nationalist struggle of the sisties, along with other academic: whose research has probed ir to the history of that time period. Among them were Kenneth B. Clark, Professor Emeritus of Psychology at City University of New York, who was a principal architect of the NAACP legal brief in Brown vs. Board of Education, and Harry Edwards, Associate Professor of Sociology at UC Berkeley, who organized the Olympic boycott of the 1968 games by Black athletes. Dr. David L. Lewis, one of the principal organizers of the conference, along with Professor Michael E. Parrish, both of the UCSD History Department,

1960's". The panelists were Harry Edwards and William McGill, former chancellor at UCSD, 1968-1970. Edwards, the author of The

Revolt of the Black Athlete, noted that sports act as a form of cultural identity for society. Sports is not an activity isolated from the rest of society, but rather intertwined with society, and it reflects the



Clayborne Carson speaks at Civil Rights Conference power and structural relationships | success for Black youth who aspire

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it in the professional ranks. The

media promotes a false image of

Oct 1991

Diversity, Commonalities and Dialogue Women's Conference to Convene at UCSD

by Molly McKay

The UC-wide Women's Conference, to be held at UCSD on October 25-27, is the product of an undergraduate thought group formed this summer to read and discuss the cutting edge of feminist thought on the topic of "Women of Color". The group was made up of a diverse group of women from a variety of ethnic and class backgrounds. The common goal was to come up with a conference which could best integrate the

Education

Demands/ **Resolutions**

A.S. passes anti-hate resolution Council promises to work to prevent hate crimes





STATE OF EMERGENCY: THE UCSD BLACK STUDENT UNION ADDRESS Response needed by March 4th, 2010

UC San Diego Chancellor Marye Anne Fox Vice Chancellors: Penny Rue, Paul Drake, and Gary Matthews Associate Vice Chancellors: Ed Spriggs, Gary Ratcliff Chief Diversity Officers: Dr. Sandra Daley and Glynda Davis

Feb 2010

Protests/ Marches

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Lumumba-Zapata Coalition, 1969-1972

BSU Demands/Chicano Legacy Mural, 2010-2011

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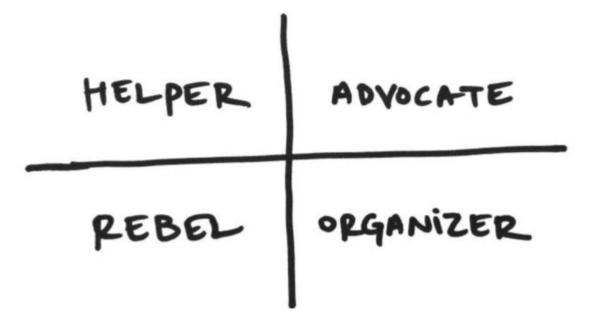
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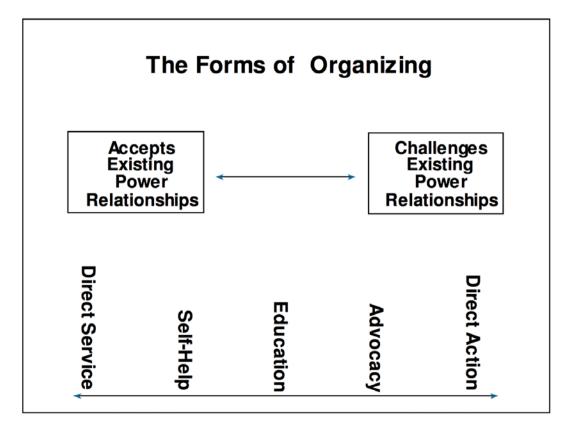
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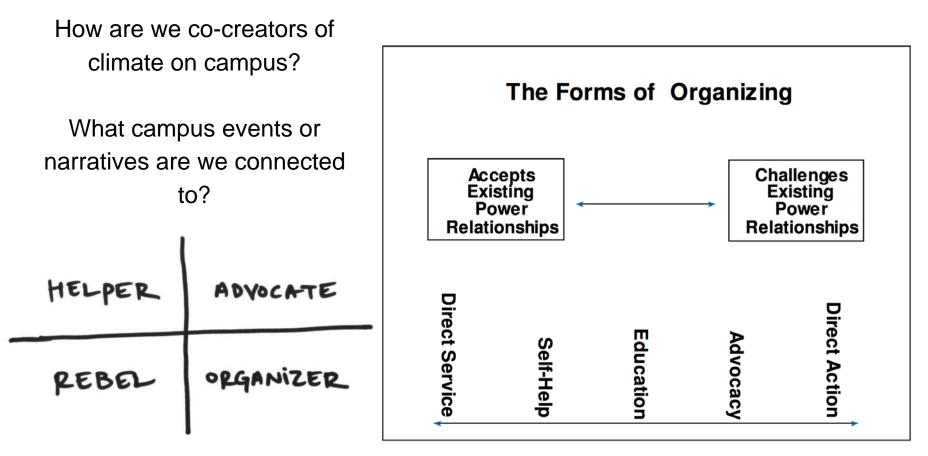
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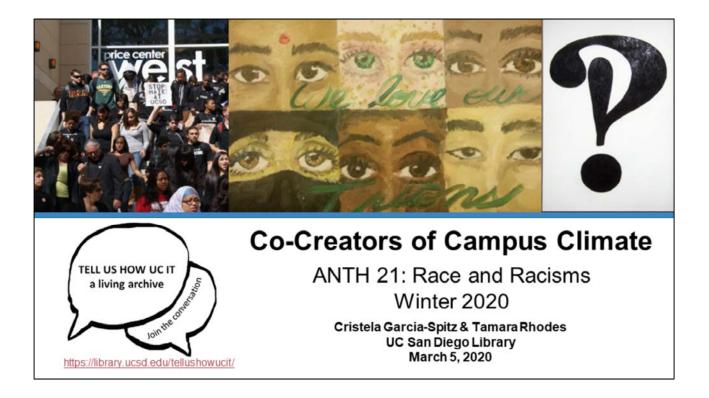
Thank you. Questions?

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Thank you for having me here today to engage in this conversation with you all. My collaborator on the project Tamara couldn't make it today.

I'll be presenting on the Tell Us How UC It project. Start with an overview, then focus on the history, and finish with an activity.

I'm hoping that our project can help provide some context on how race has played a factor on this college campus and push you to think about what makes you cocreators of our campus climate.

Another important aspect is in thinking about the past as the present. Events, feelings, outcomes from the past don't get left there. They have a very real place in what is happening on our campus today and it's important to know the impact in order to learn from that history and shape how we move forward.

Represented "Forgotten history" - nature of college campus within a few years memory for students fades

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 Students walk out of the UCSD administration's teach-in on February 24, 2010. A majority of the students in attendance left the official teach-in, and gathered together outside of Price Center to have their own teach-in. (Photo by: Jessica Plautz) <u>https://www.kpbs.org/news/2010/feb/24/ucsd-minority-students-walk-out-teach/</u>

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Tell Us How UC It: A Living Archive is a grassroots project created in 2016 by four librarians at the UC San Diego Library. The inspiration for creating the project came from students who shared their concerns during the Graduate Student Association (GSA) and Black Graduate Student Association (BGSA) Race Relations Town Hall in April 2016. The goal of Tell Us How UC It is to create a space for UC San Diego students to share their own stories and opinions about life on campus.

By connecting the voices of current students with the history of UC San Diego, this archive oers a living and ever-growing narrative of student feelings about the campus climate and pivotal moments when, in the face of challenges, they've come together to lead change.

- Context: In April 2016, right in the middle of the presidential campaign, like many other campuses, a number of Trump Chalkings appeared on the UCSD campus in multiple places, one of them near Raza Resource Centro, our Chicanx- Latinx campus community center. As a response, the Black Graduate Student Association and the Graduate Student Association co-hosted a Race Relations Town Hall, which got us thinking about how we, in the Library, can support our community in this moment.
- It was not the first time the campus was hit with racist incidents. In 2010, there were escalating racist incidents surrounding a fraternity party designated the Compton Cookout, which made national news and prompted a federal

investigation.

• One of our team members, Tamara Rhodes had previously published an article discussing how libraries can create "living archives" to support social movements in their communities. A "living archive" collects and presents materials in a way that allows for the expression, exhibition, documentation, and preservation of a sentiment or movement in a particular community.

Images:

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Historical Narrative

Current Reflections: Student Perspectives

Real-time Feedback

- Purpose: use The New School format (Occupy Wall Street movement) for the inclusion of past and historical narratives with present sentiment in the form of creative expression, and then capture up-to-the-minute feedback and commentary.
- We used this format to gather materials from the past and the present and presented them together in order to visually make a comparison.

The living archive format has 3 parts:

- A history Timeline by decade: highlight major events regarding student activism throughout UCSD's history; focus not just on moments of conflict but also progress (creation of cultural centers, Principles of Community); used direct quotes from Student Newspapers
- "Current perspectives" through creative work
- Real-time feedback (on the theme, timeline, exhibit) solicited during exhibits

This is the format we take for our full-fledged exhibits, but for our one-off exhibits that we're doing for trainings and classes, it consists of the timeline and we create a targeted/themed prompt for folks to comment on by way of gathering both current perspectives and real-time feedback.

As we began to dig into the history, it became clear to focus the living archive on student activism.

• Perfect for UCSD's climate: forgotten history, live current sentiment due to ongoing present events that related to the forgotten history



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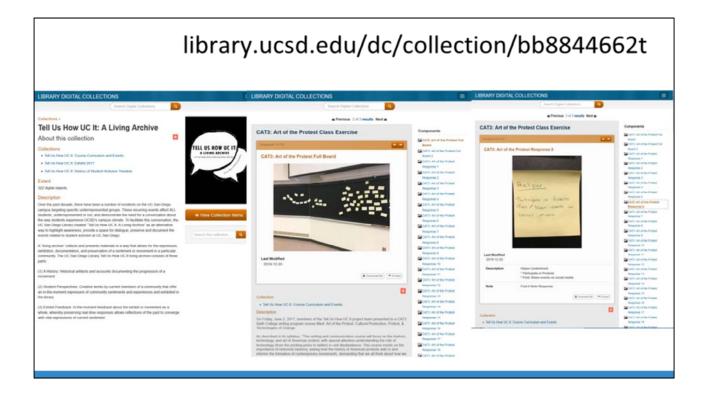
Student voice have limited representation in our University Archives; exists in student newspapers but limited in structure/format (just quotes)

Value and importance of student perspectives; some anonymous, amazing range of voices and creativity

If you have a chance, check out our online collection to see more of the student work. It will give you an idea of the complex feelings of the students.

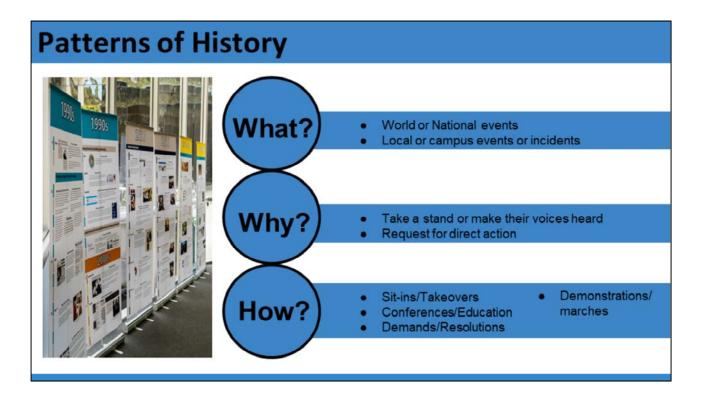
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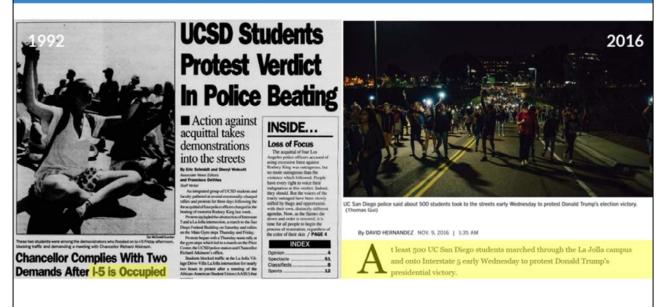


There are patterns in why students organize and how they do it. These are some general observations of the what/why/hows from over the years.

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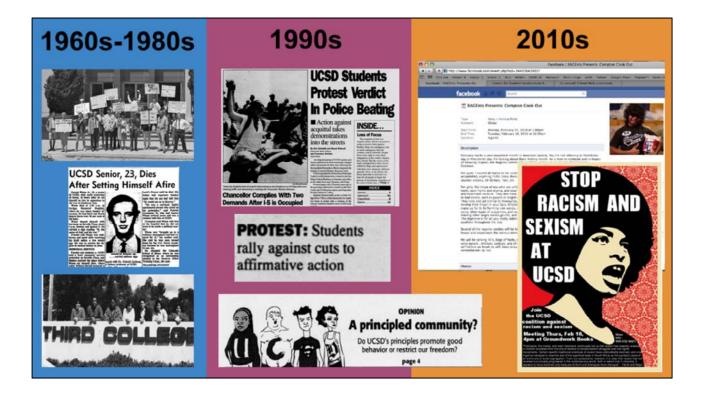
- Made decision to only use direct quotes from sources
- Asked around about key moments and a natural narrative formed around student activism cycle was revealed
- Tried to balance in selecting moments to highlight; ie. not just points of conflict but also reflects some of the resolutions and outcomes as well, e.g. policies or manifests in memorials, murals or centers on campus

Patterns of History



Cristela:

Cyclical: start to see patterns, e.g. demonstration 1992 after Rodney King verdict students walked out onto Interstate 5, also saw this again after Ferguson verdict in 2014 and then we see it again in 2016 as a protest to the Trump election.



Since the beginning, race has often played a role in University's history.

- Location: in La Jolla, far from certain communities in San Diego
- First protests on campus was related to U.S. Military intervention in other countries (see <u>first demonstration</u> in 1965 a demonstration against U.S. military intervention in the Dominican Republic)
- Height of the Civil Rights movement (death of Martin Luther King in 1968)
- Move through Vietnam War protests and the Reagan Era
- Locally, naming of Third College, student proposed Lumumba-Zapata, rejected and later became Thurgood Marshall College

90s

- Rodney King verdict protests
- Race institutionalized: ending of Affirmative Action in admission and hiring practices
- Also see creation of Cross-Cultural Center and Women's Center; Principles of Community

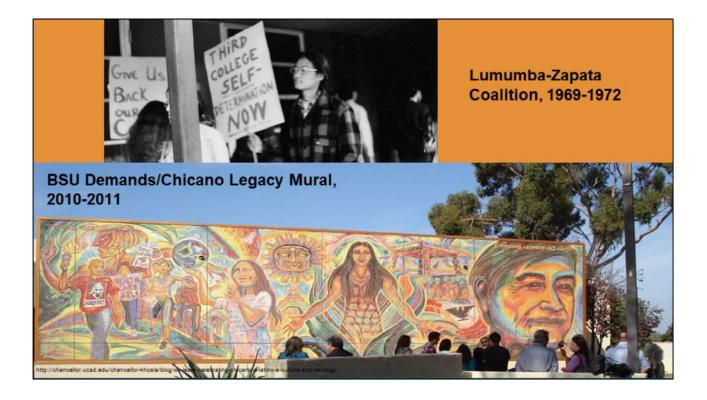
2000s

- "Black winter" 10 years since the Compton Cookout
- Creation of the Inter-tribal Resource Center, Black Resource Center, Raza Resource Centro



Urey Hall Takeover in 1970 for anti-war efforts Chancellor's Office post compton cookout in 2010





And there are also multiple moments of establishing coalitions for change.

Lumumba-Zapata Coalition - Demands dealing with admission, curriculum, governance, space for Third College

"Third World college" devoted to the needs and class interests of "students from oppressed social groups," that is, working-class Black students, Chicano students, and white students"

an admittance guarantee of 35 percent Black and 35 percent Brown students Named after Patrice Lumumba, the first Congolese Prime Minister, and Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata, the collective in the '60s and '70s formed as a coalition between the Mexican American Youth Association, known today as Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán and the Black Student Council, now the Black Student Union.

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<u>BSU proposed</u> an original list of 32 demands, also centered around admissions, recruitment, retention, and supported the efforts of different groups. Included making the Chicano Legacy Mural permanent Very smart use of history in the present

Waves of Lumumba-Zapata resurgence in 2016 https://lumumbazapataucsd.com/analysis/

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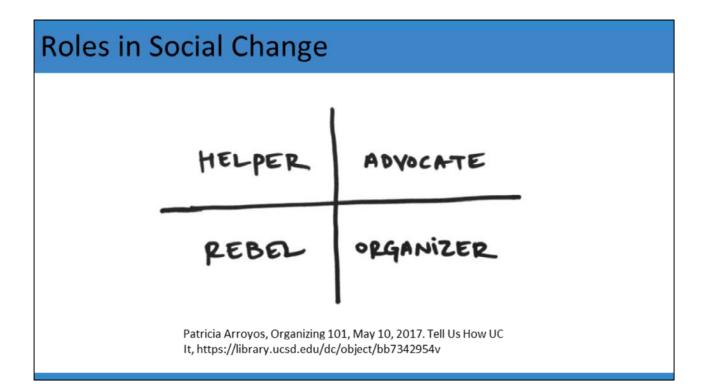
Core working group: diverse backgrounds in different areas of the library, multigenerational, different skills and perspectives

The development of the living archive required the expertise of and collaboration between multiple people and departments in the library and campus community.

What started out as sort of a passion project, not specific to any of our jobs, has grown and evolved into something that factors into our work daily:

- Brought our skills and knowledge into this project
- Thinking critically about whose voices are represented in collections/archives
- Libraries and librarians aren't neutral and can engage in and support social movements in their communities
- We're all apart of the campus culture, active participants, therefore we need to think about how to create a supportive climate, engage and align our work with the community
- Think more holistically

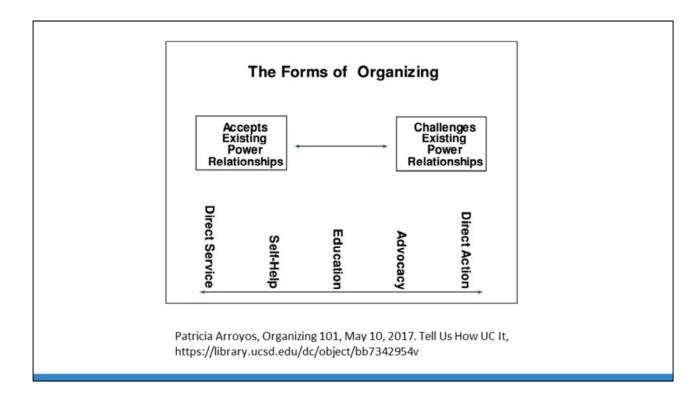
The project has opened up new partnerships and received a lot of great feedback, also brought more awareness and informed the work that we do.



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