

Claudia Baltazar Lecture on Woman of Color Thought and Activism

“My aim is to show that third space feminist theory is not only challenging hegemonic systems, but through the creation of their own theories, women of color are imagining a new society where subordination gives rise to resistance...It is through the creation of third space feminism that U.S. women of color are able to merge social and political activism with academia ...”

–Claudia Baltazar

The Claudia Baltazar Lecture on Woman of Color Thought and Activism honors Claudia, a graduate student in Latin American Studies, who passed away unexpectedly in Fall 2009 while working on her thesis on women of color feminist history and theory. She was conferred a posthumous M.A. in Spring 2010. Baltazar came from a working class family and was pursuing her dream of continued education with the goal of obtaining a Ph.D. in transnational feminist studies. She had a strong circle of support in the CSULA LAS community and was known for her friendly spirit.

The mission of the lecture is to create space, thought, and communication linking generations in dialogue about women of color theories of social change and histories of activism. Located in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, the series recognizes the presence of women of color at CSULA who are often pioneers in higher education as first-generation college students from working class families and communities.

The Lecture is held bi-annually in the Fall or Spring quarter.

Past Lectures:

- Dr. Rosa Linda Fregoso, “Femicide in the Americas,” May 2, 2012 (Inaugural Lecture)
- Cherríe Moraga and Celia Herrera Rodriguez, “On the Road to Xicana Conciencia,” April 14, 2014

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