The Chicano/a Literature Series at UC Merced started in the fall of 2005, as a forum to bring major Chicano/a writers, scholars, and artists to UC Merced. As a Hispanic Serving Institution, UC Merced is perfectly poised to become a major cultural center for Chicanos/as and Latinos/as in the Central Valley. To that end, the Chicano/a Literature Series serves as a major catalyst for showcasing Chicano/a and Latino/a talent in an interactive setting that benefits both the UC Merced and the Merced communities.

Series director, Dr. Manuel M. Martín-Rodríguez, has worked with community and student organizations to coordinate efforts and share results over the years. The following are some of the series co-sponsors and affiliated venues: Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA) de UC Merced, School of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts (UC Merced), Center for Research in the Humanities and the Arts (UC Merced), Humanities Initiative (UCOP), Chican@ Latin@ Council (UC Merced), Puente Program (Merced College), and the Multicultural Arts Center (Merced).

The Series has featured numerous award-winning authors, and it has received press coverage in local newspapers and UC Merced bulletins. The following listing is a summary of the series events to-date:
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PRESENTS:
DANIEL CHACÓN
(In cooperation with LT9 6:00 & LT7 114)

PRECEDED BY THE CONCERT:

Ph.D. studies of David Huerta; the author of the highly acclaimed collection of short stories, Chicanos in the Rain, as well as of the In the Rain and theprose volume, Chicano/a: A History of the People of the Raza; Chicano/a: A History of the People of the Raza, by Dr. Manuel M. Martín-Rodríguez. The author of the University of California, Merced, is a professor of Chicano/a Literature Series.

PRESENTS:
SEYMOUR MENTON

Unusual joint project of an event for all of us.

PRESENTS:
DIANA GARCÍA
(In cooperation with LT7 114 & LT7 114)

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ALEJANDRO MORALES

PRESENTS:
CARLOS MORTON
"A CHICANO PLAYWRIGHT'S JOURNEY THROUGH THE BORDERLANDS"

PRESENTS:
DAGOBERTO GILB
READING FROM HIS WORKS

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