

UCLA Receives USIA Grant to Link with Mexican Universities

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In receiving an award of \$50,000 from the U.S. Information Agency for the next two academic years, UCLA has undertaken to link faculty and speaker exchange, joint research, and the shared hosting of seminars and conferences with the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) in Mexico City and with the Universidad Autónoma de Baja California (UABC) in Mexicali.

During the period 1984-1986, in one aspect of the award, UCLA, UNAM, and UABC are collaborating to develop Mexico's historical statistics. UCLA publishes the yearly *Statistical Abstract of Latin America* and its *Supplement Series*, both under the editorship of **James W. Wilkie** (who chairs the Linkages Grant). Thus, with its experience of conducting research in quantitative history UCLA is working with the two Mexican universities to prepare long-term series that chart change in Mexico's social and economic realities.

In a second aspect of the award, the three universities are focusing on the Mexican-United States border region. UCLA is currently involved in the research for the production of the fourteen-volume *United States-Mexico Borderlands Atlas*, and the publication of this work is being aided by the researchers from UABC and UNAM

Project Director of the Linkages Grant is **Stephen Haber**, editor of the second edition of the *Statistical Abstract of the United States-Mexico Borderlands*. Haber, a former Fulbright Fellow to Mexico and currently teaching associate in history at UCLA, is planning a symposium and seminar for spring 1985 to bring together some of the key researchers involved in the grant.

Spending the year at UCLA in arrangements already concluded is UNAM's **Edmundo Flores**, former director of the Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología. Scheduled to spend six months at UABC is UCLA's **Rebecca Morales**, assistant professor of Urban Planning.

Manuel Esparza, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research in Mexicali, serves as UABC's coordinator for the three-university linkages program. His counterpart at UNAM is **Samuel Schmidt**, of Academic Exchanges.