

UC MEXUS Consortium Established by James W. Wilkie

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The University of California Consortium on Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS), was established in November of 1981 by the University. The interdisciplinary program of research, instruction and public service represents a response to the increasing complexity and importance of the United States-Mexico relationships.

The board objectives of the UC MEXUS program are:

- (1) To increase the quality, visibility, and effectiveness of existing United States-Mexico projects at the nine University of California campuses;
- (2) To encourage additional teaching and research activities in four principal areas – Mexican Studies, Chicano Studies, United States-Mexico relations, and the physical or life sciences as they focus on Mexico;
- (3) To support programs and interdisciplinary projects in any of the four principal areas of focus;
- (4) To coordinate campus and Universitywide request for extramural funding;
- (5) To produce a periodic research inventory and a newsletter for circulation among UC and Mexican researchers as well as appropriate segments of the private and public sectors in the United States and Mexico;
- (6) To facilitate Mexican participation in program activities;
- (7) To act as a source for information on all University-sponsored United States-Mexico activities.

The UC MEXUS Executive Committee has selected UCLA as the site for the Office of the Universitywide Coordinators for the Consortium. The Committee also has named James W. Wilkie, Professor of History at UCLA, Coordinator to be responsible for the day-to-day functions of the office. Wilkie will also serve as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Professor Wilkie joined the UCLA faculty in 1968. He received his B.A. from Mexico City College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. His book *The Mexican Revolution: Federal Expenditure and Social Change since 1910* (UC Press, 1967) won the Bolton Prize. He and his wife, Edna Monzón de Wilkie, received honorary degrees from the were named corresponding members of the Instituto Mexicano de Cultura in Mexico City in September 1981.



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Universitywide Coordinator

Institute President and former President of Mexico, Miguel Alemán, awarded the Medal of Honor to the Wilkies for their contributions in recording and publishing the oral history of The Mexican Revolution during its institutional phase (since 1940).

The offices of the UC MEXUS are located on the UCLA campus in 1201 Campbell Hall (Los Angeles 90024; (213) 206-8500; Telex: 677654) and are under the stewardship of Janet Bardin, who was administrative coordinator of the University of California-University of Chile Convenio from 1966 through 1978.

Consortium associates in the UCLA office include Carlos Haro and Paul Ganster. Haro is Director of Programs in the Chicano Studies Research Center and Ganster is Coordinator of Mexico Programs in the Latin American Center at UCLA.

Ganster is on leave from his home institution, Utah State University, and has just returned from Costa Rica where he spent a year as a faculty Fulbright Lecturer. The UC MEXUS Executive Committee is charged with establishing policy directions for the work of the Coordinator. The Committee consists of one systemwide representative and nine campus representatives, all appointed by the President. Current members are:

Wayne A. Cornelius Chair	Political Science and Director of the Program in U.S.-Mexican Studies, UC San Diego
John Pippenger Vice Chair	Economics and Director of the U.S.-Mexico Program, UC Santa Barbara
Eugene H. Cota-Robles	Biology, UC Santa Cruz
Norris C. Hundley David W. Robinson	History, UCLA Dean, International Programs, UC Davis
Jaime E. Rodríguez	History and Dean, Division of Graduate Studies and Research, UC Irvine
David J. Sánchez, Jr.	Family and Community Medicine, UC San Francisco
Alex M. Saragoza	Coordinator, Program on Mexican Studies, UC Berkeley
Joseph S. Semancik	Plant Pathology, UC Riverside