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Biographical Information:
Rita Sanchez was born May 20, 1937 in San Bernardino, California. She attended San Jose State University, majoring in journalism, and earned an M.A. in English Literature from Stanford University in 1974. Later, she pursued her Ph.D. at the University of California, San Diego and was a Ford Foundation Fellow for five years. She was the first to teach a Chicana Studies course at Stanford University where she proposed a Chicana journal, Imagenes de la Chicana, that was published in 1973.

Sanchez taught in the Mexican American Studies Department at San Diego State University from 1974-1984 where she edited Vision de la Mujer, a collection of student writings. In 1990, she continued her teaching career at San Diego Mesa Community College. There she served as Chair of the Mesa College Committee Against Racism and of the Chicano Studies Department from 1996-1999. In 2006, Sanchez recommended changing the Chicano Studies Department name at Mesa College to the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies. Sanchez is currently semi-retired but continues teaching, working on her writings and advocating for acknowledgment of Chicanas and Chicanos in the history of the United States.

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Related Materials:
Gracia Molina de Pick Papers (1902-2013)
Arrangement of Materials:
I. Professional Papers (1972-2012)
II. Photographs (1975-2013)
   1. General Photographs (1975-2011)
   2. Chicana Conciencia Tribute Wall (2012-2013)

Scope and Contents
The Rita Sanchez Papers (1972-2013) document Sanchez’s work while teaching at Mesa Community College and her influence on the Chicano Studies Department there, as well as work done in the San Diego community. The majority of the material dates from 1990-2000 and focuses on student activities and campus events. The collection is divided into two series; Professional Papers and Photographs. Filed alphabetically, the collection consists of correspondence, teaching supplements, newspaper clippings, photographs and video recordings.

The Professional Papers series (1972-2012) includes correspondence, articles, programs, video recordings, teaching materials, and newsletters. Noteworthy materials include Imagenes de la Chicana, a publication inspired by Sanchez’s classes, course readers for her La Chicana class, and materials from her induction into the Women’s Hall of Fame in 2011.

The Photographs series (1975-2013) is divided into two sub-series: General Photographs and Chicana Conciencia Tribute Wall. The General Photographs sub-series (1975-2011) includes photographs from throughout Rita Sanchez’s career. Of particular interest are photographs from events for which Sanchez served as committee chair, which include campus visits by Rosa Parks and Dolores Huerta. Chicana Conciencia Tribute Wall (2012-2013) contains a scrapbook and photographs from the wall displayed at the Chicana/o Archive to honor Chicanas throughout the San Diego community.

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February 2003

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