

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Pacific Northwest Foco Fall 2026 Conference

***Metamórfosis: The Past, Present, and Future
of Chicana/o/x Studies in the Pacific Northwest***
Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington
November 6 – 7, 2026



In the first issue of *Metamórfosis: Northwest Chicano Magazine of Literature, Art, and Culture*, published in Seattle in 1977, Dr. Ricardo Aguilar explained the need for the journal:

We are many here now, around Puget Sound, in the valley across the mountains and in neighboring states.... We are undergoing a new kind of mestizaje.... We must define it through our writing because, in this respect, we are becoming original and different from our brothers and sisters to the south (n.p.).

Metamórfosis' (1977-1984) mission to document the evolving reality of Chicanas/os/x in the Pacific Northwest (PNW) calls to us today as we confront policies that would erase our communities, culture, and history. Indeed, the challenges we face require courageous critique, transformative creativity, and steadfast community.

This year's theme invites us to revisit *Metamórfosis* beyond a historical publication, anchoring it as a conceptual framework for understanding the ongoing metamorphosis of Chicana/o/x-Latina/o/x life in the Pacific Northwest. Aguilar's "new kind of mestizaje" moves us to consider *como hacemos las cosas acá*/how we do things here as a way to remind ourselves, then and now, of our part in the continued urgency of our work. *Acá seguimos trabajando*/We continue to forge ahead, moving toward praxis, identity formation, cultural production, and the continual re-making of ourselves in relation to land, migration, community, and struggle.

Join us at our 2026 NACCS PNW FOCO Conference and connect your insight, art, and energy to the ongoing metamorphosis rooted in our history, alive in the present, and open to new futures. Scholars, artists, educators, students, organizers, and community members, we invite you to return to or speak from your roots! Let's come together and explore the past, present, and future of our Pacific Northwest mestizaje.

We invite individual papers and organized panels that explore all aspects of Chicana/o/x experience, history, and culture including but not limited to:

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2026 Conference - Individual &
Panel Proposal Submissions



- Histories, testimonies, and cuentos
- Community knowledge as resistance
- Cultural studies (literature, art, film, media, and social media)
- Curanderismo, bruja praxis, and other spiritualities
- Creative writing, art, and music
- Chola/Cholo praxis
- Barrio, Mujerista, Queer, and Indigenous theories, pedagogies, and scholarship
- Decolonial thought and praxis
- Teatro and performance
- Cultural community projects and programs

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