

Dear LACIS community,

I am thrilled to let you know that the US Department of Education has awarded us Title VI National Resource Center grant and FLAS for the cycle 2010-2014. Thank you all so much for sending us your CVs right away and for sharing ideas regarding future research projects that we could include in the proposal. Please keep bringing those ideas so that we can continue turning them into successful proposals in years to come. While everyone in our office contributed to the conceptualization and production of the proposal, I would like to specially thank the Associate Director Alberto Vargas for putting it all together with such dedication, erudition, grace and calm at all times. Of course, without Angela Buongiorno's mastery of numbers, Sarah Ripp's creative thinking, Andy Reiter's inventiveness in data collection as well as Darcy Little's organizational skills the story could have been different. As we are sharing our glory of success with UW Milwaukee Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, I would also like to thank Kris Ruggiero, Cheryle Darmek and Julie Kline for a great collaboration.

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