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## ABC-CLIO Author Rudy Acuña Receives John Hope Franklin Award

**Santa Barbara, Calif.** (April 1, 2016) – As an accomplished professor and author, Rodolfo “Rudy” Acuña has many awards and accolades under his belt. Now, he can count another amongst his honors: the John Hope Franklin Award from *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.

Created in 2004 to recognize exceptional contributions to higher education, the John Hope Franklin Award is named after the late historian, writer, educator, and humanitarian. *Diverse Issues in Higher Education* chose Rudy Acuña as its 2016 recipient in acknowledgment of his lifetime of work, including founding the California State University-Northridge’s Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies in 1969. This department is now the largest of its kind in the nation, earning Acuña a reputation as the father of Chicano studies.

As a scholar, Acuña is best described as prolific: he has authored 20 titles, 32 academic articles and chapters, 155 book reviews, and 188 opinion pieces. With ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, his impact can be seen in *Voices of the U.S. Latino Experience* (2008) and *U.S. Latino Issues* (second edition coming 2017), both of which are available for direct purchase at [www.abc-clio.com](http://www.abc-clio.com) and through all major distributors.

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