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California Latinas for Reproductive Justice Receives Grant Award from California Humanities.

Los Angeles, California (July 29, 2016) – California Humanities has recently announced the 2017 Community Stories grant awardees. California Latinas for Reproductive Justice has been awarded for its project entitled “Speaking Story: Amplifying Latin@ Voices in Reproductive Narratives.”

Community Stories is a competitive grant program of California Humanities. Grants are awarded to projects that give expression to the extraordinary variety of histories and experiences of California’s places and people to ensure that the stories can be shared widely. These narratives help us find our commonalities, appreciate our differences, and learn something new about how to live well together. CLRJ works to reframe reproductive discourses to focus on the necessary conditions for Latina/o communities not simply to survive, but to thrive. “Speaking Story: Amplifying Latin@ Voices in Reproductive Justice,” aims to expand current understandings of reproduction by linking immigration, race/ethnicity, gender, age, and class-based inequalities found in both rural and urban regions of California.

“We are excited to embark on this community story collection project and represent the multiplicity of experiences, and realities of Latinas’ reproductive lives in California,” said Laura Jimenez, Executive Director, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice.

“California’s population has such a rich and varied story to tell—and we can all benefit from knowing more about each other,” noted Margaret Shelleda, chair of the board of California Humanities. “We are proud to award grants to those who find creative and effective ways of sharing our stories with new audiences and help connect Californians whose histories and experiences deserve greater and deeper appreciation.”

Since 2003, California Humanities has supported close to 500 story projects and granted more than \$4 million to enable communities to voice, record, and share histories—many previously untold or little known. Through video, photography, murals, zines, documentary theater, audio projects, and more, these collected stories have been shared with broad audiences, both live and virtual. California Humanities is an independent non-profit state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information on California Humanities, please visit www.calhum.org.

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About California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (CLRJ)

CLRJ is the only Latina led statewide reproductive justice organization in California building Latinas' power and cultivating leadership through community education, policy advocacy, and community informed research. We advance reproductive rights through an intersectional social justice and human rights framework that is committed to honoring the experiences of the more than 7 million Latinas in California, as we to uphold our dignity, our bodies, sexuality, and families.