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Since the 1960's he has co-founded or served as a leading organizer of various multiracial organizations including the Faculty for Human Rights in the Americas, Faculty Against Apartheid in South Africa, and the Rainbow Coalition. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

In 1996, the Latino Law Association at the University of Michigan awarded him the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Cesar Chavez and Rosa Parks award. He has recently been named the recipient of the Scholar of the Year Award by the National Association of Chicana and Chicano studies.