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Artist, Poet, Political Activist Xico González To Speak at Cal Poly May 16

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Artist, poet and political and cultural activist Xico González will read from his poems and talk on Chicano poetry and visual arts from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16, in Cal Poly's Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Center.

His talk, "Xico Gonzalez: RCAF Pilot of Aztlan," will focus on his work as a political and cultural activist. González will be on hand following the talk to sign copies of his books, "The Indígena Poems" and "Poesía Revoltosa."

González will also appear at "Raza Speaks: Flor y Canto Poetry Night," an event hosted by Gloria Velasquez, Cal Poly professor of modern languages and literatures. The poetry reading will be held at the Guadalupe Cultural and Arts Education Center

While a student at Sacramento State in 2000, González became involved with the Royal Chicano Air Force, a [Sacramento-based art collective](#) and one of the main centers of the [Chicano art](#) movement in California during the 1970s and '80s. "Xico represents the new generation of visual artists in the RCAF," Velasquez said.

Dolores Huerta, renowned Chicana activist and co-founder of the United Farm Workers Union, presented González with the Dolores Huerta Activist Award in 2003.

González founded the Brown Syndicate, an organization devoted to promoting Raza arts, and Revoltoso Books. He teaches in the Chicana/o Studies Program at Sacramento State University.

For more information on either event, contact Gloria Velasquez at 756-2992 or gvelasqu@calpoly.edu.

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