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Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center Presents 'Rap Sessions' April 8

SAN LUIS OBISPO —“Rap Sessions: Community Dialogues on Hip-Hop” will be presented by Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center on Tuesday, April 8, at 8 p.m., in the Fisher Science Building, Room 286.

Moderated by Rap Sessions executive director, Bakari Kitwana, this highly-interactive forum will focus on the potential impact that hip-hop generation voters can have on the 2008 presidential election. The program's goal is to educate youth about their civic rights and responsibilities, and how to place their issues on the national agenda.

A selection of hip-hop activists, scholars, and artists will make up the discussion panel, including:

- Jeff Johnson, activist and commentator on BET's Cousin Jeff Chronicles
- Angela Woodson, co-chair of the 2004 National Hip-Hop Political Convention
- Maya Rockey Moore, public policy analyst and author
- Rosa Clemente, activist from the Hip-Hop Caucus and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement
- Billy Wimsatt, author and cofounder of the League of Young Voters

Forum moderator, Kitwana, is cofounder of the Hip Hop Political Convention and has been featured as an expert about youth culture and hip-hop politics on CNN, The O'Reilly Factor on FOX News, The Tavis Smiley Show on PBS, and NPR. His book “The Hip-Hop Generation: Young Blacks and the Crisis in African American Culture” has been used as a study reference in over 100 colleges and universities across the country. Currently, Kitwana serves as Artist-in-Residence at the University of Chicago's Center for the Study of Race Politics and Culture.

For more information, visit <http://www.rapsessions.org>.

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