Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association Presents Daniel Solórzano

Daniel Solórzano, Professor in Social Sciences and Comparative Education at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, will speak on campus as part of the Colloquium Speaker Series sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty and Staff Association (CLFSA) as a membership drive event. The talk is co-sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs on Friday, April 24, in Philips Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Solórzano is Director of the University of California All campus Consortium on Research for Diversity (UC ACCORD), a multi-campus research center devoted to more equitable distribution of educational resources and opportunities in schools and universities. For more information about the event and for joining the Chicana Latino Faculty and Staff Association, visit http://www.ess.calpoly.edu/clfsa/, or contact José Montelongo at ext. 6-7492 or Patricia Ponce at ext. 6-1380.

Why Should We Value Indigenous Knowledge?

Feminist Philosopher of Science Sandra Harding will present her talk, “Why Should We Value Indigenous Knowledge?” on Thursday, April 30, at 6 p.m. in Philips Hall, Room 124. What is indigenous knowledge and why do indigenous peoples value it? What does it have to do with biodiversity? Harding explores what Western scientists and engineers, as well as historians and philosophers of science and engineering, can learn from indigenous knowledge. Harding is a professor of Social Sciences and Comparative Education in the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Sciences. Her talk is free and open to the public. For more information, visit http://cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/lecture_series.html, contact Professor Jane Lehr in Ethnic Studies, ext. 6-6442, or jlehr@calpoly.edu, or stop by the Mathematics and Science Building, Room 140.

Scholarship Nominations Due May 1

The Courtney Elizabeth Smyth Memorial Scholarship was established in 2000 to honor the memory of Courtney Elizabeth Smyth, a Cal Poly student whose short life was marked by a spirit of resilience in the face of adversity. Each year since its inception, the university has been able to acknowledge a truly unusual student who has overcome personal tragedy or hardship, suggesting an inner strength and a commitment to maintain academic progress. The awardees have collectively formed a legacy of perseverance that is both humbling and inspiring.

This year the university is privileged to announce the establishment of a second scholarship, the Mitchell Family Foundation Scholarship, to recognize an additional student who has succeeded while facing significant challenges. Due to the similarities in award criteria, nominees identified for either scholarship will be considered for both.

Send letters of nomination to Stephan Lamb, associate director, Student Life and Leadership, UU, Room 217 by May 1. Letters should include the name of the nominee, a description of the nominee’s personal strengths and potential for success and insight into the character of the nominee and his/her ability to excel under personal adversity.

Fee Waiver Deadline for Fall Quarter is May 1

The Employee Fee Waiver deadline for eligible faculty, staff and MPP employees wishing to apply for the fall term is May 1. For more information on how to apply and participate in the program, visit http://wwwafd.calpoly.edu/hr/feewaiver.asp?pid=8&subid=2.

Foundation Board Meeting Set for May 2

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its annual and board meetings, which are open to the public, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Alumni House. For more information about the meetings or to obtain copies of the agendas, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.

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