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Immigrant Education Advocate to Speak at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's 2009-10 Provocative Perspective series continues with Paz Maya Olivérez on Thursday, Jan. 28.

Olivérez will give a lecture titled, “Information for Empowerment: Best Practices for Serving Undocumented Students.” She is the Executive Director and Founder of Futuros Educational Services, a non-profit organization providing college preparatory services to low-income and immigrant youth and professional development for school and college-based professionals.

Olivérez’s lecture examines the challenges encountered by college-ready undocumented high school seniors as they attempt to make the transition from high school to college.

Along with a statewide coalition of undocumented students and advocates, she was instrumental in developing “The College and Financial Aid Guide for: AB540 Undocumented Immigrant Students,” which has been disseminated to thousands of undocumented students and advocates throughout California.

Olivérez holds a doctorate in educational policy from the University of Southern California and a bachelor’s degree in sociology from UC Santa Cruz.

The talk will be held in Vista Grande Café at Sage Restaurant on campus. Complimentary breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., and Olivérez’s lecture begins at 8 a.m. The event is free and open to the public, however reservations are required. Call 756-0327 or e-mail Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu to reserve a seat.

People with disabilities may request accommodations in advance by contacting the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 805-756-1521.

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