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**Cal State Psychology Professor To Speak on Ethnic Identity May 15**

CSU Los Angeles psychology Professor Jean Phinney will explore ethnic identity in her keynote presentation at the 2002 Cal Poly Psychology and Child Development Research Symposium, May 15-16 on campus.

Phinney's talk, "Ethnic Identity: Conceptualization and Current Issues," will be 4:10- 5:30 p.m. May 15 in Room 220 in the University Union.

A developmental psychologist with particular interest in adolescent development and ethnic and cultural differences in developmental processes, Phinney has been studying ethnic identity and adaptation among adolescents from diverse ethnic and immigrant groups in the United States for the last 15 years. She is part of an international team studying adaptation of immigrant adolescents in 12 immigrant-receiving countries.

She is currently involved in research examining adolescent-parent relationships across ethnic and cultural groups and is studying factors that influence academic success for ethnic- minority college students who are the first in their families to attend college.

During the past 20 years, she has written more than 50 book chapters and articles for journals, including the Psychological Bulletin and American Psychologist. She has written entries for the Encyclopedia of Psychology, published by the American Psychological Association, and the International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Phinney has given dozens of presentations at universities and professional conferences throughout the United States and in Belgium, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Spain and the Netherlands.

She is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and has received numerous research grants from the National Institutes of
Health. She has mentored dozens of ethnic minority undergraduate and graduate students who have served as research assistants.

Additional public events in the Psychology and Child Development Symposium include a faculty research panel 11:10 a.m.-noon and a student research panel 12:10-1 p.m., both on May 16 in Room 220 in the University Union.

Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts and the Psychology and Child Development Department are sponsoring the symposium. For more information, call 756-2033.

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