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UCSB Professor to Discuss Latino/a Educational Achievement March 1 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – UC Santa Barbara Professor Aida Hurtado will give a presentation at Cal Poly titled “Infinite Possibilities, Many Obstacles: Language, Culture, Identity, and Latino/a Educational Achievement” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 1, in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

In this free public talk, Hurtado will discuss how Latinos’ and Latinas’ language use and maintenance, cultural practices, and identity formation impact their education.

Hurtado is a social psychologist whose research focuses on race, class, ethnicity, sexuality and gender. She came to UCSB from UC Santa Cruz, where she spent more than 20 years as a scholar in the Psychology Department. The majority of her work is on feminist theory, women's issues, and Latino educational achievement.

Hurtado is professor and chair of the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at UCSB. Her presentation is sponsored by Cal Poly's Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association, Division of Student Affairs, Career Services, Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Education, Psychology and Child Development Department, Ethnic Studies Department, and MultiCultural Center.

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