

Sept. 18, 2012 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Jeff Van Kleeck

805-756-1571; jvanklee@calpoly.edu

Cal Poly University Art Gallery to Exhibit Art by Ana Serrano Sept. 28-Nov. 2

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's University Art Gallery will exhibit a variety of artwork created by first-generation Mexican-American Ana Serrano from Friday, Sept. 28, through Thursday, Nov. 2.

Serrano will present a lecture on Sept. 28 at 5 p.m. in Room E-27 in the Science Building (No. 52). An artist's reception will follow at 6 p.m. in the University Art Gallery in the Dexter Building.

The exhibit, titled "Pretty Monumental," showcases drawings, collages and sculptures inspired from the cultural contexts in her life.

Serrano, from Los Angeles, says her work bears reference to those in low socioeconomic positions, with particular interest in the customs and beliefs, as well as the architecture, fashion, and informal economies present within this segment of society. A current theme explored in her work is the socio-cultural aspects of drug trafficking and the branding and acceptance of the drug lord lifestyle.

Serrano recently graduated from Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, Calif.

The public is invited the free talk and exhibit. The University Art Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, contact Van Kleeck at 805-756-1571, jvanklee@calpoly.edu, or go online to http://www.artgallery.calpoly.edu/.

###

