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Cal Poly Celebrates Women's History Month 2008

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Women's Programs and Services will start off the month of March with events encouraging awareness and appreciation of Women's History Month.

Activities on campus serve to promote consciousness and knowledge of women's history and to honor the contributions of both notable and ordinary women.

Events on campus are free and open to the public and include film screenings, poetry readings and lectures. The schedule of events is:

Tuesday, March 4 - Soup and Substance: Focus on Women's History, in University Union 220 at noon. The Women's Leadership Council will have a roundtable discussion to focus on influential and empowering women throughout history. Refreshments will be provided.

Wednesday, March 5 - Screening of the feature documentary "The Shape of Water," in Bishop's Lounge at 7 p.m. Directed by Kum-Kum Bhavnani and narrated by Susan Sarandon. The film looks at the stories of several women from around the globe who, through candor and humor, infuse their communities with a passion for change. The women are abandoning female genital mutilation (Senegal), tapping for rubber to protect the rainforest (Brazil), protecting the biodiversity of the planet (India) and opposing military occupations (Jerusalem).

Wednesday, March 5 - "Another Type of Groove," featuring poet Mahogany L. Browne, in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion at 7 p.m. Brown is the author of two self-published poetic works - "Soul Sista's Elixir" and "Drifting Under the Influence" - and has produced two albums. Browne currently tours the college circuit with messages promoting self-love and supporting women empowerment.

Thursday, March 6 - The Provocative Perspectives breakfast lecture series hosts documentary filmmaker Barbara Martinez Jitner who will talk on "Femicide in Juarez: The Real Story of Bordertown" in the Vista Grande Café at 7:30 a.m. Martinez Jitner posed as a factory worker on the U.S./Mexico border to uncover a dark world of poverty, sexual abuse and murder.

Her investigation led to the production of her critically acclaimed documentary "La Frontera." The lecture covers her personal experiences investigating the topic and producing the documentary. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu.

Saturday, March 8 - LUNAFEST Film Festival premieres in Chumash Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. The festival will showcase nine films that celebrate women. Tickets are \$6 for students and \$10 general admission. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Fund. Tickets can be purchased at the Women's Center or online at: www.slolunafest.com.

For more information about this series, contact Samantha Hunt at cpwomenseducation@gmail.com or Cal Poly's

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