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Provocative Perspectives Speaker to Discuss "Breaking the Silence: The Fallacy of Race and the Impact of Color"

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly will present John Gray as the final speaker in this year's Provocative Perspectives speakers' series Thursday, May 18. Gray's presentation will vividly demonstrate stereotyping and prejudice in action, examine the impact of stereotyping, and ultimately show how to break the "silence" at personal and organizational levels to confront discrimination.

The free event will take place in the Vista Grande Café at Cal Poly, beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by the lecture at 8.

A national and international educator in the area of diversity, Gray has presented programs to a wide range of audiences at universities and colleges, the U.S. military, businesses, government and other organizations. He is president of John Gray Associates, a management training firm. He was associate a professor and assistant director for the Kent State University Center for Educational Development and Strategic Services and an administrator and teacher in the Cleveland Public School system in Ohio.

Gray has been heard on National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" and has appeared on the "Sunday Today Show," with Garret Utley, the PBS series "Frontline" and "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

Cornel Morton, vice president for Student Affairs at Cal Poly, said, "John Gray causes us to think twice about the assumptions we make related to racial categories and group diversity." Morton has also invited Gray to conduct a workshop for administrators and staff while he is on campus.

Gray's breakfast talk is free and the public is welcome. Reservations are required for the breakfast and can be made by calling 756-0327 or emailing Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu.

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