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Niki Sandoval to Discuss Native Culture at Feb. 5 Provocative Perspectives Event

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Provocative Perspectives series continues Thursday, Feb. 5, with UC Santa Barbara lecturer Niki Sandoval. Sandoval will present "Honoring Our Past, Building Our Future: Cultures in Native California."

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

Sandoval's nonprofit career spans 17 years. She currently works with the Nonprofit Support Center, facilitating community outreach roundtables and workshops in building board diversity, and teaching classes in on-line funding research.

Sandoval served as assistant director for community services at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) from 1999 to 2002. While there, she conceptualized, delivered and evaluated outreach products and services targeting native american communities in the Western Hemisphere. She also led development strategies and programming in support of NMAI's mission of outreach and public service.

Sandoval holds a doctorate in education, a master's in museum studies, and bachelor's in public relations. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center. She is a Santa Barbara Foundation Katherine Harvey Fellow and an active member of Leadership Lompoc Valley.

The Provocative Perspectives series is free and open to the public. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 756-0327 or emailing Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations in advance by contacting the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 756-1521.

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