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Ethical Implications of Human Genome Project To Be Topic of Nov. 4 Talk at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- San Francisco State University Women's Studies Professor Mariannette Jaimes-Guerrero will speak on indigenous knowledge and the human rights implications of the Human Genome Project at 7 p.m. Nov. 4 in the Yosemite Residence Hall at Cal Poly.

The talk, titled "Human Genome Project: Intellectual Property and Indigenous Communities," will explore the ethical and racial implications of mapping human genes.

Jaimes-Guerrero, of Yaqui-Opata-Juaneno descent, studies indigenous peoples and transnational human rights, native identity and ecocultures, the human genome diversity project and bioethics. Her articles have been widely published in anthologies and periodicals.

She is the author of the award-winning book "State of Native America" and is working on another called "Global Genocide and Biocolonialism: the Impact of the Human Genome Diversity Project." She is also editing an anthology, "Native Women, Feminism and Indigenism."

Jaimes-Guerrero's talk is free and open to the public. The event is part of Indigenous Peoples Month and International Education Week and is sponsored by the university's Ethnic Studies Department, Women's Studies Program, Multicultural Programs, International Education and Programs, and Housing and Residential Life's Respect House (a tower in the Yosemite Residence Hall, where students live and work to expose other students to programs about human rights, social justice and multicultural issues).

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