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Stanford Professor to Present ‘Eight Conversations About Race’ April 27 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Paula M. L. Moya, Stanford University associate professor of English, will present "Eight Conversations about Race" at 4 p.m. Friday, April 27, in Philips Hall (Room 124 in the Performing Arts Center) at Cal Poly.

Her talk will consider eight common conversations that people in the U.S. have with one another as they make sense of daily events in which race and ethnicity figure prominently. Drawing on her recent work with Stanford behavioral scientist Hazel Markus, Moya argues that framing new and more productive conversations requires an understanding of race and ethnicity not as things people have or are, but rather as actions people do.

Moya is the author of "Learning from Experience: Minority Identities, Multicultural Struggles" and co-editor of "Doing Race: 21 Essays for the 21st Century," "Reclaiming Identity: Realist Theory and the Predicament of Postmodernism," and "Identity Politics Reconsidered."

She is director of Stanford's Program in Modern Thought and Literature and is affiliated faculty member at that university's Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity.

Moya will be available to sign books after the free, public event. Her talk is sponsored by Cal Poly's Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association, Division of Student Affairs, Career Services, and the departments of Ethnic Studies, Liberal Studies, History, and Psychology and Child Development.

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