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'Another Type of Groove' to Celebrate Native American Heritage Month Nov. 6 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's "Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry" will celebrate Native American Heritage Month with poet Gloria Velásquez at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union on campus.

Velásquez is a professor in Cal Poly's Modern Languages and Literatures Department and an internationally acclaimed author of two collections of poetry, "I Used to Be a Superwoman" and "Xicana on the Run." She is also the creator of the young adult Roosevelt High School Series, which includes nine titles. One of those, "Ankiza," was recently released in French.

Velásquez's poetry and fiction have appeared in journals and anthologies throughout the U.S. and in Europe. She earned a doctorate from Stanford University in Latin American and Chicano literatures.

Another Type of Groove is a spoken-word poetry event held the first Wednesday of every month throughout the school year. Each event includes a featured poet and an open mic opportunity for interested community members and students. The event is free and open to the public.

The MultiCultural Center supports and advocates for underrepresented students by honoring cultural expression, building community, and creating cross-cultural connections. It provides a welcome space for the Cal Poly community to promote diversity and work toward social justice.

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