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**Gay Community to be Topic Cal Poly’s Provocative Perspectives May 8**

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly’s Provocative Perspectives series continues on Thursday, May 8, speaker Glenda Russell will discuss “Generational Cycles in the Gay Community” as part of Pride Week.

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

Russell is a psychologist, an educator, a researcher, a therapist, and an activist. She was a member and chair of the American Psychological Association’s Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Concerns. She is currently the co-chair of the Public Policy Committee of Society for the Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues of the American Psychological Association.

The author of two books – “Voted Out: The Psychological Consequences of Anti-gay Politics” and “Conversations about Psychology and Sexual Orientation” – she has also written journal articles and book chapters. Russell is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and the recipient of the Award for Distinguished Professional Contributions from the Society for the Study of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Issues of the American Psychological Association. She currently works as an independent researcher and as a psychotherapist in Boulder, Colo. where she also teaches adjunctively at Metropolitan State College of Denver.

Reservations for the event are required and can be made by calling 756-0327, or e-mailing Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu. Persons with disabilities may request accommodations in advance by contacting the Vice President for Student Affairs office at 805-756-1521.

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