

## **"Women and Equity" forum to be sponsored by UCSD March 7 in the Price Center Ballroom**

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Equity for women in education and the workplace will be the subject of a forum to be held March 7 in the Price Center Ballroom at the University of California, San Diego.

The daylong event, open to the public, is sponsored by the UCSD Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women. There is no fee. Information may be obtained by calling 534-2709.

Artie Evertz of the UCSD Political Science Department, forum co-chair, said that, in light of the waning emphasis on affirmative action, the event was planned to emphasize the current status of women's equity issues. Among these issues--to be discussed by panelists of ethnically and professionally diverse backgrounds--are: How equal is our access to education? How equal is our progress in the workplace? What are the barriers? How do women get to equality? How far are we from equality?

Serving as co-chair for the forum is Joellen Russell of UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Speakers at the session on "Equity in Education" will include Teresa Fay-Bustillo of Los Angeles, vice president of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and Regina Stanback Stroud of Oakland, former president of the statewide Academic Senate, California Community College.

Discussing "Equity in the Workplace" will be Paula Doss, San Diego, interim director of UCSD Staff Affirmative Action, and Karen K. Narasaki of Washington, D.C., executive director of the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium.

UCSD Chancellor Marjorie Caserio will serve as moderator for the session on "Women and Equity." In addition to the four earlier speakers, panelists will include Sally Ride, first U.S. woman astronaut and director of the California Space Institute at UCSD, and Tram Nguyen, UCSD student who attended the recent Beijing conference on women.

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