

Latino Spectrum Columnists to visit UCSD April 20-May 1 as Regents' lecturers in the Department of Literature

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LATINO SPECTRUM COLUMNISTS TO VISIT UCSD APRIL 20-MAY 1 AS REGENTS' LECTURERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE

Patrisia C. Gonzales and Roberto Rodriguez, distinguished journalists and authors of the syndicated column, Latino Spectrum, published in 40 newspapers nationwide, will visit the Department of Literature at the University of California, San Diego as Regents' Lecturers April 20 to May 1.

Gonzales and Rodriguez will present a two-part lecture on "Journalism from a Red- Brown Perspective" at 4 p.m. April 22 and April 29 at the Cross Cultural Center on the UCSD campus. Gonzales also will give a presentation, "Environmentalism in Mexico," at 3:30 p.m. April 27 at the Women's Center. The events are free and open to the public.

Gonzales is the first Latina syndicated columnist in the country, a founding member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and a member of the Native American Journalists Association. She has worked as a reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, the Tucson Citizen and the Corpus Christi Caller. She has served as a Freedom Forum professional-in-residence in the Department of Communication and Journalism at the University of New Mexico and is currently a Kellogg National Leadership Program Fellow.

Gonzales is writing a book examining the emerging human rights movement in Mexico and the transformation of ordinary people when they participate in social change.

Rodriguez, who has written extensively on higher education, demographic change and police brutality, is the author of "Assault with a Deadly Weapon," "On the Wrong Side of the Law," and "The X in La Raza II." He is currently a senior writer with Black Issues in Higher Education.

Rodriguez began writing opinion columns in the mid-1980s for the Los Angeles Times, the Eastside Sun in Los Angeles, the Washington Post, the Philadelphia Inquirer and USA Today. From 1987-1994 he was a contributing columnist for La Opinion, the nation's largest Spanish-language daily.

Gonzales and Rodriguez have been writing Latino Spectrum, distributed by Chronicle Features in San Francisco, since 1994. The husband-wife team is based in Albuquerque, N.M., where they are working on a book on racial and cultural mixture in the United States. A collection of their columns, "Gonzales & Rodriguez: Uncut and Uncensored," (Ethnic Studies, UC Berkeley) was published last spring.

During their Regents' Lecturers visit, Gonzales and Rodriguez also will participate in classes and meet with students. Their visit is sponsored by the UCSD Department of Literature. For further information, call the Department of Literature at 534-4618.

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