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EDITORS: On June 14, President Bill Clinton will deliver a major policy speech on American diversity and racial and ethnic relations at commencement ceremonies at the University of California, San Diego. UCSD political scientists, sociologists, and professors of ethnic studies and communication, are available to provide commentary on the President's speech and on a wide range of issues related to ethnic and racial relations in America. Some of these experts can also comment on UC efforts to increase diversity among the student body and outreach efforts to disadvantaged ethnic groups.

Steven Erie, professor of political science, has expertise in urban and racial politics. Erie, who has written extensively about urban politics in Southern California, is nearing completion on a book tracing the political history of Los Angeles. Author of the award-winning book *Rainbow's End: Irish-Americans and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics*, Erie can comment on political participation among different ethnic groups and the politics of race in California and nationally. He received his Ph. D from UCLA. Home: (619) 563-6995.

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Paule Cruz Takash, professor of ethnic studies, can provide commentary on the "minoritization" and "Latinization" of American society and the response of "white America" to this trend. Professor Cruz Takash, an authority on political participation among various ethnic groups, received her Ph.D. from UC Berkeley. Office: (619) 534-8128; Home: (310) 450-1428; e-mail: [perurtak@ucsd.edu](mailto:perurtak@ucsd.edu)

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