

UCSD hold conference May 15 on women of color in politics

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A conference on the background, progress and impact of women of color in electoral politics, featuring elected officials, political organizers, and political scientists, will be held May 15 at the University of California, San Diego from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A Politics of Difference: Women of Color in Electoral Politics, is being sponsored by UCSD's Ethnic Studies Department and the UCSD Women's Center, as well as UC Mexus. The conference is free and open to the public, and will be held in the Robinson Auditorium at the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies.

The all-day conference will begin with keynote speaker, Leticia Quesada, president of the Los Angeles Board of Education and the first Latina to be elected to the board, and will continue with four panel discussions.

The first panel discussion, Where We Are and Where We Came From: Profile of Women of Color Elected Officials, will take place from 10-11:30 a.m. From 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., the second panel, Making the Decision to Run: The Politics of Gender, Race and Class, will be held. Panel three, Breaking Barriers of Money and Campaigning, will last from 3-4:30 p.m, and the day's final panel, Does it Make a Difference? The Impact of Women of Color Elected Officials on Policy and Community, will take place from 4:30-6 p.m.

Some of the participants in the conference include:

- * State Assemblywoman Margarite Archie-Hudson, Los Angeles.
- * Political commentator Julianne Malveaux (CNN & Co.)
- * Paule Cruz Takash, UCSD professor of Ethnic Studies.
- * Rosa De Anda, co-founder, Latina Political Action Committee.
- * Irma Munoz, former chair, San Diego Democratic Central Committee; chief of staff to Assemblyman Pete Chacon.
- * Celestine Palmer, founder, Los Angeles African American Women's Political Action Committee.
- * Villa Mills, candidate for S.D. City Council; former chief of staff, Councilman Tom Behr.
- * Judy Chu, professor of Psychology, East Los Angeles Community College; Monterey Park City Councilmember.

* Gloria Ochoa, former Santa Barbara county supervisor; 1992 congressional candidate.

* Assemblywoman Grace Napolitano, Los Angeles; former Mayor ProTem, City of Norwalk.

* Andrea Skorepa, executive director, CASA Familiar; candidate for San Diego City Council, 1993.

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