

THIS WEEK AT THE LGBT RC

WEEK 4, APRIL 21-25

MON, 4/21

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	QPOC Board Meeting	Heritage Room
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	OH w/ Erik	Heritage Room
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	LGBTQIA	Fam & Conference Room

TUES, 4/22

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	LGBTQIA Women's Collective	Conference Room
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	The Things that Affect Us: with Dr. Samar Habib	Conference Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	Triton Recovery Group LGBT Mtg	Heritage Room

WEDS, 4/23

11:00 A – 7:00 P	Anonymous HIV Testing	Heritage Room
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Grad Students & Healthy Romantic Relationships	Conference Room
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Men's Group	Heritage Room

THURS, 4/24

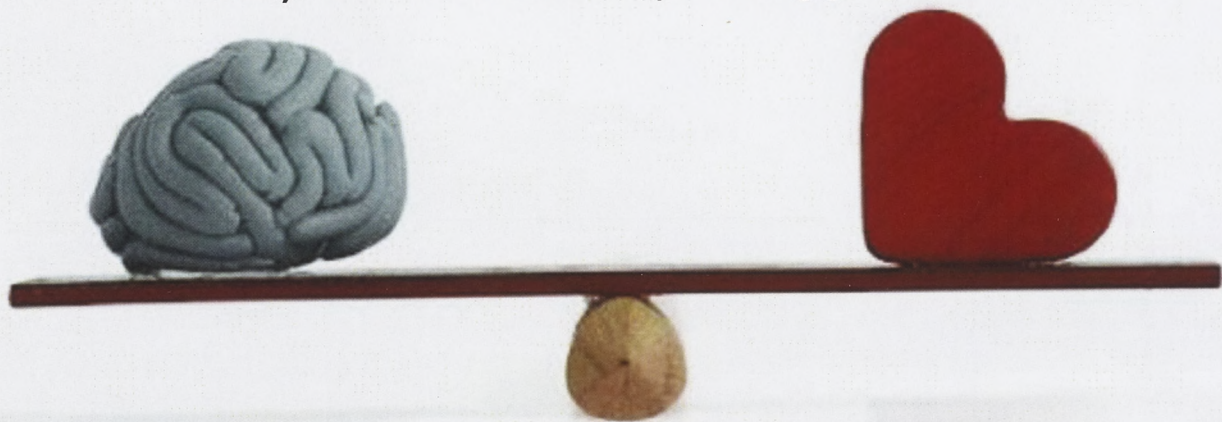
10:00 AM – 11:00 A	A Morning Chat with Dr. Kevin Nadal	Conference Room
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Fluid Sexuality Group Meeting	Heritage Room
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Career Paths of Queer Black Women	Conference Room
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	QPOC GBM	Fam & Conference Room

FRI, 4/25

11:30PM – 12:30PM	OH w/ Jade	Family Room
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	OH w/ Cristina Visperas	Heritage Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LGBT RC Operations Meeting	Heritage Room

Open Conversation: Grads & Romance

With all of its stresses and time commitments, graduate school can easily strain existing romantic relationships and make beginning new relationships difficult. Along with Dr. Doriane Besson and Dr. Krystle Rivera (Counseling and Psychological Services Representatives), graduate students will discuss successes and frustrations regarding maintaining healthy romantic relationships during graduate school.



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23RD

3:00 TO 4:30 PM

LGBT RESOURCE CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM

*LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

The open conversation series offers students an opportunity to attend to their mental well-being through discussions with other members of the UCSD graduate community as well as CAPS psychologists.

Contact Jahmese Fort at climate-intern@ucsd.edu for questions

The Cross-Cultural Center
Breather Series Presents:
THERAPY FLUFFIES



Week 4 - Wednesday, April 23, 2014

6:30pm-7:30pm

Cross-Cultural Center, Art Space

**This program is in collaboration with
Therapy Dogs International Chapter #227**

Take a breather and de-stress by petting and playing with some adorable fluffies!
The Zone @ UCSD (located next to PC Theatre) also offers Therapy Fluffies every Thursday
from 1:30-2:30

For more Info contact Sandy Garcia at [smg006@ucsd.edu]

The UC Cross-Cultural Center is committed to being accessible to all who frequent our space,
participate in our programs, and attend our events. Our physical location is accessible to anyone who utilizes
assisted mobility. If you require specific accommodations to fully access any of our programs or events, please
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a morning chat with **Dr. Kevin Nadal**

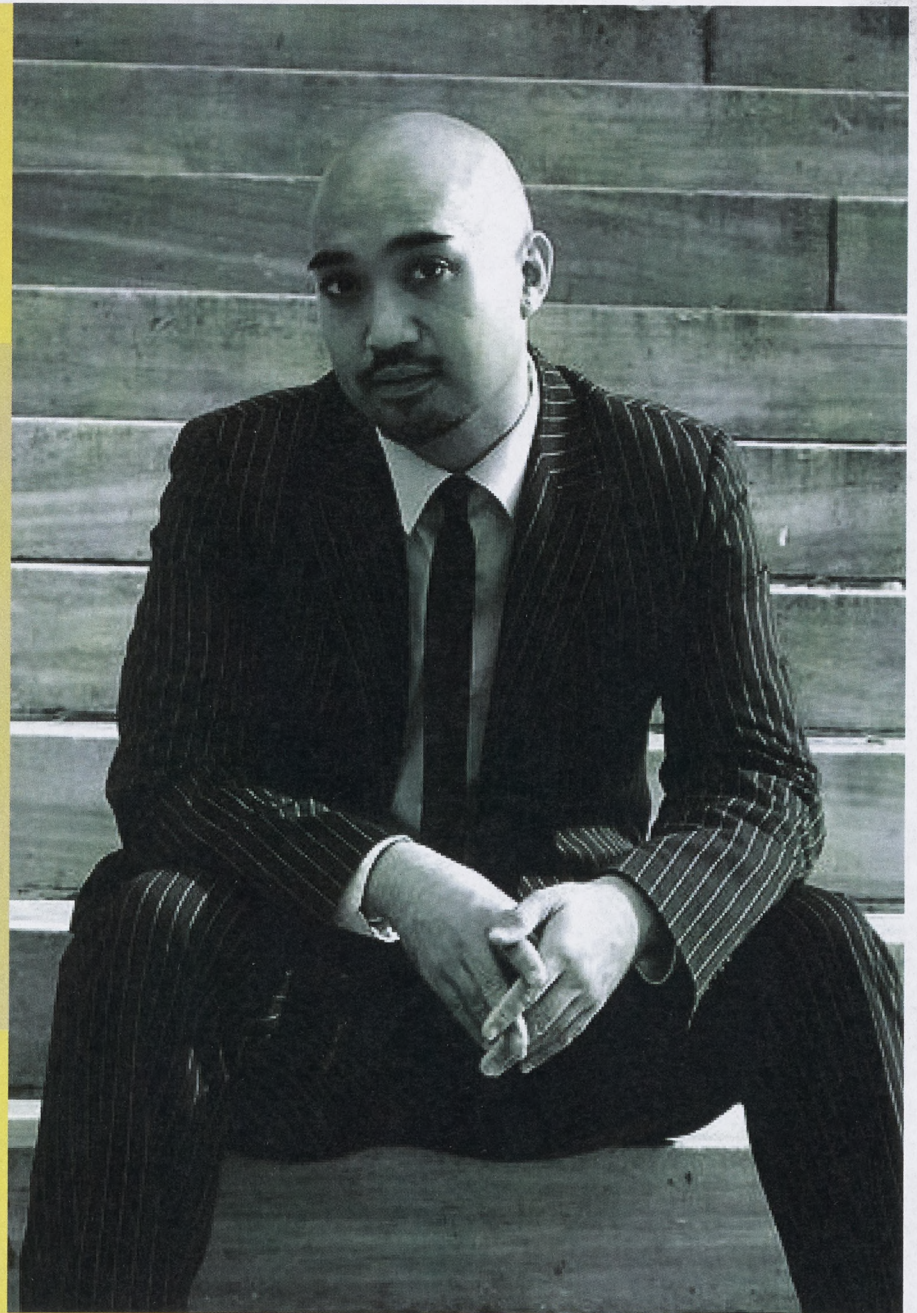
April 24 | 10:00-11:00a | LGBT Resource Center

Dr. Kevin Leo Yabut Nadal is an award-winning professor, psychologist, performer, activist, and author, who received his doctorate in counseling psychology from Columbia University in New York City. He is one of the leading researchers in understanding the impacts of microaggressions, or subtle forms of discrimination, on the mental and physical health of people of color, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people, and other marginalized groups.

Join us in a morning chat with Dr. Kevin Nadal over light refreshments. This will be an intimate space where you can connect with Dr. Kevin Nadal, learn more about his research, and have a conversation about your experiences with microaggressions.

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"Compassion. Action. Change."

The California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) is an organization of county governments working to improve mental health outcomes for individuals, families and communities. Prevention and Early Intervention programs implemented by CalMHSA are funded through the voter-approved Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63). Prop. 63 provides the funding and framework needed to expand mental health services to previously underserved populations and all of California's diverse communities.



WELLNESS · RECOVERY · RESILIENCE

Career Paths of Queer Black Women



Fofie Amina Bashir

Nonprofit Management/Community Organizer

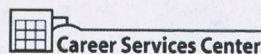
April 24

5:30 pm | LGBTRC Conference Room

Fofie Amina Bashir came to San Diego in early 2012, returning to the west coast after working for nearly 20 years with nonprofit organizations and foundation affinity groups in New York, NY and Washington, DC. Her professional and volunteer work has focused on health education and empowerment in low income and immigrant communities, AIDS/HIV education, domestic and community violence prevention, and LGBTQ coalition building. Fofie currently serves as Director of Operations for Alliance San Diego, an organization dedicated to building coalitions and mobilizing resources and our communities for social justice and positive change. She is also a founding member of the MackeyCua Project, a multigenerational space for LGBTQIA people of color to build community and advocate for the needs of Queer People of Color in San Diego. Fofie has traveled extensively and has done volunteer work and spiritual studies in West Africa and Cuba. A bicultural child of an immigrant family, Fofie is committed in her personal and professional life to social justice and to health and educational empowerment.

Please RSVP to stravers@ucsd.edu so we are able to provide dinner for you, and include any dietary concerns.

black resource center



UCSD
Women's Center

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8th Annual Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Celebration

Re-Imagining the Slant: Storytelling, Culture and Identity

THAT'S SO GAY: MICROAGGRESSIONS AND THE LGBT COMMUNITY

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 | 11:30A-1P | HUERTA-VERA CRUZ ROOM
Leading Researcher Dr. Kevin Nadal speaks on understanding the impacts of microaggressions, or subtle forms of discrimination, on the mental and physical health of people of color in the LGBT community and other marginalized groups. **INFO:** cdatiles@ucsd.edu, jarramirez@ucsd.edu

8TH ANNUAL ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION KICK-OFF

THURSDAY, MAY 1 | 12-1P | GREAT HALL
Join us for our launch at lunch featuring Thomas Hom, student cultural presentations, and community recognition.
INFO: jarramirez@ucsd.edu, nmagpusao@ucsd.edu

DELANO MANONGS: FORGOTTEN HEROES OF THE UNITED FARM WORKERS. COALITION AND CONTENTION: MANONGS AND COMPADRES

FRIDAY, MAY 2 | 11:30A-1P | PC EAST FORUM
Film and talk with Marissa Aroy and Dr. Gerardo Arellano
INFO: nmagpusao@ucsd.edu

"EATING ASIAN AMERICA: A FOOD STUDIES READER"

FRIDAY, MAY 9 | 1-3P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER
Book presentation by Dr. Rober Ji-Song Ku, Dr. Martin F. Manalansan IV, & Dr. Anita Mannur. **INFO:** icling@ucsd.edu

GENDER BUFFET: "THE GRACE LEE PROJECT"

FRIDAY, MAY 9 | 12-1:30P | WOMEN'S CENTER
A dialogue on the representation of Asian American women in media.
INFO: cnelsonalford@ucsd.edu

TRITON INT'L LEADERS SPRING TALENT SHOW

SUNDAY, MAY 11 | 3:30P | INT'L CENTER COURTYARD
Join the third annual spring talent showcase feat. int'l students from around the globe and other diverse acts from on-campus student orgs.
INFO: <http://on.fb.me/QCpAuv>

ASIAN/ASIAN AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 | 11:30A-1P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER
A panel by UCSD Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) on issues facing Asian American mental health. Will include Dr. Koko Nishi, Dr. Sam Park, & Dr. Sherry Shaw. **INFO:** knishi@ucsd.edu

ASIAN FOOD FUSION MIXER BY TWISTED HUTT

THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 12-1P | LEICHTAG LOBBY
Seating limited to 50. **INFO & RSVP:** jsrivera@ucsd.edu

"ASIAN AMERICA: SOCIOLOGICAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES" BOOK TALK W/ DR. ROBYN RODRIGUEZ

THURSDAY, MAY 15 | 12:30-2:30P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER
INFO: jaynemichellegm@gmail.com

"STATE OF ASIA AMERICA: EMPIRE, ROMANCE, & HAUNTING"

TUESDAY, MAY 20 | 4-5:30P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER
Graduate student panel with Anthony Kim (Literature), Thủy Linh Nguyễn (Ethnic Studies), & Davorn Sisavath (Ethnic Studies).
INFO: jarramirez@ucsd.edu

QUEER ASIAN & PACIFIC ISLANDER DIALOGUE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21 | 12-1:30P | LGBT RESOURCE CENTER
Build community with other LGBT API identified students, staff, and faculty.
INFO & RSVP: rainbow@ucsd.edu

DIALOGUE ON ASIAN PARENTING AND ASIAN AMERICAN CHILDREN WITH WINDI SASAKI

TUESDAY, MAY 27 | 6-8P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER

THE "OTHER" STUDENTS: FILIPINO AMERICANS, EDUCATION, AND POWER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 | 11:30A-1P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER
Co-editors Dina Maramba and Rick Bonus discuss their latest book, the first of its kind to focus specifically on Filipino Americans in education.
INFO: nmagpusao@ucsd.edu

"FOR THE YOGA" WORKSHOP W/ MINDY TRAN

THURSDAY, MAY 29 | 12-1P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER

"POLYNESIAN PANTHERS" FILM SCREENING

MONDAY, JUNE 2 | 4-5P | CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER
Maori and other Pacific Islanders address racism, colonization, and capitalism influenced by the Black Panther Movement in the United States.
INFO: porthomas@ucsd.edu

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queer black social

Friday, April 25 | 12:00-1:30p | LGBT RC

Join us and build community with other Black identified people at the LGBT Resource Center! Queer Black Socials are closed spaces for Black identified students, staff, faculty, and community members to talk about queer issues.

For more info and to RSVP, please contact Jaylin at queerblacksocials@gmail.com.

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4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	OH w/ Erik	Heritage Room
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	LGBTQIA	Fam & Conference Room

TUES, 4/29

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Artist's Workshop with Zanele Muholi	Conference Room
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	LGBT RC Operations Meeting	Heritage Room
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	LGBTQIA Women's Collective	Conference Room
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	TRANS UCSD	Heritage Room
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM	LGBT All 12 Step Meeting	Heritage Room

WEDS, 4/30

11:00 AM – 12:00 P	LGBT RC Operations Meeting	Heritage Room
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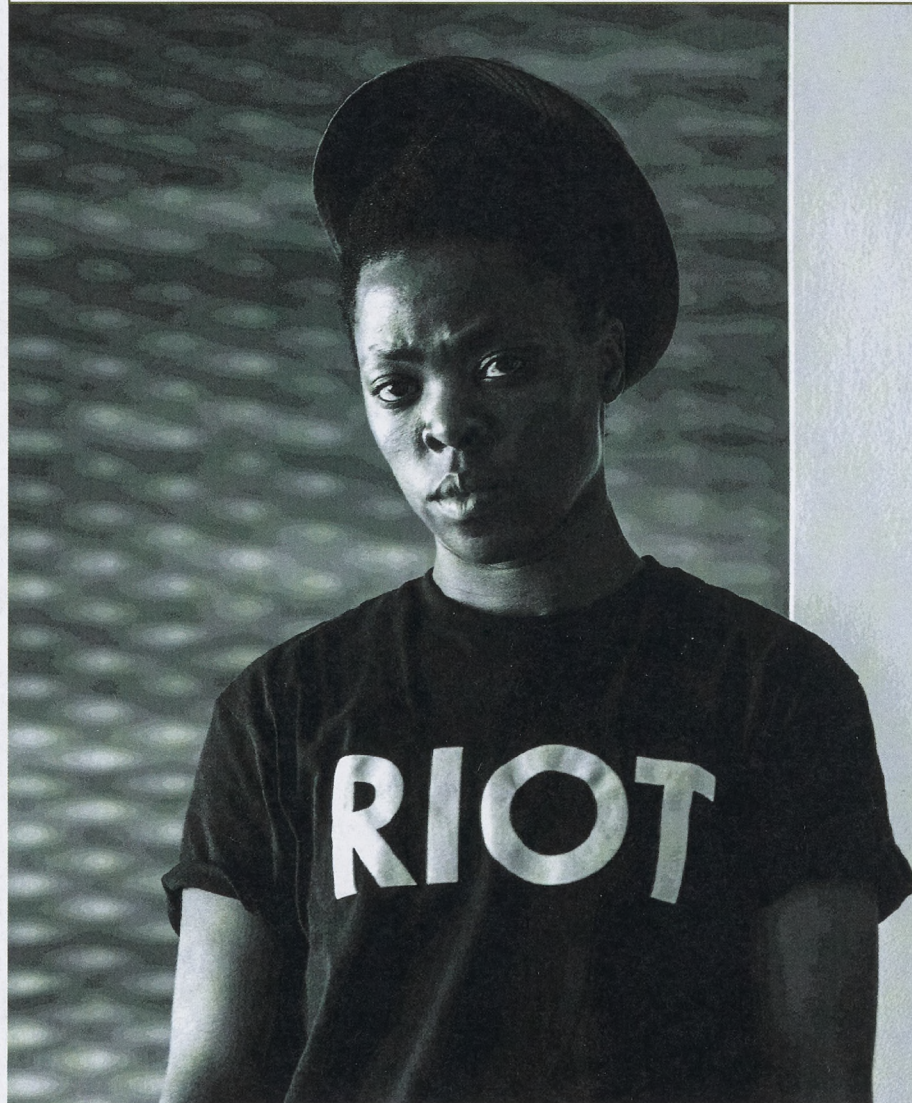
THURS, 5/1

9:00 A – 10:00 A	LGBT RC Operations Meeting	Heritage Room
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FRI, 5/2

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	OH w/ Cristina Visperas	Heritage Room
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	LGBT RC Operations Meeting	Heritage Room
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	LGBT RC Staff Development	

A Workshop on Visual Activism



With

Zanele Muholi

South African photographer & visual activist

- ▶ Tuesday, April 29th
- ▶ 10:00am-12:00pm Workshop
- ▶ LGBT Resource Center, Conference Room
- ▶ Email cgs@ucsd.edu to reserve a spot now!

Zanele Muholi will share with attendees how grassroots **visual media** can be employed in academia as an advocacy tool, and how it is beneficial to educators, scholars and participants to exercise equal powers as well as to undo hierarchies.



The UC San Diego
Critical Gender
Studies Program
Presents

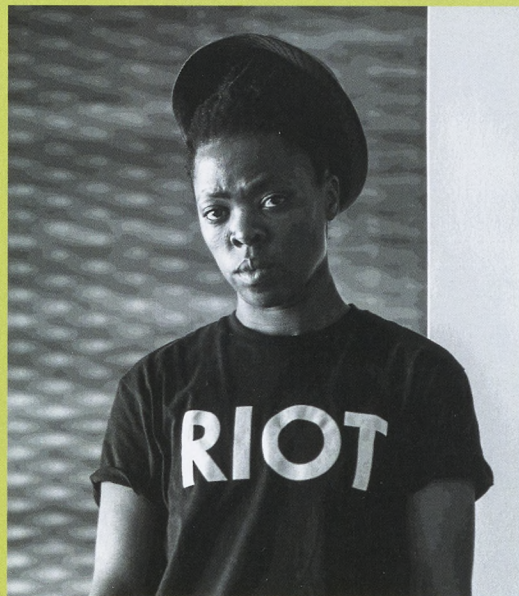
The Nicholas Papadopoulos Endowed Lecture in Gay & Lesbian Studies

Featuring

Zanele Muholi

South African photographer & visual activist

- ▶ Tuesday, April 29th
- ▶ 6:00pm Performance & Lecture
- ▶ 8:00pm Reception
- ▶ Calit2 Auditorium—UC San Diego



Focus on South Africa BLACK QUEER BORN FREES featured in *Faces and Phases*

A three part lecture series exploring the visual culture of black LGBTI youth from various South African townships.

The visual activism approach will be used to understand realities of black queers born at the end of apartheid in SA focusing mainly on visual expression of the Black Queer Born Frees. The new generation born in the post-apartheid SA is also known as 'Mandela's step great-grandchildren.' The lecture will emphasize how the activist negotiated the production space/s interacting with those born from 1990 to 1994.

Critical Gender Studies Program

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THE REAL WORLD CAREER SERIES:

Building Skills for a Diverse Interconnected Community



CAREERS IN VIOLENCE

PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

Panel Featuring:

VANESSA WU

Volunteer, Center for Community Solutions

NANCY WAHLIG, MSW, LCSW

Director, UCSD Sexual Assault & Violence Prevention Resource Center

SUZANNE WARD, N.P.

Nurse Practitioner, UCSD Student Health Services

MIKE BRITTON

Detective, UCSD Police Department

AIDEE BRUNNER

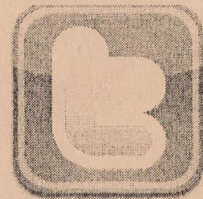
Deputy District Attorney, San Diego County District Attorney's Office

Wednesday, April 30 (Week 5)

Panel: 12-1pm, Huerta Vera-Cruz Room

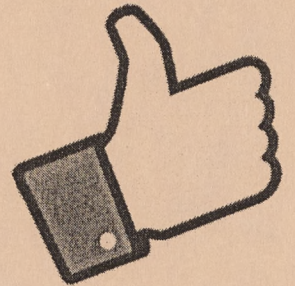
Networking Reception: 1-1:30pm, Women's
Center (located above Hi-Thai, Near the Main Gym)

Refreshments provided



#Online Activism: Beyond The Like

Can direct action ever be the click of a mouse? Come join us as we talk about the ways that social media has been used to successfully create movements, as well as some of the drawbacks to internet activism. #FREEFOOD!



F-Word Dining and Dialogue

WEEK 5

Wednesday April, 30

5-6:30

@ the Women's Center

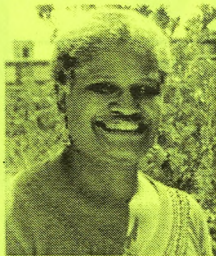
**Located above Hi-Thai, across from the
Main Gym**



COMMON GROUND



UC SAN DIEGO CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER VOLUME 18, ISSUE 2 SPRING 2014



Spring forward are you ready for some change?

EDWINA WELCH
Director

Spring is a time of change and transition. Some transitions happen effortlessly. Some take more work, emotion, and heart. During this time of year I often have conversations with senior's about transitioning from their work and activism at UC San Diego and taking this passion into the unknown grad schools, work environments, back home - where who they are and became at UCSD has to be translated, reworked and blended to new spaces. We chat about letting the whirlwind happen and having a tolerance for ambiguity as they recalibrate to new experiences and places.

As always this line of thinking leads me to spring programming and activities on campus. As with every spring celebrations, activism, and political issues figure prominently in the quarter. We have Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Coming Out Week, Justice in Palestine Week, Holocaust Remember Day, Cesar Chavez Activities, Asian Pacific Islander Heritage programs, and the UCSD Powwow to name a few. Thus spring transitions also give each of us a chance to take stock, learn more about ourselves and others, and participate in communities in new and different ways. Do we take the chance or stay within the familiar things we know?

These thoughts bring me to my last bit of musings around transitions. There are transitions that happen every day, in every encounter and then there are transitions that change us radically and forever. "Newspaper" the movie had a wonderful tagline that I remember and use to this day - because your whole life can change in 24 hours. I think about the speakers that will come to campus and the hiring of new interns. I think about all the changes and work still to be done from 2010's Compton Cookout and the latest results from the Campus Climate Survey.

Over this past year we have been critically exploring our role, work, and impact on campus in these past 19 years. What changes and growth has the Center seen and experienced in these years? Growth is always accompanied by self-reflection and examination of these moments of transition. As we celebrate the 19th All People's Celebration (Thursday, May 22, 2014) these questions are on my mind.

Embrace the ambiguity, fear, joy, uncertainty and growth of transitions. Transitions are the stuff of life at the individual, family, organizational, and even community level. Because your whole life, perspective, can change in 24 hours. Are you ready for the change?

SPRING GROWTH

DIANA LI

Common Ground Newsletter
& Marketing Intern

Hello!

Welcome to the Spring 2014 issue of the Common Ground Newsletter! This issue's theme is "Spring Growth." In it you'll find reflections on staying rooted and practicing self-love while taking the risks to learn, change and move forward. You are invited to explore what it means to navigate the ambiguous process of transition and growth. Please look forward to our upcoming events this quarter as well!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WK 5 27 April>>	28	29	30 Real World Career Series: "Inside the Interview: Perspectives from Employers" 3-5p CCC Comunidad ... Breather Series: Color the Groove 5-7p CCC ArtSpace	1 Exploring Life Post College: A Talk with Latina Professionals Career Panel 5-7p CCC Comunidad May>>	2 "The Delano Manongs" Film Screening 11:30a-1p PC Forum	3
WK 6 4	5	6	7 Breather Series: Intro to 1950s Jitterbug Swing Dancing 5-7p CCC Comunidad	8 Poets in Justice: Jagged Edges, Beautiful Souls, Stories Untold 6-9p CCC Comunidad	9 "Eating Asia America: A Food Studies Reader" Book Launch 11:30a-1:30p CCC Comunidad	10 Triton Transfer Admit Day Open House 10a-12p CCC
WK 7 11	12	13	14 Policing Sexuality: Women of Color Body Politics 5-7p CCC Library	15	16	17
WK 8 18	19	20	21	22 All People's Recognition Celebration 5-7p CCC	23 Alumni Roots Program: Social Justice, Academia, & the Professoral 12-1:30p CCC Library	24
WK 9 25	26	27	28 #bodiesmatter 5-7p CCC Library	29 Breather Series: Yoga 12-1p CCC Comunidad ... Graduating Senior Send Off 5-7p CCC Comunidad	30	31
WK 10 1	June>> 2	3	4	5 Breather Series: Arts & Crafts 12-3p CCC ArtSpace	6	7
FINALS	9 24 Hour Stress-Less Study Jam All Day CCC	10	11	12	13	14



**IT'S GONNA BE A PARTY
THE PREQUEL**

**THURSDAY | MAY 22
CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER**

**EVENT TIME
6-8PM**

**Make your nominations at the link below
<http://tinyurl.com/cccallpeoplesnomination2014>**

**ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION 2014
MONTH OF MAY**

**RE-IMAGINING THE SLANT:
STORYTELLING, CULTURE & IDENTITY**

DIANA LI

Common Ground Newsletter
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When I look back at this year I think about how much I learned to be vulnerable with myself in order to recognize my self-worth. Planning and facilitating my self-initiated project on "Mixed Identified Storytelling" helped me reflect on my relationship with my family. I felt so whole being able to empower others through my story. This internship definitely gave me the support to stay grounded. I wouldn't be able to learn how to grow without my family at the CCC and being a part of this home away from home.

NANCY MAGPUSAO

Educational Programs & Manager
of the Social Justice Educator
Internship

Positively Speaking, Growth can be a balance of letting go and holding on:

Releasing _____

(fill in the blank here):

- person
- relationship
- resentment
- ego
- judgement
- hurt

Can mean

Embracing _____

- ... your self-love
- ... your core sense of self
- ... search of self
- ... harmony
- ... hope
- ... vulnerability
- ... peace
- ... flexibility
- ... a new version of you
- ... the expanse of possibilities
- ... room for Growth

Letting Go is
Beholding Movement, Fluidity,
Openness to Great Awareness

GROWTH:

Generative | Reflective | Open
Wonder | Timing | Healthful

TANIA ROMERO

Social Justice Educator

When I think of spring, I think of vibrant beauties stretching everywhere. Flowers reaching towards the limitless sky striving for more than just dirt. As if they want to unshackle from the chains of their roots. If flowers had the ability to fly, they would fly, for nobody longs to stay put.

Or maybe they do.

When I think about growth,
I think about expanding like the flower, up
towards the limitless sky.
Stretching as far up as they can.
But then I contemplate.
Flowers also grow downwards.
They also bury their roots farther within the ground.
Their roots are not deemed as chains but feet.
They are the bases of the stretch to
the limitless sky.

When I think about spring growth, I think of that flower. How I strive to reach that limitless sky, but also seek to bury my roots deeper into the ground. How spring growth is dependent on my past experiences and my new visions.. How in order to grow, one must learn to stand steady in their feet contemplate, and roam free.

GERMAN OCTAVIANO

Programming Intern

Bright dim and dark.

Not clear in front.

What lies ahead.

Led by those in front.

Supported by those on the side.

Ultimate decision?

Communal process.

Reasons to be bright

being assured

to what is in front.

Cohesion.

Ground.

Momentum.

Parallel but...

together?

See?

What is intended?

Going for the ride.

Keeping ground.

To lead?

To move.

Check ahead.

It looks clear.

Look back

It is that near.

It becomes greater.

Warm and cool.

It is clear.



TONY JONGCO

Social Justice Educator

The Spring Growth took new life. Under the water uncertain life flourished. A vibrant monggo green glittered amongst the foliage. The rebirth of spring recycles nutrients laid stagnate in the winters cold.

Growth in nature is wondrously slow. Years must pass before a seed turns into a giant. Seasons must change to see the flowers blossom. Growth springs from the most unlikely places.

Humans physical growth is linear: infancy, childhood and adolescence. This simplicity is misleading. The minds plasticity is can change us; not entirely--we still have our memory, our experiences. But as we experience new things, new perceptions of of self spring to consciousness. Snappy, zappy synapses spring growth within the mind.

I learned from John C. Maxwell, growth can be intentional and accidental. Everyone is certain to grow. But intentionally finding new experiences force yourself to grow. Go out and find new experiences. Go Spring Growth within your mind.

VICTOR BETTS

Operations & Marketing Corrdinator

Spring Growth (Haiku by Victor)

winter is over
new changes and new struggles
walk forward towards growth



IRVING LING

Affiliates & Outreach Coordinator

April Showers Bring May Flowers: How We Need Those Rainy Days for Our Spring Growth

The idea of spring growth got me thinking about those rainy days that have happened at the beginning of this quarter. While I don't particularly enjoy rain, especially as a UCSD student who lives off campus, I realized that we were very much in dire need of rain to combat the drought that we had been experiencing. In our lives, we need the rainy clouds and the precipitation in order to have a vibrant spring growth. As we understand growth in some respects be a result of love plus pain, perhaps we can also envision our model of growth as needing the rain. However, plants also need more than just rain, they also need a firm rooting in a supportive environment, they need those sunny days for photosynthesis, and they need the clean air to breath.

"The only way that we can live, is if we grow. The only way that we can grow is if we change. The only way that we can change is if we learn. The only way we can learn is if we are exposed. And the only way that we can become exposed is if we throw ourselves out into the open. Do it. Throw yourself."

- C. JoyBell C.

ANNIE VASISHTA

Social Justice Educator

Growth is a process. One does not just wake up and feels grown, it is a process that becomes a part of our day-to-day lives. Spring is a season where flowers blossom, but their growth started from the day their seeds found root in the Earth's soil. Similarly, as an individual, my growth started long before I can even remember. I continue to grow through overcoming the day-to-day challenges, allowing me to continue to strive to be better than the day before. Whether it means challenging the norm, or taking the time to practice self-love, growth - mental, physical, and spiritual - comes in many forms everyday.

SANDY GARCIA

Programming Intern

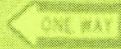
Growth is a seed that was planted, nurtured, and now begins to blossom just like the bonds we've formed and that will forever remain in this space we all call home.

These are parts of a poem that is very dear to me as I look back on my growth this year.

I have learned to find strength in what I once thought was weakness. I have learned that I do not stand alone, but rather with community. Most importantly, however, I have discovered self-love.

JAYNE MANUEL

Joy de la Cruz Art & Activism Intern



"Transitioning out" is a common response to the questions that arise during spring quarter: "What have you been up to?" or "What are your plans for this quarter?" I stumbled upon this image and it made me think of how there isn't one way to transition, never a correct way to process, and there is rarely a clear understanding of the future. It was always difficult for me to accept transitions but this image has been surprisingly helpful in coming to terms with the end of this year.

JOSEPH ALLEN RUANTO-RAMIREZ

Office & Fiscal Manager
Affiliates Program Coordinator



Change: Forms of Resistance

College student activism in the CCC

Seedling (still inside shell, waiting to grow)

Popcorn (growing, maturity, expanded)

Burnt (what happens your last year of college trying to finish your classes, leave a legacy, and hope your student organization doesn't collapse after you graduate)

"Why am I so brown?"

by Trinidad Sanchez, jr.

A question Chicánitas sometimes ask while others wonder: Why is the sky blue or the grass so green?

Why am I so Brown?

**God made you brown, mi'ja
color bronce—color of your raza
connecting you to your raices,
your story/historia**

as you begin moving towards your future...

**It is the color of Chicana women—
leaders/madres of Chicano warriors
luchando por la paz y la dignidad**

de la justicia de la nacion, Aztlan!

Brown is not a color...it is a state of being

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In most directions I see for myself, I am not guaranteed job security, retirement, health benefits, vacation time, or even good pay. Despite all this, the love from the Cross continues to teach me that:

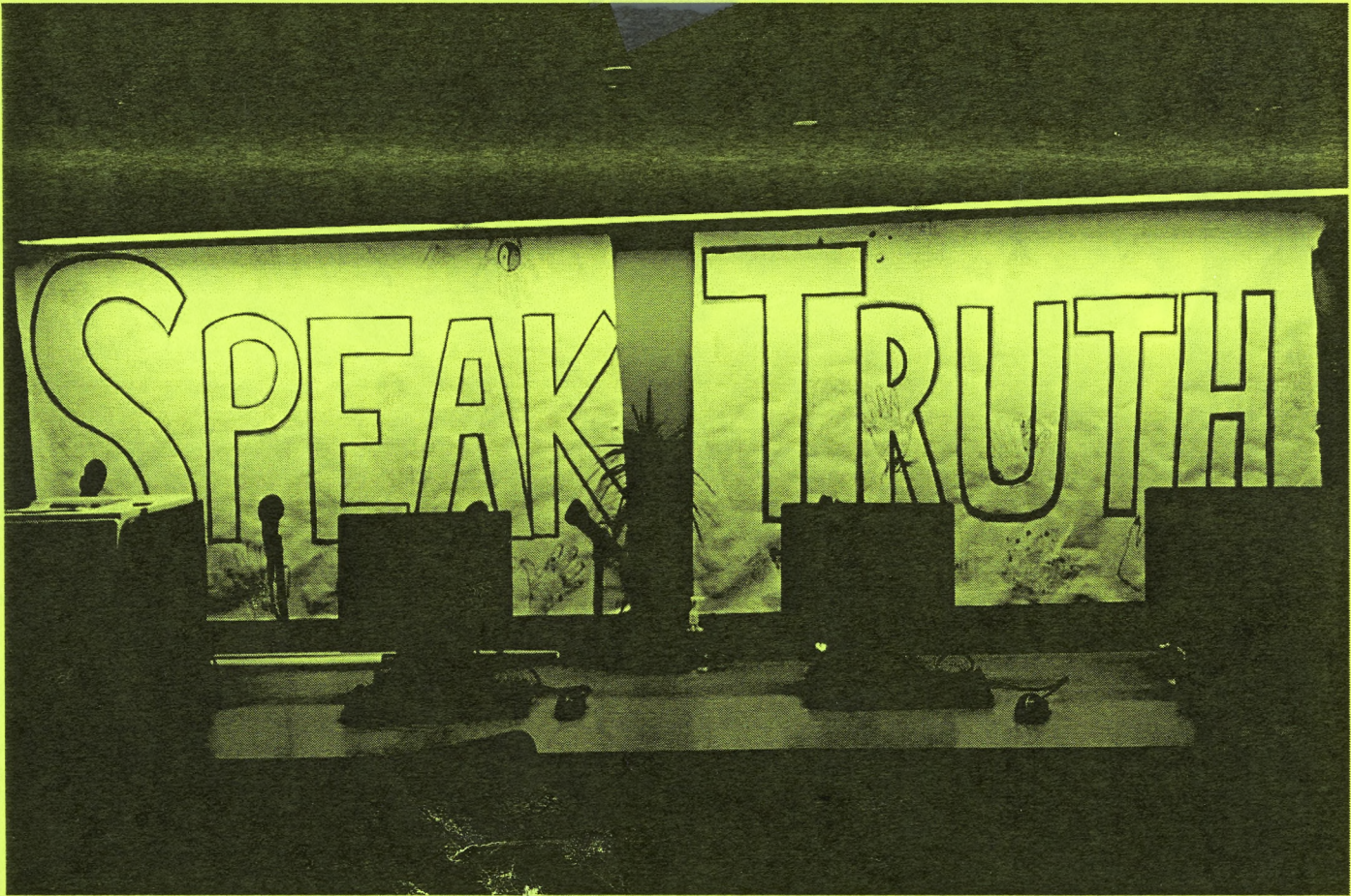
- 1) This world needs people who can ask the hard, critical, and unanswerable questions,
- 2) WHILE ALSO feeding each other - maybe with food, a hug, a smile, or a prayer.
- 3) We can only blossom together.

The people of the CCC halt my daily hullabaloo and remind me of the us. In between thinking through police brutality, cis-supremacy, coalitional consciousness, and radical resistance in my research, I have to call my mom and tell her I love her. My spring growth means reaching out to my Cross-intern-siblings and tell them we can make it.

Spring growth is the willingness and courage to bloom new-leafy-green arms and extend them. Growing forward, I am grounded by the love and laughter in the CCC.

So here's my question to you: where do your new-leafy-green arms reach?





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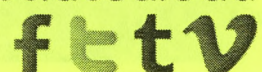
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*Queer Punk Fest is a FREE event taking place in Southern California. It is born out of the need for queer punks and radical queers to carve out a space in a heavily white-macho radical/anarchist-punk scene. Queer Punk Fest will mark the beginning of the end of the heteronormative scene we have all day-dreamed of escaping from. In a scene that has become another costume party for white hipsters and suburban kids, we reclaim the power of punk and DIY culture to create alternative spaces free from oppression and social hierarchies. As a collective run by queer and trans people of color, we recognize that punk was born out of this necessity to create alternative spaces that challenge mainstream ideals. We aim to be the hammer that will drive the final nail into the coffin of a scene that has tokenized, abused, and misunderstood our existence. We see the *current* punk and anarchist/radical community as a reflection, not a rejection, of the very same ideals that marginalize our everyday existence. It is because of this that Queer Punk Fest will serve as the catalyst towards the coup d'état of this white heteronormative scene. Queer Punk Fest will be an intersectional, trans-inclusive, decolonial extravaganza. As social misfits and agitators, revenge is our first objective. C'mon Southern California, let's get sickeniiliiiiiiing*

APPLICATIONS

Queer Punk Fest is currently looking for:

- *queer bands & artists*
- *workshoppers*
- *spoken word artist*
- *performance artists*
- *drag queens and kings*
- *organizations to table*
- *a DJ for our dance party*
- *artists to install their work*

>> If you would like to join us, please send your name, band/org name, identity, contact information, a brief description and example (if possible) of your work to: queerpunkfest@gmail.com <<

We are only taking applications from queer/trans-identified individuals. We will not respond to any applications sent elsewhere. Please include what you're applying for in the subject line! Okay, sick! Hope to hear from lots of you!

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Meet the Panelists



Alejandra Sotelo-Solis

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Vice Mayor/ Council Mem-
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Maricela Amezola

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Week 5, Thur. May 1st

5pm-7pm

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