

UCSD history professor Ramon A. Gutierrez appointed to Advisory Board of National Park System

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Ramon A. Gutierrez, chair of the Ethnic Studies Department and professor of history at the University of California, San Diego, has been appointed to the Advisory Board of the National Park System.

The announcement came from Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt who has reestablished the National Park System Advisory Board, appointing 12 members from throughout the United States to serve on it.

"These new Board members are highly qualified and will bring a great deal of knowledge, expertise, and commitment to the Board," Babbitt said. "They reflect a balanced representation which is needed to fulfill the goals, purpose and overall mission of the National Park Service."

Gutierrez was selected for his expertise in ethnic studies and history--among the fields of expertise required for membership on the Board. He is an authority on Latin American history, Colonial Mexico, and Chicano and American Indian history.

Last year Gutierrez was appointed by President Clinton to serve on the National Council on the Humanities. He has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin.

The Advisory Board reports to and advises National Park Service Director Roger Kennedy. It provides recommendations on the designation of national historic landmarks, national natural landmarks, and the historic significance of proposed national historic trails.

Also appointed to the Board were professionals representing other areas of history, and the fields of botany, biology, zoology, landscape ecology, wildlife conservation, professional marketing, tourism, heritage and historic park preservation, and national park management.

Gutierrez will serve on the Board for up to four years.

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