

## **American Indians and American Education Will Be Explored Oct. 18 at UCSD As Part of Native American Celebration Day**

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Educating the American Indian while maintaining his/her identity from children through higher education in the integrating process is a special project/interest of Sandra J. Fox, who will speak on *American Indians and American Education* at 3 p.m. Oct. 18 in the Cross-Cultural Center at the University of California, San Diego. The event is part of UCSD's *2007 California Native American Day Celebration*. It is free and open to the public.

Fox is cultural curriculum integration specialist for the Creating Sacred Places for Children Project of the National Indian School Board Association. She is a former Reform and Education Specialist, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and emeritus adjunct professor at the University of New Mexico. She has published widely.

"Dr. Fox is an accomplished educator and consultant specializing in Native American education, curriculum development, Indian education reform, and teacher training and education," said Ross Frank, associate professor and chair, Department of Ethnic Studies.

At UCSD, Fox will discuss the needs of California tribes for access to higher education and increased options for the education of tribal members in relation to the responsibility of colleges and universities to provide admission, responsive curricula, and a productive environment for Native American students.

Fox is affiliated with the Oglala Lakota, Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. She makes her home in Albuquerque, N.M. She received a doctorate in education from Pennsylvania State University. Among her awards are the Award for Contributions to Indian Education from the National Indian Education Association, and in 1998, she was named National Indian Educator of the Year.

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