

Conference "The Significance of the E Factor in Community Mental Health" to be held at UCSD

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A conference on social and human care services in San Diego ethnic communities will be held Thursday, November 30, at the International Center on the University of California, San Diego campus.

The conference, titled "The Significance of the E(thnocentrism) Factor in Community Mental Health," will focus on the current service programs in the local Hispanic, Pan-Asian, Black and Native American communities, and explore potentials for improvement in modeling future community programs. Community leaders, consultants and professionals working in ethnic community service programs will participate in a series of panel discussions and workshops throughout the day from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. The conference is free and open to the public.

Keynote speaker for the conference is Dr. Shirley W. Thomas, an assistant professor of Afro-American studies at SDSU. Professor Thomas has received numerous awards for her work in the black community and is a consultant in the assessment of the black experience in society and the community. She is a founding member of the Association of Black Psychologists, a member of the National Black Child Development Institute and the current chairwoman of the Cajon Valley School District Affirmative Action Advisory Committee.

The conference is sponsored by the Urban and Rural Studies Program of UCSD's Third College. All planning and arrangements for the conference have been done by students in the course "Community Dynamics and Ethnicity."

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