

## **UCSD to sponsor regional conference Nov. 23 on immigrant communities and multiracial identities**

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### **UCSD TO SPONSOR REGIONAL CONFERENCE NOV. 23 ON IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND MULTIRACIAL IDENTITIES**

Connecting Histories, Forging Solidarities, a Southern California regional conference sponsored by the University of California, San Diego Department of Ethnic Studies and the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, will be held at the UCSD Price Center Theater Nov. 23, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The all-day conference, which is free and open to the public, will feature discussion sessions on topics ranging from immigrant communities and multiracial identities to cross-border labor organizing and cultural crossroads.

Conference participants will include academic experts from UCSD and other UC campuses, as well as numerous other universities in Southern California, including University of San Diego and California State University, San Marcos.

Following a 9:15 a.m. keynote address by Professor Gail Nomura of the University of Michigan, an authority on Japanese American history and the president of the Association on Asian American Studies (AAAS), morning sessions on Connecting Histories will be held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The sessions will include presentations on immigrant communities, rethinking war narratives, and histories of colonialism, and a presentation on the impact of the Welfare Reform Bill and the Immigration Act of 1996 on Asian and Latino communities.

The afternoon sessions, Forging Solidarities, will be held from 1:45-3:30 p.m. Topics of discussion will include cultural crossroads: Charlie Chan, Speedy Gonzales, and Superfreak Speak; cross-group labor organizing; education and activism; and national subjects: sexual histories. Presentations will be made on organizing immigrant workers; bridging the classroom and the community; and lesbian, gay, and queer identities in Chicano Studies.

The afternoon sessions will be followed by a 4 p.m. closing address to be given by Michael Omi, a professor of Asian American Studies at UC Berkeley. A reception for the participants and attendees will be held in the lobby of the Price Center Theater from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information on the conference please call 534-3276 or visit the UCSD Department of Ethnic Studies website at: <http://dssadmin.ucsd.edu/ethnic>

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