



CSUCI April Events Include César Chávez Activities, Performing Arts Productions, Lectures, and Education Conference

Camarillo, Calif., March 27, 2009 - California State University Channel Islands has several events scheduled for the month of April. The following information details some of the events faculty, staff, and students have organized and scheduled that will be happening both on and off the CSUCI campus. Additional events and details are listed on the CSUCI calendar, which can be accessed through a link on the home page of the University's Web site, <http://www.csuci.edu>.

Wednesday, April 1 - César Chávez Day of Service and Learning - Day 1

The Centers for Community Engagement and Multicultural Engagement and the Chicana/o Studies and History Programs will present the following César Chávez Day of Service and Learning programs: "Seeds of Change" - 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library, Room 1360. Come hear a diverse panel of experts as they explore the status and future of ecologically sound and sustainable agriculture methods.

"The Garden" - 12 to 2 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library, Room 1756. Movie screening of the Oscar nominated film "The Garden." The fourteen-acre community garden at 31st and Alameda in South Central Los Angeles is the largest of its kind in the United States. Started as a form of healing after the devastating L.A. riots in 1992, the South Central Farmers have since created a miracle in one of the country's most blighted neighborhoods.

"The Peregrinación" - 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library, Room 1420. The César Chávez Foundation traveling exhibit, "The Peregrinación: Walking Into History" will be unveiled. The Peregrinación documents through photos the historic five-year strike by Latino and Filipino vineyard workers and the 350-mile peregrinación, or pilgrimage, from Delano to Sacramento that thrust La Causa, the cause of striking farm workers, squarely before the nation's conscience. This exhibit will run through April 8.

For information regarding these events please contact Pilar Pacheco at pilar.pacheco@csuci.edu or 805-437-8851.

Thursday, April 2 - César Chávez Day of Service and Learning - Day 2

Author: Dr. Roberto Vargas - 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library, Room 1360. CSUCI will host nationally recognized author, facilitator, and planning consultant, Dr. Roberto Vargas. Dr. Vargas is the author of Family Activism which provides family and

community leaders essential tools to encourage healthier, more successful and powerful families, organizations and communities.

Artist: Daniel DeSiga - 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library, Room 1320. Come and view art works by Chicano artist Daniel DeSiga. DeSiga will show 12 original pieces of his past and current art series. His most recognized art depicts the plight of Mexican farm workers including El Campesino and La Cosecha. He is also known for his large murals including "Seagull Fly in the Sky." From 1-2 p.m. Daniel DeSiga will give a presentation on his past and present works.

Art Workshop with Daniel DeSiga - 3 to 5 p.m. in the University Hub Lobby. Come and learn from Chicano artist Daniel DeSiga as he conducts an art workshop open to all CSUCI students and community members. Bring only your artistic spirit as art materials will be provided.

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Thursdays, April 2, 23 & 30 - "Storytime in the Springtime"

The John Spoor Broome Library will host "Storytime in the Springtime" Thursdays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in the Children's section of the Library. Storytime books will be read by Miss Shriya, a 10-year-old expert reader, who is part of the Broome Library's kids reading to kids program. These events are free and open to the campus community and public.

Web site flyer: <http://www.library.csuci.edu/info/storytime.html>

For additional information contact Ellie Tayag at elnora.tayag@csuci.edu or 805-437-3140.

Friday, April 3 - Dedication and Grand-Opening Ceremony for the Martin V. Smith Center for Integrative Decision-Making

CSUCI will host a dedication and grand-opening ceremony for the Martin V. Smith Center for Integrative Decision-Making at 4 p.m. on April 3. The MVS Center features a state-of-the-art, 60-seat case-study classroom with tiered, semi-circular seating with power outlet, data port, and Internet access at each work station; a large scrolling LED Ticker to display streaming stock quotes and custom messages; two projection screens with video feed from an integrated instructor station; integrated control panel for two computers, a DVD player, document camera, and Sony video camera; and laptop computers available for computer-supported group participation.

Parking for the grand-opening ceremony is complimentary and once on campus signs will direct traffic to the parking areas reserved for the event. Additional parking is available at the Camarillo Metrolink Station/Lewis Road and complimentary transportation to and from the campus will be provided on the CSUCI VISTA bus.

An RSVP is requested for this event and can be made by calling Eva Gomez at 805-437-3271 or by email to eva.gomez@csuci.edu.

Saturday, April 4 - Annual Children's Reading Celebration & Young Author's Fair

The John Spoor Broome Library will host on Saturday, April 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. this year's 4th Annual Children Reading Celebration featuring Dan Hanna, illustrator of The Pout-Pout Fish book by Deborah Diesen. Children can listen to storytellers, create their own books, and participate in hands-on art projects. Dozens of books created by young authors throughout Ventura County will also be on display. The event is being sponsored by CSUCI's John Spoor Broome Library and English Program, and the Ventura County Reading Association. These events are free and open to the campus community and public.

For more information or to RSVP, please visit: <http://www.library.csuci.edu/reading/>.
For additional information contact Ellie Tayag at elnora.tayag@csuci.edu or 805-437-3140.

Saturday, April 11 - Annual Student Art Show Exhibit and Reception

The CSUCI Art Program will host the Annual Student Art Show exhibit and reception in the John Spoor Broome Library from 2 to 4 p.m. and will feature select student artworks including painting, sculpture, ceramic, graphic and digital media. This exhibition highlights the diverse creativity and talent among art students at CSUCI. The exhibit is free and open to the campus community and public. Refreshments will be served.

For additional information contact the CSUCI Art program, 805-437-8570, email art@csuci.edu, or visit the Web site at: <http://art.csuci.edu/gallery>.

Tuesday, April 14 - "The Future of Ocean National Parks as They Endure Fishing and Face Global Change"

The Environmental Science and Resource Management Program at CSUCI will host in Aliso Hall Room 150 from 7 to 9 p.m. a presentation by Dr. Gary Davis, Chief Research Scientist, NPS (retired), and Jenn Feinberg, Natural Resource Defense Counsel. Dr. Davis, a marine ecologist, will introduce the 75 ocean units of the National Park System and describe how wild life in ocean parks has fared over the past 50 years. The presentation is free and open to the campus community and public. Parking on campus is \$6.

April 17 through April 25 - Performance of "Once in a Lifetime"

CSUCI Performing Arts students will perform at the second annual spring production in Malibu Hall Room 140 from 8 to 10:30 p.m. "Once in a Lifetime" is a witty, wonderful, and wise-cracking comedy written by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart and set when Vaudeville met Hollywood. "Once in a Lifetime" satirizes the foibles of Hollywood as its starlets and moguls face the revolution of talking pictures (not recommended for children under 9 years of age). Come dance to live swing music at intermission. "Once in a Lifetime" is generously sponsored by the Martin V. Smith School of Business & Economics, and CSUCI Instructionally Related Activities.

Performance Dates and Times are as follows: (performance is approximately 2 ½ hours in length)

Friday, April 17, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 18, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 19, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 23, 8 p.m.

Friday, April 24, 8 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for CSUCI faculty and staff, \$5 for non-CSUCI students and free for CSUCI students with ID. Reservations are highly recommended and may be made via Brown Paper Tickets at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/61424>

or by calling 800-838-3006.

Parking on campus is \$6; follow signs to permit dispensers and designated parking areas. For more information contact Catherine Burriss at catherine.burriss@csuci.edu or 805-437-3126.

Tuesday, April 21 - "Fire & Chaparral: The Myths, the Reality, and the Balancing Act"

The Environmental Science and Resource Management Program and Interdisciplinary Lecture Series at CSUCI will host in Aliso Hall, Room 150 from 7 to 9 p.m. Dr. Robert Muller, Director of Research at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden. Dr. Muller will present a current understanding of fire in chaparral ecosystems. The presentation is free and open to the campus community and public. Parking on campus is \$6.

Thursday, April 23 & Friday, April 24 - "Abu Ghaib: Five Years Later"

CSUCI will host a two-evening event to mark the fifth anniversary of the publication of the photographs from Abu Ghraib. An interdisciplinary panel discussion will be held on Thursday, April 23 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the John Spoor Broome Library Room 1320. The panel will be made up of professors and students discussing torture and the impact of the photographs as seen through the lens of their disciplines, from political science to poetry. Refreshments will be served.

The critically acclaimed documentary "Ghosts of Abu Ghraib" will be shown on Friday, April 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. in Aliso Hall Room 150. The show will be followed by a discussion and pizza.

The events are free and open to the public. Parking on campus is \$6.

For more information contact Sarah Sentilles at sarah.sentilles@csuci.edu or 805-437-2627.

Saturday, April 25 - Conference for Social Justice in Education

The School of Education at CSUCI will host the Conference for Social Justice in Education in the John Spoor Broome Library from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. for Ventura County and statewide teachers and learners to share, plan, discuss, question, compare, support and change what we do to achieve equity in our schools.

The day begins with registration and refreshments followed by a keynote speech and performances by prominent local educators. After a series of morning and afternoon sessions the day will conclude with a late afternoon performance by local students. The event is free and open to the public as well as complimentary campus parking, but prior registration is recommended. All educators and students from all levels, pre-school through college, are encouraged to attend.

Go to www.education4liberation.com for information on how to register and/or present at this conference.

For more information contact Eric Toshalis at eric.toshalis@csuci.edu or 805-437-3304.

Tuesday, April 28 - Bracero Town Hall Meeting

The Centers for Community Engagement and Multicultural Engagement, and the Chicana/o Studies and History programs at CSUCI will hold its second community town hall meeting on Tuesday, April 28 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Santa Paula High School. Former Braceros and their families are invited to attend the town hall meeting to learn more about the Bracero Project, share their stories and experiences as well as share objects, including hand tools used during that time, clothing, photographs and documents, such as contracts, identification cards and letters. CSUCI will continue its collection of these important stories, contributing them to both the Smithsonian's collection and the CSUCI archives.

Included in this event will be a presentation about the Chicana/o Studies program offered at CSUCI and the program's involvement in the Bracero oral history project. For additional information please contact Pilar Pacheco at pilar.pacheco@csuci.edu or 805-437-8851.

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