On Friday, January 27, the USC Latina/o Student Assembly and El Centro Chicano will have the pleasure of hosting Alex Padilla, Senator of District 20 - San Fernando Valley. Senator Padilla will discuss the state of California and explain what current projects he's working on and will give career advise to students looking to pursue politics. The Latino Leaders Fireside Chat Series is an opportunity for all USC students, faculty and staff to listen first hand to the inspirational story of an empowered individual who has risen to the top and has utilized his power as a vehicle to promote social change. Join us for an evening full of inspiration, motivation and empowerment as we hear from an iconic figure from the Latino community.

Dan Schnur, the director of the Jesse M. Unruh Institute of Politics, will moderate the talk.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY. This event is opened to ALL USC students. Facebook event: [http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/215761481848023/](http://www.facebook.com/#!/events/215761481848023/)

Saturday, January 28, 2012 | 9:30am—2:00pm | THH

This conference aims to support the research, academic success, and social justice activism of USC students. The Conference is open to current USC students both undergraduate and graduate and welcomes new spring admits! We strongly encourage you to join us!

Topics Include:
- Immigrant Rights, Education Justice, & Labor Organizing on & off campus
- Spring Admit Student Success Strategies (for fresh/soph/jr & transfers)
- Latino Studies Graduate Research Presentations
- Latino Studies Undergraduate Research Presentations
- The History of Activism at USC-presented by USC Alumni
- Amongst other sessions & opportunities to network

Schedule:
9:30am Registration (Pan Dulce/Light Refreshments)
10:15am Welcome/Intro
10:30am 1st Sessions
11:15 Lunch
12:00pm 2nd Sessions
12:45pm 3rd Sessions
1:30pm-2:00pm Closing

If you have any questions contact planners: Billy Vela, Director of USC El Centro Chicano at wvela@usc.edu, Veronica Terrriquez, Director of Chicano/Latino Studies & Assistant Professor USC Department of Sociology at vterriqu@dornsife.usc.edu and/or Steven Almazan, LSA Executive Director at salmazan@usc.edu

For more info: [http://www.facebook.com/events/325676496123954/](http://www.facebook.com/events/325676496123954/)
Surviving the Intersections:
Filmmakers Take on Race, Gender and Sexuality

Saturday, February 4, 2012 | 1:00pm - 9:00pm | Eileen Norris Cinema Theatre (NCT)
Admission is free. Co-sponsored by El Centro.

A day-long event featuring films and a discussion that will examine the intersections of race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality. The films that will be screened are Tina Mabry’s Mississippi Damned, based on a true story of three poor, Black kids who reap the consequences of their family’s cycle of abuse and addiction; Lydia Nibley’s Two Spirits, a documentary about gender and sexuality in Native American culture and the brutal murder of a transgendered Navajo teenager; and Peter Bratt’s La Mission, a powerful story about masculinity, family, redemption and community. A panel featuring filmmakers and scholars will critically reflect on family dynamics, cultures of violence and what it means to live at the intersections.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:
- 1 p.m.: Two Spirits Directed by Lydia Nibley
- 2:30 p.m.: Mississippi Damned Directed by Tina Mabry
- 4:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion Reception to follow
- 6:30 p.m.: La Mission Directed by Peter Bratt

For more info: [http://csii.usc.edu/events_intersections.html](http://csii.usc.edu/events_intersections.html)
L.A. Xicano invites you to...
A Musical Conversation with La Santa Cecilia & Paper Fashion with Patsi Valdez

Saturday, February 4, 2012 | 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. | The Fowler Museum at UCLA

GRAMMY-nominated La Santa Cecilia—fronted by belter La Marisoul—draws inspiration from a hybrid of Latin culture, rock, and world music in passionate performances that mesmerize audiences. After an interview moderated by Josh Kun, curator of the PST/GRAMMY Museum exhibition Trouble in Paradise: Music and Los Angeles, 1945-75 and director of The Popular Music Project at USC Annenberg’s Norman Lear Center, La Santa Cecilia will take audience questions and perform a selection of songs. During the post-concert reception, Asco icon Patsi Valdez leads a crunch-and-fold workshop inspired by Asco’s 1970’s-era public appearances as self-made fashionistas in paper gowns and hats. See Valdez’s work in Mapping Another L.A.: The Chicano Art Movement, which will be open. Reception includes dessert and a cash bar.

$10 for Fowler/GRAMMY Museum members and students; $15 general
Tickets now on sale via The GRAMMY Museum box office:
213-765-6803

This event is co-presented by the GRAMMY Museum.
For more information about this event, visit the Fowler’s website. For more on the L.A. Xicano project, visit the CSRC’s website or L.A. Xicano Facebook page.

Opportunities for USC Students

There are many opportunities available through USC and otherwise that many of you may have participated in, or know of anyone that has participated in each. If you’ve participated in any of the following please follow the link so that we can share your experiences with other students that want to take a part of them, who might have questions about them.

Alternative Spring Break, GlobalFellows Program, INROADS, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT), JEP, Management Leadership for Tomorrow (MLT), Project 1000, Sponsors for Educational Opportunity (SEO), Studying abroad (any location), UCLA Law fellows program, USCGlobal Medical Brigades, USC Global Water Brigades, USC McNair Scholars Program

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFJOb0U1MVlrN3hoatxMHZUenJTdHc6MQ

If you have any questions please feel free to email Fabiola Avina at favina@usc.edu.
The Harry Pachon Memorial Symposium

A discussion of politics and policy from a Latino perspective
Wednesday January 25, 2012 -- 2:30 to 5:00 pm | Lewis Hall Auditorium

Please mark your calendars for a special event to honor the legacy of the late Harry Pachon, the long-time president of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute and USC professor of public policy. After a memorial remembrance of Dr. Pachon, who died last November, panel discussions will address Latino civic engagement and politics as well as the demographic and educational trajectories of the Hispanic population. A reception at the University Club will follow.

Speakers will include:
* Henry Cisneros, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development
* Arturo Vargas, executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials
* Patricia Gandara, professor of education and co-director of the UCLA Civil Rights Project
* Rodolfo O. de la Garza, professor of political science at Columbia University
* Louis DeSipio, chair of Chicano/Latino Studies at the University of California, Irvine
* Dowell Myers, professor of urban planning and director of Population Dynamics Research Group at USC
* Manuel Pastor, professor of American Studies and Ethnicity and director of the Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration at USC
* David Ayon, senior fellow at the Leavy Center for the Study of Los Angeles at Loyola Marymount University
* Maria Estela Zarate, professor of education at the University of California, Irvine

Spring Diversity Networking Mixer

Tuesday, January 31st, 2012 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | Student Union 110

We (Career Center) are committed to facilitating an understanding and appreciation of diversity within the Trojan community. Come meet and network with top employers from the entertainment, consulting, accounting, hospitality, retail industries and more that are looking for diverse members of the Trojan Family!

Attending employers include:
- Creative Artist Agency
- The Walt Disney Company
- Nestle
- Northrop Grumman
- Progressive Insurance (Sponsor)
- Target
- Teach for America

This event is brought to you by the Career Center in partnership with the Latino Student Assembly, Black Student Assembly and the Asian Pacific American Student Assembly.

Please RSVP via connectSC.

This event is for current USC students only.

Inspirational Conversations with Alumni

Wednesday, January 25th, 2012 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | Ground Zero

DO YOU WANT A FREE MILKSHAKE?!

The Latina/o Student Assembly and the Latino Alumni Association invites you to join us this Wednesday (January 25) for an inspirational evening.

We invite you to come to Ground Zero and engage in conversations with USC alumni. These alumni are professionals that were once in your shoes. They will provide with you with mentorship, guidance and support.

Plus, the first 20 people to RSVP will get a free Ground Zero milkshake! You must show proof of identification the day of the event.

RSVP for the event here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dGZCZWc0b2RyW4wTndobVFdFZWRmc6MQ

If it’s only for an hour or just 15 minutes, come learn more about the process from an every day college student to an every day working adult!

Facebook event: http://www.facebook.com/W/events/388894814561909/
The Peace Center of United University Church: FAITH-BASED CAMPUS PEACE and JUSTICE STUDENT INTERN (PAID PART-TIME)

The Peace Center of United University Church is looking for a social justice intern for Spring 2012 for 8-10 hours a week. The intern will work with the Peace Center Director on a variety of social justice issues but will primarily be focused on campus organizing at USC in order to direct resources to community problems.

Contact Susan Stouffer - stouffer@usc.edu or 213-748-0209, x13 for inquiries.

Peace Center/Shaffer Intern Job Position

The Peace Center/Shaffer Intern is an internship is a program of the Peace Center of United University Church (UUC) for 8-10 hrs/wk for a college student. It engages qualified young adults in faith-based work for peace with justice. The Peace Center/Shaffer Intern doesn’t have to be a Christian, but must be able to operate respectfully within a progressive Christian context and have some faith-based tradition/experience. She or he must also be able and willing to engage in dialogue and cooperative work with persons of other faith traditions.

The Peace Center Internship focuses primarily on peace with justice organizing on the campus of USC, but will also involve some work in the wider community. The Peace Center/Shaffer Intern works closely with the Peace Center Director and under her supervision, but must be able to take initiative in campus work. She/he will help organize and develop an Intercampus Student Peace Organization under the supervision of the Peace Center Director.

Salary: $300/mo. for 8 months (some summer hours available as well if interested)

The Peace Center of United University Church: PEACE TEACHERS for Youth Leadership in Peacemaking Program (PAID PART-TIME)

The Peace Center of United University Church is looking for a paid Peace Teacher for 7 Saturdays in Spring 2012, 8:30a.m. – 2:30 pm. This position could potentially be extended to Summer 2012 Peace Camp – July 9 - August 3rd, weekdays from 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. This teacher will be the lead teacher with a small group of youth – ages 11-17. The teacher will teach from a peace and justice curriculum developed for this program but will have the ability to have input in the program.

Contact Susan Stouffer - stouffer@usc.edu or 213-748-0209, x13 for inquiries.

Lead Peace Teacher

Youth Leadership in Peacemaking and Peace Camp are intensive peacemaking experience for children and youth and engage qualified teachers in peace with justice education and practices. We are not explicitly Christian but broadly speak of God/Creator in the religious traditions of many peace heroes.

A Peace Teacher will work specifically during the Youth Leadership in peacemaking hours of 9:30a.m. – 2p.m. with teachers’ meetings from 8:30a.m. – 9:30a.m. The Peace Teacher will work under the supervision of the Peace Center Director. The Lead Peace Teacher will take the lead in planning and implementing the curriculum with youth and supervising the youth.

First Generation (Documentary Screening)

7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, February 8th, 2012 | The Ray Stark Family Theatre, George Lucas Building, SCA 108

Written, Directed and Produced by SCA Alumnus Adam Fenderson and Jaye Fenderson
Followed by a Q&A with Adam & Jaye Fenderson and documentary participant Cecilia Lopez

Narrated by Golden Globe nominee Blair Underwood, First Generation tells the story of four high school students - an inner city athlete, a small town waitress, a Samoan warrior dancer, and the daughter of migrant field workers - who set out to break the cycle of poverty and bring hope to their families and communities by pursuing a college education.

Shot over the course of three years and featuring some of our nation’s top educational experts (Richard Kahlenberg, The Century Foundation; J.B. Schramm, College Summit; Dr. Bill Tierney, University of Southern California), this 95 minute documentary explores the problem of college access faced by first generation and low-income students and how their success has major implications for the future of our nation.

RSVP HERE
Los Angeles: Making Memory Visible

Latin American and Spanish filmmakers have used film as a transmitter of historical memory, NOW IT’S YOUR TURN!
The contest gives you the chance to create a short (3-5min) video that shows a creative and ethical engagement with the topic of historical memory. This video should address one or more of the following questions:
What stories help us understand the history of Los Angeles?
What groups of people and events are important to Los Angeles, yet have been forgotten in the dominant story of the global city?
What forms of historical memory emerge as traces of the city’s past?
How can you use film to bear witness to the experiences and memories of people who surround you in the city?
All USC undergraduate and graduate students are eligible
The deadline for entries is February 17, 2012 by 5pm
Winners will be announced on February 26, 2012 at the Politics of Memory on Screen event.

Get Involved with USG!

Want to get involved? Not only boost your resume but also make connections with President Nikias and other powerful faculty? What about have the single BEST paid job on campus working with the most active and excited students on campus? If any of this sounds remotely interesting, you need to consider running for Undergraduate Student Government! Election applications are due January 25th at 5pm for President, Vice President, and Senators (residential, Greek, and commuter) at http://usg.usc.edu/get-involved/elections/general-information. For more information, you can go to our usg.usc.edu website, under “Get Involved” elections 2012, or visit our Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/events/38973182777931/
Any questions? Contact usgelections2012@gmail.com!

Brand Yourself!

Hello Fellow Trojans,

We would like to thank you for coming to our "Dealing with Behavioral Questions During Interviews" workshop. Now that you know the secrets to acing the interview we are off to a great start, but before we can even get an interview, first impression is key!
With that said, we’re bringing you Macy's!

WHEN: Wednesday, January 25, 2012
WHERE: GFS 116
TIME: 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Macy’s will talk about the secrets of a positive first impression and how to make sure you get that potential job or internship.
We hope to see you there!

P.S. Not Latino/a or a business major? Not a problem, you can still join our diverse LBSA team! Organization Email: lbsa@usc.edu