FACEBOOK EVENT

Consuelo Siguenza-Ortiz is a professor of the Spanish and Portuguese department here at the University of Southern California. She received her B.A. from Whittier College in English Language and Literature in 1980 and she earned her M.A. and Ph.D. from USC in Spanish Language and Literature. Her work includes many presentations on Hispanic culture and the influence of prominent Hispanic artists in the United States. She has received many awards here at the University of Southern California such as the USC Latina/o Student Assembly Faculty/Staff Recognition Award (2008-2009), the USC Latino Honor Society Student Academic Recognition Ceremony Keynote Speaker (Fall 2009), and most recently the USC Latino Forum Faculty Hall of Fame Award (2010-2011). During her time here at USC she developed the course Spanish for the Professions: Medicine and Healthcare, Spanish and Portuguese, which focuses not only on the study of the language and the cultural aspects of medicine and healthcare, but also on service learning by requiring students to participate in local clinics and hospitals. Professor Siguenza-Ortiz is a very influential and inspirational figure for the Latino community here at USC and last year she was chosen to participate as the moderator for the Flor y Canto Chicano Poetry Recital.

For more info: Consuelo Siguenza-Ortiz
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When & Where: Nov. 1st, 6 pm @ ECC Lecture Hall
Face it. You have no idea what you want to do after college. That’s okay! Join us for the Fall 2011 Class Reunion for Junior, Senior & Transfer students. There will be a panel of representatives from the Career Center, Financial Aid, the Alumni Association and more! Also, come hear from graduate students on how to apply for and get into graduate school. And guess what? They will be here to answer ANY questions you may have, so DO NOT be shy! It is their duty to help you through graduation and beyond. Common and unique issues will be discussed at this upcoming event. A mixer will immediately follow, so everyone will have the chance to meet & greet one another. If that isn’t enough incentive for you to come, there will be Free Tacos and Boba at the event! Come through for a night of lively discussions, networking opportunities, free food, boba, and insightful knowledge for your future. And even if you do know what you want to do after college, still come out and join us!

For more info: FB event
Dia de los Muertos

El Sol y La Luna presenta
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
Fun Activities for Youth
Including a Haunted House

Trojans! Sign up to volunteer for the event!
Email: gcardona@usc.edu

Fluor Tower
Friday, Oct. 28 - 8:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

When: Friday, Oct 28th, 2011
8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Where: Fluor Tower

The Latino Floor at Fluor Tower presents the Dia de los Muertos celebration. Come help and volunteer some of your time to help set up this event for kids visiting from local schools. Features include a haunted house, a carnival and more! If you volunteer for at least two hours, you'll get free food! (Come on...You can't deny free food). For more information email rubigarc@usc.edu or message me. Your help will be much appreciated.

For more info: Facebook Event

Save the Day: LA Gang Tours

"For the last few decades, South Central Los Angeles has gained recognition as the "gang capital of the nation" as it is widely depicted as such in music, film and other forms of entertainment. What hasn't been discussed, however, is the rich history behind these social formations known as the gang culture.

Join the USC Latina/o Student Assembly and El Centro Chicano in collaboration with L.A. Gang Tours as we visit Los Angeles landmarks that represent the social and political issues that have influenced the formation of L.A.’s street gangs and the approaches for gang intervention. We will be joined by former gang members, USC faculty specializing in gang culture & prevention, and intervention workers from organizations such as Advancement Project, the L.A. Sheriff Department, and the Dream Center. The destinations we will visit include the L.A. County Jail, the Graff Lab, the Watts Towers and more!

This trip is free and will take place Friday, November 4th from 1:30 to 5:00pm. RSVP is open to 45 USC students on a first-come-first serve basis at www.usc.edu/lsa starting on Wednesday, October 26 at 5pm. For more information, contact Trini Rios at tri-os@usc.edu or Billy Vela at wvela@usc.edu

For more info: Facebook Event
The Mobile Voices of LA’s Immigrants

When: Thursday, Oct 27, 7 p.m.
Where: Gin D. Wong Auditorium, Harris Hall 101
Admission is free.

*Join us for a provocative evening of performance, media art and rebel phones. The event will highlight three extraordinary projects that support immigrant communities in Los Angeles through the use of mobile-phone devices. The controversial Transborder Immigrant Tool, a mobile-phone app by Ricardo Dominguez and the Electronic Disturbance Theater, helps sustain those crossing the border into the United States by assisting with directions to water and poetry. Voces Móviles/Mobile Voices (VozMob), a collaboration between USC’s Annenberg School and the Institute of Popular Education of Southern California, helps day laborers record and share their stories using cell phones. The LA Flood Project delivers a locative media narrative about crises in Los Angeles—both historical and imagined. These stories, located across the Southern California landscape, are mapped via GPS. The evening will also include photographs by Maria de Lourdes González Reyes, a reading by Roberto Lení-Olivares and a discussion moderated by USC Annenberg professor Josh Kun.

For more info: http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/eo2/calendar/113/event/893724

Unity Tailgate: El Centro Raffle

This weekend at the Unity Tailgate, El Centro will be having its Annual Fundraising Raffle. All the proceeds from this raffle will go to benefit the many programs and services El Centro offers to students. Tickets will be sold during the Unity Tailgate. The price is 1 ticket for $3 and 2 tickets for $5 and the drawing will take place at 3:00pm on Saturday October 29th. Tickets are currently on sale in the El Centro Office.

Raffle items will include:
- 1 USC Football Autographed by the Football Team
- 2 Tickets to the USC a USC Football Game
- Gift Certificates to various Restaurants
- Trojan Gear and Gift Baskets
- Assorted DVD Collections
- Artwork from local artists
- And more!

Special thanks to our sponsors who donated items for this event: AEG, Chichen Itza, Joe’s Sports World, Justin Bua, Luis Genaro Garcia, Ocean Jewels, Taqueria Vista Hermosa, Teach for America, Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, The Hungry Cat, USC Student Affairs, USC Bookstores, USC Latino Parent Association, USC Latino Alumni Association.
Día de los Muertos | Day of the Dead Celebration

Where: School of Social Work Gabilan Courtyard & El Centro Chicano
When: Tuesday, November 1 · 11:00am - 1:00pm
Celebration kick-off at 11:00 a.m in the School of Social Work Gabilan Courtyard, followed by a Danza procession toward El Centro Chicano (in United University Church 300) for the rest of our festivity. Join us as we commemorate the lives of our loved family and friends who have passed on through a reflective and lively celebration.
Come and enjoy a community altar display, lively music and songfest, student and faculty stories and memoirs, traditional food, face painting, and beautiful company!
Combo meals with mole and rice & aguas frescas will be provided for donations under $5.
If you are interested in reciting a short story, poem, memoir, spoken word or artistic piece at our Dia de los Muertos celebration, please drop us a line on our event wall and we will get in contact with you promptly.
For those of you interested in contributing to our community Altar, we invite you to share your special ofrendas, offerings (i.e. pictures, mementos and decorative items) with us. For more information, please contact Jenny Lopez at jennylop@usc.edu.

Community Effort Between:
Latina/o Social Work Caucus | Latino Graduate Student Association
IDEAS @ USC | Spanish Undergraduate Student Association
Latino Business Student Association

ECC Virtual Tour!

Hello Dear Students!
For those of you who have not ventured into our website, let me inform you of our latest addition to it: An ECC Virtual Tour!
What is that you ask? Well it is exactly that, a tour that you can take virtually by going on our website and clicking on it.
One of the new staff members of this semester, Kevin Sanchez, created this virtual tour by taking lots of pictures and putting them together.
You can check out everything that is part of El Centro.
You can go into the Lecture Hall, the Conference Room, the Kitchen, and even the bathrooms.
If you have not been here in a while or if you just want to check out a really interesting tour, I encourage you to go on our website and take the virtual tour.
Thank you for reading this Enewsletter and we hope to see you on our website taking that virtual tour.
Link to our website: www.usc.edu/elcentro

Alonzo King LINES Ballet

When: Monday, November 7, 2011 : 7:00pm
Where: University Park Campus Bovard Auditorium (ADM)
Join us for a stunning and spectacular evening of dance featuring Alonzo King LINES Ballet. Based in San Francisco, LINES is a celebrated contemporary ballet company that has been guided since 1982 by its uniquely global artistic vision. Collaborating with noted composers, musicians and visual artists, choreographer and artistic director Alonzo King creates works that draw on a diverse set of deeply rooted cultural traditions and imbue classical ballet with new expressive potential. His visionary choreography is renowned for its ability to connect audiences to a profound sense of shared humanity—of vulnerability and tenderness, but also of furious abandon and exhilarating freedom. LINES has presented extraordinary performances to great acclaim throughout the world. Join us as they present two of their signature works, Rasa and Refraction.
RSVP here: http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/eo2/calendar/113/event/893729
DREAMing Out Loud!

November 2, 2011 5-7 pm
Annenberg Room 207
Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism

Youth activists speak about their fight for education, immigrant rights and social justice through media and art.

In a dimly lit room, a young man peers into the camera and adjusts the viewfinder to check his image. He then looks directly into the camera and states “My name is _____, and I am undocumented.” His migration story resonates with hundreds of others who then upload their own stories to YouTube. Elsewhere, Livestream carries the feed of a youth-led civil disobedience to thousands across the country. Statements of support for the protest soon appear on blogs, Twitter, and other social media. Initially aimed at passing the DREAM Act, youth have mobilized thousands across the country for immigration reform and educational access by appropriating different media.

Growing out of research conducted by Arely Zimmerman for the Media Activism & Participatory Politics (MAPP) Project, we invite you to join us as youth activists and engaged scholars address how youth are using social media and networked forms of communication to mobilize and sustain youth-led movements for social justice.

The event is convened by Henry Jenkins’ Civic Paths Project at USC’s Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. A part of Civic Paths, the MAPP Project is part of the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Youth and Participatory Politics (YPP)

*Refreshments will be provided. RSVP at: annenberg.usc.edu/rsvp
Info about Civic Paths: http://civicpaths.uscannenberg.org/

Organized in partnership with: Network on Youth and Participatory Politics, Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration (USC), Chicana/o and Latina/o American Studies (USC), and the IDEAS Movement at USC.

LBSA brings you a meeting with ESPN!

When: Tuesday, 10/25
Time: 1–2 PM
Where: TCC 227 (Rosen Family Theatre)

LBSA brings you a meeting with ESPN!

Joins us as representatives share insights and opportunities available at ESPN. Representatives from ESPN Deportes and ESPN International will be present.

Opportunity Fox: FNG Apprenticeship Program

FOX NETWORKS GROUP is launching... Opportunity Fox: FNG Apprenticeship Program Selected 2012 graduates will have the opportunity of a lifetime working with 8 of Fox Networks Group’s top level executives across our business. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

•Conducting research, administrative and other special projects based on the functional area and professional interests
•Developing a strong understanding of our organizational structure, operating objectives and long-term goals
•Attending and capitalizing on leadership development courses offered by our Organizational Development & Training Department
•Working with a senior level mentor on personal assessments, self-directed professional development and other career advice

Requirements:
- Must be a Spring 2012 Graduate with the availability to start a full-time, 6-month apprenticeship assignment in July 2012;
- Apprenticeship assignments will be located in Los Angeles, CA
- Each student applying must submit a resume along with a completed creative application challenge. (see creative application to choose a challenge)
- All majors are welcome to apply, but ideal candidates will possess strong interest and passion for Entertainment & Sports industries.
- Must research and demonstrate in depth knowledge of the Fox Networks Group businesses and brands.
*Candidates must be available for on-campus interviews in mid-late October and potentially interviews on-site at Fox Studios lot in early-mid December. This program is designed to be a potential gateway to a career with Fox Networks Group. FNG Apprentices will be provided with preferential access to apply to appropriate open positions after 3 months in the program. Fox Networks Group is an Equal Opportunity Employer Please send your resume and creative application submission to: FNGCareers@fox.com (Reference “FNG Apprentice-USC”)
Hope in Times of Darkness

Hope in Times of Darkness sends a message that we can be agents of positive change, and that minority youth in impoverished areas can succeed in life and become productive citizens of our society. The author, a Salvadoran American, lived in El Salvador as a child but grew up in South Central Los Angeles during the late 1970s and 1980s. He also lived in Rochester, Minnesota; Washington, D.C.; and Alexandria, Virginia. In each of these cities, he observed the dynamics and challenges of the Salvadoran community. As he has both lived and transcended these struggles himself, he is able to depict a realistic and compassionate picture of the Salvadoran American/Latino experience throughout this book. The author focuses on social justice issues and contends that government, community-based organizations, elected officials, and community leaders can help create hope and opportunities for our youth, and thereby help improve our society. Watch author Randy Ertll discuss his book on GOOD DAY LA! For more info: http://randyjuradoertll.com/category/hope-in-times-of-darkness/

Yes, we are still celebrating our great CA Policy Wins—including the CA Dream Act!! But the work does not stop here! In fact, the most important part of the work is fast approaching—DEFENDING THE CA DREAM ACT!!

This means that they are trying to include a ballot question in the November 2012 elections for the entire CA electorate to accept or reject the CA Dream Act!

So, what can you do to help DEFEND the CA Dream Act? Follow these 4 next steps and join the struggle:

1. Keep calling and thanking the Governor:
   “Call Governor Brown and share your gratitude for his support in signing the CA Dream Act and other bills that make California stronger!!!”
   Call (866)572-7042, press 6, and leave your message of gratitude!

2. Keep posting on any articles (and writing comments in support) that talk of about the CA Dream Act

3. Host a CA Dream Act Teach-in!!
   The CA Dream Network will be kicking off the CA Dream Act Statewide Teach-in Tour in the next weeks!! We will be hosting teach-in’s about the CA Dream Act. Does your campus want to host one?
   CA Dream Network organizers will help you prepare!! Email Myrna Ortiz, mortiz@chirla.org or contact your Steering Rep if you're interested. (You can find out how your Steering Rep is on the www.cadreamnetwork.org website.)

4. Immigration battle in Alabama
   What’s going on with Alabama today? To read the LA Times article with updates on the Alabama anti-immigrant law, please click here.

5. Upcoming Actions
   For the Los Angeles and SoCal folks:
   a. Want to thank Cedillo for his leadership in getting the CA Dream Act passed? Join the CDN and Assemblymember Gil Cedillo for a 2011 End of Session Tour: Final Stop that will take place on Tuesday, October 18th from 6:00-8:00pm at Barrio Action (4927 N. Huntington Drive, Los Angeles, 90032).
   b. Immigrant rights and community organizations will be joining Occupy LA THIS WEDNESDAY Oct 19th!! You can meet us at CHIRLA at 4pm if you want a ride or join the rally/march at 5pm on Grand Ave and 4th St in Downtown LA.

   In Solidarity,
   Myrna Ortiz
   Youth Organizer
   mortiz@chirla.org
   - Keep the hope alive, support immigrant and human rights, consider making a donation today.
   - Make sure you receive CA Dream Network email updates. Add cadreamnetwork2006@gmail.com to your approved senders list.

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