Harry Pachon, a scholar-activist who helped focus national attention on the needs and traits of a growing Latino population, particularly in politics and education, has died on November 4th, 2011. Under his leadership, the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute at USC expanded and sharpened its mission of researching Latino issues.

Harry P. Pachon, Ph.D. was a professor of Public Policy at USC and joined the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute (TRPI) in 1993, as president. In 1997, Dr. Pachon was appointed to serve as a member of the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans. Additionally, saluting his ongoing work on behalf of Mexicans living in the United States, the Mexican Government presented Dr. Pachon with the Ohtli (humanitarian) Award. He was a board member of the Haynes Foundation and Southern California Public Radio.

Dr. Pachon was a founding board member and past executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund. While at NALEO, he initiated a nationally acclaimed U.S. citizenship project that has been replicated on a multi-ethnic basis across the country and initiated the National Directory of Latino Elected Officials, which is now in its seventeenth year of publication. Dr. Pachon authored over twenty articles and journals, and co-authored three books on U.S. Latino politics and political behavior. He held academic positions at Michigan State University, Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, City University of New York, and held the Kenan All Campus Chair at the Claremont Colleges.

Dr. Pachon received his B.A. and M.A. in political science at California State University of Los Angeles, and earned his Ph.D. in government from the Claremont Graduate School. He was awarded post-doctoral fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Association of Schools for Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA).

For more info: LA Times, Daily Trojan

Project ReMiX: Off the Reservation

When: November 16th, 2011 from 5-7pm
Where: ECC Lecture Hall

Join us for the next Project ReMiX event exploring multiracial and interracial issues on Wednesday, November 16th at 5 pm in the ECC Lecture Hall.

Professor Georgiana Sanchez from CSULB will join us for a dynamic dialogue about balancing, integrating, and thriving in multiple worlds with respect to the Native American & Indigenous experience.

Free Pizza & Jarritos! RSVP to ecc@usc.edu by 11/15.

Project ReMiX is a collaborative program offered by Asian Pacific American Student Services, Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs, and El Centro Chicano.

ALL are welcome!

For more info: http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=191620410918615
Branding Yourself: The Social Revolution

Wednesday, November 16 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm | THH 204

Your brand is your personal business identity and reputation. It represents what you can do for your future employers and what differentiates you from a sea of college students. Your personal brand sends a message about what you can do and who you are.

The online world is tough, competitive and unpredictable, that is why the Latina/o Student Assembly brings to you "Branding Yourself: The Social Revolution," headed by two of the top branding experts Southern California has to offer.

Innovation Protocol's own Matt Clayman and Jeremy Tucker will teach students how to brand themselves online using social media platforms such as LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook. As students, we are told to make these social media accounts, yet we aren't taught how to make them beneficial. That's where Matt and Jeremy come in. They will show students how to make potential employers say "wow."

California Dream Act Education

Thursday, November 17 - 5:00pm - 6:30pm | THH 102

The CA DREAM Act has been passed and signed by Governor Brown, giving AB 540 students, those who have lived in the country for most of their young lives, access to public funding to aid them in their pursuit of higher education.

Although this is a great victory for undocumented students, the conversation about the viability of the law as a catalyst for economic recovery in California and the country continues. This panel will kick off what will surely be an on-going series of discussions regarding the DREAM Act as we lead up to the 2012 election season. The event is for all who want to learn more about the CA DREAM Act, the legislation and the effects of its implementation on all Californians. We look to foster a respectful and all inclusive conversation, so please bring your questions, concerns and comments.

Featured Panelists:
Fredy Ceja
Senior Field Deputy, Office of Assemblymember Gilbert Cedillo
Dr. William Perez
Associate Professor of Education, Claremont Graduate University
Author of We ARE Americans: Undocumented Students Pursuing the American Dream
Joseph Villela
Senior Policy Advocate, Coalition for Human Immigration Rights of Los Angeles
Angela Chen
Ph.D. Candidate, Graduate School of Education and Information Students, UCLA

Join us after this panel event to hear the stories and challenges from a panel of undocumented students!
For more info: https://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=188367724578937
Dear Members of various cultural organizations at the University of Southern California:

We are seeking individuals who are (1) at least 18 years of age and (2) undergraduates to complete a confidential web-based survey that will ask you about factors that are related to your educational aspirations.

The entire study should take approximately 30-40 minutes. The answers you provide will be kept completely confidential. You will not be asked to provide your name on the inventory.

We would greatly appreciate you taking part in the survey and contributing to our understanding of factors that relate to educational aspirations. As a thank you, participants who complete the survey can enter into a lottery drawing to win one of four $25 gift certificates or one of four $50 gift certificates.

To participate in the study, please go to https://illinois.edu/sb/sec/250207

Any questions can be addressed to Dr. Carrie Switzer (email: cswit1@uis.edu), Associate Professor at the University of Illinois Springfield. This research has been reviewed & approved by UIS Human Subjects Review Officer, Dr. Lynn Pardie. Dr. Pardie can be reached at 217-206-6614 to answer any questions about your rights as volunteer participant in this study.

Trojan Family Dinner

Sunday, November 20 · 5:00pm - 9:00pm | Founders Park

To honor our Trojan Family and to celebrate the Spirit of the Season, the Latina/o Student Assembly invites you to an evening of dinner, dancing and company with your fellow students, parents and extended Trojan Family at the LSA Trojan Family Dinner.

Take this opportunity to showcase the beauty of the University of Southern California campus to your beloved ones, as you enjoy the authentic taste of traditional Peruvian dishes while enjoying a live mariachi ring out in glorious style under the stars.

Join us for this unforgettable night of entertainment and unity under an atmosphere embodied by your favorite culture.

**Note: Due to space limitations, invitees will be allowed to bring only two guests.

***Dress attire: Semi-Formal, but dress warmly

RSVP: www.usc.edu/lsa/trojan_family_dinner
For more info: http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=117891604987503

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS OFFICE

UNPAID INTERNSHIPS:

The Collective – Multiple Internships (President’s Assistant, Music, Partner’s Assistant, Comedy, and TV Intern)

A-list management and Production Company in Beverly Hills seeks a bright, motivated intern to help with administrative tasks. Duties include heavy phones, scheduling meetings and meals, coordinating travel, organizing information, and other duties as assigned. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the skills you’ll need for starting out in the entertainment industry, and the internship provides a great introduction to how a busy agency operates. Previous desk experience preferred but not required. Candidates must be able to receive school credit. E-mail cover letter and resume to thecollectiveintern@gmail.com.

KCET-TV - Web Intern- SoCal Connected

Student will assist Web producers and editor with basic site maintenance, creating and publishing new entries, particularly on show night (Wednesday). Will help to track Web traffic/metrics and also be involved with social media activities. Could work on light video editing and encoding for Web, and news curation depending on experience. Preference will be given to Journalism majors/minors as well as Broadcast or Online Journalism students. Basic knowledge of HTML, familiarity with blogging software, preferably Movable Type. Ability to multitask and work in a fast-paced environment while maintaining accuracy on assigned tasks. Familiar with MS Office suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint). Basic familiarity with Photoshop for image cropping, resizing. Adobe Illustrator a plus. Experience with social media - particularly Facebook and Twitter. Familiarity with AP style and basic copy editing a plus. “Women, minorities, persons with disabilities and veterans are encouraged to apply,” EOE Employer. Please submit your resume to hr@kcet.org.

For much more information: Contact the Internship Programs Office in STU B1 or log on to connectSC at http://careers.usc.edu
Latino Floor Hosts Dia de Los Muertos Celebration by Dave Dulberg

USC’s Latino Floor welcomed hundreds of elementary school students from the community to Fluor Tower for a Dia de Los Muertos event that combined culture, history and a glimpse of the college experience.

Dia de Los Muertos is traditionally a Mexican holiday Nov. 1-2, which honors and celebrates the lives of those who have passed away. However, the cultural evening took on a bit of a twist on the Latino Floor.

"The importance of this holiday and this event we put on every year is about educating the youth," said Billy Vela, director of El Centro Chicano. "We asked our student leaders to really engage with these young children about not only what Dia de Los Muertos is, but also how it reflects the customs and culture of Latin America." For the entire night, each wing of Fluor Tower was transformed into educational workshop stations, designed to inform the local students about aspects of the holiday. Slide show presentations, a traditional altar display and festive artwork conveyed the flavor and spirit of the annual Latin American celebration.

"This event really embraces the idea of learning about the traditions and cultures of everyone around you," said Carol Ciriaco, a resident advisor for the Latino Floor. "Especially here in Southern California with such a large Latino population, Dia de Los Muertos serves as the perfect opportunity to really highlight a unique part of the culture."

While the event also incorporated American customs such as trick or treating, Halloween costumes and a haunted house, Ciriaco believes the night’s greatest strength was providing USC students with a platform to reach out to the local community.

"As college students, we really enjoy seeing the kids learn about the cultural heritage as well as the importance of giving back," said Ciriaco, a sophomore communications major. "It feels good to show them the power you can have as you get older to really lend a hand and inspire others. I believe they all want to be Trojans now."

Although the evening’s central theme revolved around the message of celebrating death, the Latino Floor executive board also gave their visitors a taste of college life through first-hand accounts and a Q&A session about what it means to belong to a university.

"I challenged our leadership group to find ways to interject what it means to be a college student, what it means to go to a school like USC and, most importantly, what it means to be a role model in terms of continuing the pipeline," said Vela. "This event is great for that, because not only is it an educational experience, it’s also a chance for college students to really connect with the youth of this community, to inspire them to one day fulfill their own college aspirations."

For more info:
Multiracial Studies Education - Internship

MULTIRACIAL STUDIES EDUCATION – INTERNSHIP

by: MULTIRACIAL AMERICANS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (MASC)

Multiracial Americans of Southern California (MASC) www.mascsite.org is seeking an intern to assist with the project “Multiracial Studies Course” to be conducted at a high school in Los Angeles in Spring 2012 (February to July 2012). Intern must be available from December 2011 to attend meetings and related to course planning with Curriculum Designer and Course Coordinators. This is a paid internship.

*Duties:
Tasks related to course administration including: classroom setup, taking attendance, getting supplies and organizing class activities
Communication with school administration, guest speakers, and MASC leadership
Assistance with evaluation of course effectiveness, summary of course highlights for use in funder reports
Intern must be available on-site for each class (twice a week on weekday afternoons)

*Skills and Qualifications:
Interest and passion for multiracial issues and history
Organized, dependable, accountable
Some teaching experience – (teaching certification not required)
Familiarity with high schools or other educational institutions
Valid driver’s license and access to a vehicle
Bachelor’s degree in Education or related field preferred.

Only short-listed candidates will be contacted for an interview. We thank you for your application and interest in Multiracial Americans of Southern California (MASC).

This position is also posted on www.idealist.org
Position link: http://www.idealist.org/view/internship/WP7632FceW8d/

Alternative Spring Break Hawai’i

March 10-15, 2012
In partnership with the Pacific Islands Institute, join our team as we learn about issues of sovereignty and explore the history of Hawai’i!

Your experience will include:

- Volunteering in taro gardens and ancient fish ponds
- Cultural Tours to historic sites
- Native Hawaiian history and culture
- Reflection and discussion
- Learn about the sovereignty, struggle, activism, and more!

Apply today! Spaces are limited!
Application deadline: Wednesday 16th, 2011

For application, please visit:
http://sait.usc.edu/apass/pages/community/service_learning.html

Midterms are dragging and with projects in full force you deserve a night to just let go... FRESHER THAN FRESH: SURVIVE THE STRESS

Tuesday, November 17th, 8:30-11pm @ the Lyon Center

Come and enjoy:
- Free Hip Hop + Yoga Classes
- Free Give-aways to the first 50
- Free Jamba Juice + Snacks
- Raffle Prizes: Win a dinner to Yardhouse or Fleming’s Steakhouse at LA LIVE!
- Wellness Fair: Tips for staying healthy

For more info: usc.edu/myfresh or contact Troy Lee,
In Memoriam—Harry Pachon

Dear friends of TRPI,

I am sure all of you join me in mourning the loss of Professor Harry Pachon, the longtime director of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute, who passed away Friday night. Over the past few days his pioneering career as an academic and as advocate for Latinos has been celebrated widely in public statements, in the media and in the private thoughts of the many people whose lives he touched.

Today I am writing to share a very special letter of remembrance sent this afternoon to Harry's colleagues on the USC faculty by Elizabeth Garrett, the Provost. You can read it by clicking here: USC Provost's Message on Harry Pachon.

Within the next few weeks the USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development will organize a commemorative symposium to honor Harry's life and work, and the kinds of political and policy issues he cared about. As this symposium takes shape, I will provide information on the date, time, location and program.

Best regards,
Roberto Suro
Director of the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute
University of Southern California

To read entire letter go here: http://library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1101406113594-64/Harry+Pachon+Letter.pdf
GPSS Graduate Student of Color Network

You are Cordially Invited...

The GPSS Graduate Student of Color Network, in partnership with the Black Graduate Student Network and the Latino Graduate Student Association invites you to attend a diversity mixer for USC graduate students, faculty and staff on Wednesday, November 16th, 5-7pm at the Lab. The goal of this event is to foster community, and promote inter-departmental relationship building among USC’s diverse graduate students, faculty and staff.

Space for this event is limited, so RSVP is required for this event. Please RSVP as soon as possible. You can make your reservation by clicking here, or on the link below. We apologize, but RSVP’s sent via email or on Facebook will not be considered. You must RSVP using the link.

We encourage you to invite faculty and staff members from your school/department. They may also RSVP using the link below. For more information about this event, please send an email to gpssgscn@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

César E. Chávez Fellowship

The Cesar Chavez Foundation is accepting applications for the Cesar E. Chavez Fellowship. A year-long fellowship available to recent college graduates interested in:

- Community and resource building
- Learning more about nonprofits
- Managing an after-school and summer program
- Supervising volunteers
- Learning more about youth development.

As a Cesar E. Chavez Fellow, you will have the unique opportunity to connect with underprivileged disenfranchised communities and partner with families, youth and teens to empower themselves and improve their quality of life. As a fellow you will:

- Oversee our ¡Si Se Puede! Learning Center programs (after-school & summer program)
- Build and establish community resources
- Recruit and coordinate local volunteers
- Develop curriculum.

Since this is an AmeriCorps Program all CEC Fellowships will receive a living stipend, an Education Award/Scholarship upon the completion of their service, and FREE housing provided by the Cesar Chavez Foundation.

Questions? Want to learn more? Contact Charles at ccf.recruitment@gmail.com

*Continue the legacy of Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta, apply today: www.cecfellowship.org

¡Si, Se Puede! Summer Internship

The Cesar Chavez Foundation - Community Services is looking for community driven college students who would like to assist us in operating our summer program with the youth and teens that reside on our affordable housing properties in California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. The summer internship will run 8 weeks.

Beginning June 20, 2011 & Ending August 12, 2011

Requirements:

- 18 years of age
- College student
- Be able to work full-time (40/week)

You must be available for the full 8 weeks!

If interested, please send your resume and summer availability to Charles Miller (ccf.recruitment@gmail.com).

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