**Faculty Spotlight!**

**Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo**  
Professor of Sociology

Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo is a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Southern California. Her primary research has focused on gender and migration, informal sector work, and religion and the immigrant rights social movement. Most of these studies focus on Mexican and Central American immigrant communities, but she has also researched Muslim American immigrants in the post-9/11 era. She has authored or edited eight books, and she has held research and writing fellowships from the Rockefeller Foundation for the Humanities, the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, UCSD’s Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, and the Getty Research Institute. She was given a Mellon Excellence in Mentoring Award for her work with graduate students, and the book *Domestica* won seven awards, including the Max Weber and the C.Wright Mills book awards.

**Expertise:**  
- Mexican undocumented immigration to the U.S.  
- Latino labor in Los Angeles  
- Women, gender and immigration  
- Paid domestic work  
- Amnesty legalization  
- Employer sanctions  
- Immigrant rights movement

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**Latino Trojan Family Reunion:**  
**A Night of Networking**

El Centro Chicano & The Latina/o Student Assembly presents The Latino Trojan Family Reunion, happening **Tuesday February 28th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at El Centro Chicano (SAVE THE DATE).** This event creates an opportunity for alumni to come back and reach out to students (both undergraduate & graduate) to network and provide advice on programs to take advantage of while at USC and Keys to Life after USC.

**The agenda will be as follows:**  
6:30pm - 7:00pm: Appetizers and Networking  
7:00pm - 8:00pm: Discussion Panel featuring Trojan Alumni from diverse fields and professions w/ Q&A.  
8:00pm - 8:30pm: More networking and raffle

[Please click here to RSVP!](#)  
More information to come soon! **SAVE THE DATE!!!**
**6th Annual Mocktails**

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 | 6:00pm-8:00pm | TCC 350/351/352

You are cordially invited to attend the 6th Annual Mocktails taking place on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This year’s Mocktails is once again being sponsored by Target in conjunction with USC LBSA, El Centro Chicano, USC Latino Student Assembly & USC Latino Alumni Association.

We highly encourage all scholars to attend this event. This will be a great networking and interviewing seminar with Target representatives and USC Alumni in attendance.

**Latino Alumni Scholars will receive 3 credits for attending. Business attire required & appetizers will be served. We hope to see many of you there!**

**USC DIVERSITY IN HEALTHCARE LEADERSHIP INITIATIVE**

2012 Summer Enrichment Program : Student Fact Sheet

**WHAT IS THE SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM?**
The Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) is designed to increase student awareness of health care management as a career and is offered in both Sacramento and Los Angeles.

*On campus presentations featuring:
- Faculty, alumni, health care leader
- Projects and presentations to stimulate learning and build supportive relationships
- Information on a variety of career options in health care management
*Site visits
- Visits to health care organizations serving diverse and/or underrepresented communities and/or led by executives of color
*Post-SEP Mentoring and Application Support
- Informal counseling and mentoring
- Maintain contact and communication
- Guidance about applying to graduate school

The program meets on the following dates:

**SACRAMENTO:**
July 16, 17, 23, and 24, 2012

**LOS ANGELES:**
July 30 – August 2, 2012

**WHAT IS THE PURPOSE?**
To provide students with the opportunity to learn more about the major issues, skills, and responsibilities involved in health care management. The program will enhance student’s knowledge and understanding of the field and therefore, better position you to pursue a career in health care management.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Applications must be received by May 31, 2012 in order to be considered for review. The Selection Committee will only review and evaluate complete applications!

Contact: LaVonna Blair Lewis, PhD, MPH Teaching Professor | llewis@usc.edu | 213.740.4280

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**UNPAID INTERNSHIPS OFFICE**

**Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF)/ Revlon – Run/Walk for Women Internship**

Upbeat, fast paced environment working on participant & team cultivation and management for the EIF Revlon Run/Walk Los Angeles & New York. Great opportunity to gain experience working on one of the nation’s largest 5k fundraising events for women’s cancers. Tasks include answering participant customer service questions via phone, sending out team materials, putting together team packages, research & general administrative tasks. Roles & responsibility will increase greatly with experience & skills. Great for anyone enthusiastic about events & grassroots fundraising. This internship will be from January to May with a time commitment of at least 8 hours a week, 2-3 days per week, days and time based on your schedule. Flexible schedule if you need specific weeks off for breaks/finals etc.

The location for this internship is El Segundo. If you are interested please email your resume to HR@davisgrp.org.

**Millennial Youth Professionals Initiative (MyPi) – Multiple Positions Available**

The Millennial Youth Professionals Initiative, or MyPi, is a non-profit that takes inner-city youth on engaging field trips to cool workplaces to show them what lies beyond the horizons of a high school education and encourage an entrepreneurial spirit. As of this fall, MyPi received its 501(c)3 status and established an office in downtown LA. If you want to organically build the structure of this fledgling NGO and assign positions in the vein of: community engagement, program development, event planning, measuring results and evaluation, fundraising, grant- writing, and online media management. These will be unpaid positions, but if we do our job right, MyPi intends to promote volunteers to full-time staff as our organization grows.

We have already embarked on several programs to local businesses such as TOMS shoes, Electronic Arts and SpaceX, and would love involvement directly coordinating these field trips as well. Interested students feel free to send in your cover letter and resume to Josh Burstein: josh@mypi.org.

**For more information:** Contact the Internship Programs Office in STU B1 or log on to connectSC at http://careers.usc.edu
Immigration in the Wake of the Great Recession

March 5, 2012 | 2 to 5:30 pm | TCC 227

An interdisciplinary conference.

The economic tumult of the past four years has dramatically altered the flow of immigrants and their economic prospects. And, it has reshaped the politics and process of immigration. Please join us for a lively exploration of the Great Recession’s impact on multiple facets of the immigrant experience: labor markets, remittances, the children of the undocumented, the suburban middleclass and the future of the policy debate.

Confirmed participants include:
-Magnus Lofstrom, policy fellow, Public Policy Institute of California
-Miriam Jordan, correspondent, Wall Street Journal
-David Fitzgerald, Gildred Chair in US –Mexico Relations, UC San Diego
-Carola Suarez-Orozco, Co-Director of Immigration Studies, NYU
-John Skrentny, Director, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC Diego
-Mark Hugo Lopez, Associate Director, Pew Hispanic Center
-Maria Hinojosa, correspondent, NPR and PBS
-Jody Agius Vallejo, assistant professor of Sociology, USC

Co sponsored by the Tomás Rivera Policy Institute and Immigration Studies @ NYU

Please RSVP to trpi@usc.edu

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, USC Global Medical Brigades, USC Global Water Brigades, USC McNair Scholars Program

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFJOb0U1MVlrN3hoaktxMHZUenJTdTdHc6MQ

If you have any questions please feel free to email Fabiola Avina at favina@usc.edu

El Centro is HIRING!

EL CENTRO IS LOOKING FOR A STRONG LEADER TO WORK FOR OUR OFFICE: IS THAT YOU? You need to be interested in building community both within our office and across campus. Must be available to attend mandatory staff meetings on Mondays from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm and have federal workstudy. If this is you, please fill out the application on the link below and submit a written essay. The application deadline is Tuesday Feb 21st at 12noon. We are looking to fill this position as soon as possible. If you have any questions email us at ecc@usc.edu

Link for application: http://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/about/employment.aspx

El Centro E-Newsletter

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS OFFICE

PAID INTERNSHIPS:

uSamp – Web Developer

We are seeking a talented front-end web developer to build out templated web sites. This individual will be working with Photoshop designs and translating them to HTML, CSS and some JavaScript. This is a fast-paced environment working on many projects and different designs. Required skills for the position include strong HTML skills (knowledge of how to write tight, streamlined HTML, CSS and JavaScript), good understanding of CSS inheritance, in-depth knowledge of IE quirks and how to address them, and comfortable hand coding HTML, CSS, and JavaScript (jQuery). The intern will be working with marketing and design teams on emails, marketing info pages and sites in addition to other tasks. The hourly role is paid at $15-$17 per hour. If you are interested please send your resume and cover letter to Melissa@usamp.com.

JetBlue – Regional Marketing Internship

JetBlue Airways is seeking a Marketing Intern in the West Coast regional office at Long Beach Airport in Long Beach, CA. This is a paid internship. The Marketing Intern reports to two (2) Regional Marketing Managers, and will be assisting in negotiation, execution, and evaluation of marketing initiatives throughout our west coast region. The Intern supports promotional activities through research, preparation, and execution of events, as well as independently managing administrative processes and tasks in the regional marketing office. Qualified candidates with demonstrated experience with Microsoft Office Products: Word, Excel, and Outlook. They would also be a self starter and a “people person” who is knowledgeable about the airline industry. If you are interested please e-mail your resume Jace Hieda at Jace.Hieda@jetblue.com.

For much more information:
Contact the Internship Programs Office in STU B1 or log on to connectSC at http://careers.usc.edu
Actress Eva Longoria encouraged students to volunteer and maintain a passion for learning beyond undergraduate studies at a question-and-answer session presented by the USC Latino Alumni Association, USC Spectrum and Verizon on Saturday at Bovard Auditorium.

An Evening with Eva hosted by Josh Kun, a professor of communications, drew more than 500 attendees to hear Longoria speak about her work outside of acting, which includes advocating for immigration legislation, domestic and international philanthropy and documentary filmmaking.

“Education and philanthropy have always been two really big tent poles in my life,” Longoria said. “That was where my social position started. I find acting the smallest part of what I’m put on this earth to do. I find that it was the catalyst for me having a voice, but it was never my intention.”

Longoria cited the women in her family as role models, including her mentally disabled sister and her mother, a special education teacher.

The 36-year-old actress, is currently pursuing a master’s degree in Chicano studies and political science at Cal State Northridge while starring in the eighth and final season of ABC’s Desperate Housewives.

A ninth-generation American and native of Corpus Cristi, Tex., Longoria reflected on having to defy the stereotypes placed on Latinos in Hollywood when she moved to Los Angeles in 1998. Longoria said she was often complimented on her clear English during auditions, but would be asked to speak with a Mexican accent.

“I had the journey of doors being not closed, but labeled,” Longoria said.

She described herself as fervently interested in her Spanish, Mexican and Texan ancestry, which led her to pursue a master’s degree.

She also showcased a clip from Harvest, the documentary she is executive producing. The documentary follows the lives of undocumented farm-working children in the United States who migrate state to state to follow seasonal crops.

“The children are stuck in a cycle of poverty and they can’t get an education,” Longoria said. “They have to follow the harvest. They’re not engaged in curriculum or with their teachers.”

Vice President for Student Affairs Michael L. Jackson attended the event and praised Longoria for her work in the Latino community.

“It’s really a great opportunity for USC to hear from a great representative from the Latino community,” Jackson said.

Billy Vela, director of El Centro Chicano at USC, said Longoria is setting a positive example for students by using her fame as a vehicle for raising awareness.

“She’s someone who has really been a success story and a great example for [the Latino] community,” Vela said. “But more important than that is her ability to use that platform to not only get to understand herself and our community better, but the ability to translate that into actually using her star status to put a light on important issues.”

Longoria said she is lucky to be a well-known figure, but others should not be discouraged from becoming involved in volunteer work despite the stigmas surrounding it.

“Sometimes people think of philanthropy and they go, ‘That’s something rich, famous people do,’” Longoria said. “It’s not. The people that make philanthro-capitalism work are everyday people and volunteers.”

Will Riley, a freshman majoring in Spanish and philosophy, politics and law, did not expect Longoria to focus heavily on political and social discourses at the event.

“I didn’t really know anything about her before the event,” Riley said. “She went a long way toward educating people on some very important issues that everyone should know about, especially with the presidential elections coming up.”

Jorge Trujillo, a freshman majoring in business administration, said he was encouraged by Longoria’s passion to make practical changes.

“I really liked the fact that she was a lot more than what she is perceived as,” Trujillo said. “A lot of Hollywood people aren’t as educated as you would think and she definitely surprised me in that. Everyone thinks of immigration as a problem, but she thinks of ways to help fix it — to help the people involved fix it.”

After Desperate Housewives goes off the air, Longoria said she plans on taking time off from acting. She plans on campaigning for President Barack Obama’s re-election, completing her master’s degree and traveling to Israel to learn more about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Longoria advised students to pay their opportunities forward.

“I’ve been given this amazing life, and I’ve got to give back ten-fold,” Longoria said. “You have to start giving back if you want to receive.”
Hello fellow Trojans,
For the past 13 years, I’ve run the 5k aka 3.2 mile portion of the Los Angeles marathon in complete benefit of the Blind Children S Center, a nonprofit organization for visually impaired students and their families. This has become a tradition in my life and each dollar I raise gives me the satisfaction that I am planting a grain of sand for this institution to flourish forever.

I would really appreciate your support on the center’s behalf.

Thank you,
Karen Arcos

Honda LA Marathon
Blind Children’s Center – Official Charity – Team Blind Children

Civil unrest. The LA Riots. Sa-I-Gu.
Three names that conjure a static image of Black-Korean violence in the American consciousness. Join us for an evening of reflection and dialogue with those who were actually there – store owners, police, and community activists.... What were the root causes that led to LA exploding? Will the embers of racial and economic injustice ignite again? Dinner provided. Space is limited – RSVP to apass@usc.edu by F 2/17!

This event is brought to you by Project ReMiX, a collaborative project between Asian Pacific American Student Services, Center for Black Cultural and Student Affairs, and El Centro Chicano.

For more info: https://www.facebook.com/events/24847117209984/

Fifth Annual Multicultural Retreat

Interested in learning about diversity and social justice issues? Wanting to make friends with students from different backgrounds? Want to become a leader in making changes at USC? If so, apply to participate in diverCity, the Fifth Annual Multicultural Retreat which takes place on March 3-4 at the Courtyard Marriott in Pasadena, CA. This retreat is a great opportunity for you to openly engage with other students about multiculturalism on campus. Through this retreat, you will build leadership skills and learn about diversity issues through fun, interactive activities and discussions, and a collaboration to create an action plan for change on campus. You will have the chance to meet and network with other students who are passionate about diversity and change. If you want to learn about yourself and others from different backgrounds, the Multicultural Retreat is for you! Transportation, hotel, and food will be provided!

If you’re interested in attending, please make sure to fill out the short application, available at http://sait.usc.edu/ca/app_clearinghouse/uploads/7586697014040/Multicultural%20Retreat%20Application%202012.pdf and turn it in to TCC330 by Monday, February 13th at 5:00 PM.

Check out the event page on facebook!
For any further questions, please contact Angie Keam at keam@usc.edu or 213-821-2437.

MEChA de USC Weekly Meetings

MEChA de USC will be holding its weekly meetings as usual, so come check us out. Enjoy some FREE pizza and jarritos while you learn about the great events we have planned for the Spring semester. The MEChA Chapter here at USC welcomes everyone.

For more information on what we stand for and what we advocate for friend us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/mechadeusc
16th Annual ED WOOD Film Festival

INTERESTED IN MAKING A MOVIE FOR A USC FILM FESTIVAL?
You and your friends have 24 HOURS to do it!
On February, 25th, the 16th Annual ED WOOD FILM FESTIVAL - 24 HOUR SHOOT Begins!

What is it?
The Ed Wood Film Festival is a long-running tradition of USC, open to all students (Freshmen-Senior). Check out previous years submissions here!
What makes the festival unique is that teams of filmmakers are limited to a mere 24 hours to conceive, write, shoot, and edit an idea!
Ed Wood was a B-movie director of the 1950s and 60s, notorious for making particularly bad horror and sci-fi flicks. What The Ed Wood Film Festival seeks to prove is that even in 24 hours, USC Film Students can outperform “a professional.”

Films that make the cut will be screened in the Campus Ballroom for a big audience, and have the chance to win awards! Screening is on Friday March 2nd, 2012 @ 6pm.

How do I get involved?
Join the Facebook Group - for more info! or Contact us directly via EdWood2012@gmail.com!

COLLEGE NIGHTS

Come join us for COLLEGE NIGHTS at Mountain High Resort on Thursday February 16th.
This is a great opportunity to ski with fellow Trojans and other college students. There will be special performances by pro snowboarder Marc Frank Montoya (MFM), Ominous Words, and The Musical Mammal. Check out the link to see a flyer provided by Mountain High about College Nights. http://mthigh.com/event/college-night-3

USC Recreational Sports will be providing transportation to and from the event. The buses leave from in front of the Lyon Center at USC at 3pm and depart from Mountain High Resort at 10pm.

You can register for four different packages:
- Lift ticket only: $20
- Lift ticket and bus: $40
- Lift ticket, bus, and ski rental: $60
- Lift ticket, bus, and snowboard rental: $65

Diversity Month is a month-long celebration of diversity of the mind, body, & soul presented by the West Area at USC. There are over a dozen featured events, including performances, discussion sessions, off-campus trips, and dance nights. This includes:

MONTH-LONG RAFFLE:
Each time you attend an event you will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the month, we will be raffling off GRAND PRIZES at our...
FINALE SHOW:
FEATUREING “Dragging Out the Real Issues” with Ms. Barbie-Q & Friends.

Get ready...because it’s coming…
For more info: https://www.facebook.com/events/360680887294987/

Gender Neutral Bathrooms on Campus

Help the USC Undergraduate Student Government Residential Senator and Diversity Affairs Committee with an assessment on the accessibility of gender-neutral restrooms on campus. The hope is to use this information for future advocacy efforts. (Note: A gender-neutral restroom is one that anyone can use, regardless of their gender or sex identification). Please take this short survey: https://qtrial.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0DSP1rRW2MPOONK

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