Bill Celis
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Bill Celis, an award-winning teacher and author, is a former education correspondent for The New York Times and a former reporter and columnist for The Wall Street Journal.

His work on education and school reform policy over two decades has appeared in the American Prospect magazine, The Boston Sunday Globe, The New York Times Week in Review, Teacher magazine, Columbia University’s Teachers College Record and Voices in Urban Education, a quarterly produced by the Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University, and a number of other general-interest publications. He serves on the advisory board of AmericasWire.Org, a national wire service directed by the Maynard Institute’s Media Center on Structural Racism, and also serves on the advisory board of YourVox, http://www.yourvox.org/news/, a global community website produced by college students in the U.S. and abroad.

At USC Annenberg, he has taught American media history, advanced magazine writing, and writing and reporting classes for both undergraduate and graduate students. In 2007, he was named outstanding print professor by the Annenberg Graduate Student Association. Students in his J584 Education, Youth and Learning course and his J476 Reporting Urban Affairs class produce the WatWay website and present their work across media platforms in English and Spanish. In Fall 2010, his class began using the iPad with assistance from the USC Annenberg Web Technologies office to produce blogs from schools and neighborhoods across greater Los Angeles.

He conceived and helped create Intersections: The South Los Angeles Report, the first hyperlocal website at USC Annenberg; the site won initial grants from the USC Annenberg School, the J-Lab: Institute for Interactive Journalism and the McCormick Foundation. The site showcases long form narratives and multimedia work exploring race and class, with much of the work produced by his students.

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Latin Trojan Family Reunion: A Night of Networking

The Latino Trojan Family Reunion presented by El Centro Chicano, Latina/o Student Assembly (LSA) & Latino Business Student Association (LBSA) will be happening Tuesday February 28th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at El Centro Chicano. This event creates an opportunity for alumni to come and reach out to students (both undergrad & graduate) to network and provide advice on key programs they took advantage of & address Keys to Life after SC.

The agenda will be as follows:
6:00pm - 7:00pm: Appetizers from PORTOS and Networking
7:00pm - 8:00pm: *Discussion Panel featuring Trojan Alumni from diverse fields and professions w/ Q&A.
8:00pm - 9:00pm: More networking w/ Alum and raffle
*Confirmed Panel—More to be announced soon: Lucy Flores ‘07, Assembly Woman-Nevada State Assembly, George Bahamondes ‘08, Analyst—Global Investment Banking, Wendy Carrillo ‘09, Host/Producer-Power 106, & Dr. Magdalena Arias-Arenas ‘97, Hospitalist Intensivist at Huntington Memorial (Co-Moderator).

Please click here to RSVP! More info: http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=504553980&ref=tn_tnmn#!/events/258461667662540/
LEAP BACK 20 YEARS: LA Explodes

Wednesday, Feb. 29th, 2012 | 5:30pm-7:30pm | UUC 3rd Floor

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? Panelist include: Do Kim, Civil Rights Attorney, Jody Armour, Roy P. Crocker, Professor of Law, Najee Ali Community Activist, & Rachel Shannon LAPD Officer.

Dinner provided. RSVP to apass@usc.edu by F 2/24!

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/246471172083884/

Alternative Spring Break – Manzanar!

Sign up for the 7th annual Alternative Spring Break program sponsored by Asian Pacific American Student Services (APASS) to explore the history and reality of Manzanar National Historic Site, known during World War II as Manzanar War Relocation Center: http://www.nps.gov/manz/

The Manzanar Alternative Spring Break program provides students with an intimate, cross-cultural immersion experience at the Manzanar National Historic Site. Participants explore the Japanese American WWII internment and its relationship to the struggle for civil liberties today through service-learning, dialogue, and reflection. Open to ALL!

Details:
Monday, March 12th – Wednesday, March 14th (Depart 9 am Monday, Return Wednesday night)

Cost: $150
(to cover transportation and two nights hotel stay – includes continental breakfast)

Program includes:
Site exploration, Ranger-led tour, Film screening, Extended visit to the Interpretive Center, On-site service projects, and Reflection/Discussion.

Spaces are limited! Apply by February 26th at http://sait.usc.edu/apass/pages/community/service_learning.html#manzanar

Questions? Contact APASS Program Coordinator Jegmi Choi at Jegmi.choi@usc.edu

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS OFFICE

UNPAID INTERNSHIPS:

The Collective – Talent Department & Management/Comedy/TV Internship

A-list management and production company in Beverly Hills seeks a bright, motivated intern to work directly with a talent manager. Duties include phones, scheduling, organizing information, and other duties as assigned. This is an excellent opportunity to learn the skills you’ll need for the entertainment industry, make connections, and have a great introduction to how a busy management company operates. Previous desk experience preferred but not required. Candidates must be able to receive school credit as the position is unpaid. Email cover letter and resume to thecollectiveintern@gmail.com.

Bordeaux International PR – PR and Social Media Intern

Boutique PR Agency that specializes in health and fitness (Upscale Health Clubs, Celebrity Bestselling Author in Diet and Nutrition, Cookbooks) is seeking an intern with PR experience to assist in our office located in Sherman Oaks, CA. You have excellent writing skills for press releases - VERY WELL-ORGANIZED to maintain and update media contacts database and a multi-tasker. Must also be a savvy social media networker to maintain my twitter and facebook accounts and company website. I am looking for a “go-getter” with exceptional work ethics who is both creative and dynamic, but most of all is devoted! Please send your resume with a cover letter describing yourself and why you feel you are right for this position to Bordeauxasst@aol.com.

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

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dFJOb0U1MVlrN3hoaktxMHZUenJTdHc6MQ

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

El Centro is HIRING for the Summer!

El Centro is looking for SUMMER 2012 STAFF. If you are interested turn in an application to us by Wednesday, February 29th or before. You can work up to 40 hours per week, we do a lot of projects for upcoming year. And with the 40th Celebration coming in Fall 2012, summer will be exciting & fun! We are also flexible with hours too. If you have questions email Billy Vela at wvela@usc.edu. Fight On!

Find the application HERE: http://sait.usc.edu/elcentro/about/employment.aspx

El Centro E-NEWSLETTER
The Latino Graduate Student Association has an exciting volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking for volunteers interested in reading to elementary school children for the Read Across America day held in observance of Dr. Seuss Birthday on Friday March 2nd. The goal of this event is to promote literacy among elementary aged students. We are looking for volunteers who will sign up to read with the students for an hour on Friday March 2, 2012.

Time Slots include: 9 am – 10 am, 10 am – 11 am, or 11 am – 12 pm

School address: Thomas B. Moffitt Elementary 13323 South Goller Avenue Norwalk, CA 90650

Sign-up: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F044BAAA728AB9

We ask that you please wear your SC gear upon attending the event.

Indigenous Oaxacans in CA: Building Community through Cultural Empowerment

Thursday, February 23, 2012 | 11:00am-1:00pm | SWC 106

The U.S. has witnessed the significant migration of indigenous families from southern Mexico, primarily from the State of Oaxaca. There are estimates of over 120,000 indigenous Oaxacans living in U.S., becoming the largest native population in the State of California.

Join us as we host a panel of scholars and community leader who will shed light on indigenous Oaxacan cultures, migrant experiences, linguistic and ethnic identity challenges, as well as current provision and access to community social services.

For more information please contact Jenny Lopez at jennylop@usc.edu

MEChA de USC Weekly Meetings

Thursday, February 23rd, 2012 | 5:00 pm | UUC 300 (El Centro Chicano)

MEChA de USC will be holding its weekly meetings as usual, so come check us out. Enjoy of some 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

Demystifying Same Sex Parenting

Today W Feb 22nd at 6:30pm in THH 202—come join La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity Incorporated, LGBT Resource Center and QuASA as we bring you a wonderful panel composted of people who have been raised by same-sex couples, LGBTQ Parents, and social workers in an effort to demystify same-sex parenting.

For more info: http://www.facebook.com/messages/?action=read&tid=id.13496879959935#!/events/217692491667212/

HSF: El Rancho High School Visit

Saturday, February 25, 2012 | 8am –1:30pm | RTCC227, THH 210

FB Event: https://www.facebook.com/events/197737006991383/

HSF and the Scholar Chapter at USC are bringing students from El Rancho High School to USC on the 25th. This day will be filled with financial aid and admissions workshops along with more presentations. We need volunteers to help out with set-up and someto do tours. This is a great opportunity to participate directly with HSF and with the Chapter. Plus, it is a great opportunity to volunteer and giveback to the community. Free lunch will also be provided for those who volunteer.

Email Irma Gonzalez (iegonzal@usc.edu) with your availability and we will be sure to sign you up. Thank you and we hope to hear from you soon.

For more info: https://www.facebook.com/events/197737006991383/

***2 points. Reminder excellent members will be recognized***
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!

Research Assistant Position

We are looking for USC students to assist with ongoing studies of bilingual literacy development in Spanish-speaking preschoolers. Responsibilities will include: completing assessments/diagnostic games in both English and Spanish with children ages 4-6, observing classroom settings, data entry, and administrative tasks. Applicants should be dedicated and prepared to work independently. Strong Spanish skills and experience working with children preferred. Interested students should fill out the following form: SPELAform, you can email Ava Casados: avacasados@gmail.com for it or if you have questions.

The Politics of Memory on Screen: 21st Century Latin America and Spain w/ Visions and Voices

Saturday, Feb. 25th & Sunday, Feb. 26th | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Eileen Norris Cinema Theatre (NCT) & Ray Stark Family Theatre (SCA 108). Co-sponsored by El Centro Chicano.

Join us for a weekend of screenings and discussions that will investigate how Latin American and Spanish cinema have documented and constructed collective and personal memory. The audience will engage our relationship to the past by viewing three films: Guillermo del Toro’s internationally acclaimed Pan’s Labyrinth (Spain, 2006), Natalia Almada’s award-winning documentary El General (Mexico/USA, 2008) and Germán Berger’s My Life with Carlos (Chile, 2010). The festival will also feature screenings and announcements of the winning entries from the student video contest Los Angeles: Making Memory Visible.

More Info & schedule: http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/oo2/calendar/113/event/893759

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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