Human Rights in Contemporary Mexico

Lydia Cacho is a Mexican journalist, feminist, and human-rights activist who has fought extremely against child abuse, violence against women and political Corruption. Among her journalistic achievements are a series of articles and books proposing Mexican rings of child pornography and prostitution, and more recently, writings on the unsolved murders of women in Ciudad Juarez that condemn the failure of the Mexican government and society in general to stop the killings.

When: Wednesday, April 6th 2011 at 12:00pm
Where: Doheny Memorial Library (DML) Friends Lecture Hall, Room 240
http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/eo2/calendar/113/event/873384

Admission is free. Lunch will be served.

Which way, America?

When: Wednesday, April 6, 2011 8:30 AM-4:00PM
Where: Davidson Conference Center, University of Southern California (USC), Los Angeles, CA
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With the failure to secure comprehensive immigration reform in Washington— including to pass even the DREAM Act -two things seem clear. The first is that what is driving the debate is not simply the immigration system per se but also a deeper anxiety about the changing demographics and economics of our nation. The second is that the challenge if immigration policy is moving down the geographic scale: increasingly, the battles about integrating or restricting immigrants will occur at the state, regional, and local levels. Participation is by RSVP only. Conference fee is $20. For more information email us at csii@usc.edu or reach us by phone at 213-740-3643
Pacific Standard Time

ART IN LA: 1945-1980

Pacific standard time is a collaboration of more than fifty cultural institutions across Southern California, which are coming together for six months beginning October 2011 to tell the story of the birth of the Los Angeles art scene and how it became a major new force in the art world. Each institution will make its own contribution to this grand-scale story of artistic innovation and social change, told through a multitude of simultaneous exhibitions and programs.

When: Friday April 22nd at 11:00am – 1:00pm
Where: At the HAMMER Museum– 10899 Wilshire Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90024

Please RSVP to academicprogram@getty.edu

USC Night with the LA Galaxy

USC day at the LA Galaxy soccer game. The event is $25. This will include free transportation, ticket to the game, and a food voucher that includes a hot dog and drink.

Students can register for the event online at www.usc.edu/recsports or can register in person at the front desk of the Lyon Center. Students may also go to www.usc.edu/recsports for more information on the event.

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IDEAS New Club 2nd Meeting

We had a great meeting of IDEAS at USC last week. We have a small group, but a very productive one. Some of the topics we covered were: the name of our group, the intent of the group, our expectations, and (to a small degree) our meeting times. So, this Wednesday April 6th we will be mtg again at El Centro Chicano, 3rd fl UUC, 5pm to 6pm. Improving Dreams, Equality, Access, & Success (IDEAS) is a new club looking for new members to join our discussion and support group for issues of Undocumented students (AB 540) and their allies at USC and in higher education. Again, if you are interested, join us on 4/6 at 5pm at El Centro Chicano. If you have any questions, contact Oscar Garcia at oigarcia@usc.edu.

AXA Advisors, LLC – Career Open House (Internship Opportunities)

AXA Advisors is a leader in helping individuals and businesses address their financial goals through financial strategies, investment services and risk management. Advisors will be holding a Career Open House event next Friday March 25, 2011 at 12:30pm. To learn more about AXA Advisors, please visit our website www.davidbacall.com. RSVP by contacting Jeanna Fournier directly via email or phone at 310-231-7757.

Warner Bros. Entertainment Group – Design Services Intern ($10/hr)

Warner Bros. Entertainment Group is seeking a Design Services Intern ($10/hr) for their Design Services Department. Qualifications include: college student working on BFA/BA degree in Graphic Design, or Communications; intermediate skill in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Bridge (CS5), Quark Xpress 8, and Microsoft PowerPoint 2007; strong interest in the entertainment industry, television & digital in particular. If you are interested in this position, please email your resume as an attachment to wbjobs@trm.brassring.com and be sure to INCLUDE the following designation CUSC/123343BR in your subject line. Submissions received without the proper CUSC/123343BR designation and resume as an attachment will not be considered. Employment start date is June 1, 2011–August 31, 2011.

For more information: Contact the Internship Programs Office in STU B1 or log on to connectSC at http://careers.usc.edu
Omega Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated Phi Chapter at USC hosted their first Annual Project UJIMA Greek Leadership Conference this past Saturday March 26

The turn-out was amazing for a first-time event! The support from the Pan-Hellenic Council especially really surprised us and we look forward to working closely with the other councils on and off campus in the future,” said Karen Velazquez, one of the main contacts for the Project UJIMA planning team.

The Project UJIMA Greek Leadership Conference was open to members of the Southern Californian Greek Community and provided a forum to discuss issues facing the diverse Greek community and bridge the gaps created by a lack of cross-cultural awareness and spatial distances.

The ladies of Phi Chapter got the idea for the UJIMA project from the National Latino Collegiate Conference (NLCC) at the University of Albany in Albany, New York. Alumni had mentioned the conference to Alejandra Cortez and Monica Rivera who crossed into the organization in the fall of 2009 and it planted the beginnings of a vision. The then two-women chapter started doing research about Fuerza Latina, the Albany organization that had envisioned and run the NLCC to find out more about the Conference. Hopeful, but not expecting much of a response, the girls emailed the facilitators of the NLCC, then in it’s 20

Irving Burbano, the president of Fuerza Latina, whose duty it was to oversee the NLCC coordinators, enthusiastically emailed back offering any and all assistance saying, “I am very pleased to know that someone on the other side of the continent has the same visions and goals as myself and the rest of the members of Fuerza Latina and the Latino Greek community.” The NLCC addressed ethnic specific topics for issues affecting the Latino community and incorporated a Greek initiative that included a Step and Stroll Exhibition. The members of OPBSI - Phi Chapter wanted to create something similar, but not as ethnically specific, that addressed the different issues that face the Greek Community in Southern California currently and thus came up with an idea to implement this broader conference, then dubbed simply the Greek Leadership Conference. When Jessica Guevara, Karen Velazquez, and Elena Reyes crossed into the organization in the Spring of 2010, the girls enthusiastically took up the cause to plan the daylong event. The first outside organization to jump on board as co-sponsors for the event was the Alpha Epsilon Chapter of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated from Cal State Dominguez Hills University who worked tirelessly with the sisters of OPBSI- Phi Chapter to make Project UJIMA possible. The President of the Alpha Epsilon Chapter Danny Gonzalez said, “We were all very excited to begin working on what we were confident would be a very successful event.” After that, offers from organizations looking to join as supporting organizations kept rolling in, including the Latina/o Student Assembly (LSA) who funded the event, Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity (SLB) at Cal State Dominguez Hills University, the Queer and Ally Student Assembly (QuASA), Zeta Phi Rho Fraternity, Zeta Sigma Phi Sorority, The LGBT Resource Center, and the USC Office for Fraternity and Sorority Life. Before long, the UJIMA project was born. Ujima, a Swahili term, which translates to “collective work and responsibility”, is part of a communitarian philosophy that the members of Omega Phi Beta felt best described what they were working to promote through the UJIMA Project and what was evident in the collectivity of the organizations coming together to work on the event. For more information about Project UJIMA or OPBSI-Phi chapter, email phi@omegaphibeta.org.
Upcoming Events!

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater
When: Friday, April 15, 2011 at 6:00pm to 11:00pm
Where: Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, 135 North Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90012
http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/o2/calendar/32/event/881695

Next Year in Jerusalem: Artist Respond to Testimony from the Holocaust
When: Thursday, April 14th, 2011 at 7:30pm
Where: The Ray Starks Family Theatre School of Cinematic Arts 108
http://web-app.usc.edu/ws/o2/calendar/113/event/873387

Los Angeles Public Library would like to invite you to attend and spread the word about LéaLA, the city & country’s first Spanish-language Literary Book Fair to be held at the Los Angeles Convention Center from April 29 - May 1 from 10am-7pm. The event is free and open to the public. Among the celebrities and authors who will be in attendance to promote their books are legendary Mexican singer José José and Chilean author Isabel Allende just to name a few. For more info: http://www.lea-la.com/.

The USC Latina/o Social Work Caucus holds an annual event titled “¡No Más!” which addresses a social problem within our communities and at a global level. The goal is to identify a core issue, increase consciousness, spread awareness and most importantly take action! The purpose also involves providing alternative solutions to the social problem relevant to the field of Social Work. This year, the theme will cover "Global Exploitation: Human Trafficking". For more info go to: http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=147459345309005. Event time frame: April 5-7th, see FB for more details.

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