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¡Si se puede!

Friday, March 11, 2016
Welcome!

We are excited to have you participate in our César E. Chávez Leadership Conference 2016.

We’re honored you’re here! Enjoy your day celebrating your heritage and planning for a bright future.

Bienvenidos!

Estamos emocionados por su presencia en nuestra Conferencia de Liderazgo César E. Chávez 2016.

Disfrute de este día de celebración de su herencia cultural y planificación de un futuro brillante.

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MISSION
To instill in our Latino(a) youth the value of education, which nurtures mind, body and spirit in order to develop a social consciousness that empowers them as leaders for social justice and civic responsibility in the greater community.

“Our lives are all that really belong to us, so it is how we use our lives that determines what kind of (individuals) we are.”
- César E. Chávez

“Tenemos que ayudar a los estudiantes y padres de familia cuidar y preservar la diversidad étnica y cultural que nutre y fortalece esta comunidad - y esta nación.”
- César E. Chávez

Schedule

8:00 – 9:00 am  Registration & Check-In
SOU Stevenson Union
Rogue River Room

9:15 – 10:05 am  Welcome
Dr. Susan Walch
SOU Provost of Academic & Student Affairs

Keynote Speaker
Luis Alfaro
Oregon Shakespeare Festival

10:15 – 11:00 am  Session I
SOU campus

11:15 – 12:00 noon  Session II
SOU campus

12:15 – 1:00 pm  Lunch / College Fair (based on group)
1:05 – 1:50 pm
SOU Stevenson Union

2:00 – 2:45 pm  Session III
SOU campus

2:50 – 3:30 pm  Closing / Dance
SOU Stevenson Union
Diversions
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Luis Alfaro is a Chicano writer/performer known for his work in poetry, theater, short stories, performance and journalism. He is the first-ever resident playwright of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, courtesy of an Andrew W. Mellon Foundation grant. Alfaro is also an Assistant Professor at the USC School of Dramatic Arts and a producer/director who spent 10 years at the Mark Taper Forum as Associate Producer, Director of New Play Development and co-director of the Latino Theatre Initiative. He was born and raised in the Pico/Union district of downtown Los Angeles, blocks from the USC campus. Alfaro is the recipient of a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship, popularly known as a “genius grant,” awarded to people who have demonstrated expertise and exceptional creativity in their respective fields. His plays and performances have been seen throughout the U.S., Canada, England, France and Romania.

2016 Workshop Presenters

Healthy Choices Today - Create a Better Tomorrow
Taylor 229, Session I, II
We want to give youth tools and resources to make healthy decisions before and while they are in romantic relationships. Let’s talk about life, let’s talk about love!!
Nancy McKinnis (BS Southern Oregon University) is a Health Educator for Jackson County Health & Human Services.

How to become an ESOL or Bilingual Education Teacher
Taylor Hall 227, Session I
In this session, students will learn the steps to take in becoming an ELD or Bilingual Education teacher in OR. We will go over the current requirements and the ESOL/Bilingual Endorsement Program at SOU.
Gerry McCain (PhD New Mexico State University) is Professor of Education, Director of SOU’s ESOL/Bilingual Endorsement Program, and teaches in the School of Education at SOU.
Megan Farnsworth (PhD University of Arizona) is Associate Professor of Education and teaches in the ESOL/Bilingual Endorsement program at SOU.

Self-Care and Your Health
Stevenson Union 314, Session II
In this interactive session we will explore how various health behavior play into our overall life balance and well-being. We will focus on self-care and stress reduction.
Matt Vogel (MA Central Michigan University) works at SOU as a Health Promotion Specialist & an Instructor for the Psychology Department. He coordinates health-related programs on a variety of topics including healthy relationships, stress-reduction, substance use prevention, nutrition, and sleep health.

Where I’m From / De donde soy
Stevenson Union 315, Session II, III
In this fun and intensive workshop developed by New Mexico Centennial Poet Levi Romero, young writers use imagination, reflection, and musical language to construct a living self-portrait in word.
Robert Arellano (BA & MFA Brown University) is a professor in the SOU Oregon Center for the Arts and a board member for Oregon Humanities.
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**Options & Opportunities**  
*Education/Psychology Bldg 294, Session I, II, III*  
Overview of various types of financial aid resources, the process of applying for federal, state, and institutional aid, and preparing for college.  
**Javier De La Mora** (BS Southern Oregon University) is with the Rogue Community College Club Latino Helpers.

**Creating Art Through Social Activism**  
*Art Building 101, Session I, II, III*  
Do you really think that art can change the world? This workshop and discussion will show how social activism is reflected in art as a place to explore, analyze, and strengthen connections between social activism and artistic practice.  
**Steven Sapp** (BA Bard College) is Co-Founding and core member of UNIVERSES, the Resident Ensemble at Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

**Barriers to College Access: Getting In and Getting Out**  
*Education/Psychology Building 292, Session I, II*  
The barriers to college access start even before students start thinking about the college process but they don’t magically disappear once a student is admitted to their institution of choice. In this workshop we’ll cover barriers to getting admitted into college as well as the barriers that students must overcome to graduate from college. We help students start thinking about the best way to prepare themselves for being admitted and graduating from college while having real conversations about the struggles they’ll run into.  
**Lorena Landeros** (B.A ’08, Ethnic Studies & Spanish) and **Rebecca Rodas** (B.S. ’15, Family & Human Services w/ a Ethnic Studies Minor) are current admissions counselors at the University of Oregon, where they also received their Bachelor Degrees. Both Latina’s and first-generation college students, they understand the barriers in pursuing a degree and work hard to recruit underrepresented students to the UO and help them navigate the process to make it as easy as possible.

**Color & Discrimination Among Latinos: the Mexicano Case**  
*Central Hall 128, Session I, II*  
Learn about existing research on what is known about color discrimination against and among Mexican Americans. This workshop will look at external and internal factors that contribute to “colorism.”  
**Dr. Ariel Zatarain Tumbaga** (PhD UCLA) is an Assistant Professor of Spanish at SOU. His research interests include representations of indigenous people in Mexican literature and race in Mexican and Chicana/o culture.

**Facing the Issues**  
*Stevenson Union Diversions, Session I, II, III*  
Identity barriers. Language barriers. Racial barriers. Even barriers for employment and access to needed services. Join in a fishbowl discussion on how these have affected current students’ lives and find out what some students have discovered works to minimize the negative impact of their personal barriers.  
**SOU Multicultural Resource Center** — The Southern Oregon University Multicultural Resource Center (MRC) endeavors to create an inclusive community that recognizes, celebrates, and supports the diverse life experiences of the SOU community.

**Community Service: What Is It and Why Is It Important?**  
*Taylor Hall 29/30, Session I, II, III*  
This workshop will explain to students what community service is and how community service is beneficial not only to communities but to students as they prepare for scholarship and college applications.  
**Alma Rosa Alvarez** (PhD University of California, Santa Barbara) is a professor of English at SOU where she specializes in teaching U.S. Multicultural Literature and Chicana/o Literature.
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**Exploring the Career of Nursing**
Britt 112, Session I, II
This workshop will outline the many opportunities in nursing as a health care career and how to best prepare in high school for a career in health care.

*Joanne Noone* (PhD University of Hawaii) is the Campus Associate Dean for the OHSU School of Nursing, Ashland campus. Her research, community involvement, and clinical practice revolve around increasing health equity.

*Leela Da Costa* (MS Kaplan University) is the Diversity Coordinator for the OHSU School of Nursing / Ashland campus.

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**Social Media, a Resistance Tool for our Generation**
Stevenson Union 313, Session I, II
This workshop will address the role of mainstream media on perpetuating stereotypes about marginalized communities. We will look at examples of how social media has been used to challenge those narratives and encourage people to engage in social justice movements.

*Monserrat Alegria Monroe* (BA University of Oregon) has a Journalism & Communications degree, and is currently the Social Media Intern for Oregon Action.

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**Early College Credit Opportunities and Pathways to College**
Art Building 124, Session I, II, III
Earning college credit while still in high school offers many different benefits for students who want to attend college. These benefits include substantial savings on tuition, improved standing in the college application process and the potential for increased scholarship support. We'll discuss the options SOU is currently offering college bound students including the Early Entry, Advanced Southern Credit and the Jackson/Josephine Pledge.

*Stephanie Butler* (MA New York University) is Program Coordinator for Pre-College Youth Programs at Southern Oregon University.

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**Latin@s and the Oregon Ballot**
Stevenson Union 330, Session I, II, III
Riding on their 2014 win over the driver card debate, various extremist anti-migrant groups feel they have the momentum and power to pass a bigger, more aggressive set of policies that would undermine the well-being of our neighbors, friends, and families. As these groups prepare for the November elections, they’ll be circulating around the state, collecting petition signatures to qualify anti-immigrant ballot measures: An English-Only, E-Verify, and Voter-restriction law. We need to fight back and keep the hate out of our state. Oregonians don’t stand for these values. Join us to learn more about the attacks on our community, what the Oregon Racial Justice Coalition is doing, and ways to take action.

*Yanely Rivas* (University of Oregon) holds degrees in Ethnic Studies and Planning, Public Policy, and Management. She is the Oregon Racial Justice Coalition Coordinator for Causa, Oregon’s immigrant rights organization.

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**Interrupting Oppressive Moments**
Stevenson Union 319, Session I, II, III
In this session, students will explore how they as allies and leaders can challenge oppressive moments that occur in everyday life. We will explore the oppression continuum and practice specific strategies to effect change.

*Jamani Crockett* is a sophomore at SOU and is involved in multiple leadership opportunities.

*Marjorie Trueblood-Gamble* (MA Ball State University) is the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Southern Oregon University.

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**A World of Opportunities: Take Your Spanish to the Next Level**
Central Hall 105, Session I, II
Learn how you can get college credit for the Spanish language abilities you already have and find out the advantages of majoring or minoring in Spanish. Guests will speak about their experience studying abroad and taking upper division classes at SOU.

*Anne Connor* (PhD Vanderbilt University) is Professor of Spanish at SOU and a Spanish major advisor.

*Lady Vanderlip* (MAT Southern Oregon University) is Instructor of