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May 2014
Writing Matters Conference
Keynote Speaker - Latino Fiction writer Daniel Chacón
Latino fiction writer Daniel Chacón is a product of the California Community College system, where he completed his first two years of study before moving on to a successful career. He is currently a professor in the MFA program in Creative Writing at University of Texas, El Paso and author of four books. Chacón’s new book just came out, Hotel Juarez: Stories, Rooms, and Loops. Characters in the book confront issues of imagination and self. His other books include, Sabado Gigante and Mais, Je Suis Chicano. He also presents lectures on topics as The Writing Process, How I Became a Writer, and Growing Up Latino. A student of the California Community College, Chacon’s story can be inspiring to people of diverse backgrounds.

May 24, 2014
Give ‘em Hope BBQ
2:00 – 6:00pm
The COC Gay Straight Alliance is co-sponsoring an event with the local PFLAG (Parent and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) to promote understanding and acceptance of the Gay community in Santa Clarita. The event is also a BBQ honoring Harvey Milk’s birthday.

March 2014
Generations in the Workplace
Dr. Annette Craven, Director of the Doctor of Business Administration program at University of the Incarnate Word, TX
Dr. Craven has spoken to international audiences about the Changing Human Perspective each professional experiences and the lessons they learn as they progress through the decades of life: the Terrible Teens, the Tremulous Twenties, the Thunderous Thirties, the Fearful Forties, the Fantastic Fifties, and the Sassy Sixties. Dr. Craven brings a unique angle in looking at women in "higher" positions and how they bring balance and creativity to workplace, hence shaping our culture and economy. In addition to achievements in the non-profit, corporate, and government sectors, Dr. Craven has also held the highest faculty governance positions in higher education.

Tuesday, November 26, 2013
International Fair Sponsored by the ASG and Clubs
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11:00am – 2:00pm
Cougar Café
Come try some culturally diverse foods and learn about all of the wonderful cultures we have on campus.

Tuesday, November 26, 2013
Hijab Day Sponsored by the Muslim Student Association
11:00am – 2:00pm
Valencia Campus
The MSA invites all Muslim and non-Muslim females to wear and experience the Hijab for one day. The MSA will be giving out free Hijabs to wear as well as teaching students how to wear it. Female students who wish to participate just need to wear the Hijab for a day and then attend the Hijab Day Experience discussion to report back on their experiences in a group meeting.

Monday, November 4, 2013
Dr. Rebecca Hernandez-Rosser talk - The Roundhouse
11:00am - 12:20pm, and
12:30 – 1:50pm
Location TBD
Presenter: Dr. Rebecca Hernandez-Rosser, UCLA American Indian Studies Center
Dr. Hernandez-Rosser will be discussing the Book of the Year, The Roundhouse, by Louise Erdrich.

Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Cultural Heritage Committee Potluck
11:00am – 1:00pm
Location: UCEN Lobby
Contact Person: Juan Buriel

Wednesday, November 13, 2013
International Poetry Reading
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6:00 - 7:30pm
MENH 343
FLEX credit - 1.5 hours
Presenter: Claudia Acosta
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
The International Poetry Reading provides an opportunity to read poems in an international language (translation in English provided).

Thursday, October 31, 2013
Sociology Lecture Series: Myths & Facts about Islam & Muslims in America
11:10am - 12:15pm
Aliso Hall 108
Presenter: Ali Akbar Mahdi
FLEX credit – 1 hour
Strategic Goal: Teaching & Learning
This presentation will discuss the misconceptions about Islam as a religion and Muslims as a minority in the United States.

Tuesday, October 8, 2013
ASG Breast Cancer Awareness Quilt Making Event
11:00am – 4:00pm
Location: Student Center

Wednesday, October 9, 2013
Familia: A Conversation with COC Hispanic Students on Family, Education, and Success
2:00 – 3:30pm
Location: Staff Dining Room
Panelists: COC Students
Moderator: Dora Lozano

Thursday, October 10, 2013
ASG Gay-Straight Alliance Club Movie Night
8:00 – 9:00pm
Location: Mentry Hall

Tuesday, October 29, 2013
History Lecture Series: The Beat Generation
3:00 - 4:00pm
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MENH 343
FLEX credit - 1 hour
Presenters: Sherrill Pennington, Stephen Branch and Brent Riffel
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
Provocative trendsetters or irresponsible punks, the Beat Generation was anything but forgettable. They could be found on road trips canonized in American literature, or reading poetry at San Francisco icons like City Lights Books. The 4th annual History Lecture Series begins with a presentation by professors Stephen Branch and Brent Riffel on “Howling at Night: How the Beat Generation Awakened America.”

#256F Kognito Online Training – LGBTQ on Campus for Faculty & Staff
FLEX credit - 1 hour
Strategic Goal: Student Support
Create a Supportive Environment for LGBTQ Students. LGBTQ on Campus is an interactive role-play course designed to prepare and encourage campus educators and staff to promote a community of inclusion and support. In addition to sensitizing educators to the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth, this training aims to increase learners’ confidence and skill to effectively manage classroom discussions in which discriminatory language is used, conduct an effective, supportive conversation with a student who discloses an LGBTQ identity, and identify when a student may be distressed and connect them to support services.

May 8, 2013
#516S LBGQT Issues and Stigma
3:00 – 5:00pm
Aliso Hall 104
FLEX credit – 1.5 hours
Presenter: Rosanna Santos, MFT
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
Rosanna Santos will be presenting on the issues faced by the Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, Queer, Transitional population. The stigma attached and destigmatization will be discussed.

April 22, 2013
#494S DEAF 101: Hazards, Bloopers & More
6:00 – 7:30pm
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LIBR 206
FLEX credit – 1.5 hours
Presenter: Patricia Ivankovic
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
Have you ever wondered about the challenges Deaf and Hard of Hearing people face on a day-to-day basis in a hearing world? Are you often unsure about how Deaf people will respond to certain events? Do hearing people feel awkward or unsure about approaching Deaf and Hard of Hearing people? This two-hour event will provide the audience with an insight into the Deaf Culture by providing factual information in a humorous setting through storytelling, skits and more by Deaf individuals as they share their personal experiences.

November 28, 2012
#221F Coffee On the Side: Kinaalda - A Navajo Coming of Age Ceremony for Girls
2:30 – 4:00pm
LIBR 206
FLEX credit – 1.5 hours
Presenter: Tammy Bathke
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
The Navajo culture is matriarchal and places great value on the role of girls and women. This workshop will discuss the meaning and symbolism behind the traditional Navajo coming of age ceremony for girls known as a kinaalda. A 30 minute DVD will be shared relating the personal experiences of a young Navajo girl and her family as they experienced a kinaalda ceremony in the summer of 2012.

November 15, 2012
#149F Sociology Lecture Series: Inside Nativism
11:10am – 12:15pm
Aliso Hall 101
FLEX credit – 1 hour
Presenter: Juan Buriel
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
This lecture will explore the prevailing sense of belonging carried by the term "nativism" throughout its social and political uses.

November 8, 2012
#148F Sociology Lecture Series: Atheism
11:10am – 12:15pm
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Aliso Hall 101
FLEX credit -- 1 hour
Presenter: Chris Blakey
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
We will consider and discuss some of the most often heard arguments for atheism, and attempt the beginning of an evaluation.

November 1, 2012
#147F Sociology Lecture Series: Hoardism - ‘One man's trash...’
11:10am – 12:15pm
Aliso Hall 101
FLEX credit -- 1 hour
Presenter: Kim Bonfiglio
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
In an effort to promote greater understanding of this shockingly common mental health disorder, this lecture will explore the phenomena of hoarding.

October 18, 2012
#146F Sociology Lecture Series: Heterosexism and Alienation through Social Construction
11:10am – 12:15pm
Aliso Hall 101
FLEX credit -- 1 hour
Presenter: Kathryn Coleman
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
We will be exploring the current social constructions of sexuality, using Marx's alienation as a model.

October 11, 2012
#145F Sociology Lecture Series: Social Constructionism: The Case of Race
11:10am – 12:15pm
Aliso Hall 101
FLEX credit -- 1 hour
Presenter: Karyl Kicenski
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
This mini-lecture will explain the “ism” of social construction and deal with the complicated ideas of race, racism, and identity.

September 27, 2012
#143F Sociology Lecture Series: Islamism - Religion, Ideology, and Political Activism
11:10am – 12:15pm
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Aliso Hall 101
FLEX credit – 1 hour
Presenter: Ali Akbar Mahdi
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
This presentation will discuss the emergence, assumptions, beliefs, and ideological movements and politics represented by the resurgence of religious activism in the Muslim world in the past three decades.

Wednesday, May 9, 2012
#510S Celebrating COC Diversity: A Student's Perspective
2:30 - 3:30pm
Private Dining Room #2
FLEX credit – 1 hour
Presenters: Juan Buriel, Danielle Butts, Student Panel
Strategic Goal: Cultural Diversity
Join us for a panel discussion that will include diverse students sharing candid experiences and thoughts on life here at COC. The panel will include students from the Re-Entry program, minority students, international students, veterans and students in the DSP&S program.
Learning Outcomes: Participants will learn about student's experiences from the student's perspective. Participants will gain a better understanding of the student population at COC that can help them tailor instruction in an effort to meet student's needs.

January 28, 2011
#256S Cultural Awareness
9:00 – 11:00am
Presenter: Roger Van Hook
The session will explore the origins and the effects of stereotyping on intrapersonal and interpersonal communication. Audience participation as well as Roger's experiences will make this session quite lively.
Learning Outcomes: By the end of this workshop, participants will understand the effects stereotyping of individuals or groups has on intrapersonal and interpersonal communication.

October 28, 2010
#225F Sociology Lecture Series: “Nappy Hair and the Politics of Tolerance”
11:15am – 12:30pm
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Presenter: Pamela Brogdon-Wynne
Sometimes, something as seemingly a non-issue as African-American hair can actually be a cultural tipping point of contention in society, as it becomes symbolic of some bigger picture. Join us for a poignant, sometimes humorous but engaging stories and experiences this phenomenon contributes on our understanding of race relations.

Learning Outcomes: Examine the effects of everyday activities related to grooming that have larger repercussions on American racial attitudes.

August 21, 2008
#37F Hiring & Retaining Diverse Faculty Roundtable
1:30 – 3:00pm
Presenter: Diane Fiero

May 12, 2008
Bridging the Generational Gaps in the Workplace
7:30 – 10:30am
Presenter: Dr. Pamela Cox-Otto

May 12, 2008
Connecting with and Teaching Today’s Multi-Generational Students
1:30 – 4:30pm
Presenter: Dr. Pamela Cox-Otto

January 31, 2008
#21S Designing the Diverse Future of Our Campus Community
10:00 – 11:20am
Private Dining Room #2
FLEX credit – 1 hour
Presenter: Diane Fiero
This workshop will provide an overview of COC’s current recruitment and hiring procedures used to attract diverse applicant pools. In addition, a discussion of the development of the upcoming EEO (Equal Employment Opportunity) plan and diversity programming will take place. Your input and ideas on both topics are invited and welcomed!