



Environmental Author to Speak at Reading Event

Camarillo, Calif., October 6, 2005 - Noted environmental author Terry Tempest Williams will discuss her book, *The Open Space of Democracy*, at California State University Channel Islands' second annual Campus Reading Celebration.

Williams will make presentations to students, faculty, and staff on Tuesday, November 8, at 1 p.m., and meet with CSUCI classes on Wednesday, November 9, at 8:30 a.m. The public will be invited to join the campus community at another session Tuesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. All events will be held in Conference Hall 1 on campus.

Events are free to members of the CSUCI campus community, \$5 for the general public, and \$2 for students from schools other than CSUCI.

The CSUCI Campus Reading Celebration brings a well-known author to campus each year. The University's Foundation Board provides complimentary copies of an author's selected book to members of the campus community, and they are asked to read and discuss the book at the scheduled events. In addition, faculty members are encouraged to incorporate discussions of the book in their courses.

In *The Open Space of Democracy*, Williams writes about the ethics of the environment, spiritual democracy, and the responsibilities for citizen engagement in the protection of America's natural settings.

"Last year's celebration was one of the most successful events on campus," said Renny Christopher, CSUCI professor of English and chair of the Campus Reading Celebration committee. "It is an opportunity for University students, faculty, staff, and administrators to share, along with interested members of the community, a common intellectual experience. And this year, we have not only an outstanding author but a woman of great intellect, perspective, and insight into a topic of concern to all. Terry Tempest Williams will surely spark interesting discussions throughout the CSUCI campus."

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