



Noted Diversity Speaker to give Presentations at CI

Camarillo, Calif., March 11, 2010 - CSU Channel Islands (CI) will welcome Hugh Vasquez, an educator and activist in multicultural work, to campus on Tuesday, March 16. He will give several presentations: a discussion for students, one for the CI and Oxnard College faculties, and one for the public. His appearance will kick off a Diversity Series between CI and Oxnard College that will encourage the campuses to examine their values and commitment to diversity awareness and student-centered campuses for all students.

On the morning of March 16, a group of students will meet with Vasquez to discuss sections of his documentary "Skin Deep", which addresses racism among college students. The faculty presentation will be held in CI's John Spoor Broome Library, Room 1360, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. The faculties will view portions of "Skin Deep" and then engage in a dialogue with Vasquez on "Addressing Diversity in the Classroom."

Vasquez will hold a public presentation entitled "Building Multicultural Alliances" from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in CI's MVS Center, Room 1908. Vasquez's presentations are sponsored by the CI and Oxnard College HSI STEM programs (Hispanic Serving Institution, Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics), the Center for Multicultural Engagement and the Center for Community Engagement.

Over the last 20 years Hugh Vasquez has become a prominent speaker and leader in the field of multicultural diversity, helping national organizations to establish nationwide diversity initiatives.

He is a presenter with Speak Out, a national organization providing top speakers on social justice issues.

A filmmaker and author, Vasquez has also worked with educational institutions to create strategies to promote inclusion and equity. He and co-author Victor Lewis created a four volume curriculum entitled Lessons from the Color of Fear, to be used in conjunction with their film "The Color of Fear", a resource for those working in diversity training.

Dr. Phil Hampton, Professor of Chemistry at CSU Channel Islands and Director of CI's HSI STEM grant stated, "Multicultural perspectives are integral to CI's mission and the Center for Multicultural Engagement works across faculty and student affairs to proactively address issues of diversity."

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Placing students at the center of the educational experience, California State University Channel Islands provides undergraduate and graduate education that facilitates learning within and across disciplines through integrative approaches, emphasizes experiential and service learning, and graduates students with multicultural and international perspectives.