

Hispanics and Latinos in the Humanities and the Sciences

Movies, Lectures and Conversations Celebrating Community Building and Advancement

MARCH 30 AND 31, 2006

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THURSDAY, MARCH 30 ▸ 1:00 pm – 6:30 pm ▸ Room M-136

STAND AND DELIVER (1:00 pm – 3:30 pm)

Director: Luis Menéndez. Jaime Escalante, real-life math teacher, works in a marginal East Los Angeles high school. Drawing from his own Hispanic cultural heritage, Escalante forms a bond with his students and turns their lives around. *Erika Camacho, former student of Jaime Escalante, will be present to answer questions.*

THE SILENCE OF NETO (4:00 pm – 6:30 pm)

Director: Luis Argueta. Award-winning Guatemalan film that chronicles one boy's coming-of-age against the backdrop of one of the most contentious periods in the country's history. *The director, Luis Argueta, is a native of Guatemala who studied Film and Literature at the University of Michigan. He will be present to introduce the film and answer questions.*

FRIDAY, MARCH 31 ▸ 9:30 am – 3:00 pm ▸ Student Union

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

LUIS GARDEN ACOSTA

Dr. Garden Acosta is the founder of El Puente, a powerful community and youth leadership movement in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. El Puente operates the first public high school focused on human rights, the El Puente Academy for Peace and Justice.

ROUNDTABLE I (11:00 am – 12:00 am)

ERIKA CAMACHO

Inspired by Jaime Escalante, her high school math teacher in East Los Angeles, Dr. Camacho obtained a Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics from Cornell University in 2003. She has co-founded a math summer institute devoted to the recruitment of undergraduate women and underrepresented minorities.

JUAN CARTAGENA

A civil rights attorney, Mr. Cartagena serves as General Counsel to the Community Service Society of New York. His work focuses on public interest litigation on behalf of the Latino and African American communities in the areas of voting rights, education, housing, health and environmental issues.

LUNCH (12:00 am – 1:30 pm)

ROUNDTABLE II (1:30 pm – 2:30 pm)

NEREIDA CORREA

Co-Director of Hispanic Center for Excellence (Albert Einstein College), Dr. Correa was a Registered Nurse prior to completing her studies and training in Family Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is a strong advocate for women's health, and a member of advocacy groups in Albany and Washington DC.

MARIO PICAYO

Cultural activist, photographer, and television producer, Mr. Picayo is executive director of Latino Artists Roundtable, which promotes and unites underrepresented Latino artists who focus on marginal issues in the US and abroad.

MUSIC AND POETRY (2:30 pm – 3:00 pm)

GRUPO FUSIÓN ATÓMICA. Fusión Atómica, a group of young poets and musicians, will close the event with live entertainment and music.

This event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. RSVP to conference organizers: Aránzazu Borrachero (718 281 5454), Mercedes Franco (718 281 5440), José Osorio (718 281 5291), Mónica Trujillo (718 631 6049)

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