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Message from the Chair

Dear USD Ethnic Studies Community,

The Department of Ethnic Studies is excited to welcome you to the new academic year!

With record-shattering temperatures, rising xenophobia, white terrorism, ramped-up militarization and incarceration, and widespread economic precarity, it is imperative that we equip ourselves with the critical thinking, reflecting, and action tools needed to make a significant impact in our society. We have an incredible roster of classes this semester, including Race and Globalization, Asian American Social Movements, Health Disparities and Equity, Indigenous Film & Media, and Race, Religion, & Social Justice. These classes will immerse you in the intersectional politics of racial justice, structural equity, cultural production, and social justice activism in San Diego and beyond. I hope our classes will expand your critical skillset, fortify your resilience, and move you to transformative action.

Feel free to visit us in Maher Hall 210 and say hello. I look forward to building with you.
Dr. Angel Hinzo Joins the ETHN Department

Dr. Angel Hinzo is excited to start her position as an Assistant Professor of Ethnic Studies this semester. She is a Ho-Chunk scholar who completed her Ph.D. in Native American Studies with a Designated Emphasis in Feminist Theory and Research from UC Davis. Her research incorporates family histories and tribal histories in understanding how Native American communities have resisted and managed the legal fictions of the settler state. Dr. Hinzo is teaching ETHN 100: Introduction to Ethnic Studies and ETHN 494: Indigenous Film and Media this term. When she’s not on campus, Dr. Hinzo is spending time with her dog, Whuh, and cat, Paashi.

Welcome New ETHN Lecturers!
ETHN 100: Introduction to Ethnic Studies with Leon Lee

Professor Lee is a Ph.D. Candidate in Ethnic Studies at UC San Diego. His work involves a multimedia approach towards examining the pedagogical implications of Hip-Hop as a site of community coalition building and youth resistance. Leon is a scholar, Hip-Hop artist, digital media producer, and DJ.

ETHN 361: Immigration on the US-Mexico Border with Alexis Meza

Professor Meza earned her M.A. in United States History at UC San Diego. She has taught at Chicana/o Studies at San Diego City College and her research interests include comparative immigration histories, critical refugee studies, and Central American studies.

ETHN Community Spotlight

Ivonne Salas: Empowering Self & Community

My name is Ivonne Salas. I am a transfer student from San Diego Mesa College, and I’m in my last year here at USD. I play roller derby outside of my academic life and use it as a tool of empowerment!

I chose to major in Ethnic Studies, because I didn’t grow up with a sense of knowing who I was. After taking Chicana/o courses at Mesa and now USD, I became more in touch with
my ethnic background. I want to help empower myself and others who have felt the same way I have in terms of soul searching and reconnecting with their culture. I love studying ethnicity and media representation. The Ethnic Studies community really makes me feel like I have a safe place on campus!

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Michaela Tyus: Making Space

My name is Michaela Tyus, and I am in my fourth year here at USD. I’m originally from Upland, CA, which is about 30 miles east of Los Angeles.

Since coming to USD, I have struggled with being a woman of color on a predominantly white campus. I have often felt uncomfortable and overlooked by my white peers and faculty, and I always desired to find my “place.” I enrolled in an Introduction Ethnic Studies course during my freshman year, and it is still one of the best decisions I have made. Ethnic Studies gives me a home where I feel seen, validated, and important. It opened incredible doors that led me to meeting some of my best friends and allows me to dive deeper into the community. By majoring in Ethnic Studies, I have begun to not only learn more about myself, including my heritage and cultures, but how to also love and appreciate who I am. I am forever grateful to be a part of this amazing community!
SAVE THE DATE! Labovitz-Perez Lecture: Thursday, October 24, 2019

Please mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Labovitz-Perez Ethnic Studies Lecture. This year, the student workshop and lecture will honor the life and labor of farmworker, activist, and labor organizer Maria Moreno.

**Workshop:** “Stories of Justice,” 12:15-2:00pm @ UC 128

**Lecture:** “Talking for Justice: The Life of Maria Moreno,” 6:00 pm @ UC Forum A/B