

DOCUMENTARY SERIES



Unnatural Causes: When the Bough Breaks

Monday, September 18, 2017

12:00pm–1:00pm | L246

Silvia Lugo, Performing Arts Coordinator

African American infant mortality rates remain twice as high as for white Americans. African American mothers with college degrees or higher face the same risk of having low birth-weight babies as white women who haven't finished high school. How might the chronic stress of racism over the life course become embedded in our bodies and increase risks?

Latinos Beyond Reel: Challenging a Media Stereotype

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

11:15am–1:00pm | L238 South

Patricia Torres, LRC/Library Supervisor

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Wednesday, November 8, 2017

11:45am–1:15pm | L238 South

Gregorio Pantoja, Instructor

Latinos are the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. population, and among the most diverse -- accounting for one-sixth of all Americans and tracing their origins to more than 20 countries. They are also a rising force in American politics. Yet across the American media landscape, from the broadcast airwaves to cable television and Hollywood film, the reality and richness of the Latino experience are virtually nowhere to be found.

In *Latinos Beyond Reel*, filmmakers Miguel Picker and Chyng Sun examine how US news and entertainment media portray -- and do not portray -- Latinos. Drawing on the insights of Latino scholars, journalists, community leaders, actors, directors, and producers, they uncover a pattern of gross misrepresentation and gross under-representation -- a world in which Latinos tend to appear, if at all, as gangsters and Mexican bandits, harlots and prostitutes, drug dealers and welfare-leeching illegals.

The film challenges viewers to think critically about the wide-ranging effects of these media stereotypes, and to envision alternative representations and models of production more capable of capturing the humanity and diversity of real Latinos. Features commentary from Charles Berg, Otto Santa Ana, Angharad Valdivia, Federico Subervi, Mari Castaneda, Chon Noriega, Isabel Molina, Alex Nogales, Juan Gonzalez, Moctesuma Esparza, Josefina Lopez, Alex Rivera, Luis Ramos, Lisa Vidal, and others.

Racial Battle Fatigue

Thursday, September 28, 2017

11:30am–1:30pm | L246

Cynthia McGregor, Professor

Your students, faculty and staff members of color are counting on you to provide them with the support they need to avoid experiencing Racial Battle Fatigue. For many people of color, persistent and degrading racial microaggressions have taken a physical, psychological and emotional toll. Manifesting as fatigue, generalized anxiety, stress and a myriad of other ills, Racial Battle Fatigue is a very real problem for not only students at predominately white institutions, but for faculty and staff of color, as well.

Join us on July 26, 2017 with experts Dr. Kathy Obear and Dr. Tanya Williams and in just 90 minutes, you'll learn how to help shift the culture on your campus so you can better support racially marginalized groups and challenge racism on your campus.

Black Minds Matter

Monday, October 23, 2017

4:30pm–6:30pm | L246

J. Luke Wood, Professor from SDSU

This fall, Professor J. Luke Wood from San Diego State University (SDSU) will be teaching a free online "public course" titled BLACK MINDS MATTER: A Focus on Black Boys and Men in Education. Black Minds Matter addresses the experiences and realities of Black males in education, drawing parallels between the Black Lives Matter movement and the ways that Black minds are engaged in the classroom. The course will balance a discussion of issues facing Black male students as well as offer research-based strategies for improving their success.