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# ETHNIC STUDIES COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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#### WELCOME



The Cal Poly Humboldt Ethnic Studies Council implements AB1460 (The CSU Ethnic Studies Requirement) through collaboration with committees across campus, the CSU Ethnic Studies Council, and the NAS and CRGS Department Chairs. This newsletter will highlight event programming, campus space development and renovation, community partnerships, and student-led projects and opportunities made possible by AB 1460's annual budget. We hope that by sharing the work that we do, we can help document the impact that AB 1460 will continue to have in growing and strengthening our two ethnic studies departments on campus.

#### **Ethnic Studies Council Members:**

Dr. Aaron Gregory (Co-chair)

Dr. Nancy Pérez (Co-Chair)

Dr. Ramona Bell

Dr. Kayla Begay

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Dr. Cinthya Ammerman

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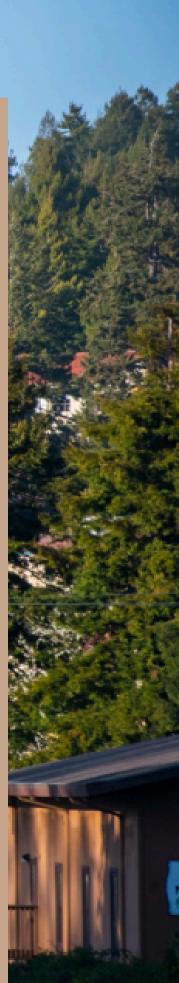
#### Impact Snapshot

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Ethnic Studies Events Students taking Ethnic Studies courses this year Ethnic Studies courses offered



# Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department

#### **Faculty & Staff**

Dr. Ramona Bell, Department Chair

Dr. Paul Michael (Mike) Atienza

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**Arianna Bucio (Student Assistant)** 

**Gregorio Muniz (Student Assistant)** 



#### **Current Area F Courses:**

ES 105: Introduction to U.S. Ethnic Studies (3 units)

ES 106: Introduction to Black Studies (3 units)

ES 107: Chican@/Latinx Lives (3 units)

ES 202: Hip Hop and the Black Experience (3 units)

ES 301: Media and the Politics of Representation (4 units)

ES 302: Asian American Studies (3 units)

ES 303: From Civil Rights, Black Power to Black Lives Matter (3 units)

ES 305: African American Cultural History (3 units)

ES 308: Multi-Ethnic Resistance in the U.S. (3 units)

#### A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Critical Race, Gender & Sexuality Studies Department was able to grow the department in the areas of course development, professional development, renovation of spaces, and expand event programming and ethnic studies speaker series.





- Welcome Week with Creando Raíces Place-Based Learning Community First-Year Students.
   August 14-18, 2023.
- 13th Annual CA-NAME Conference- "Resurgency & Indigeneity through Ethnic Studies" Organized by Dr. Marisol Ruiz and featuring keynotes by Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy and Dr. Sara Merrick. September 23, 2023.
- Campus Dialogue on Race- October 23-27, 2024.
  - CRGS-Affiliated Presentations at CDOR:
    - "Restoring and Reclaiming: The Journey of Our Lost Voices in K-12 Institutions."
       Presenters: Jessica Aguirre, Athens Marrón, Gregorio Muñiz, Maria Citlalli
       Rodriguez, Critical Race, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Student Club
    - "Walk for Social Justice (A Cal Poly Humboldt Mural Walk)." Presenters: Nancy Perez (CRGS) and Corrina Wells (DHSI Grant)
    - "Resisting Incarceration." Presenters: Tony Wallin-Sato (CRGS/Project Rebound), Mark Taylor (Project Rebound), Steve Ladwig (Project Rebound), Tory Eagles (College of the Redwoods/Pelican Bay Scholars), Maxwell Schnurer (SAPC/Comm)
    - "Hope within Violence Prevention." Presenters: Ana Bernal (CRGS/SAPC), Henry Solares (RAMP), Kora Shoemaker (CAT), Maxwell Shnurer (SAPC/Comm)

- "Titixe" -- Film Screening & CRGS 331: Radical Futures Student-Led Discussion. November 2, 2023.
- "Dr. Tony Platt: The Scandal of Cal: Land Grabs, White Supremacy, and Miseducation at UC Berkeley" with Panelists Dr. Roberto Monico, Tony Wallin-Sato, and Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy – Nov 8, 2023.
- 2024 Fred Korematsu Day of Civil Liberties & the Constitution – January 31, 2024





- Social Justice Summit, "International Solidarity with the Palestinian Struggle: Workshop with Dr. Roberto Monico" - March 6, 2024.
- 11th Annual Hip Hop Conference -- April 23-25, 2024 (Planned). Organized by Dr. Ramona Bell and students in ES 280: Hip Hop Conference course
- CouRaGeouS Cuentos Volume 7 Release Celebration - April 29, 2024 (Planned).
   Organized by Dr. Nancy Perez and students in ES 210: CouRaGeouS Cuentos Journal Production course
- "Koumba Festival: Hip Hop & More" -- June 1,
   2024 at the D Street Community Center



### **Guest Speakers**

- Tracy Kato-Kiriyama—February 22, 2024.
- Chisato Hughes, Many Moons Film Screening March 5, 2024
- Dr. Jake Newsome, "Enemies of the Sate: The Nazi Persecution of LGBTQ+ Communities
   During the Holocaust" March 6, 2024
- Dr. Apryl Williams, "Not My Type: Automating Sexual Racism in Online Dating" March 19, 2024
- Jean Pfaelzer, "California: A Slave State" March 21, 2024
- Dr. Jack Caraves, "Trans Latinx Lives in SoCal" April 2, 2024
- Stacy Lloyd, "Freaknik: The Wildest Party Never Told" Screening April 22, 2024
- Raechel Ibarra, "Breaking the Pipelines: Building Pathways for Native Foster Youth" –
   April 26, 2024 (Postponed for Fall 2024)



"Home on the Horizon: Towards TRANS-disciplinarity in Queer and Trans Filipinx Studies." Association for Asian American Studies Conference, April 26, 2024.

Presenter: Dr. Paul Michael Atienza

"Ethnic Studies as Liberatory Joy in Rural California: A Roundtable Discussion with Students from Cal Poly Humboldt." Latina/o Studies Association (LSA) Annual Conference. Theme: Placing Justice and Joy in Latinx Studies. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. April 17-20, 2024.

 Presenters: Dr. Nancy Perez, Dr. Marisol Ruiz, Audriana Peñáloza, Georgina Cerda, Athens Marron, Noemi Maldonado

"US-México Transnational Communities: Un Puente Que Sostiene la Vida (A Bridge that Sustains Life)." Latinx Social Work Symposium. Oaxaca City, Oaxaca, México. February 22-24, 2024.

• Presenters: Dr. Nancy Perez, Dr. Marisol Ruiz, Dr. Roberto Monico

Cal Poly Humboldt Delegate, Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education Conference, April 4-5, 2024.

• Participant: Dr. Paul Michael Atienza

Drag Storytelling. Philippine Culture Night (PCN) Workshop, Pilipino Cultural Exchange and the Department of Ethnic Studies, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, April 5, 2024.

Presenter: Dr. Paul Michael Atienza

"Ethnic Studies Pedagogies in These Times: Let's Talk Strategies, Challenges, Possibilities." International Conference on Arts & Humanities. January 3-7, 2024. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Presenters: Dr. Ramona Bell, Dr. Roberto Monico, Dr. Nancy Perez, Dr. Marisol Ruiz

"Ethnic Studies as Liberatory Literacy Practices." 32nd Annual NAME Conference. Montgomery, Alabama. November 15-19, 2023.

 Presenters: Dr. Marisol Ruiz, Dr. Nancy Perez, Arianna Bucio, Athens Marron, Audriana Peñaloza, Brianna Juarez, Georgina Cerda Salvarrey, Joahnna Tool, Maria Rodriguez, Priscilla Cuellar, and Yaire Barboza.

"Postcolonial Configurations, Crip Colony, and Beauty Regimes: New Pathbreaking Books in Transpacific Filipinx Studies" American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Nov 3, 2023.

• Presenter: Dr. Paul Michael Atienza





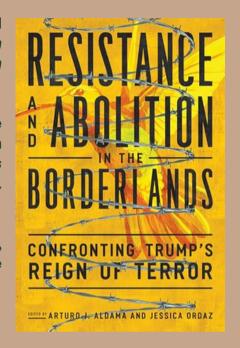
Ethnic Studies students presenting in Montgomery, Alabama on November 17, 2023.



Atienza, Paul Michael. "Stop Those Hail Marys for a Second and Listen"; "Wag Ka Nang Malungkot"; & "So Many Families" in With Love: What We Wish We Knew About Being Queer and Filipino in America. Dustin E. Domingo, ed. Houston: Kuwento Co., 2024.

Mónico, Roberto A. "Reflections on Right-Wing Leadership in the United States: From LAPD Chief William Parker to Donald Trump" in Resistance and Abolition in the Borderlands: Confronting Trump's Reign of Terror, Co-edited by Arturo J. Aldama and Jessica Ordaz. Arizona Press, 2024.

Professor Tony Wallin-Sato published his first collection of poems, Bamboo on the Tracks: Sakura Snow and Colt Peacemaker to be released on June 28, 2024! To pre-order, visit the following link: https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/bamboo-on-the-tracks-sakura-snow-and-colt-peacemaker-by-tony-wallin-sato/



Dr. Marisol Ruiz and Dr. Nancy Perez are co-editing the next issue of the academic journal, *Ethnic Studies Pedagogies*. The issue's theme is "Collective Struggle Builds on Struggle: Resistance and Organizing Through Ethnic Studies" and is expected to be published in December 2024.

Bell, R., Pérez, N., and Ruiz, M. "Ethnic Studies Today: Battles and Possibilities." Humboldt Journal of Social Relations, 2022.



ES 309: Health Issues in African American Communities

ES 200: Comparative Histories of African Americans and Latinx Americans in the United States

ES 108: Asian American Lives (Area D, F, and DCG Domestic)

ES 203: Asian American Images and Pop Cultures (Area C2, F, and DCG Domestic)

**CRGS 101: Peace and Justice Studies** 

**CRGS 104: Storytelling and Public Speaking** (Oral Communication)

#### Pathways & Collaborations:

- Created a pathway between CRGS majors and the Environment & Community Master's Program
- ES 308: Multi-Ethnic Resistance will be taught by Dr. Roberto Mónico in Pelican Bay State Prison in Fall 2024.



"Listening to the Rain: A Retrospective of Courageous Cuentos at Cal Poly Humboldt." Cal Poly Humboldt Research and Creative Projects for Equity and Justice (RCPEJ). 2024-25 AY. Awarded Budget: \$21,648.00.

• Awarded to Dr. Nancy Pérez (Principal Investigator)

Career Enhancement Fellowship (6-month) DECLINED, Institute for Citizens and Scholars. Awarded to outstanding junior faculty committed to campus diversity and innovative research in the humanities and humanistic social sciences. Includes a stipend of \$17,500, funding for travel and research, and attend a retreat to connect with other scholars and mentors. Spring 2024.

Awarded to Dr. Paul Michael Atienza

Teaching Fellowship, Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium. Aimed to support the development of new courses at the intersections of ethnic studies fields and digital humanities. Includes \$2,500 to support course development, Spring 2024.

Awarded to Dr. Paul Michael Atienza

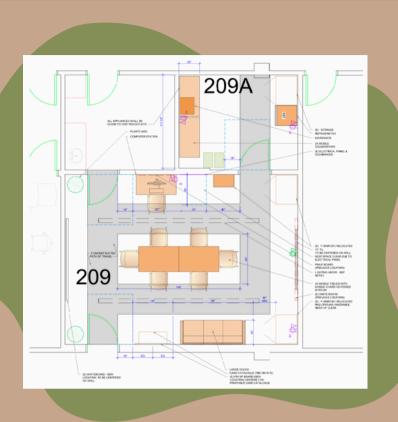


CouRaGeouS Cuentos 2024
Community Award

Brenda Pérez, Executive Director of Centro del Pueblo Indigenous Migrant Movement, was awarded the CouRaGeouS Cuentos 2024 Community Award by students in the CouRaGeouS **Cuentos Journal Production Team.** Students wanted to honor her because she has created spaces in the community where they feel welcomed, a space that feels like home in rural **Humboldt County. Many Cal Poly** Humboldt students, faculty, staff, and local community members have volunteered at the Sanctuary Garden (Jardín Santuario), and have learned from each other and the community leaders sharing their knowledge of plants.



Students in CRGS 480, a Special Topics course titled Intersectionality and STEM (Fall 2023) completing a writing reflection after a guided tour of Jardin Santuario in Arcata, CA.



#### BSS 209: Ethnic Studies Resource Lab

We envision this space as an Ethnic Studies Lab that will function as a bridge between our ES faculty, students, staff, and the local community; a workspace where we can hold workshops, student advising, facilitate interdisciplinary projects, support K-12 teacher training, work on grants, and develop community based-projects. This space will also function as a conference space for faculty meetings and a gathering space for students.

#### 2 BSS 206: CRGS & NAS Main Office Improvements

BSS 206 will be receiving a refresh with new flooring and a more welcoming lobby and sitting area with new couches and interactive TV screen showcasing our departmental courses and events.



## **CRGS Students**





#### **Student Engagement**

Collaboration

**Community & Social Justice** 

- CRGS Club x CHECK IT Collaboration. Apr.18, 2024.
- CRGS Club x CCAT: Earth Week Collaboration. April 16, 2024.
- Film Screening: "Constructing the Terrorist Threat: Islamophobia, The Media & The War on Terror." April 9, 2024.
- Film Screening: "Disclosure." April 2, 2024.
- "CRGS Mixer & Group Advising." Nov. 9, 2023.
- Film Screening: "Every Body." October 27, 2023.
- "Restoring & Reclaiming: The Journey of our Lost Voices." 25th Annual Campus Dialogue on Race. October 24, 2023.



CRGS Spring 2024 Graduation Celebration at the Harambee Center, May 11, 2024.





#### CouRaGeouS Cuentos Volume 7, Spring 2024

This year's volume was released in April 2024! You can get a free copy at any upcoming CRGS event, or you can read it at our library's Digital Commons website:
hum.link/crgscuentos

#### **Inside The Issue**

- The works published in this journal are by students who took the course Ethnic Studies 107: Chican@/Latinx Lives; CRGS 331: Radical Futures: Race, Environment, and Social Justice; and students in the Promotorx Transformative Educators Program which include submissions from students in Eureka High School, Fortuna High School, and Arcata High School. This year, we are also featuring works by students taking ART 326- Painting II taught by Professor Eliseo Casiano in the Art + Film Department.
- Many thanks to the students in the CouRaGeouS
   Cuentos Production class of 2024 for continuing
   the vision of the journal of publishing students'
   art and counternarratives. We appreciate your
   hard work and dedication in editing the
   submissions, designing the journal, and
   organizing our annual CouRaGeouS Cuentos
   Celebration Event.



This year's annual feature poster for CouRaGeouS Cuentos was created by Yaire Barboza, in collaboration with Peyton Leone and Marisa Morales.

# Native American Studies Department (NAS)

#### **Faculty & Staff**

Professor Kayla Begay, Dept. Chair

**Professor Cutcha Risling-Baldy** 

**Professor Rain Marshall** 

Dr. Kaitlin Reed

Dr. Daniel Lipe

Dr. Cinthya Ammerman

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Dawn Blake, Instructor

**Jasmin Torres (ASC)** 

Jeremy Nichols (ASA)

Olivia Wyatt, Student Office Assistant



#### **Current Area F Courses:**

NAS 104: Introduction to Native American Studies

NAS 107: Introduction to California Indian Peoples and Places

NAS 303: Native American Psychology

NAS 304: Native Tribes of California

Photo: Tori McConnell (Miss Indian World; Humboldt graduate student) with Dr. Aaron Gregory (NAS/E&C)

#### Grand Opening: Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab and Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute



In 2019, Cal Poly Humboldt students had a vision for a project that would re-Indigenize the campus while bringing lasting benefits to the community, building partnerships across campus, and reconnecting students with place. The project envisioned was the Cal Poly Humboldt Native American Studies (NAS) Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab and Traditional Ecological Knowledges Institute (FSL). Alongside funding and support from the Ethnic Studies Council for materials, IT equipment; and supplies, construction broke ground on October 8th 2021 following a student-led effort which raised over \$250,000. The FSL opened in Spring of 2024, and is dedicated to the learning, research, hands-on practice and preservation of food sovereignty and Traditional Ecological Knowledges (TEK).

The Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab is a space designed to facilitate research, foregrounding Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination over how their knowledges are approached, researched, engaged with, represented, and managed. It benefits from guidance provided by a Steering Committee including faculty and staff from Cal Poly Humboldt, representatives appointed by each of the tribal nations in Humboldt/Del Norte Counties, and student representatives from Food Sovereignty focused tribal organizations. This Steering Committee reviews lab policies and procedures and provides feedback on projects and programs, and continually works to provide insight and partnership building with other organizations, institutes, institutions and businesses interested in engaging with Food Sovereignty and TEK.

Following the grand opening in Spring 2024, the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab now provides an opportunity to work directly with students, surrounding communities, tribal nations, national and international scholars and community leaders to center, learn, and engage with Indigenous science, environmental management, and preservation practices.

#### **Decolonizing Sustainability Speaker Series**

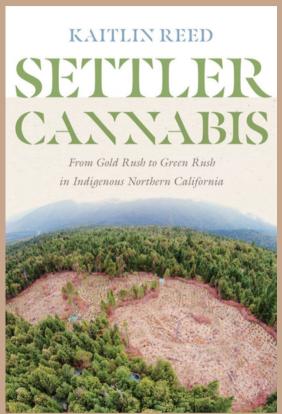


Ethnic Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt is proud to support the latest *Decolonizing Sustainability Speaker Series*, featuring scholars from across Turtle Island gathered to share their scholarship and contributions with Cal Poly Humboldt and the surrounding community.

The Decolonizing Sustainability Speaker Series critically engages with a range of topics including settler colonialism. white supremacy, patriarchy, and other systems of power, privilege oppression that unsettle 'sustainability' politics, discourse and governance relevant to climate change and environmental movements.

The 2023-4 Decolonizing Sustainability Speaker Series featured several esteemed scholars. Dr. Andrew Curley (Diné; University of Arizona) presented on the energy transition in Native North America, drawing upon his recently published book *Carbon Sovereignty: Coal, Development, and Energy Transition in the Navajo Nation* (University of Arizona Press, 2023). Dr. Wendy Makoons Geniusz (Cree/Métis; York University) gave a talk comparing the ways in which Anishinaabe botanical knowledge is presented in the academic record, with how it is preserved in Anishinaabe culture, drawing upon their recently published book *Our Knowledge Is Not Primitive: Decolonizing Botanical Anishinaabe Teachings* (Syracuse University Press, 2023). Dr. Aaron Gregory's talk exploring the future-primitive chronopolitics of lithium extraction and the renewable energy revolution was rescheduled for Fall Semester 2024, and will present findings from ongoing research situated at the nexus of Science & Technology Studies (STS) and Critical Indigenous Studies.

#### Featured Publication (NAS)



Ethnic Studies is excited to feature Dr. Kaitlin Reed recently published text, Settler Cannabis: From Gold Rush to Green Rush in Indigenous Northern California (University of Washington Press, 2023). Dr. Reed is an Associate Professor with the Native American Studies (NAS) Department and TEK Faculty Fellow at Cal Poly Humboldt. Dr. Reed's celebrated book traces patterns of dispossession and resource rushing-gold, timber, fish, and now cannabis-to reveal their impacts on Indigenous cultures, lands, waters, and bodies in Northern California. Situating the cannabis industry within this broader legacy, Dr. Reed anticipates an alternative future that begins with the return of land to Indigenous stewardship, rejecting the commodification and control of nature for profit. Combining archival research with interviews and testimonies from tribal members and state employees, Settler Cannabis offers a groundbreaking analysis of the environmental consequences of cannabis cultivation by foregrounding Indigenous voices, experiences, and histories.

#### **Additional Publications:**

Gregory, A. (2023). "Kalu'wetolilh: Assembling Infrastructures of Indigenous Energy Sovereignty in the Mad River Valley." *MIT Projections 17*(1). pp. 73-96.

Gregory, A. (2024). "Of Monsters & Machines: Lithium & the Power of Kinfrastructure." In Abysmal Infrastructures Edited by Gloria Baigorrotegui. Colección Ideas. Santiago.



Projections • 17. Planning Just Indigenous Futures

# Kalu'wetolilh: Assembling Infrastructures of Indigenous Energy Sovereignty in the Mad River Valley

Aaron Gregory<sup>1</sup>

MIT Press

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#### **NAS Conferences**

#### Conferences for the Academic Year 2023-4

"Lithium Kinship." Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) Annual Conference. Theme: Sea, Sky and Land: Engaging in Solidarity in Endangered Ecologies. University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI. November 8-11, 2023.

• Paper & Presentation: Dr. Aaron Gregory

"Supreme Court Update: Major Trends in Indian Law"; "Treaty Rights and the Trust Responsibility"; "After Brackeen: The Future of ICWA Practice"; "What's the Matter with Oklahoma? Following the Supreme Court's decisions in McGirt v. Oklahoma and Oklahoma v. Castro-Huerta, Oklahoma"; "Case Law Developments in Tribal Nations' Ability to Protect Their Interests Through Sovereign Immunity"; "Trends in Indian Law Litigation: Coordinated Briefing and Representation"; "A Year After Dobbs: Women's Health in Indian Country; Implementation of Trust Obligations through Federal Funding"; and "Representation Matters: Ethical Considerations in Representing Your Tribe". Federal Bar Association, Indian Law Conference in Albuquerque, NM April 4-6, 2024.

• Attendee: Professor Rain Marshall

"Settler Cannabis: From Gold Rush to Green Rush in Indigenous Northern California." Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Annual Conference. Bådåddo/Buvvda/Bodø, Norway. June 6-8, 2024.

Author-Meets-Critic' Roundtable Discussants: Dr. Kaitlin Reed (Humboldt),
 Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy (Humboldt), Dr. Brittani Orona (UC Santa Cruz), Dr.
 Stephanie Lumsden, Nicholas Reo (Simon Fraser).

"Darkness as Pedagogy." Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Annual Conference. Bådåddo/Buvvda/Bodø, Norway. June 6-8, 2024.

• Paper & Presentation: Dr. Aaron Gregory

"Future-Primitive: The High Stakes of Lithium Power." Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S) EASST Annual Conference. Theme: Making & Doing Transformations. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands. July 16-19, 2024.

• Paper & Presentation: Dr. Aaron Gregory

#### **Upcoming Ethnic Studies Events**



#### ETHER STUDIES MIXETAPE SINE A LINE WINSIC SINE & PANEL DISCUSSIONS A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC & POLITICS HOSTED BY ETHNIC STUDIES

Ethnic Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt is excited to announce the 'Ethnic Studies Mixtape' event scheduled for Fall Semester 2024.

This event will gather a vibrant range of musical acts to join faculty and students for performances and panel discussions that will explore the connections between music, art, race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, and politics.

Stay tuned for more information about this exciting event, brought to you by Ethnic Studies at Cal Poly Humboldt!

# Stay Connected!

Visit our website, or follow us on our social media accounts to receive updates on upcoming ethnic studies events, programming, and developments!





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