



SOCIAL JUSTICE
CONFERENCE

**IMAGINING CHANGE/
SHAPING THE FUTURE III**

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009 ♦ APTOS CAMPUS
OPENING RECEPTION FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009 ♦ WATSONVILLE CENTER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the conference schedule?

Opening Reception: Watsonville Center Friday, May 1 st 6:00pm to 9:00pm	Whole-day Aptos Conference Schedule Saturday May 2 nd 8:30am to 3:30pm
<p>6:00-7:00: <i>Viernes Cultural March</i> (Meet in the Multipurpose room)</p> <p>7:00-8:00: Reception (Multipurpose room) Presenters: Lupe Ortiz and others</p> <p>8:00-8:30: Performance by Folkloric Dancers</p> <p>8:30-9:00: Social Justice Painting Grand Unveiling Artist: Eliud Luna</p>	<p>8:30-9:00: Registration (Quad in front of theater)</p> <p>9:00-9:30: Opening Ceremony (450) Presenters: Harold Dick Jr., Dr. Renée Kilmer, Dr. Ekua Omosupe, Rebeca Villafaña</p> <p>9:30-11:00: Break Out Sessions 1</p> <p>11:00-12:30: Community Fair/Lunch (Quad in front of the theater)</p> <p>12:30-2:00: Break Out Sessions 2</p> <p>2:00-2:15: Break</p> <p>2:15-3:15 :Keynote Speaker: Brian Copeland (450)</p> <p>3:15-3:30: Closing Ceremony (450)</p>

2. What do you mean by “social justice?”

- a. The planning committee defined social justice as a movement working toward a more just, humane society in which all individuals and groups experience fair treatment and equitable access to the benefits of society.

3. What is the purpose of the conference?

- a. To provide Cabrillos College faculty, staff and students a forum in which to present their work on the themes of social justice.

- b. To connect students and members of the community working on social justice issues.
 - c. To encourage students to explore job and volunteer possibilities in public service and non-profit sectors where they can work toward social justice goals.
 - d. To foster professionalism among students interested in social justice.
 - e. To encourage faculty-student mentoring.
- 4. Who will be in attendance?**
- a. Cabrillo College faculty, staff, students and those interested in social justice issues in Santa Cruz County.
- 5. Do you have wide college and community support?**
- a. We have support from across campus, including the Student Senate, the Cabrillo College Foundation, and numerous departments, including English and Sociology. Each year, Renée Kilmer, Vice President of Instruction, opens the conference for us, while Bring King, President of Cabrillo College, introduces our keynote speaker.
- 6. What is the Community Fair part of the conference all about?**
- a. The community fair aspect of the conference is meant to foster a connection between organizations in Santa Cruz County that address social justice issues with the larger Cabrillo College community, which includes students, faculty, and staff and others interested in social justice themes.
 - b. We hope the Community Fair will carry the dialog of social justice into action by fostering participation and volunteerism.
 - c. We also desire to give “voice” to the many organizations in Santa Cruz County that are working toward social justice in various ways.
- 7. What type of panel presentations will be held?**
- a. We imagine papers, presentations, discussions, performances, and workshops on topics such as globalization, political action, criminal justice, anti-racism, identity, sexualities, education, war & peace, poverty, feminisms, discrimination, gangs, health, the environment, activism, etc.
 - b. For our previous conferences, we have had approximately 30 panels, papers, and creative works presented in our break-out sessions. The presentation topics have included: “The Environment and Social Justice,” “Let Freedom Ring: Continuing the Legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” “Information Access is a Social Justice Issue,” “The Criminalization of Homelessness in Santa Cruz,” “Causes of Violence in Our Community,” “Poetry: Gangs, Streets, Being in Jail,” “Young Latinas and Latinos Speaking Out in the United States” and numerous other topics.
- 8. Can I submit a proposal?**
- a. Priority registration begins December 1st, 2008 and continues through February 28, 2009; however applications will be accepted until the conference is full.
 - b. Please apply as early as possible in order to reserve your spot!
- 9. How can I register?**
- a. Please register on-line at <http://cabrillo.edu/~anajarro/socialjustice.html>.
- 10. How much does the conference cost?**
- a. There are no costs or fees to attend or participate in the conference. As a matter of fact, snacks and a light lunch will be available to all throughout the day.

11. If we are part of the Community Fair, when do we set up our tables?

- a. Community Fair participants may set up their tables between 8:30 am and 10:30 am.

12. Do we have to attend the whole day?

- a. We would like people to stay for the entire conference, but we understand if you can only attend for part of the conference.

13. Who do I contact for further information?

- a. For further information contact: Dr. Adela Najarro, English Department and Puente Co-coordinator, adnajarr@cabrillo.edu .