



3<sup>rd</sup> Social Justice Conference 2009  
Invitation & Information Packet

Cabrillo College's third annual academic conference and community fair exploring social justice themes and issues will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2009, with an opening reception at the Watsonville Center on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. The steering committee would like to invite your organization to participate in our "Community Fair." We are hoping that you could set up an information table about your organization and share your work toward social justice with conference attendees while enjoying our complimentary lunch.

The main goal for our conference is to provide a venue where the extended Cabrillo College community may interact and dialogue on social justice issues. The conference will include break-out sessions where students and faculty present their own original research and artistic projects, a community fair where organizations and programs from the greater Santa Cruz County present their service work and on-going projects, a children's faire, and a keynote address.

The "Community Fair" is an integral part of our conference; imagine conference attendees milling around tables staffed by numerous organizations that work toward social justice in the greater Santa Cruz community. Students, administrators, faculty, staff and attendees are chatting at your table, picking up literature, signing up for your email contact list, and perhaps even volunteering their time. We hope that the "Community Fair" presents local organizations an outreach opportunity at our campus.

I have enclosed a copy of this year's conference poster, our plan outline for the conference, and a "FAQ" sheet. At this point in time, our slate is filling up with proposals from Cabrillo students and faculty ranging from the Digital Bridge Academy presentations of original research conducted in the field to a group presenting on environmental issues. The Puente Project will present essays on how the election of Barack Obama has affected their understanding of race in the United States. All of us here at Cabrillo are very excited to hold this conference, and we would be delighted if you could accept our invitation.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions, and I hope to hear from you soon. For more information visit <http://www.cabrillo.edu/~anajarro/socialjustice.html>, and you may also sign up for the conference at this website.

Sincerely,

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## **Plan, Purpose and Overview**

### **Social Justice Conference Cabrillo College**

Proposed by  
Social Justice Conference Steering Committee

#### **Plan:**

We view this conference as fostering student professionalism, academic success and community involvement. Conference attendance is open for all, while presentations are reserved for Cabrillo College students, faculty, staff and invited guests. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  day conference will include a key-note speaker, break-out panels, a children's fair and a community fair where organizations and programs may present their work and on-going projects. The keynote speaker will explore the conference theme, "Imagining Change/Shaping the Future III." Research and creative projects by Cabrillo College students, faculty, and staff will comprise the break-out panels, while various community-based organizations will participate in the fair. This year we will also hold an opening reception on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at the Watsonville Center. The committee has 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.

#### **Purpose:**

1. To create a forum where Cabrillo College students, faculty, staff and the community at large can share research, artistic projects, and programs thematically addressing social justice issues.
2. To create a venue where Cabrillo College students from all departments and majors can formally present their own original research and artistic projects.
3. To create the opportunity for Cabrillo College students to apply and participate in an academic conference.

4. To create the opportunity for organizations and programs with mission statements addressing social justice issues to present their programs to the Cabrillo College community at large.

### **Conference Overview**

1. Conference title: *Cabrillo College 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Social Justice Conference*
2. Conference theme: “Imagining Change/Shaping the Future III”
3. Date & Time:
  - a. Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm: Opening Reception
  - b. Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:30 pm: Break-out Sessions, Children’s Fair, Community Fair and Keynote address
4. Location:
  - a. Opening Reception at the Watsonville Center.
  - b. Break-out Sessions, Children’s Fair, Community Fair and Keynote address at the Aptos Campus.
5. Friday Program Watsonville Center:
  - a. Reception
6. Saturday Program Aptos Campus:
  - a. Opening Session
  - b. Break-Out Sessions
  - c. Community Fair/Complimentary lunch
  - d. Key-Note Speaker address



SOCIAL JUSTICE  
CONFERENCE

**IMAGINING CHANGE/  
SHAPING THE FUTURE III**

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009 ♦ APTOS CAMPUS  
OPENING RECEPTION, FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2008 ♦ WATSONVILLE CENTER

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is the conference schedule?

Opening Reception: Watsonville Center Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> 6:00pm to 9:00pm	Whole-day Aptos Conference Schedule Saturday May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 8:30am to 3:30pm
<p><b>6:00-7:00: <i>Viernes Cultural</i> March</b> (Meet in the Multipurpose room)</p> <p><b>7:00-8:00: Reception</b> (Multipurpose room) Presenters: Lupe Ortiz and others</p> <p><b>8:00-8:30: Performance by Folkloric Dancers</b></p> <p><b>8:30-9:00: Social Justice Painting Grand</b> Unveiling Artist: Eliud Luna</p>	<p><b>8:30-9:00: Registration</b> (Quad in front of theater)</p> <p><b>9:00-9:30: Opening Ceremony (450)</b> Presenters: Harold Dick Jr., Dr. Renée Kilmer, Dr. Ekua Omosupe, Rebeca Villafañá</p> <p><b>9:30-11:00: Break Out Sessions 1</b></p> <p><b>11:00-12:30: Community Fair/Lunch</b> (Quad in front of the theater)</p> <p><b>12:30-2:00: Break Out Sessions 2</b></p> <p><b>2:00-2:15: Break</b></p> <p><b>2:15-3:15 :Keynote Speaker:</b> Brian Copeland (450)</p> <p><b>3:15-3:30: Closing Ceremony (450)</b></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 Cabrillo 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. Registration begins December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 and continues through March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009; 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 8:00 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](mailto:adnajarr@cabrillo.edu) .