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Cesar Chavez: Immigration and A Culture of Peace

A Dialogue with

Joseph Orosco

July 31 (Sunday), 2011; 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Cal Poly Pomona Campus, Bronco Student Center, Centaurus

Many politicians and pundits today claim that Latino/a immigration to the United States poses a threat to the well-being of the nation. In this talk, Professor Orosco argues that Cesar Chavez (1927-1993), a pioneer-leader of farm workers movement and civil rights activist, came to a different understanding of the impact of immigration on our public life. Chavez maintained that the presence of Mexican immigrants in the United States was not a threat to American democracy, but rather, a resource. For Chavez, a growing Latino/a community was an opportunity to reexamine the public values of American society dedicated mostly, in his view, to military and corporate dominance. Chavez worked to develop a broad based social movement grounded in Mexican folk culture and history to initiate this reexamination and help the nation further in its journey toward a culture of peace..

Talk will be followed by dialogue over Pizza and Salad (7:00-8:00 p.m.)



Joseph Orosco is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Director of Peace Studies Program at Oregon State University in Corvallis. He is the author of *Cesar Chavez: The Commonsense of Nonviolence*. His course offerings include political philosophy with an emphasis on democratic theory and Latin American thought, the history of Chicano/a Civil Rights Movement, and a seminar on the philosophical foundations for conflict resolution, social justice, and peace.

Event is free. Space limited. Registration required.

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