



Cultural Diversity Office

September 2009

Edition 2

Important Dates

September is
Native American Month

September 7th:
Labor Day
(No classes)

September 11th:
Patriot Day

**September 15th to
October 15th**
Hispanic Heritage Month

September 20th
Eid al Fitr
Celebration in Recognition
of the End of Ramadan
(Time & Location TBA)

September 22nd
First Day of Autumn

Every Wednesday:
Shine on Worship Service
at the Campus Religious Center
8:30pm

Holidays

September 16th
Mexico's Independence Day

September 18th
Rosh Hashana
Begins at Sundown
(Jewish New Year)

September 27th
Yom Kipper
(Day of Atonement -
Jewish New Year)

September 28th
Chinese Mid-Autumn
Festival
(Moon Festival)

Hispanic Heritage Month

In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim a week in September as National Hispanic Heritage Week. The observance was expanded in 1988 to a month long celebration (Sept. 15-Oct. 15). During this month, America celebrates the culture and traditions of U.S. residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America and the Caribbean. Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua.

In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September



16 and Chile on September 18. The term Hispanic, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, refers to Spanish-speaking people in the United States of any race. On the 2000 Census form, people of Spanish/Hispanic/Latino origin could identify themselves as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or "other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino." More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or Latino on the 2000 Census.

Cultural Diversity Events

September 11th:

Lunch and Learn: 12-1pm
Lower CC Ballroom

September 15nd:

Speaker: Elena Grothe
7:00 in SC 216

September 17th:

Opening Ceremonies for
Hispanic Heritage Month
7:00-8:00 **Joe Hernandez**
UL CC Ballroom

September 23rd:

Film Documentary: 12-1:30pm
Brown is the New Green: George
Lopez & The American Dream
LL CC Ballroom

September 30th:

Film Documentary: 12-1:30pm
LL CC Ballroom - Film TBD

Get the Facts!

45.5 million: Hispanic population in 2008.

At home Spanish speakers: **34** million

1.1 million: Latino veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces

Hispanic citizens that voted in 2004: **7.6** million

11% of all college students are Hispanic

Of U.S. businesses, **1.6** million are Hispanic-owned.

According to U.S. Census Bureau

Joe Hernandez-Kolski

A two-time HBO Def Poet, Joe Hernández is an actor/writer committed to creating work that challenges the audience while making them laugh. He currently lives in Los Angeles. Born and raised in the city of Chicago, Joe began acting professionally as a child.



Joe was cast in the summer film Hancock, starring Will Smith, and recently shot a scene with Robert Downey Jr. and Jamie Foxx in the soloist. His two-person show, "So Fresh and So Clean," with beatboxer/comedian Joshua Silverstein has been receiving rave reviews since its debut and will be presented at the Comedy Central Stage in September of 2009. Joe has also performed all around the U.S. in hip-hop theater and opened for John Mellencamp in Chicago. He performed on season four and six of HBO's Russell Simmons Presents Def Poetry. Currently, Hernandez is on tour performing "Refried Latino Pride," a blend of comedy, social commentary and person stories which attracts fans from all different backgrounds.

To see performances, read his poetry, or learn more about him check out his website: www.pochojoe.com