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CSUN Alumna Dr. Gina Garcia to Present “Transforming Hispanic Serving Institutions” and Pathways to Positive Change

Northridge- The University Student Union (USU), the Office of Student Success and the Chief Diversity Office in collaboration with NASPA Region VI Latinx/a/o Knowledge Community, invites all CSUN students, faculty and staff to a dynamic virtual lecture, Q&A, and workshop with Dr. Gina Garcia speaking on Transforming Hispanic Serving Institutions. A CSUN alumna and leading scholar on Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), Dr. Garcia is now an associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh. On Wednesday, March 10 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 4 p.m., her presentation will explore pathways to positive change by discussing the importance of using critical theory, decolonial theory and anti-racist practices as a framework for serving Latinx students.

“The USU is very excited to co-host this exciting program for our students,” said Freddie Sánchez, USU Associate Director, Programs & Inclusion. “It’s a great opportunity to open up the conversation to discuss the progress in educational success for our Latinx/a/o community and how to achieve it.”

The USU, Office of Student Success and the Chief Diversity Office welcomes everyone at CSUN to attend the lecture from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. as Dr. Garcia navigates us through Decolonizing the HSI framework and focuses on social and historical factors that impede the

educational success of Latinx/a/os. In addition, she will deepen the conversation by including nine organizational elements encouraging participants to think about how to transform HSIs using her framework and the goal of equity and justice as outcomes. A 30-minute Q&A will follow her presentation. Register now for the lecture through the RSVP link: https://csun.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_8BtCLOVST4eebAGiRIIvAg

Then, starting at 2:30 p.m., attendees will interact with Dr. Garcia as she leads a virtual workshop exploring ways the CSUN campus can create concrete lasting changes for our Latinx/a/o community beginning with our curriculum, programs and services. This hands-on activity will help participants develop ideas on what transformation looks like on our campus while considering the framework discussed during the lecture. Topics including an organizational theory that can guide transformation from diversity and inclusion to equity and justice will be discussed. Come enjoy this experience of building ideas and creating change for the Latinx/a/o community by registering at: <https://csun.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdeGprjIsGdIsXVZGfeOl-VaJoYyqFovS>

Join us for Transforming Hispanic Serving Institutions and take this opportunity to educate yourself by participating in an important conversation about the progression to improve Latinx/a/o educational success. For additional information, please visit www.csun.edu/usu.

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