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BOOK OF THE YEAR

SONIA NAZARIO FEATURED AUTHOR

Join Sonia Nazario on April 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Cultural and Performing Arts Center as the keynote speaker of Cuesta’s Book of the Year: Nazario has spent 20 years reporting and writing about social issues, most recently as a projects reporter for the Los Angeles Times. Her stories have tackled some of the nation’s most-intractable problems: hunger, drug addiction and immigration. In 2003, her story of a Honduran boy’s struggle to find his mother in the U.S., Enrique’s Journey, won more than a dozen awards, among them the Pulitzer Prize for feature writing, the George Polk Award for International Reporting and the Grand Prize of the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award.

ENRIQUE’S JOURNEY

Cuesta College is proud to present Pulitzer Prize-winning writer Sonia Nazario on April 15 and her best-selling account of the unforgettable odyssey of a Honduran boy who braves unimaginable hardship and peril to reach his mother in the United States. Enrique’s Journey introduces themes of immigration and life-altering journeys that run throughout Cuesta’s annual Book of the Year event – a series of lectures, discussions, dances and films focusing on the immigrant experience beginning in March and extending through May.

MARCH / MAY

April 15: 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM  Sonia Nazario, lecture and Q&A  The author of Enrique’s Journey will lecture about California and San Luis Obispo immigrant experience as well as read from and show the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographs from her book. Followed by Q&A, reception and book signing. To learn more visit: www.enriquesjourney.com  Cuesta’s CPAC main stage, SLO campus

April 16: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  Film and Discussion: Wetrain: The Undocumented Documentary  (97 minutes, 2004). This intriguing work by director Arturo Perez Torres follows a group of immigrants from Nicaragua to the U.S. as they navigate real-life nightmares with calm, grace and humor.  Cuesta College SLO campus, Room 7120

April 20: Noon - 1:15 PM  Film and Discussion: Morning Light: Through The Night  (73 minutes) at 7 p.m.  Setting: Backpacker and his young daughter, supported by her mother, drift along the U.S.-Mexican border.  Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219

April 21: Noon - 1:30 PM  Lecture: Enrique Alférez, Cuesta emeritus instructor and author of The White Tortilla, Reflections of a Second-Generation Mexican American, will discuss his immigrant experience.  Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219

April 22: 7:00 PM - 1:00 PM  Lecture: Sonia Nazario, cuesta emeritus instructor and author of The White Tortilla, Reflections of a Second-Generation Mexican American, will discuss his immigrant experience.  Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219

April 23: Noon - 1:30 PM  Panel Discussion  A diverse group of community members discuss their immigrant journeys.  Cuesta’s Experimental Theater, CPAC, SLO Campus

April 29: Noon - 1:15 PM  Film and Discussion: Sentenced Home (73 minutes, 2005)  Putting a human face on controversial immigration policy, this documentary follows three young Cambodian Americans through the deportation process.  Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219

April 28: Noon - 1 PM  Lecture: Dave Diaz, Cuesta emeritus instructor and author of The White Tortilla, Reflections of a Second-Generation Mexican American, will discuss his immigrant experience.  Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219

April 27: 7:30 PM - 8:45 PM  Poetry in Translation  Cuesta ESL students read original and translated poems on various themes, including immigration and life journeys.  Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219

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April 28-30: 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM  Film and Discussion: Under the Same Moon (109 minutes, 2007)  The parallel stories of 9-year-old Carlitos (Adrian Alonso) and his mother, Rosario, (Kate del Castillo) who works illegally in the U.S. while her mother cares for Carlitos in Mexico. Unexpected circumstances drive mother and son to attempt to reunite.  Cuesta College SLO campus, Room 7120

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