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Mesa State hosts immigration conference

Grand Junction – Mesa State College will host the 2009 Four Corners Conference: A Multi-disciplinary Approach to Immigration on October 9 and 10.

This multi-disciplinary conference on immigration issues seeks to bridge the gap between academic scholarship and the experience of immigration in the field and is intended to be. Participants include scholars, artists and practitioners in the humanities, social sciences, human services, business and criminal justice. The conference will explore how theory and practice relate to each other in social services, national security, criminal justice, identity, art, literature, language or culture.

On Saturday at 2:00 PM in the new classroom building, 1400 Houston Ave., keynote speaker Professor Carlos Sandoval-Garcia, of the Institute for Social Research/School of Communication Sciences, University of Costa Rica will present. He is the author of numerous books on immigration including *Threatening Others: Nicaraguans and the Formation of National Identities in Costa Rica*. His topic will be “The Right to Have Rights. Imagining Bridges Between Normative Views on Rights and the Criminalization of Migrants.”

Internationally well-know musicians and dancers from Columbia, Argentina, and El Salvador will perform in the MPAC recital hall on Saturday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 pm. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by the Four Corners Immigration Conference and the Spanish Club Pura Vida.

The cost of the conference is \$20 for the general public. Mesa State students and employees may attend at no cost.

For a complete schedule of presentations and locations, go to <http://www.mesastate.edu/spanish/fcc/espanol.html>

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