Program of the 13th Annual Global Women’s Rights Forum

Monday, March 3, 2014

After Tahrir Square: Women, Art & Activism in Egypt
4:45-6:30, Studio Theater, Lone Mountain

A dramatic reading of excerpts from Rivo-loo-shun by Egyptian playwright Zainab Magdy will serve as a catalyst for conversation with artists, scholars, and students about what is happening currently for women in Egypt, with a particular focus on the tools women are using to express themselves politically and culturally.

Women and Human Rights: a Conversation with Nora Cortiñas,
Founding Member/Spokesperson, Asociación Madres De Plaza De Mayo (Linea Fundadora)
7:00-9:00, Handlery Room (LM 100), Lone Mountain
Presented in partnership with the Center for Latino Studies in the Americas (CELASA). A human rights figure of enormous proportions in her native Argentina and internationally, Nora Cortiñas is an indefatigable activist, who works in permanent solidarity with all the major social struggles of our time. Cortiñas will be in conversation with USF students Mary Cruz and Angelica Miramontes.

Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Lesbian Organizing Across Time & Space
6:00-8:00, Maier Room, Fromm Hall

Mariana Perez Ocaña, founding director of LeSVOZ, a Mexico City-based lesbian human rights organization and magazine, and Madeleine Lim, Director of the Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project and annual film festival (QWOCMAP), will share their experiences organizing for lesbian visibility and rights, and as lesbians working for social justice in coalition with other groups, in Mexico, Singapore, and the United States.
Panelists:

**Madeleine Lim**
Madeleine Lim is an award-winning filmmaker with 20 years of experience as a producer, director, cinematographer and editor. Her films couple poignant visuals with contemporary themes: lesbians of color, survivors of domestic violence, and immigrants living in America. Her films have been featured at sold-out theaters at international film festivals around the world, museums, universities and broadcast on PBS. She won the 1997 Award of Excellence from the San Jose Film & Video Commission’s Joey Awards and the 1998 National Educational Media Network Bronze Apple Award. From 2000 to 2003, she was California Arts Council Artist-in-Residence. In 2005, Madeleine received the LGBT Local Hero Award from KQED-TV in recognition of her leadership and her dedicated service to queer women of color. She is the Founder and Executive Director of Queer Women of Color Media Arts Project (QWOCMAP).

**Mariana Perez Ocaña**
Mariana Perez Ocaña is the founding director of LeSVOZ, a Mexico City-based lesbian human rights organization with 20 years of grassroots work in the lesbian feminist community. The organization publishes LeSVOZ magazine and has advocated for policies including same-sex marriage. She is also a founder of the Mexico City Lesbian March, the first to take place in Latin America.

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Thursday, March 6, 2014

**Women in the Fields: Workers and Farmers in the Global Food Supply Chain**
1:00-3:00, McLaren 252

Women make up 40 percent of the farmers and farm workers around the world. They grow, harvest and manage much of the food we eat, from the California strawberry fields to tea plantations in Sri Lanka. This discussion features experts about women working on small farms and on plantations in the U.S and around the world.

This panel discussion will examine the situation of women working within the food supply chain today, their unique needs and issues. Additionally the
question of what can be done to help female farmers and laborers will be 
examined.

**Panelists:**

**Sandy Brown**
Sandy Brown is Assistant Professor and Faculty Director of the Master of Public Affairs Program at USF, affiliated with the Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good. Her academic research focuses on agriculture and food systems governance, including fair trade certification and labeling and farm labor politics in California and Latin America. She has also worked as a legislative advocate, community-labor organizer, and farm labor consultant and continues to be active around issues of agricultural justice and sustainability in California and beyond.

**Rosalinda Guillen**
*Executive Director, Community to Community Development (C2C)*
Rosalinda Guillen was born in Texas and grew up working in the migrant farm labor community in the Pacific Northwest. Guillen's training as a community organizer began when she was recruited by the Rainbow Coalition to mobilize around Jesse Jackson’s 1988 presidential campaign. She then went to work for the United Farm Workers of America, AFL-CIO, serving as an organizer, policy director, and National Vice President. She co-founded Community to Community Development (C2C), "a place-based, grassroots organization committed to creating alliances in order to strengthen local and global movements towards social, economic and environmental justice" in Bellingham, Washington. She currently serves as C2C's Executive Director.

**Irit Tamir**
*Senior Campaigns and Advocacy Adviser, Oxfam International*
Irit Tamir is the Senior Campaigns and Advocacy Adviser for Oxfam America’s Private Sector Department. In her role, she is focused on working with companies to ensure that their business practices result in positive social and environmental impacts for vulnerable communities throughout the world. Most recently, her work has been focused on the food and beverage industry and advocating for better policies and practices.