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## **Award-Winning Author Sandra Cisneros to Speak at UCSB**

Sandra Cisneros, an award-winning novelist, poet, and essayist, will present a Diversity Lecture at UC Santa Barbara on Wednesday, November 17. Her talk, "Writing in the Time of Mexiphobia, or Packing Your Papers: Readings from Unpublished Essays in 'Writing in My Pajamas,'" will begin at 7 p.m. in Campbell Hall. It is free and open to the public.

Among Cisneros's major works are the novels "The House on Mango Street" and "Caramelo"; poetry collections "Loose Woman" and "My Wicked Wicked Ways"; and the short story collection "Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories." "The House on Mango Street," published in 1984, won the Before Columbus Foundation's American Book Award, and is required reading in middle schools, high schools, and universities across the United States.

"Caramelo," published in 2002, was selected as a notable book of the year by several newspapers, including The New York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and the San Francisco Chronicle. "Woman Hollering Creek and Other Stories" was awarded the PEN Center West Award for Best Fiction in 1991, and was selected as a noteworthy book of the year by The New York Times and The American Library Journal.

Books by Cisneros have been translated into 14 languages, including Spanish, Galician, French, German, Dutch, Italian, Norwegian, Japanese, Chinese, Turkish,

Greek, Iranian, Thai, and Serbo-Croatian.

"Sandra Cisneros has become a powerful voice within the American Literary tradition, embodying the diversity within the United States," said Zaveeni Khan-Marcus, director of UCSB's MultiCultural Center. "To have such an amazing writer who represents a minority community present her work at UCSB is an incredible statement. It validates and honors the experience of marginalized communities, while strongly bringing into the consciousness of the American mainstream the realities faced by people of color in the U.S."

The recipient of numerous honors and awards, Cisneros has been recognized with a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, two National Endowment for the Arts Fellowships, the Roberta Holloway Lectureship at UC Berkeley, and the Texas Institute of Letters Dobie-Paisano Fellowship. She is also the recipient of the Texas Medal of the Arts, the Chicano Short Story Award from the University of Arizona, and honorary doctorate degrees from Loyola University in Chicago, and the State University of New York at Purchase. She is currently Writer-in-Residence at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

More information about Cisneros's talk is available at <https://mcc.sa.ucsb.edu/>.

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