

Hispanic Heritage Celebration at UCSF

The Latin American Campus Association is honored to sponsor the 7th Annual Hispanic Heritage celebration on September 17, 2009, noon to 1 p.m., HSW 301, Parnassus.

This year's keynote speakers are Melissa Rose Mitchell, M.D. and Marcus Lorenzo Penn, M. D. The topic is: "An Introduction to the Cuban Health Care System and the Latin American Medical School in Cuba." Drs. Mitchell and Penn will discuss their work with MEDICC – Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba – an organization that seeks to enhance cooperation among U.S., Cuban, and global health communities, with the goal of promoting public health.

Everyone is invited to attend this event, which is co-sponsored by the Office of Student Life. Light refreshments will be provided.



Dr. Mitchell studied at the Latin American School of Medicine in Havana, Cuba, because she was impressed by the success of Cuba's public health system, which manages to provide high quality health care to all Cuban citizens, free of charge. She hopes to use strategies she learned in Cuba to provide quality health care to communities in the U.S. that have been denied it.



Dr. Penn's passion and specialty is in public and community health. Dr. Penn has made two visits to Cuba, where public health and medicine are integrated into one system. His experiences have shown him how community collaboration can be instrumental in the delivery and effectiveness of health services.

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