

Dear Colleagues, Department Chairs, and Advisors,

We would like to invite you and your students to the **36th Annual Western Departments of Sociology and Anthropology Undergraduate Research Conference** to be held at Santa Clara University on **Saturday, April 4, 2009**. Please post the enclosed call for papers and announce the Conference to your interested students and faculty. For detailed information see our Conference website: <http://scu.edu/cas/anthropology> or <http://scu.edu/cas/sociology>. All forms such as: Abstract, Presenter, Non-Presenter, Advisor, Accommodations, Information to All Presenters, SCU Directions may be obtained from the website. Please be advised that all program participants (presenters, session chairs, and discussants) are required to pay a registration fee in advance of the conference. This year our registration fee will be \$30.00. Saturday's lunch is included for registered participants. *Guests are welcome to attend sessions for free, but if they wish to attend the luncheon, they must be registered by March 4, 2009.* (Lunch includes a keynote speaker and is highly recommended).

Please obtain the abstract form from the Conference website, and return it by **February 4, 2009**. Abstracts should be no longer than one page in length and should include:

1. a clear statement of the research questions/thesis;
2. identification of a body of literature to which the study will contribute;
3. a clear description of the methodology;
4. a brief indication of results, observations or findings; and
5. a summary statement of conclusions and theoretical implications

Our keynote speaker will be announced at a later date. Should you or your students have any questions regarding the conference, please feel free to call (408) 554-2794 or Fax (408) 554-4189, or email [schiaromonte@scu.edu](mailto:schiaromonte@scu.edu).

Sincerely,

Dr. Marilyn Fernandez and Laura Nichols