

MEDIA ALERT

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“Common Grounds: The Costs of Assimilation”

Free public forum about the effects of immigrant assimilation on Bay Area communities

Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00pm in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, March 5, 2007 – KQED and the Crossroads Irish-American Festival present a free public forum, “Common Grounds: The Costs of Assimilation,” on Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts in San Francisco. Join us for an engaging dialogue about the effects of assimilation on immigrant, Native American and African American communities in the San Francisco Bay Area. Panelists, together with the public, will discuss the cultural, historical, and spiritual aspects of assimilation, as well as the commonalities among groups whose experiences are not usually included in conversations about immigration.

WHAT: “Common Grounds: The Costs of Assimilation”
Free panel discussion presented by the Crossroads Irish-American Festival and KQED

WHEN: Wednesday March 14, 2007
7:00 pm Reception
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm Free panel discussion

WHERE: Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts
2868 Mission Street (between 24th and 25th Streets), San Francisco

PANELISTS:

- **Isabel Barraza**, Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts
- **Daniel Cassidy**, Irish Studies Program at New College of California
- **Linda James Myers**, Ph.D., Graduate School of Psychology New College of California
- **Bill Simmons**, International Indian Treaty Council

CO-SPONSORS:

- Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts
- International Indian Treaty Council

FOR INFO: (415) 437- 3427
http://www.newcollege.edu/irishstudies/events_irishstudies.cfm

The Crossroads Irish-American Festival will be held March 8 – 17, 2007 and is co-produced by the New College of California Irish Studies Program (http://www.newcollege.edu/irishstudies/events_irishstudies.cfm) and the San Francisco Public Library.

KQED's Immigration in Focus (www.kqed.org/immigrationinfocus) is a collection of thought-provoking programs, special reports and events about the complex issues surrounding immigration. With California at the center of the immigration debate, KQED recognizes the need for accurate, balanced information and provides a platform for productive and inclusive dialogue from all perspectives.

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