

Title III Parent and Teacher Literacy Project
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Vygotskian Action in Teaching and Learning: Using Mediational Tools in the Classroom

Guest Speaker: Dr. Barbara Flores

Tuesday March 30th, 6-7:30pm

Faculty Club, Healey Library



Dr. Flores is a professor in the College of Education at California State University, San Bernardino. She has been a teacher educator for the last 30 years and is a scholar activist who believes passionately in public education and in a just and democratic society. In November 2008, she was elected to the **San Bernardino City School Board** and is now its Vice President. She is a Past **President** of the **National Association for Bilingual Education** and the current President of the **Alliance for Multilingual Multicultural Education**. Her areas of expertise and research are children's language and biliteracy development, teaching/learning from a Vygotskian perspective, collaborative action teaching and research in classrooms with children and teachers, and creating pedagogy. She is also a children's writer and is the creator and co-author of the first original Latino Spanish beginning reading collection in the United States, **Piñata** and **Más Piñata** (220 titles) by Pearson Learning. Her newest children's book is called **Mud Tortillas**, distributed by Lee & Low Publishers of New York.