

The UCSB Center for Black Studies Research and the Department of English present

Oscar López Rivera

PUERTO RICO'S QUEST FOR LIBERATION

DECOLONIZATION, HURRICANES, AND SOLIDARITY

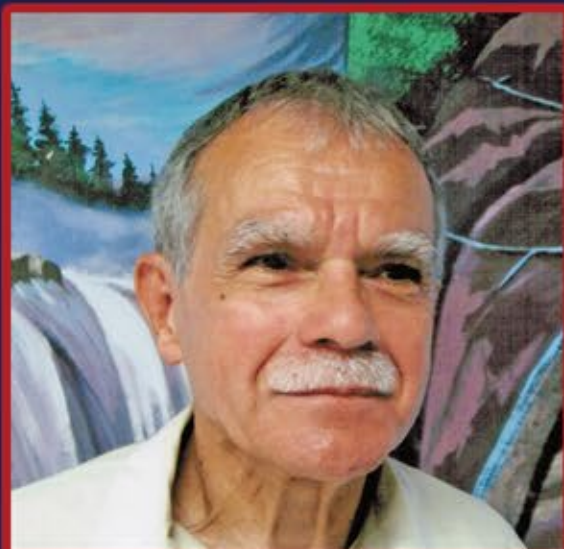
Monday, February 5, 2018 | 6:00 p.m.
UCSB MultiCultural Center Theater

Reception and book signing to follow

Oscar López Rivera, Puerto Rican movement leader and former political prisoner, will discuss the history of colonialist relations and neoliberal austerity that has given rise to today's economic and environmental crises in Puerto Rico, including the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. He will also address the long history of Puerto Rican anticolonial struggles.

COMMUNITY DINNER

Sunday, February 4 | 6:00 p.m.
La Casa de la Raza
601 E. Montecito St. in Santa Barbara



UCSB launches Oscar López Rivera's week-long Southern California tour, his first visit to the region since leaving prison. For more SoCal tour information, see www.puertoricansinaction.com.

López Rivera, a decorated Vietnam war veteran, artist, and author, exited prison in early 2017 after 35 years of incarceration. For decades, he has worked tirelessly for freedom and justice in Puerto Rico and the diaspora, and is considered the Nelson Mandela of Puerto Rico.

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