

Women of Color Alliance sets events

Film, workshops among highlights at Nampa conference

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Women can share their thoughts on issues that impact their lives and those of children, the abused, the homeless, the poor, and disabled during this week's Women of Color Alliance conference.

El Alma de Mujer/The Soul of a Woman is scheduled Friday and Saturday at the Hispanic Cultural Center of Idaho in Nampa. Conference cost is \$30 per person. For registration and a detailed agenda, go to www.wocaonline.org.

Here are some featured events:

► The Sundance Film Festival award-winning documentary "Señorita Extraviada/Missing Young Women, the Juarez Murders" will be shown free to the public at 7 p.m. Friday. The film by Lourdes Portillo tells the story of hundreds of women victimized by kidnapping, rape and murder along the Mexico-U.S. border.

► Workshops on bilingual education, violence against women,

voting power, racism, tribal sovereignty, fair trade, organizational development, homophobia, and more will be offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

► Jeanette Rodriguez, professor at Seattle University and founding director of the Center for the Study of Justice in Society, delivers her keynote speech at 9 a.m. Saturday. She is the author of "A Reader on Latina Feminism: Religion and Justice" and "Stories We Live: Cuentos que Vivimos, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Faith and Empowerment among Mexican-American Women." Jeanette also will lead a workshop on "The Psychology of Spirituality, Healing, and Leadership" at 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

► Angela Bowman, a community organizer and trainer with the People's Institute in New Orleans, will present a workshop on "The History of Race" at 10:45 a.m. Saturday.

► Emma Sepulveda, a Spanish professor at the University of Nevada in Reno, will discuss "Voting Power" at 1 p.m. Saturday. She has held a national appointment to the U.S. Hispanic Task Force since 1994, advising the Senate on Latino issues.