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LEADING CHICANA SCIENTISTS AND MATHEMATICIANS TO SPEAK AT UTSA
Scholars will discuss their struggles as minorities in their various fields

SAN ANTONIO – The UTSA Women’s Studies Institute and the Department of English, Classics and Philosophy will welcome Elma Gonzalez, Diana Marinez, Elvia Niebla and Elisa Ruiz, who will read excerpts from their recent book, “Flor y ciencia: Chicanas in Science, Mathematics and Engineering” at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16 in the 1604 Campus Main Building, Room 0.222. The event is free and open to the public.

Published in 2006, “Flor Y Ciencia” presents the stories of nine Latina pioneers in mathematics, science and engineering and discusses the obstacles and joys they experienced as a minority in their fields. The book also discusses methods of increasing interest in the sciences among Latinas.

Gonzales currently serves as a professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Los Angeles. Marinez is a professor of biochemistry and dean of the College of Science and Technology at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. Niebla serves as the national coordinator for the USDA Forest Service Global Change Research Program. Ruiz is a doctoral candidate in mathematics at Texas A&M University, College Station.

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Programs are offered through the colleges of Architecture, Business, Education and Human Development, Engineering, Honors, Liberal and Fine Arts, Public Policy, and Sciences, and the Graduate School. A Top 100 Hispanic-serving institution, UTSA is ranked among the top 10. A university of access and excellence, UTSA is committed to research and discovery, teaching and learning, and public service.

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