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Summary: Sponsored by the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs, the address and following discussion seek to continue the campus conversation on intercultural competence and social justice.

(September 16, 2009)-Laura I. Rendón, professor and chair of the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies in the College of Human Sciences at Iowa State University, will speak at the University of Minnesota, Morris on Friday, September 18, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the Humanities Fine Arts Recital Hall. Rendón's address, "Toward a Pedagogy of Wholeness, Social Justice, and Liberation," is free and open to the public. A discussion follows.

Rendón's research focuses on access, retention, and graduation of low-income, first-generation college students and the transformation of teaching and learning to emphasize wholeness and social justice. Says Hilda Ladner, assistant to the chancellor for equity and diversity and director of the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs at the University of Minnesota, Morris, "I am excited to bring Dr. Rendón to campus because her work aligns so well with our mission and values. Her presentation will provide additional ideas to our continuing conversation about intercultural competence and social justice."

The recipient of the 2006 Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) Distinguished Service Award, Rendón is the author of *Sentipensante (Sensing/thinking) Pedagogy: Educating for Wholeness, Social Justice, and Liberation*. She serves as chair of the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships Board of Directors. She also serves on the Naropa University Board of Trustees and is an ASHE past president.

Rendón earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor a master of arts in counseling and guidance and psychology from Texas A&M University, Kingsville a bachelor of arts in English and journalism from the University of Houston and an associate of arts from San Antonio College.

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