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Los Angeles Writer and Artist Marisela Norte to Speak at El Camino College Compton Center

East Los Angeles based performance artist and writer Marisela Norte will be a guest lecturer at El Camino College Compton Center on Wednesday, November 17, at 11:30 a.m. in the Student Lounge. Norte, who is considered one of the most exceptional and inspiring literary voices hailing from East Los Angeles, will discuss her own creative practices and provide insights into multicultural arts in her lecture hosted by the Humanities Department.

Norte's work has appeared in *Rolling Stone*, *Interview*, *Elle*, *Option*, *Venice*, *Los Angeles Weekly*, *Buzz* and *West Magazine*. Her poetry reflects upon her intimate encounters as a writer and patron on the No. 18 bus, which she rides to work in downtown Los Angeles.

Norte has a unique take on her literary work, "I don't write fiction. I've always felt that I'm keeping the books. I just want people to experience the everyday glimpses of life that I see, that to me are sometimes heartbreaking, but most of the time incredibly beautiful," she says. Norte's work has been described in reviews as displaying a remarkable ability to transform apathy into treasure.

Norte currently works at The Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles. She is also a longtime volunteer at the East Los Angeles Women's Center, a member of the Progressive Jewish Alliance, PEN West and the Bus Riders' Union.

Norte has administered readings and workshops throughout the United States, which exposes her to new voices and creative practices. With an attraction to diversity literally and creatively, Norte has even incorporated congas, bongos and the piano into her literary readings, as well as collaborated with other notable artists, such as Luis Alfaro and Diane Gamboa.

The complimentary presentation is open to the public.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. Many classes are available and offered at an affordable price—fees are only \$26 per unit. The catalog and class schedule for day, evening, weekend and online courses is available on the website at www.compton.edu or may be picked up at ECC Compton Center located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA. For more information, call 310-900-1600.

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