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Teleconference to look at Affirmative Action changes

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"Affirmative Action Under Siege: What's at stake for our campuses, careers, and communities?" is the topic of a national teleconference on Wednesday, October 11, which will be aired between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the University Conference Center at the University of Southern Indiana.

The free program is open to the public and is being coordinated on campus by the USI Multicultural Center staff. It is sponsored nationally by Black Issues in Higher Education, Fairfax, Virginia. Julianne Malveaux will moderate the discussion among:

Elaine R. Jones, director-counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
Patricia Ireland, president, National Organization for Women
Willie Brown, former speaker of the California House of Representatives
Michael R. Forrest, executive director, National Association of Colleges and Employers
Maria Santos, senior director, Human Resource Employee Diversity, California State University System
Everett Winters, president, American Association for Affirmative Action. (Winters is the uncle of Emily Winters-Brown, a Student Life program adviser in the USI Multicultural Center.)

The session also will feature a pre-recorded interview with Alfredo J. Estrada, publisher of *Hispanic* magazine, and attempt to explore several issues that sponsors feel are being overlooked, including the impact on college admissions for students of color and women, job and career prospects, role of white women, campus polarization, and minority faculty recruiting and hiring practices, among others.

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