THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES,
THE CHICANA/LATINA RESEARCH CENTER,
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HEMISPHERIC INSTITUTE ON THE AMERICAS

invite you to a guest lecture by

Professor Gerardo Aldana (UCSB)

“Creation Mythology and Oracular Science:”
Maya Hieroglyphic Windows into Indigenous Thought

Thursday October 12 Noon-1:30
HIA conference room
5th floor SSH

Dr. Aldana is one of the leading scholars of ancient Mayan writing and astronomical science. A graduate of Harvard University’s History of Science department, he teaches courses on ancient Mesoamerica in the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Primarily, he focuses on the study of the Classic Mayan intellectual community by examining their artistic, hieroglyphic, and scientific products. In particular, his unique and revolutionary approach highlights the historical contexts of Mayan intellectual achievements, and the cultural exchanges between the Maya and the peoples of Central Mexico.