

PORTER MEMORIAL LIBRARY 2019 MEET THE AUTHOR SERIES

JOAQUÍN BARRETO
February 13, 2019
Time: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

JOAQUÍN BARRETO is the author of *EL OTRO LADO* (The Other Side) a touching memoir which is a sensitive, sensory-rich, authentic set of episodes in the life of an undocumented Mexican immigrant who settled in Santa Cruz. The book presents a very personal narrative on immigration, overcoming cultural shock and assimilating into the U.S.

The author will take the audience through various stages of transition, from country to country, from childhood to young adulthood and more. Joaquin will speak about assimilation, discrimination, living in the US with a label of “illegal alien” and the consequences which follow.



Born and raised in the City of Guadalajara, Mexico, Joaquín migrated to Santa Cruz when he was 18 years old. He attended adult education classes to learn English, and eventually found his way to Cabrillo College where he took a writing class taught by Anita Wilkins, who liked his writing. She told him that she would use his work as an example in her future classes, which was an experience Barreto found “empowering.” “She inspired me to keep writing,” he has said.

These programs are informal coffee hours where local authors discuss their works, answer questions, and autograph their books. They are free of charge and open to the public. Coffee will be provided by The Ugly Mug. For further information call 475-3326

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