

# FALL 2018

## SUSTAINABLE FUTURES SPEAKER SERIES

**Catherine J.K. Sandoval**

**The Native American reservation electricity access gap: a case study of the Yurok Tribe's energy access leadership and next steps for energy justice and climate change**

**Thursday, November 1**

**5:30 - 7:00 pm in HSU's Native American Forum (BSS 162)**

Catherine J.K. Sandoval is a tenured Law Professor at Santa Clara University, where she teaches energy, communications, antitrust, and contract law. Her research explores the intersection of energy, the environment, telecommunications, and underserved and disadvantaged communities — including the Native American reservation electricity gap and the role of net neutrality in powering energy and forestalling climate change.



Sandoval served as a Commissioner of the California Public Utilities Commission from 2011-2017, and was the first Latinx person appointed as a CPUC Commissioner. She serves on the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of California Advisory Council, and received the Chamber's 2016 Warrior Award for her work to improve Native American utility infrastructure access and service. The first person in her family to earn a Bachelor's, she received a B.A. from Yale University; a Master of Letters in politics from Oxford University, where she was the first Latina to win a Rhodes Scholarship; and a J.D. from Stanford Law School.

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