

# Books, Budgets, Buildings: State Fiscal Crisis & Educational Equity in California



On the eve of the special election in California,  
the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community (CJTC)  
hosts a long term view of the state's fiscal crisis and its impact on education.

**Tuesday, October 25, 2005 4:30-6:PM**  
**Merrill Cultural Center , Merrill College, UC Santa Cruz**  
**Free Parking**

A panel discussion with commentary by  
Santa Cruz County Office of Education Superintendant  
**Diane Siri**

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## John Rogers

*Associate Director, UCLA's Institute for Democracy  
Education & Access (IDEA) and Founding Editor of  
Teaching to Change LA, an online Journal*

Rogers, an Associate Professor at UCLA,  
studies strategies for engaging urban youth,  
community members, and teachers as  
public intellectuals seeking to make schools  
places of equal opportunity and democratic  
life.

## Jean M. Ross

*Executive Director of the California Budget Project  
(CBP)*

Ross is the founder of CBP, which through  
independent fiscal and policy analysis, public  
education, and collaboration with other  
organizations, works to improve public  
policies affecting the economic and social  
well-being of low- and middle-income  
Californians.

## Richard Raya

*Senior Associate at PolicyLink*

Raya's recent work, done in conjunction with  
MALDEF, examines California's school  
overcrowding crisis, analyzes the state's New  
Construction and Critically Overcrowded  
Schools programs, and outlines policy  
recommendations for more equitable  
distribution of school construction funds.



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