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Conversations on Altruism

Please join Maral Attallah and Ronnie Swartz for this year's public conversation with seasoned academics, researchers, practitioners, and educators who join a new generation of those interested in possibilities for doing good.

Nezzie Wade

Wednesday, February 12 • 4:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
Native American Forum (BSS 162)



Nezzie Wade grew up in the San Joaquin Valley as Jannez Marie O'Hare and moved to the bay area to attend San Jose State University on the journey to becoming a sociology professor. She earned her Master's Degree and Community College Teaching Credential in 1972 and taught in a variety of educational environments, including West Valley College, San Jose City College, Foothill College, and St. Patrick's College. Nezzie has lived on the North Coast of California since 1978. She taught Sociology, Psychology, Women's Studies, and Social Work at the College of the Redwoods and Cal Poly Humboldt for over 30

years. For almost 15 years, Nezzie worked at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Learning Center and Educational Opportunity Program. She has been involved in some of the areas most rooted non-profit organizations, including the Redwood Community Action Agency, Democracy Unlimited, and Humboldt Botanical Gardens Foundation. Nezzie has engaged in community activism with the Humboldt Bay Chapter of Veterans for Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Communities for Peace and many other groups and organizations working for economic and social justice. Nezzie is co-founder and President of Affordable Homeless Housing Alternatives (AHHA), the leading local non-governmental organization assisting in implementing a variety of affordable housing solutions for people dealing with homelessness in Humboldt County.

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