

RUBEN NAVARRETTE, JR.
Biography

Ruben Navarrette, Jr. is a graduate of Harvard College. He has done doctoral work in education, has served the College Board as a consultant for Latino student affairs, and has worked as an assistant to a federal appellate judge. Mr. Navarrette has also taught in elementary and secondary schools and, at twenty-three, as an instructor at California State University, Fresno.

Mr. Navarrette has published nearly one hundred editorials for newspapers and magazines. His work has appeared most regularly in the Sunday "Opinion" section of the Los Angeles Times, though he has also written for the Chicago Tribune, Albuquerque Journal, Kansas City Star, Arizona Republic and dozens of other newspapers. He also recently had a weekly column at The Fresno Bee, where he was the first Latino columnist in that newspaper's history.

His work is featured in several literary anthologies including *Writing About Diversity* (HarperCollins), *Debating Affirmative Action* (Dell), *A Multicultural Reader* (Kendall/Hunt) and *The Resourceful Writer* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich).

Mr. Navarrette is the author of a book detailing his experience as one of less than five hundred Mexican-American students to graduate from Harvard College. *A Darker Shade of Crimson: Odyssey of a Harvard Chicano* was published by Bantam Books in the Fall of 1993 and has been reviewed by numerous periodicals including the New York Times Review of Books, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, and Publisher's Weekly.

Mr. Navarrette was also recently the co-host of a daily three-hour radio talk show targeting the members of Generation X. Broadcasting from Los Angeles for the ABC radio network, "Twenty-Something Talk" provided a provocative forum in which to engage the issues of the day from a younger perspective.

On television, Mr. Navarrette has also served as guest host of public television's Emmy award-winning "Life & Times" and has appeared to discuss various issues on CNN and CNBC. And, in print, Mr. Navarrette was recently profiled by Hispanic magazine as one of thirty accomplished young people under thirty.

Mr. Navarrette was recently selected as one of only twenty Americans to participate in the American Swiss Foundation Young Leaders Conference in Zurich, Switzerland. During the week-long conference, Mr. Navarrette refined his leadership skills, participated in a panel discussion on the American media, and discussed issues of the 21st Century with high-ranking Swiss government officials as well as business, media, military, and cultural leaders.

A twenty-eight year old writer, columnist, and lecturer, Mr. Navarrette lives in California's San Joaquin Valley where he is writing his next book, contributing regularly to the Los Angeles Times and other newspapers, and preparing to launch the political newsletter, *Reconciliation*, which addresses issues of concern to Latinos and the American community.