Cultivating Relationships, Sharing Knowledge, Confronting Institutional Racism: A MAS Community Plática

Featuring the Work of MAS Graduate Students at SJSU

December 14, 2015 - 6pm
MLK Library (4th and San Fernando) – Cultural Heritage Center (5th Floor - 525)
San José State University*

This event is the culmination of the Applied Seminar in Chicana/o Studies in the SJSU Master’s Program in Mexican American Studies. We will share our efforts to bring Chicana/o Studies to life in our communities through the development of C.S. Methods for Social Justice. We will present preliminary insights from each project, as well as our collective lessons. Our goals are to share specific strategies that may be applied to other communities and issues, and to learn lessons from those who attend as we discuss how we can develop these projects and create new collaborations.

Please join us for the presentations and discussion & Invite Others to Attend!

Students in the class and their projects include:

Anthony Bencomo – Blood, Sweat and Tears in the Central Valley: Insights from Community Activists for Maintaining the Movement
Cecilia Chavez – Criminalizing our Youth: Deconstructing the Impacts of Proposition 21 on Latina/o Families and Communities
Lonnie Contreras – The Challenges Faced by Latina/o Military Veterans Adjusting to Civilian Life: Lessons from an Intergenerational Family Study
Alicia Garcia – Addressing Latina/o Student Attrition Rates in Institutions of Higher Education: Listening to those who Learn to Blame Themselves
Mariana Herrera – Redefining Mexican Immigration: An Analysis of Mexican Asylum and Refuge Seekers
Lorena Piñón Gutiérrez – Mental Health Strategies to Support Chicana Students “in the Middle” on their Academic Journeys
Lizbet Huizar – Latina/os and the Legal Pipeline: Understanding and Confronting the Challenges faced by SJSU Students
Charlene Jacinto – Understanding Latina/o Student Strategies for Financial Survival: Balancing the Demands of Family, School and Work
Christal West – Recovering Pathways of Resiliency: Informing Trauma Intervention for Youth of Color at the Intersections of Ethnic Studies and Creative Expression

Our goal for this plática is to engage in a dialog, so as to help both presenters and those attending in the work we do. Each presenter will do a brief presentation as part of a group and then after each group presents, we will have a discussion. We look forward to questions, comments and feedback during the discussion. For more information, contact Marcos Pizarro at marcos.pizarro@sjsu.edu or 408/924-5584

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