

USC Latino STUDENT empowerment CONFERENCE

January 28, 2012 • Fight On!

Location: Social Sciences Building (SOS)



program

09:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Registration

10:00 a.m.

**Welcome & Conference
Overview**

▶ Room SOS B46

Veronica Terriquez | Director of Chicana/o Latino Studies and Assistant Professor of Sociology

Steven Almazan | Executive Director of Latina/o Student Assembly

Billy Vela | Director of USC El Centro Chicano

10:25-11:10 a.m.

**Undergraduate Research Panel:
Labor and Health Issues in
Communities**

▶ Room SOS B45

Presenters:

Denise Colume | Communications
*A Qualitative Study on Black and Latino
Service Sector Workers at USC*

Evelyn Larios | Sociology
*Fostering Parental School Involvement:
The Power of Labor Unions*

Luis Maldonado | Health Promotion and
Disease Prevention

*HIV Among Latino Men Who Have Sex with
Men: The Underlying Factors of Testing*

Moderator:

Nathaniel Gonzalez | Sociology

**Academic Panel: Spring Admit
Success Strategies**

▶ Room SOS B48

Presenters:

Yesenia Cuarenta | Political Science and Sociology

Josh Sena | Communication and Sociology

Ana Gomez | International Relations and Sociology

Ola Bayode | Economics

Moderator:

America Hernandez | Political Science

**Activism Panel: The Struggle
for the DREAM Act**

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Presenters:

Felipe Escobar, Justino Mora, and Jonathan
Carmona | Coalition for Humane and Immigrant
Rights

USC IDEAS Movement

Moderator:

Pocho One | Rossier School of Education

11:15-12:00 a.m.

**Graduate Research Panel: Youth
Contributions to Their Immigrant
Families**

▶ Room SOS B45

Presenters:

Hyeyoung Kwon | Sociology
*They Treat My Parents Like Children: The Struggles
of Mexican Youth in Translating Linguistic Racism*

Emir Estrada | Sociology
*Changing Household Dynamics: Children's
American Cultural Resources in Street Vending
Markets*

Moderator:

Antonio Mendez | Political Science

Activism Panel: Education Justice in Los Angeles

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Presenters:

Nancy Meza, Jhoana Ascension, and Esthefanie Solano | Inner City Struggle
Erika Zerda | Neuroscience | Chicanos for Progressive Education

Moderator:

Kevin Valero | Business Administration

12:00-12:40 p.m.

Lunch

12:45-1:30 p.m.

Undergraduate Research Panel: Youth Transitions to Adulthood

▶ Room SOS B45

Presenters:

Christina Wilkerson | Sociology
"I'M A DREAMER": Undocumented Latino Youth and the Federal DREAM Act
Alejandra Vargas | Sociology
Dreamers Lifted: The Role of High School AB540 Organizations in Promoting College Attendance Among Undocumented Latino Students
Ana Gomez | Sociology
The Impact of the Educational Budget Crisis on Latino Community College Students
Ariana Verdu | Sociology
Motivations for Civic Engagement Among Latino Youth

Moderator:

Juan Espinoza | Communications and International Relations

Activism Panel: Latinos Making History in the LA Labor Movement

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Presenters:

David Huerta | Service Employees International Union- United Service Workers West
Jose Jovel | USC Janitor

Moderator:

Evelyn Larios | Sociology

Alumni Panel: The History of Activism at USC

▶ Room SOS B48

Presenters:

Esteban Leyva | LAUSD Lead Teacher of the American Studies and Arts Academy at Benjamin Franklin High School | Chicano Studies & Economics '96 & MA in Latin American Studies
Dr. Elizabeth Ortiz | Associate Dean of Student Services at Los Angeles Valley College | Public Policy & Management '99
Tom Zaragoza | Options for Youth Charter School | Cultural Anthropology & Social Science/History '95
Ramon Negrete | Attorney at State Fund | Study of the City '94
Sofia Ortiz-Mota | Elementary Educator at LAUSD | Business Administration /Finance '95

1:30-2:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks

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Presenters:

César López | Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies at San Diego Mesa College
Adriana Chavarin-Lopez | Elementary School Principal in Encinitas, CA