Being Undocumented at UC in the Trump Era

with María Blanco & Meng So

María Blanco is Executive Director of the UC Undocumented Legal Services Center, which provides immigration-related legal services for undocumented students at the UC campuses in Davis, Merced, San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, LA, Irvine, San Diego, and Riverside. It is the only Center of its kind and serves as a model to adopt by other interested universities. Prior, María was Vice President of California Community Foundation, overseeing its Immigrant Integration Initiative. Previously, she served as Executive Director of the Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Race, Ethnicity and Diversity at UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, and before that as executive director of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. She was National Senior Counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and served on President Barack Obama’s transition team.

Meng So is the founder and director of the Undocumented Student Program at UC Berkeley, coordinating efforts to initiate and enact a comprehensive agenda that responds to the needs of first-generation, low-income, undocumented students. The program has quickly emerged as embodying best practices of support that are now being replicated at other universities in California and nationwide. Today, Meng serves on the University of California Presidential Task Force on Undocumented Students, and the Leadership Board of Educators for Fair Consideration (E4FC), and he is a Rockwood Immigrants Rights Fellow for a New California and lends his voice to national efforts to advocate for comprehensive immigration reform.

May 13: 8:00 am–5:00 pm

Free event. Held in Anna Head Alumnae Hall.
Lunch and light refreshments will be provided.
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