

# 8th Annual University of California International Migration Conference

## The Social, Economic, and Political Status of California's Immigrants

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 8am–5pm**

*Join us at a plenary  
session from 11am-noon  
with a special talk on:*

### Being Undocumented at the UC in the Trump Era with **María Blanco, Joel Sati, and 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.



**Joel Sati** is a first-year Ph.D student in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy program at UC Berkeley. Sati's research is in legal philosophy, political philosophy, epistemology, and cognitive linguistics, with a focus on normative citizenship in light of the marginalization of peoples. Sati is also the founder and Executive Editor of Undocumental, a multi-platform initiative designed to interrogate the political situation of illegalized immigrants through amplifying those who are rendered illegal by the state in one way or other. In addition, Sati is also Coblentz fellow working in the Haas Institute's Global Justice Project, authoring a report on the status of noncitizens around the globe. In addition to academic work, Sati, an immigrant from Kenya, has also worked with local and national immigrants rights organizations such as CASA de Maryland, African Communities Together, and the New York Immigration Coalition. Sati received his B.A., summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, in philosophy from the City College of New York, CUNY.

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

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