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ABOUT THE STUDENT ORGANIZING SUMMIT

This conference, the “UC Student Organizing Summit” **#UCSOS**, is the 19th iteration of an organizing-focused conference previously known as **UC Student Congress**. The trainings this year pay tribute to the legacy of UC student organizing. We hope you will leave equipped with tools to move your campus to action on issues most impacting the UC community. Students have always been on the forefront of movements for social change. **#UCSOS** is our opportunity to lead movements and empower each other.

Whether we are working toward racial equity, affordability, access, or basic needs security, we have the chance this weekend to talk with each other and expert panelists about why these problems exist and what we can do to solve them. When we meet for “Campaign Selection”, **ANYONE** can propose an issue students are facing to be central in the the next UCSA campaign. On Saturday, we’ll vote on a single issue to organize around for the next two years.

MEET YOUR UCSA STAFF - THEY ARE HERE TO HELP!



Patricia Arroyos
UCSA Statewide
Organizing Director



Talar Alexanian
UCSA Government
Relations Director



Anaïs Lieu
UCSA Operations &
Development Director

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

Together, we share a collective agreement to promote open-minded dialogue, listening, and respect. We acknowledge our responsibility to build a supportive community where everyone can fully participate by:

*Using inclusive language that does not assume a person's gender or ability
Being aware of how often you contribute & making room for others too
Assuming positive intent & challenging ideas or behaviors, not individuals
Giving attention to speakers and trainers*

CONSENT & SAFETY

As students and activists involved in social change, it is absolutely necessary that we participate in and exemplify a culture of affirmative consent, where YES means YES.

To give consent, one must know exactly what and how much they are agreeing to, express their willingness to participate, and decide freely and voluntarily to do so. If you are unsure if someone has given consent, asking to be sure makes everyone involved feel safe and comfortable.

By attending this conference, you are committing to value the safety of your fellow students and look out for each other. Drink responsibly. UCSA maintains a zero tolerance policy for sexual violence. If you witness or experience safety issues, please notify a UCSA staff member.

RESOURCES

If you need help, call or text the conference hotline at **510-282-0984**. We are here for you, will believe you, and will always respect you and your experiences. Our staff members **Patricia Arroyos** and **Anaïs Lieu** are available to be **confidential advocates** if you need to talk about anything that happens at the conference or access resources to support you.

At times organizing can be overwhelming and emotional. If you need a safe space to renew, visit the **Self Preservation Room** in the Boardroom.

As Audre Lorde said, ***"Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation, and that is an act of political warfare."***

LOST & FOUND

All lost items should be turned in to the Registration table in the Conference Center lobby. Items will be held there until the end of the conference and then left in the hotel's care.

Agenda

Thursday August 3

12:30pm	Arrivals & Registration	Conference Lobby
2:00pm	Welcome Orientation	California Room
2:45pm	Consent Training	California Room
3:00pm	Panel <i>ReIGNITE Racial Justice Campaign</i>	California Room
4:30pm	Panel <i>Securing a Sanctuary UC & Sanctuary State</i>	California Room
6:00pm	Dinner & Free Time <i>Take the shuttle bus downtown to grab dinner on your own. Shuttles will go between the hotel and the Chase Bank parking lot on the corner of 2nd & Thomas St. Be sure to catch a shuttle back between 9 and 10pm.</i>	
6:30pm	UCSA Board Meeting	California Annex Room 1

Friday August 4

9:00am	Breakfast	California Room
9:50am	Morning Check-in	California Room
10:00am	Workshop Session A	Locations on page 11
11:00am	Organizing 101 Training #1 Blue Group Orange Group Yellow Group Pink Group Gold Group	Sonoma Room 1 Sonoma Room 2 Sonoma Room 3 Leona Room Napa Room 1
<i>Been to UCSOS before? If you want a more advanced training, go to Organizing 102 in Napa Room 2 instead of your assigned group.</i>		
12:30pm	Lunch	California Room
1:15pm	Organizing 101 Training #2 Same groups & room assignments as Training Part #1	
<i>Been to UCSOS before? If you want a more advanced training, go to Organizing 102 in Napa Room 2 instead of your assigned group.</i>		
2:45pm	Break	
3:00pm	Panel <i>Sustain Our Students' Basic Needs</i>	California Room
4:30pm	Panel <i>Fund The UC & College Affordability</i>	California Room
4:30pm	Basic Needs Strategy Session <i>**Optional for those interested</i>	Leona Room
6:00pm	Dinner & Free Time <i>Take the shuttle bus downtown to grab dinner on your own. Shuttles will go between the hotel and the Chase Bank parking lot on the corner of 2nd & Thomas St. Be sure to catch a shuttle back between 9 and 10pm.</i>	
6:30pm	UCSA Board Meeting	California Annex Room 1

Saturday August 5

9:00am	Breakfast	California Room
9:50am	Morning Check-in	California Room
	<i>With incoming Student Regent Designate Devon Graves, UCLA</i>	
10:00am	Campaign Selection	California Room
	*Graduate Student Breakout	Ramona Room
11:00am	Workshop Session B	Locations on page 12
12:00pm	Lunch	California Room
12:45pm	Keynote: Jonathan Stein	California Room
1:00pm	Campaign Selection	California Room
	*Graduate Student Breakout	Ramona Room

*Not proposing a campaign or working on a presentation? Visit the **Art Is Activism** space in California Annex Room 1.*

2:00pm	Our Stories in Action	Conference Center Lobby
3:00pm	Workshop Session C	Locations on page 13
4:00pm	Campaign Presentations	California Room
	*Graduate Student Breakout	Ramona Room
5:00pm	Campus Voting Meetings	
	UC Berkeley	California Annex Room 1
	UC Davis	Leona Room
	UC Irvine	Ramona Room
	UCLA	Sonoma Room 2
	UC Merced	Temecula Room
	UC Riverside	California Room
	UC San Diego	Sonoma Room 3
	UC Santa Barbara	Sonoma Room 1
	UC Santa Cruz	Napa Room
	*Break for Graduate Students	
6:30pm	Break	
7:30pm	Dinner	California Room
	Keynote: Anthony Williams	
9:30pm	Entertainment & Cash Bar	
	Dance	California Annex Room 1
	Game Room	Leona Room
	Comedy Screening	Sonoma 1

Sunday August 6

9:00am	Breakfast	California Room
9:50am	Morning Check-in	California Room
10:00am	Identity Caucuses	Locations on page 14
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The **Self Preservation Room is open during **all** sessions for anyone who wants a safe & empowering space or just needs a break. Visit the Boardroom!

Keynote Speakers



Keynote - Saturday 12:45pm
Jonathan Stein

Jonathan is a civil rights attorney with Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus, and previously with ACLU of California. He focuses on voting access for immigrant, limited English-proficient, and other historically disenfranchised voters. While receiving his MPP and JD from UC Berkeley, Jonathan served as the UC Student Regent. Prior to graduate school, he spent four years at Mother Jones magazine as a researcher, assistant editor, blogger, and campaign correspondent during the 2008 presidential elections. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the nonprofit organization California Common Cause and is a Commissioner on the City of Oakland Public Ethics Commission.



Dinner Keynote - Saturday 7:30pm
Anthony Williams

Anthony J. Williams is a proud Black queer nonbinary person who received his bachelor's degree in Sociology in 2016 from UC Berkeley, where he was a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow. He began organizing with the Afrikan Black Coalition when the Movement for Black Lives began and currently works as an organizer for the Black Organizing Project. He is interested in race/ethnicity, sexuality, and gender, focusing on the ways that racial and class-based inequalities disproportionately affect Black, brown, and/or queer youth within social movements and the carceral state. Anthony plans to explore these issues starting in the Fall of 2017 at UCLA.

Session A - Friday 10am

Bargaining for Racial Justice: Fighting anti-blackness and anti-immigrant policies at the UC

Sonoma 1 - Joseph Williams (AFSCME 3299)

The UC claims that its mission is to “serve society” and provide “long-term societal benefits” but many of its policies and practices facilitate anti-blackness, xenophobia, and the exploitation of marginalized communities. This workshop will discuss how you can get involved in AFSCME 3299’s fight to expand and protect the rights of all students, workers, and UC community members.

Navigating California’s Mental Health Movement: Advocacy, Funding & Evaluation

Sonoma 2 - Becky Fein (Active Minds)

Students’ voices are uniquely powerful in mobilizing legislation and funding towards issues that matter to them. Join the conversation to learn about Each Mind Matters: California’s Mental Health Movement, and how you may work towards lasting change on your campus.

Connect Students to Food Assistance with GetCalFresh

Sonoma 3 - Caitlin Docker, Monica Beas (Code for America)

GetCalFresh allows students to quickly apply on their mobile phone, nudges them via text to complete each critical step, and allows them to upload verification documents after their application. Those who attend will receive app training, and engage in conversation about food security and modernizing government services.

Student Housing Cooperatives, Rent Control, and other Proven Solutions for Creating AFFORDABLE Student Housing

Leona Room - Matthew Lewis (UC Berkeley)

The UC and city councils talk about creating 1000’s of new beds for students. But students can’t afford market-rate housing; we need AFFORDABLE housing. Come learn about proven methods you can implement locally to create AFFORDABLE student housing.

Campaign Strategy

Napa 1 - Jenn Engstorm (CalPIRG)

This workshop will break down how to develop a winning campaign strategy to get decision-makers on your side and make social change. We’ll focus on organizing strategies to pressure decision makers when lobbying isn’t enough and choosing what strategy such as, petitions, rallies, and media outreach, are right for your campaign.

Getting Media Coverage

Napa 2 - Kat Lockwood (CalPIRG)

Spread the word far and wide by getting your work covered by newspapers, TV, and radio. In this workshop you will learn the best practices for making your events and campaigns media worthy and then the best procedures for outreaching to the media and getting coverage. We’ll explore how to organize a press conference, do pitch calls, and create an excellent press release.

Restoring “We The People”: How Common Cause Is Fighting to Revive Democracy

Temecula Room - Sylvia Moore (Common Cause)

American democracy has taken some serious hits in recent years, from the Supreme Court’s Citizens’ United ruling, to partisan gerrymandering to the controversial presidential election in November. In this session, students will learn how Common Cause is working to reinvigorate democracy on the national, state and local levels through legislative and grassroots political action.

Workshop Sessions

Session B - Saturday 11am

Data for the People

California Annex Room 1 - Anthony Chavez (The Education Trust West)

A Data Equity Walk is an interactive experience where participants examine education data points and engage in an action-focused dialogue about educational equity. Participants will identify patterns in how well schools and districts are serving students, and support and enhance local advocacy efforts focused on closing the achievement and opportunity gaps.

Reimagining reIGNITE

Sonoma 1 - Nushi Yapabandara (UCSB), Dominick Williams (UC Berkeley)

Want to be a part of what will soon be the FIRST permanent diversity campaign in UCSA history? Come learn about what reIGNITE has accomplished since it was elected as one of UCSA's two-year campaigns, and help brainstorm more ideas to ensure that the permanent version will benefit your campus.

Building Sanctuary For All

Sonoma 2 - Sandy Valenciano, Luis Serrano (California Immigrant Youth Justice Alliance)

There is a prevalent sanctuary movement post elections to provide protections for immigrant communities, but what about the communities of color that do not feel safe or have any sanctuary from police and state violence? We will break down what sanctuary we should be fighting for and how students and youth hold power in holding down the resistance.

Organizing Across Prison Walls

Sonoma 3 - Colby Lenz (California Coalition for Women Prisoners)

Since the 1990s, women have constituted the fastest growing segment of the prison population. We see the struggle for racial and gender justice as central to dismantling the prison industrial complex and organizing across prison walls to address the mental and physical health crises in US prisons..

Policing The Police: Combatting UCPD

Leona Room - Bulmaro Boomer Vicente (UC Berkeley)

Police violence has been a constant issue on and off campus. For years UCPD has committed violence on Black/Brown bodies on our campus. This workshop will be a space to develop actions to hold UCPD accountable and to combat the police violence on our campus.

UC and the City: Student Organizing at the City and County Level

Napa 1 - Nikki Dalupang (UC Irvine), Joshua Baum (UCLA)

Most issues that affect students are dealt with at the local level. This workshop will seek to educate student activists about how local governments set housing and transportation policies and how to effectively organize at your local City Council and County Board of Supervisors.

Making Medication Abortion Available in Campus Health Centers

Napa 2 - Toni Gomez (The Women's Foundation of California)

No student health care center at California's public institutions of higher education currently provides medication abortion services, despite the fact that this is an easy, legal and safe service to provide. This workshop will provide the necessary background information about medication abortion and the campaign to win this right for UC, CSU, and CCC students.

Activist Self Care

Temecula Room - Patricia Arroyos (UCSA)

Unlike a regular 9-5, the work of an activist never ends. Activism is not an easy endeavor and can take a toll on you emotionally, psychologically, mentally, and physically without proper self-care. Learn ways to practice self-care, avoid facing burnout, and advocate for yourself!

Session C - Saturday 3pm

Food Justice: Advocacy and Leadership

Sonoma 1 - Christina Hall (Orange County Food Access Coalition)

This session will be an introduction on how to advocate based on community building principles. Leadership and advocacy is vital in changing health outcomes in under-resourced communities. This session intends to build strong foundations in leaders who are interested in challenging the current food system within their communities to voice their concerns through personal stories, movement building, and direct action.

UC Student Workers: An Analysis of Current and Future Policies

Sonoma 2 - Caroline Singh (UCSD)

More than 7 out of 10 students who enter post-secondary institutions work while at college. Yet there is very little to no information about who these students are and what challenges they face. Come and learn more about these issues and how you can help!

The \$48 Fix, Free Tuition by 2018

Sonoma 3 - Jonathan Abboud (Reclaim California Higher Education Coalition)

Our coalition of students, workers, and faculty believes that public higher education should be FREE & of the highest quality for all Californians, without the need to take on debt to survive. We have a plan to make this happen in 2018 with the \$48 Fix, learn about it and how to take action.

The Student Vote Project

Leona Room - Jonathan Stein (Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus)

California Students Vote Project, a coalition that includes the CA Secretary of State, and CA Lieutenant Governor's Office, seeks to increase student voter participation. This workshop will go over changes in CA elections and policies on student voter registration opportunities, followed by a discussion on how students can be involved in the process of making voting more accessible.

What is the Academic Senate?

Napa 1 - Parshan Khosravi (UCLA)

What is shared governance? How does the Academic Senate fulfill the University mission of shared governance? And how is the Academic Senate structured? Come and learn about how you can leverage the Academic Senate to push your platform of advocacy!

Be Humble

Napa 2 - Thao Nguyen (UCSB)

This workshop will acknowledge the elitism within activist spaces and find solutions for bringing what's learned in the classroom and conference back to our communities in an accessible manner. Academia is viewed as the sole producer of creditable knowledge and while there have been great contributions from these spaces, they are not the only dependable sources.

Central Americans in Higher Education: A minority within a minority, the struggle to find a voice

Temecula Room - Calixtho Lopes (UC Berkeley)

Diversity within the Latinx student community is rich and complicated. Many groups within this community lack visibility and representation in higher learning institutions. By highlighting issues that Central American students face in higher education, this workshop hopes to emphasize the importance of community building between different Latinx populations across UC campuses.

Lessons Learned: One Novice Organizer to Another

Ramona Room - Ifechukwu Okeke (UC Berkeley)

This workshop welcomes students new to the Student Organizing Summit, and organizing in general. Students will hear from a transfer student's personal experience to understand how they too can find their voice on campus, and dispel false perceptions about student organizing and activism, and who it's truly accessible to.



RelGNITE Racial Justice Campaign Panel

Thursday 3pm - California Room



Amber-Rose Howard
Californians United
for a Responsible
Budget

Amber-Rose is a natural writer, public speaker, and organizer committed to protecting human rights and liberties. Centered around the victorious campaign to pass the most progressive “Fair Chance Hiring” policy for the city of LA, as well as a successful settlement with LA Sheriff to ensure eligible voters are registered in county jails, Amber Rose also works as an organizer for All Of Us Or None. She holds a BA in Communication Studies concentrated in Public Argumentation & Rhetoric from CSU San Bernardino and currently serves as Chairperson on the board of trustees for the Social Justice Advocacy Project, Inc.



Salih Muhammad
Afrikan Black
Coalition

Raised in Oakland, California, Salih strives to embody the principles of service, sacrifice, and selflessness. For much of his life, he has been committed to living toward the liberation of Black people, at home and abroad. Muhammad believes that “Black excellence destroys white supremacy,” and strives to demonstrate this excellence daily. After graduation from UC Berkeley, Muhammad returned to his community as a teacher and administrator at a Black-owned school in Oakland for five years. Currently,

Salih is the Executive Director of the Afrikan Black Coalition (ABC), a California-based collective of Black Student Unions seeking to transform the Black condition by training a new crop of Black student leaders to organize our intellectual and economic resources.



David C. Turner II
Social Justice
Learning Institute

David is an activist-scholar from Inglewood, California. His educational, scholarly, and activists interest intersect at Black politics, social movements, critical consciousness, and race, class, and gender. David's primary interest is social transformation, and working with historically marginalized communities to do it. A seasoned organizer and educator, David brings over five years of experience, having helped students at various universities establish cultural centers, negotiate and win demands for racial justice, secure funding, and coordinate direct actions across the state of California and the nation, all while teaching at both the K-12 and the postsecondary level. David is currently a Ph.D. student in the Social and Cultural Studies in Education program at UC, Berkeley, focusing on youth organizing and the politics of the education justice in LA. David holds an M.S.Ed in Higher Education from the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in African Studies with a minor in Sociology from Cal State, Dominguez Hills.



Aida Ghorban
Critical Resistance LA

Aida is a UCLA student working, writing, creating, and producing at intersections of critical race theory, disability studies, queer theory, prison/ PIC abolition, Indigenous sovereignty, Palestinian liberation, Muslim liberation and anti-Muslim racism, and feminist pedagogy among other fields. They are currently working on art that explores ableism in the quotidian and colonial violence. They are an LA activist and organizer. Aida is a queer, AfroArab, Muslim, disabled, and neurodivergent hard femme artist, designer, abolitionist, and writer.



Securing a Sanctuary UC and Sanctuary State Panel

Thursday 4:30pm - California Room



Allyson Osorio
UnidosUS,
formerly NCLR

Allyson is UnidosUS's Civic Engagement Strategist in the Civic Engagement Department, within the Office of Research, Advocacy, and Legislation, overseeing public policy and advocacy activities on issues including criminal justice, health, education, and immigration. UnidosUS is the largest national Latino civil rights and advocacy organization in the United States. Through its network of nearly 300 affiliated community-based organizations, UnidosUS reaches millions of Latinos each year in 41 states, Puerto Rico, and DC. Prior to UnidosUS, Osorio was the University Affairs Chair for the UC Student Association and also served as the Student Observer for the Committee of Education Policy for the UC Regents.



Luis Serrano
California Immigrant
Youth Justice
Coalition

Luis was born in Sonora Mexico and came to the U.S. at age 8. Since he was a young kid, Luis had interest in human interaction and relationship development. That curiosity made him seek further opportunities of human interaction within his immigrant struggle. When Luis came across the Immigrant Youth Coalition, he found a new way to apply his passion of human behavior and intersectionality through his immigration and social and economic status. Luis focuses on popular education and collective learning.



Maricruz Manzanarez



Michael Avant

AFSCME Local 3299

Maricruz is a senior custodian at UC Berkeley, where she has worked for 18 years. Maricruz first became involved in her union through the immigrant rights movement in 2005, organizing May Day marches with students. Since then, she has continued organizing with students, and emerged as a strong leader in her union and community, serving on the Alameda Labor Council and the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement. In 2009, after the detention and transfer of one of her co workers to immigration enforcement officials by UCPD she fought to demand the university stop cooperation with ICE.

Michael is a Patient Transporter at UC San Diego Medical Center, where he has worked for 15 years. Michael became involved with his union in 2003 standing up for workers rights in his department. Michael has fought tirelessly for working people's interests at the grassroots, statewide, and national levels. By mobilizing workers and encouraging internal communication, Avant has helped strengthen AFSCME 3299's position as one of California's leading unions. Michael sits on the racial justice working group.



Chris Newman
National Day Labor
Organizing Network

Chris is the Legal Director & General Counsel for NDLO. He has worked with day laborers since 2002, and was NDLO's first attorney in 2004. Since, he has helped defend and advance day laborers' civil, workplace, and human rights. He was counsel on a coalition lawsuit challenging Arizona's SB 1070. Before NDLO, he was the founding coordinator of the Wage Clinic and Legal Program in Colorado. He is the recipient of an Academy of Educational Development New Voices Fellowship and a Transatlantic Forum on Migration and Integration fellow at the German Marshall Fund. He earned his J.D. with honors from the University of Denver College of Law.

SUSTAIN OUR STUDENTS

Basic Needs Security Campaign Panel

Friday 3pm - California Room



Shahera Hyatt
California Homeless
Youth Project

Shahera is the Director of the California Homeless Youth Project, an initiative of the California Research Bureau focused on educating policymakers on the needs of homeless youth. She has authored several publications on the topic of youth homelessness including policy briefs on LGBTQ youth, as well as the nation's first state action plan on ending youth homelessness. During the day she works to uplift the voices of marginalized youth, and at night she tells jokes at dive bars and comedy clubs all over Sacramento.



Ruben E. Canedo
Global Food Initiative

Ruben was born and raised in the border valleys of Coachella (US), Imperial (US), and Mexicali (MEX). UC Berkeley awarded him the UC Regents & Chancellors Full Scholarship. While at UC Berkeley, Ruben was part of the Summer Bridge Program, bridges multicultural coalition, Education Opportunity Program, and organizing efforts against the cuts to public higher education. He published his research & represented UC Berkeley's Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program as a member of the national presenters team. His graduate research focused on intersectionality, college/university holistic equity support services, higher education policy, and the politics of decision making at leadership levels of colleges

and universities. Today, he serves dual roles as Chair of UC Berkeley's Basic Needs Committee and as Co-Chair of the University of California System Basic Needs Committee. Ruben grew up in a traditional Okinawan Karate-Do Family, he currently holds a third-degree black belt.



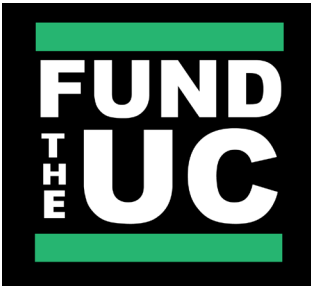
Tim Galarneau
Center for
Agroecology &
Sustainable Food
Systems

Tim works as a specialist on social issues focused on farm to institution, social justice, and student education and engagement. He actively supports regional, statewide, and national efforts to advance a more just and sustainable food system. His involvements include co-founding the national Real Food Challenge that has over 4,000 student leaders working on over 400 campuses across the US. Tim currently serves as RFC's advisory chair as well co-chair of the UC Sustainable Food Service Working Group that came out of a successful student led campaign engaging all 10 campuses and 5 medical centers shifting over \$28.3 million in annual sourcing toward ecological, just, and community driven producers.



Caitlin Docker
GetCalFresh, Code
for America

Caitlin's goal is to close the participation gap in CalFresh state-wide, and she's currently working to bring GetCalFresh to each county in California. Her work focuses on improving the delivery of essential government services by deploying concepts like user research and data-driven decision making. She brings 5+ years experience in coalition building and working with the U.S. federal government to her work. Caitlin earned her bachelor's degree from American University in Washington, D.C.



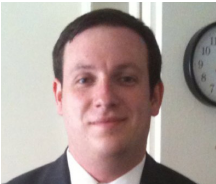
College Affordability & Access Campaign Panel

Friday 4:30pm - California Room



Laura Szabo-Kubitz
*The Institute For
College Access and
Success*

Laura has worked at TICAS since 2007, conducting research and disseminating findings on a range of college affordability issues. Her work focuses on improving educational opportunity and outcomes in California, so that more students complete meaningful post-secondary credentials without burdensome debt, including through protecting and strengthening the Cal Grant program. Previously, Laura worked in the nonprofit sector and as an educator, including her role as Parent Voices project associate and assistant to the CFO at the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network.



David O'Brien
*California Student
Aid Commission*

David serves as the CSAC's liaison to external agencies on all legislative and budget matters affecting the Commission, including the State Legislature, Governor's Office, various segments of California's education system, and federal entities such as the Department of Education and Congress. The California Student Aid Commission administers more than \$2 billion in state-based financial aid programs to approximately 400,000 California college students, most notably through the Cal Grant and Middle Class Scholarship.



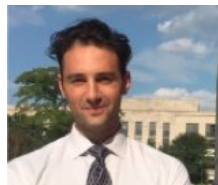
Linda Vasquez
*The Campaign for
College Opportunity*

Linda is an immigrant from Aguascalientes, Mexico and the first in her family to earn a Bachelor's degree. Linda has over 10 years of experience working in college access and higher education. Linda leads the Campaign's strategic implementation efforts of critical policy on transfer and basic skills reform. Linda holds a Political Science B.A. from Cal State Fullerton, with minors in Spanish & Chicano/a Studies and an M.A. in Leadership, Policy & Politics from Teachers College, Columbia University.



Briana Mullen
*Office of the State
Superintendent of
Public Instruction*

Briana is the Policy Advisor to Superintendent Tom Torlakson, who oversees the education of 6.3 Million public school students. She served as the Special Assistant to the SSPI, was a UC Berkeley Matsui Fellow, and an after school literacy tutor at an elementary school in Fruitvale, Oakland. While at UC Berkeley she served in various capacities in student government, including being elected to the ASUC Senate, serving as the chair and coordinator for a \$200 million student led student union initiative, and starting the first mental health campaign in the UC System.



Max Lubin
Rise

Max is a public policy graduate student at the UC Berkeley and Rise's CEO and Co-Founder. Max served as a political appointee of the Obama Administration at the U.S. Department of Education, focusing on investing in innovative schools, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations nationwide. He also helped Mayor Bloomberg and a coalition of more than 1,000 urban, suburban, and rural mayors for common sense gun safety laws.

Identity Caucus Spaces

UCSA hosts three conferences each year: UC Student Congress, Students of Color Conference, and Student Lobby Conference. At each, we create space to meet with community members who share your identities.

We do not predetermine what caucus spaces look like.

Below is a list of caucuses that meet at every conference. There are also open rooms for anyone who wants to start a caucus they don't see listed.

These sessions are not mandatory.

If you do not find a caucus that you identify with, please opt out of this session or start a new caucus in one of the open rooms.

We recommend choosing a facilitator & community agreements.

Identity caucuses should be spaces for brave conversations. It helps to choose a volunteer to make sure the space stays safe and everyone can contribute. On the next page, we've provided a sample agenda you may choose to use for your meeting or not.

Allyship is important, but in these spaces, community comes first.

These sessions give communities an opportunity to speak honestly with those who share their experiences. Please respect a caucus if its members decide to have a closed space, meaning they only invite members of that group to attend. If you are not in that community, opt out or be wary of how much space you fill if you are welcomed to share their space.

Identity Caucus Room Assignments

Caucus #1: Sunday 10am

Afrikan Black Caucus

Sonoma Room 1

SWANA Caucus

Sonoma Room 2

Latinx/Chicanx Caucus

Sonoma Room

Indigenous Caucus

Ramona Room

LGBTQ+ Caucus

Leona Room

Asian & Pacific Islander Caucus

Napa Room

Jewish Caucus

Temecula Room

Open Rooms

California Annex Room 1

Conference Center Lobby

Hotel Lobby

Caucus #2: Sunday 11am

Queer & Trans POC Caucus

Sonoma Room 1

Undocumented Community Caucus

Sonoma Room 2

Survivors & Their Allies Caucus

Sonoma Room 3

International Student Caucus

Ramona Room

Transfer/Non-traditional Students

Leona Room

Womxn of Color Caucus

Napa Room

Working Student Caucus

Temecula Room

Open Rooms

Ramona Room

Conference Center Lobby

Hotel Lobby

Identity Caucus Space Sample Agenda

The following are suggestions for how to structure your time, but feel free to do what works best for the group.

Opening and Introductions (5 – 10 min.)

- Participants introduce themselves
- Assign facilitator, timekeeper, vibe checker, and note taker
- Goal/Objective of Space

Establish Community Agreements (5 min.)

Sample Community Agreements

- Respect
- Safe Space / Confidentiality
- Open-mindedness
- Right to pass / Silence is Okay / Safe Space for Processing
- Speak from Your Experience / Avoid Generalizations
- Don't Yuck my Yum / Non-Judgmental Approach
- Mutual Responsibility to Define Terms
- Compassionate Accountability / Call Out Issues, Not People
- Step Up, Step Back / Balance Participation
- Sensitivity to Diversity—we will remember that people in the group may differ in cultural background, sexual orientation, and/or gender identity or gender expression and will be careful about making insensitive or careless remarks
- Acknowledge the Vibe!

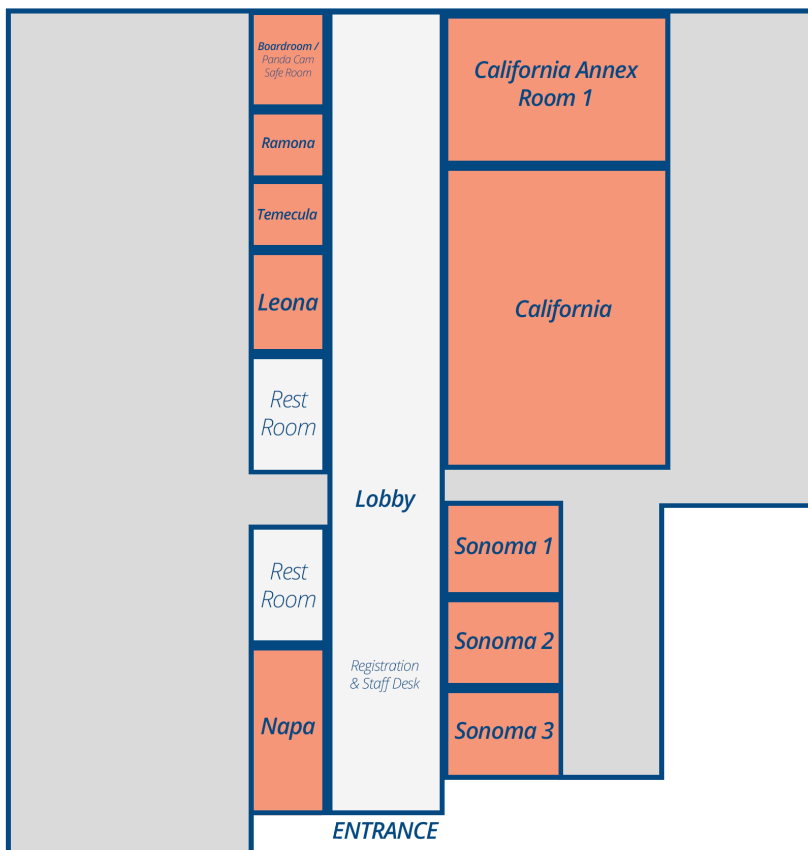
Know the Issues: Breakouts (25 min.)

Breakout into smaller groups to discuss relevant issues pertaining to caucus. Some things to do in these groups might include:

- **Check Yourself.** Purpose: to encourage participants to assess their own beliefs and attitudes related to an issue.
- **Challenge Terminology.** Purpose: to provide participants with a language for discussing issues; to clarify and challenge their understanding of various terms and concepts regarding said issues.
- **Support.** Purpose: to provide participants with an opportunity to explore ways of addressing collective concerns.
- **Educate and Advocate.** Purpose: to provide a framework that will help participants commit to and accomplish specific objectives to serve as advocates of said issues.

Breakouts Share / Wrap-Up (20 min.)

Breakouts reconvene to larger group and share what they've gathered from each smaller group.



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