

HSI Public Lecture: COMPLICATING A LATINX-SERVING IDENTITY

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM • Kresge Townhall

Light Lunch will be provided

Featured Speaker:

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In 2012, UCSC was designated a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), as more than 25% of undergraduate students were of Latinx backgrounds. The campus subsequently [announced](#) receipt of two Title V grants, totaling \$3.6 million. In September 2016, UCSC received a third U.S. Department of Education grant of \$5.7 million, which focused on reducing attrition rates for low-income and Latino/a/x students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) degrees.

UCSC is in an ongoing conversation to better understand what it means to be a “Latinx-serving” institution, beyond grant funding. The public lecture by Dr. Gina Garcia, *Complicating a Latinx-serving Identity*, will serve to extend this conversation. Dr. Garcia will offer a theory-driven, research-based framework for redefining the culture of HSIs in a way that acknowledges, integrates, honors, and sustains the values, experiences, and knowledge of racially and ethnically diverse students.

Dr. Garcia is an assistant professor in the department of Administrative and Policy Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her research centers on issues of equity and diversity in higher education with an emphasis on three core areas: HSIs, Latinx college students, and race and racism in higher education. Dr. Garcia graduated from UCLA with a Ph.D in higher education and organizational change, where she worked with the Higher Education Research Institute. She was a STEM retention coordinator at CSU Fullerton, funded by a Department of Education Title V grant for developing HSIs. She also held a position funded by the National Science Foundation, working with community college transfer students who wanted to major in science and math.

Attendees will also learn more about current [UCSC-HSI initiatives](#) and how to get involved.

The event is free and open to the public. Carpooling is strongly encouraged. The public lecture is presented by the UCSC Hispanic Serving Institute Sense of Belonging Team, [El Centro: Chicano Latino Resource Center](#).