1989

The American Cultures Center

“What one thing could be so important that we would make the teaching of it the university’s graduation requirement? Race in the United States!”

25th Anniversary
UC Berkeley Campus
April 21 - 25
2014
Please Join Us

The creation of the UC Berkeley American Cultures (AC) requirement was complex and formed in the midst of anti-racist struggles and the rise of multiculturalism. Today those struggles are not forgotten and sit alongside new activisms and political confrontations. A week-long series of events from April 21st - 25th, 2014 will critically examine this political-intellectual lineage (all events are open to the Public). If you wish to attend any of the events, please visit the links below or RSVP to dparada@berkeley.edu, indicate which day(s) and how many guests you will bring.

In Conversation: AC Alumni and Current Student Advisory Board
Monday, April 21st, 5-7 PM
Ethnic Studies Library, 30 Stephens Hall

1989 UC Berkeley undergraduates Jeff Chang (Stanford University), Mark Min (City Span) and Rickey Vincent (UC Berkeley) will be in conversation with the current AC Student Advisory Board and student leaders.

The Art of AC!
Tuesday, April 22nd, 6-8 PM
Multicultural Community Center (MCC), Hearst Annex D-37

Hosted all week in the MCC, the AC Center will showcase its past art and posters from 25 years of programming and introduce its 25th anniversary poster by Melanie Cervantes (Dignidad Rebelde). Melanie will introduce the new artwork and host a conversation on the role of art and activism.

The AC Center: The Early Years
Wednesday, April 23rd, 3-5 PM
470 Stephens Hall

TED-style Talk with the former AC Center Research Director Troy Duster (Chancellor’s Professor of Sociology, UC Berkeley) and the first AC Center Assistant Director Ron Choy.

Research Justice: A Symposium Exploring Community Engaged Scholarship
(Co-hosted by the DataCenter and the UC Berkeley Public Service Center)
Thursday, April 24th, 9 AM-5 PM
Anna Head Alumnae Hall

This Symposium will hold a critical conversation about university-community partnerships that take the form of community engaged scholarship, particularly focusing on how this work can support movements for social justice. To register visit: http://goo.gl/pMkHS9

Friday, April 25th, 9 AM-12 PM
Anna Head Alumnae Hall

Professor Pedro Noguera (Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education, New York University) will give the keynote speech and discuss the connections and dislocations between the anti-apartheid struggle and the AC Requirement. His speech will be followed with a Q&A session with AC Senate Chair, Professor Lisa Garcia Bedolla (Graduate School of Education, UC Berkeley). To register visit: http://goo.gl/rhzThO