ETHNIC STUDIES

Included in the panel:

- Sean Arce, Director of Mexican American Studies, TUSD
- Julio Cammarota, UA Mexican American & Raza Studies
- Linda Green, PhD, UA School of Anthropology
- K. Tsianina Lomawaima, PhD, UA American Indian Studies
- Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith, PhD, UA Mexican American & Raza Studies
- Robert A. Williams, Jr., PhD, UA James E. Rogers College of Law

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The Arizona legislature recently passed HB 2281 prohibiting courses – commonly known as ethnic studies – in K-12 classrooms. Supporters of the bill claim that ethnic studies promote hatred between races and the overthrow of the U.S. government. Ethnic studies teachers and opponents of the bill believe ethnic studies promote respect and understanding between races, support student success, and teach critical thinking skills.

The bill, scheduled to go into effect at the end of December, has generated national interest with headlines and blogs that condemn or praise the bill. HB 2281 has even become part of the national debate surrounding SB 1070. With conflicting information about ethnic studies, the public is left with many unanswered questions.

What are ethnic studies? Why would a law limiting ethnic studies be necessary? How will it impact students and the promotion of cultural diversity? What are the implications of the law for institutions of higher learning that prepare teachers?

Join UA educators, ethnic studies faculty, and school district officials in a moderated, roundtable discussion to explore these questions and more. Sponsors and supporters of HB 2281 have been invited. The event is free, and the public is encouraged to ask questions and participate in civil discourse.

Ethnic Studies Public Forum

Free and Open to All Saturday, Sept 25, 2010 Coffee 9:30 a.m. / Forum 10 a.m. - Noon Kiva Auditorium @ UA College of Education*



*Kiva Auditorium/UA College of Education is located at 1430 E. Second Street. Convenient free parking can be found at the Second Street Garage, Second St & Mountain Ave, right behind the Student Union.